



Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 11, 2016



*Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy. ~Isaiah 35:10a*

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday December 10

8:00am - † Ivan Delgado ~*Birthday in Heaven*~

Offered by: mother, Mayra

5:00pm- † Walter & Jean Wright

Offered by: Rafaella LaMorte

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday December 11

8:30am-† Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Pat

Offered by: Family

10:00am- † Harvey Urbach

Offered by: Rich Nacchio

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † NO MASS

Monday December 12

8:00am- † Marie Micillo ~*Birthday in Heaven*~

By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

12:05pm- † John Bruno

By: daughters, Mary & Barbara

Tuesday December 13

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Wednesday December 14

8:00am - †

Offered by:

12:05pm-† John & Madeline Raisley

Offered by: Tony Raisley

Thursday December 15

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Friday December 16

8:00am- † William Burke

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Offered by: wife, Theresa

Saturday December 17

8:00am- †

Offered by:

5:00pm- † Jim & Gene Obermayer

Offered by: Family

Sunday December 18

8:30am- † Stanley & Marcella Mikos

Offered by: Family

10:00am- † Joseph & Mary Contardo

Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ *St. Anthony of Padua ~Pray for Us~*

Offered by: JulieAnn Fair &

Gabriel Jesus Ortega

~ † *Stanley & Marcella Mikos*

Offered by: Family

Liturgical Minster's Schedule DECEMBER 2016

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (*carry Gospel Book*)

E. M.: Linford Smith & Peg & Tom Ventrudo,

Sub: Cinderella Wonszewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Delmeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Joan Fortunato

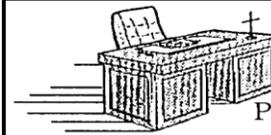
E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres

Sub: Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Alexis Crowdell

E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Emmanuel Fode & Dianne Murphy *Sub:* Beverly Marrayshow



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

What does God want us to consider as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?

On December 9, 1531, a native of the land of Mexico, baptized after the Spanish conquest and given the name Juan Diego, was walking to a village to attend Mass. At the hill called Tepeyac, he experienced a revelation of a young Native American maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. She spoke to him in his indigenous language and instructed him to go to Mexico City. There he was to instruct the bishop to build a chapel in her honor at this place. After being repeatedly rebuffed by the bishop, Juan Diego returned to the bishop a final time on December 12th. When Juan Diego opened his cloak in front of the bishop, a cascade of roses fell from it and on the cloak was imprinted an image of Mary as she had appeared on the hill of Tepeyac.

Points to consider. Mary did not appear as a European princess even though the land of Mexico had been conquered by the Catholic Spaniards. She appeared as an indigenous princess who spoke the indigenous language. This reminds us that Mary was a poor, indigenous teenager in a land conquered by the Roman Empire when she became the mother of God's Son. Mary has always been the special protector of the poor and the powerless of this world because she herself was poor and powerless in her world. Mary wants to be with the undocumented Mexicans in our nation in a special way because she knows of their history of exploitation in their own country and now, too often, in our country. Mary invites us to consider what God wants from us in response to our Mexican brothers and sisters whose lives in this country are now at risk. Cannot we open our hearts to afford them a path to citizenship in light of the contributions they have made to our economic and social well-being?

As we celebrate this feast with our Mexican brothers and sisters, let us pray that our nation will know a conversion of heart that will allow us to embrace those who have embraced us.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6,10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Next Sun: 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE! – Next Sunday will be the last day of our Christmas raffle. We have an impressive array of baskets. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 and 7 for \$10.00. You can choose the baskets into which you want to drop your tickets. Play now! Play often! *You could win big!*

BIBLE STUDY – Saturday, December 17th. Class will begin at 10 a.m. in the rectory. *All are welcome!*

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE ADVENT SEASON:

We begin this third week of Advent asking to feel the joy that comes from knowing our Lord's coming to us is near. In these precious days ahead, we are praying, longing, hoping even as we continue the work of our everyday lives. His mission is for each of us who ask, "What must we do?"

He tells us to give away our coats, our security; to not cling to what is ours, but to give generously in the confidence of his sustaining presence in our lives.

He asks that we not bully people, not be envious of others, but rather to be content with our lives.

We can smile today as we imagine the freedom he has won for us and how liberating it will be to live it, with him, for others. It is right to give our God thanks and praise.

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.*

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding

will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7 [Creighton University, adapted]

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES – If you would like to remember a deceased loved one during the Christmas Season, envelopes are available in the entrance to the Church. Please return your envelope to the parish office or in the collection basket. *Thank you!*

ON THIS SUNDAY OF JOY, POPE FRANCIS on JOY: How meaningful in this regard for us too are the ancient words which guided the first Christians: "Clothe yourselves in joy, which always is agreeable and acceptable to God, and rejoice in it. For all who are joyful do what is good, think what is good, and despise sadness... All who put aside sadness and put on joy will live in God" The experience of [God's] mercy brings joy. May we never allow this joy to be robbed from us by our troubles and concerns. May it remain rooted in our hearts and enable us to approach with serenity the events of our daily lives. **Pope Francis.**

WOMEN'S SIXTH ANNUAL ADVENT DAY of REFLECTION – Saturday, December 17th, St. Vincent Ferrer Church in Manhattan (Lexington Avenue at 66th Street). 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Led by Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J. and the Sisters of Life. Mass + Opportunity for Reconciliation + Divine Mercy Chaplet + Rosary. \$25.00 Registration fee (includes lunch). Registration required. nolan.jacqueline29@gmail.com or 212-721-4507.

CHRISTMAS TIME in SONG and DANCE: Sunday, December 18, 5 p.m. at St. John's University, Staten Island Campus, in the gymnasium at 300 Howard Avenue. Admission is free. Presented by the Richmond County Orchestra, Alan Aurelia, Maestro. There will be special performances by the New American Youth Ballet performing excerpts from the Nutcracker, Italian Opera selections by local Staten Island singers, and a special visit from Santa Claus.

SAVE THE DATE: October 22, 2017- Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Peter's Boys High School. Mass at 3pm at St. Peter's Church with Timothy Cardinal Dolan presiding. Reception will follow at the Hilton Garden Inn.

DISPOSE OF YOUR CAR and CONTRIBUTE to GOOD WORKS - You can donate your used car, truck or van, operational or not, to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the St. Vincent DePaul Society will contribute \$50 or \$100 to our church. If you do not have a vehicle that is ready for retirement, perhaps a family member, friend or colleague at work does. Call the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at 718-491-2525. Please tell them that you heard of this program through Mount Carmel Church on Staten Island. *Thank you!*

WEEKLY OFFERING: December 4th: \$6,225 – *Thank you!!*



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The Candle of Joy - The rose candle that we light this candle symbolizes the joy that we feel as a Church because the coming of Christ, our Salvation, is at hand.

PRAYER FOR EVERLASTING LOVE - Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what you promise make us one in mind and heart. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*