



# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 12, 2017



*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. ~ 1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday - February 11

8:00am- †  
5:00pm- † John & Jim & Gene Obermayer  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday - February 12

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones  
10:00am- †  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday - February 13

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- †

### Tuesday - February 14

8:00am- † Joe Fortunato  
12:05pm- † John Bruno

### Wednesday – February 15

8:00am - †  
12:05pm- † Edwin Santiago

### Thursday – February 16

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † Michael J. Contardo

### Friday – February 17

8:00am- † Andrew Frulio  
12:05pm- †

### Saturday – February 18

8:00am- †  
5:00pm- † Jeffrey Gargiulo

### Sunday – February 19

8:30am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski  
10:00am- †



## Mass Intentions

*Offered by:*  
*Offered by:* Family

*Offered by:* daughter, Marta  
*Offered by:*

*Offered by:*  
*Offered by:*

*Offered by:* Joan Fortunato  
*By:* daughters, Barbara & Mary

*Offered by:*  
*Offered by:* wife Esperanza

*Offered by:*  
*Offered by:* wife, Theresa

*Offered by:* Frulio Family  
*Offered by:*

*Offered by:*  
*By:* Friends at “La Pinela”

*Offered by:* Garay Family  
*Offered by:*

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine		~ †
Tabernacle Candle		~ †
Memorial Candle		~ †
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## Liturgical Minster’s Schedule FEBRUARY 2017

### Saturday 5:00 PM

*Lector:* Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)  
*E. M.:* Lindford Smith & Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonsewitz *Sub:* Peg or Tom Ventrudo

### Sunday 8:30 AM

*Lector:* Joan Knighton & Maria Oliveras (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Jonathan Codipilly  
*E.M.:* Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & MaryAnn Ugboe *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

### Sunday 10:00 AM

*Lector:* Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)  
*E.M.:* Beverly Marryshow, Thelma Washington & Crescencia Pascua *Sub:* Emmanuel Fode



*...What God has prepared for those who love Him.* St. Paul invites us to reflect on what God has prepared for us and how this should motivate us to love God as God loves us.

What God has prepared for us is no less than a share in God’s own life. God shared fully in our humanity in Jesus so that we could share in God’s own divinity. Remarkable! How can any of us question the love of God for us when we remember that God shared fully in our humanity so that we could one day share in the fullness of God’s own divinity. We are creatures, but our God has a profound, personal love for us. This is first made manifest when God created us in God’s own image and likeness, giving us an inherent dignity that cannot be taken from us. As Christians, we believe that this inherent dignity, in which all persons share equally, was magnified when God took on our human flesh in Jesus. In doing this, God was showing us the way to participate in the divine life now so that we could live in the hope of one day sharing in the fullness of that divine life forever. The way to participate in God’s divinity now is to make the life of Christ our own, that is, to live lives of mercy, compassion, service and generosity.

When we strive to live our lives in conformity to the life of Christ, then we show our love for God. We return to God some small measure of the love that God has showered forth so abundantly and undeservedly on us. Each day we have to recommit ourselves to lives of compassion, mercy, generosity and service so as to grow in our faithfulness to the life of Jesus Christ. As we grow in our faithfulness to the life of Christ, we manifest our love for God and that love grows within us as we are drawn more deeply into the life of God through Jesus Christ. Rather than being a burden to us, our efforts to live in faithfulness to the life of Christ are a blessing for us because they allow us to share even now in God’s own divinity. Each day, remember what God has prepared for those who love God and let that be what motivates you to manifest your love for God by your ceaseless efforts to live as Christ lived.

*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."*

### **February 12: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

Sirach 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

### **February 19: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48



**LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY – MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>** – Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ashes are only distributed during the Masses celebrated that day. Mass schedule: 8 a.m.; 12:05 p.m., 6 p.m. (Spanish); 8 p.m. (Spanish). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Fridays in Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting applies only to those between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence applies to all persons from age 14 onwards. We often think of Lent as a time to 'give-up something'. Instead, think of something positive that you could do this Lent. Visit a homebound relative or friend. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry. Tutor a young person. Prepare a meal for an elderly neighbor. Buy two less cups of coffee each week and contribute the savings to charity. Be creative!

**WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START WITH THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!** – Thank you to those who have already made a contribution to the 2017 Cardinal's Campaign. We appreciate your quick action! If you have not received an invitation to contribute to the Campaign, or to make a pledge to the Campaign, we will offer you the opportunity to make a gift or pledge during all the Masses on the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday, February 27, at 5:00 p.m. Please speak to the Pastor if this time is inconvenient for you.

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT** – In addition to Adoration on the First Friday of the month after the 12:05 Mass, we will also offer adoration after the 12:05 Mass on the last Monday of every month. Also, the Spanish community will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the last Monday of the month at 7pm. *All are welcome!*

**NEXT BIBLE STUDY IS FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>** - Please **note the new time: 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**U.S. BISHOPS on IMMIGRANTS and REFUGEES:** Welcoming the stranger and those in flight is not one option among many in the Christian life. It is the very form of Christianity itself. Our actions must remind people of Jesus. The actions of our government must remind people of basic humanity. Where our brothers and sisters suffer rejection and abandonment we will lift our voice on their behalf. We will welcome them and receive them. They are Jesus and the Church will not turn away from Him. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of USCCB.

**SAVE THE DATE!** – Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration – Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral with Timothy Cardinal Dolan celebrating the Eucharist. Jubilee couples are eligible for one ticket that will provide seating for three people (the couple and one guest) in the reserved section. Additional seating will be available outside the reserved seating for other family members and guests. This seating does not require a ticket but it is also not reserved. **You must register through our parish office. Registration will close on May 12, 2017.** Couples who cannot attend the Mass but would like a certificate of recognition can also register for their certificate through the parish office.

**EMPLOYMENT HELP – St. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT GROUP** – The St. Clare's Employment Group provides job search assistance and career advancement to the unemployed and their families, and anyone who is concerned about a layoff or is seeking to advance his or her career. The Group also provides one on one employment advisement by appointment. To make an appointment, or for general information, please call the rectory at 718-984-7873 and a member of the group will return your call.

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**WEEKLY OFFERING:** February 5: \$5,499; Peter's Pence: \$516; Presentation of the Lord (Spanish Community): \$2,068. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Today's Gospel is from the "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus gives strong and lofty ideals to inspire and guide our living. Today we celebrate World Marriage Day and are reminded that ideal marriages are not lived on lofty mountaintops, but in the nitty-gritty of everyday life. In their love, mutual sharing and forgiveness, couples give us a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven.