



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017



"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." ~Matthew 13:43a

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by:

Offered by: James Iosue
Offered by: brothers & sisters

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by: son, Jose
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by: daughter, Martha
By: sons & daughters & family

Saturday – July 22

8:00am- † Grace Frulio
5:00pm- †
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – July 23

8:30am- † Anthony Mezzacappa
10:00am- † Carmine Limone
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – July 24

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Tuesday – July 25

8:00am - † Josefina Padilla
12:05pm- †

Wednesday – July 26

8:00am - †
12:05pm- † Alice & Abraham Glassgold

Thursday – July 27

8:00am- † Fr. D. Michael Flynn, S.J.
~Anniversary~
12:05pm- †

Friday – July 28

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Saturday – July 29

8:00am- †
5:00pm- †

Sunday – July 30

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
10:00am- † Alfonso & Elvira Limone

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine		~ †
Tabernacle Candle		~ †
Memorial Candle		~ †
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Liturgical Minster's Schedule JULY 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

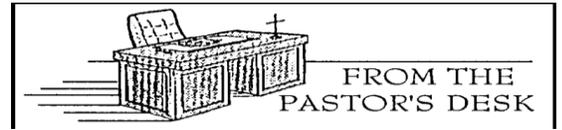
Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Lindford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo *Sub:* Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Kighton & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Johnathan Codipilly
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maryann Ugbo & Joan Fortunato *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Victoria Garay (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Alexis Crowdell
E.M.: Emmanuel Fode, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington *Sub:* Beverly Marryshow



Today's second reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans reminds us of the importance of prayer and that the Holy Spirit is always present with us to help us in our prayer.

Why do we need to pray? We need to pray because, as St. Paul reminds us, we are weak. This is not something that we generally want to admit, but even St. Paul recognizes that he is weak. "The Spirit comes to the aid of *our* weakness." Paul was an extraordinarily strong and dynamic preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Despite the sufferings and hardship that he endured, he spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through all of Asia Minor and then into Europe. Yet, Paul says that the Spirit comes to the aid of *our* weakness. Paul admits his own weakness. He admits that he needed the strength of God to do what God wanted him to do. So, Paul was a person of prayer; a person who regularly sought the strength and guidance of God to help him do what God wanted him to do. All of us must admit that we are weak. We need the strength and guidance of God to help us do what God wants us to do. Therefore, we must pray regularly.

How does the Spirit of God help us in our prayer? Sometimes we are uncertain as to what we want from God. Sometimes we are very certain what we want from God. Other times we are simply tired and weary from life. When we are uncertain as to what we want from God, uncertain as to the help we need from God, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand what our need is and to present that need to God, our Father. When we are certain of what we need, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand and accept that God's wisdom is greater than our own so God may have different plans for us, or for the persons for whom we are praying, than what we want done. The Holy Spirit helps us conform our hearts to the will of God. Finally, the Holy Spirit is simply a source of strength and grace for us when we are tired, overwhelmed, and unable to express all that is within our heart. The Holy Spirit compensates for our weakness!

Pray today and every day. Be confident that the Spirit is with you in your prayer.

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."

July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52



PARISH FESTIVAL – JULY 29th – Our annual parish festival will be on Saturday, July 29th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at our school. There will be games, prizes, food and traditional folk dances. This is a great day for families! Please join us that afternoon. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the members of our parish. *We'll see you there!*

ADULTS THAT NEED THE SACRAMENTS: - If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the sacraments of communion and/or confirmation, please leave your contact information, or the contact information of that other person, in the parish office for Mr. Colin Voutrinot, our Director of Adult Faith Formation. *Thank you!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2017-2018: Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory. CCD is a two year program. Please bring with you your child's baptismal certificate when registering. Classes will start in September. For more information call the Parish office at 718-442-3411.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL – CAR PURCHASE – St. Vincent de Paul will purchase used vehicles (cars, trucks, vans), whether they are running or not, and make a donation to our parish. The number to call is 718-491-2525.

A PRAYER FOR “RENEW OUR CHURCH”:

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time, you call us and say: Renew my Church.

Poor our the gift of your holy spirit upon us, and so enable us

... to hear you clearly

... to listen to each other attentively

... to imagine our future boldly

... to discern our direction wisely

... to persevere in your holy will courageously

... to stay together in charity

... to surrender to our own plans readily

... to embrace the greater good

... to hand on your gifts to future generations

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the Saints.

May their example and presence inspire us patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Cardinal's Appeal - Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. We have made progress towards meeting our goal. A sign of a truly charitable parish is its ability to participate in the Cardinal's Appeal which enables the Archdiocese to provide professional, charitable and educational services to all parishes. For those who pledged payment over time, the Archdiocese will send you reminders. For those who have yet to respond you are still very much welcome to participate even after we reached our goal. Every bit helps. It is a good feeling when a Pastor is able to "close the books" on the appeal. *Thank you ever so much for creating that feeling.*

COLLECTION: July 16: \$4,890. *Thank you!*

CHILDREN OFTEN TALK - about what they want to do or study when they grow up. Will they become doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, or carpenters? When talking about these careers with your children, ask this question: "Who are you going to BE," not "What are you going to DO?" **A vocation is what God calls us to BE.** Married, single, priest, sister or religious vocations all call us to be the presence of God to each other. In any vocation, we are called to bring each other closer to the Lord. Encourage your children to consider who God is calling them to BE.

THE MERCY, POWER AND LOVE OF GOD - The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency? Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps in in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

