



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017



"All things work for good for those who love God." ~Romans 8:28a

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: daughter, Martha

By: sons & daughters & family

Offered by :

Offered by :

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

Offered by: OLMC Parish Ministry

Offered by: daughter, Martha

Offered by: Family

Offered by:

Offered by: cousins, Fran & Susan

Offered by: Family

Offered by:

Saturday - July 29

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

Sunday - July 30

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

Monday - July 31

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Tuesday - August 1

8:00am - †
12:05pm- †

Wednesday - August 2

8:00am - †
12:05pm- †

Thursday - August 3

8:00am- † Joe Fortunato
12:05pm- ~ Birthday blessings for Theresa Contardo

Friday - August 4

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
12:05pm- † Susan Avilla

Saturday - August 5

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † John G. Latanzio, Jr.

Sunday - August 6

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Sal
10:00am- †

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



~ † Lou Obermayer
Offered by: Family

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Liturgical Minister's Schedule AUGUST 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

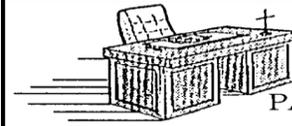
Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Lindford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonszewitz *Sub:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Johnatan Codipilly & Maria Oliveras (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Ceferino Albarracin
E. M.: Delmeter Carey, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres *Sub:* Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"...Those [God] predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified." Is this proclamation of St. Paul true for each one of us?

Predestination. Are there are some persons who God has determined will be saved and others who will not be saved? It is clear from the Gospels that God wills the salvation of all of God's people. As Christians, we believe that in baptism we were predestined by God to be heirs to the glory of God's only Son, Jesus. God called us to be brothers and sisters of Jesus, disciples of Christ. Through our faithfulness to the call that we have received, we are justified by God - we live in right relationship with God and in right relationship with all of our brothers and sisters in God. Living in right relationship with God and with all of our brothers and sisters in God, we live in the hope that death will yield to life eternal for us. We will share in the very glory of God. This is our Christian hope. This is the hope that defines us as Christians.

The challenge for us as Christians is to live each day in a way that reflects the truth that God predestined us to be heirs of Jesus Christ and called us to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Others have to see in our lives a reflection of the life of Jesus Christ. When others see in our lives a reflection of the life of Jesus Christ, then we know that God is justifying us. God is giving us the grace that we need to live in right relationship with God and in right relationship with our brothers and sisters in God and we are cooperating with that grace. We are trying to be both faithful to our relationship with God and to be faithful in what God requires of us in our relationship to our brothers and sisters in God. Through prayer, regular confession, and regular reflection on the scriptures, we should grow in our fidelity to what God requires of us in our relationship with God and with other persons so that we have the sure and confident hope of one day enjoying the fullness of life forever in Christ; of enjoying a share in his eternal glory.

Pray today to be faithful to what God has predestined for you!

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 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9



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.

NEW WAX CANDLE BURNING SYSTEM FOR OUR INTENTIONS – Candle burning is an important expression of our faith and we light them as we prayerfully express our intentions. The candle symbolically honors our intentions from the warmth and sincerity of our prayers. It is common practice to light a candle for our own personal intentions, for someone in need, to honor a saint, or commemorate a deceased loved one. Our new candle burning system is easy to use and is sitting in front of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can obtain a wax candle from one of our ushers or from the parish rectory office.

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.

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PRAYER FOR HOPE - Heavenly father, I am your humble servant, I come before you today in need of hope. There are times when I feel helpless. There are times when I feel weak. I pray for hope. I need hope for a better future. I need hope for a better life. I need hope for love and kindness. Some say that the sky is at its darkest just before the light. I pray that this is true, for all seems dark.

I need your light, Lord, in every way. I pray to be filled with your light from head to toe. To bask in your glory. To know that all is right in the world, as you have planned, and as you want it to be.

Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in faith and glory. In your name I pray, *Amen*.

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.

COLLECTION: July 23: \$3,972. *Thank you!*

LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS - God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tell us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance. In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

WE ARE THE TREASURE - Jesus presents us with more parables in today's Gospel from St. Matthew. He opens the first one with "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." According to most biblical scholars and theologians who study and draw conclusions on Jesus' teachings, in this particular parable, and those which follow, the field is the world. The man who values the treasure is not any of us because we do not have anything with which to purchase this treasure. The Man Who gave all to buy this field was Jesus Himself. And it is with joy that He gives all to buy the field, to save the world and each of us. What makes the treasure so wonderful that the Lord would give all, His very life? Each of us. In other words, each of you! Jesus gave everything to redeem the whole world to preserve a treasure it contains. He gave all because we His people are the treasure. Do we understand that? Do we consider that every time we approach the gift of the Eucharist? We should. St. Paul may have put it best in his letter to the Romans: "You are loved more than you will ever know, by someone who died to know you." (Romans 5:8)