

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

### **August 27: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

### **September 3: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremy 20:7-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27



**NEW PARKING LOT** - At the beginning of the school year, we can say that we are happy for all the boys and girls who begin their journey in learning more about Jesus, the Church and the world. We are proud that we can offer them a better facility with a new PARKING LOT. Now the challenge is to pay this debt which exceeds the parish budget. We hope for your generosity to eliminate this debt. The Mount Carmel school children and our parish are proud to offer a new face to all who visit us.

### **Religious Education Program**

**Registrations** - Registrations for religious education classes are currently being taken in parish office during office hours. Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Any registrations taken after August 31<sup>st</sup> will incur a late fee per child. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education program please contact the parish office.

**Important: If your child was enrolled last year in 1<sup>st</sup> year preparation for the sacraments now is the time to reenroll them for 2<sup>nd</sup> year preparation.**

- If your child is entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September, it is time to register for First Holy Communion preparation.
- If your child is entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September, it is time to register for Confirmation preparation.

***For parents who have not yet picked up your children's sacramental certificates and/or pictures, please do so before the end of this month. We do not have the space to hold them. Thank you.***

**ADULTS THAT NEED THE SACRAMENTS:** - Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you baptized in another faith and would like to be Catholic? Are you baptized Catholic but need communion and or confirmed? The Rite of Christian Initiation Program (RCIA) will be starting in September. Please contact the parish office and leave your information for Mr. Colin Voutrinot, our Director of Adult Faith Formation. *Thank you!*

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL 2017-2018** - Our school is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Our children are inspired and educated in the image of God. We offer a free Pre-K and financial assistance is available to students from K-8th grade. If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 981-5131, private tours are available.

**SAINT PARDE PIO** - Saint Padre Pio comes to the Archdiocese of New York at St. Patrick Cathedral (5th Avenue, NY, NY). Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pared Pio of Pietreleina, in this first US tour to celebrate the 130th anniversary of Saint Padre Pio's birth and the 15th anniversary of his canonization. September 17 & 18, 2017. For information and registration please visit: [www.SaintPatricksCathedral.org/PadrePio](http://www.SaintPatricksCathedral.org/PadrePio)

**COLLECTIONS:** August 20: \$4,655; Indian Mission: \$683; Feast Assumption: \$737. *Thank you!*

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION (SEPTEMBER 1)** - According to Pope Francis, The Annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

### **A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH BY POPE FRANCIS**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. *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