



SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER - MAY 6, 2018



No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ~John 15:13

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – May 5

8:00am- † Alejandro Katz

5:00pm- † Margaret Latanzio

Sunday – May 6

8:30am- † Irene LaFontonte

10:00am- † Mary Louise Brown

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – May 7

3:00am- † Libby Guardiani

12:05pm~ † Libby Guardiani

Tuesday – May 8

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani

12:05pm- † Rose Trivelas

Wednesday – May 9

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani

12:05pm-Special Intentions of Gabriel Aiello

Thursday – May 10

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani

12:05pm- † Josephine Bruno

Friday – May 11

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani

12:05pm- † Daniel Woods

Saturday – May 12

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani

5:00pm- † Cristina Paradiso

Sunday – May 13

8:30am- † Wanda Saldana

10:00am- † Libby Guardiani

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

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Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: Family

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: Scott Walters

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: daughter, Antoinette Loffreno

Offered by: Santos Family

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"God is love"

(1 John 4: 5)

Last week the word "remain" was repeated over and over in the second reading and the Gospel. This week the word is "love". In both his first letter and his Gospel, John writes "love one another." It is a command to all Jesus' disciples, from the apostles at the Last Supper to all of us gathered around the table of the Lord today. To love each other as we are loved by God is what we are all called to do.

Today the focus of the readings is on others. Peter preached to the Gentiles, people outside the Jewish community, and was surprised that the Holy Spirit came to them as well. John writes that we are to love one another as God loves us. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to love one another as he loves them, that is, with a self-sacrificing love. This, truly, is the love that we are called to have for others.

In our society it is typical to think of love as a feeling, the way we feel about a spouse, a parent, a child, a close friend. Yes, this is love, but not the sense that Jesus is using when he says, "Love one another as I love you." (John 15:12). Love in this sense is a permanent condition, a part of our character; it can't help but flow out of us when we interact with others. Remember, Jesus began the Last Supper by washing the feet of the disciples, telling them to do the same. This is the way we are to love one another.

Jesus tells his disciples that "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend." (John 15:13). Fortunately, most of us will never be faced with actually putting our lives on the line to save someone else.

Through the centuries we have many stories of Christians who gave their lives for the salvation of others like St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM who gave his life like Jesus in exchange for the life of a stranger in a concentration camp where they were confined. Maximilian died so his neighbor, a stranger could live. However, we can all accept the challenge of sacrificing some part of ourselves, some of our money or our time - to give our time and energy to help someone else. Think about the early church where Peter came out of his comfort zone and reached out to the house of Cornelius and this led them to experience the fullness of the Spirit that is communicated to all.

Fr. Hernán P., SJ

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



~ **Libby Guardiani**

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Liturgical Minister's Schedule MAY 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)

Eucharistic Ministers: Lindford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Delmeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*)

Sub: Ceferino Albarracin

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Linda Torres

Sub: Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)

Eucharistic Ministers: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Crescencia Pascua

Sub: Emmanuel Fode

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 6: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 John 4:7-10

May 13: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23



WELCOME FR. AGNELO PINHEIRO - We warmly welcome Rev. Dr. Agnelo to our Parish! He is visiting us from Rachol, India and will be with here for the month of May while Fr. Roselli is away on retreat. Fr. Agnelo received his PHD at the Pontifical Gregorian University and he is very much looking forward to meeting all the parishioners and serving you through his priestly ministry. Fr. Agnelo is fluent in both English and Italian is available to the parish community. Please make sure you introduce yourself if you have not done so, he is excited to meet every parishioner in the coming weeks!

ASCENSION THURSDAY - also known as the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is a **Holy Day of Obligation** for Catholics around the world. On this day, the faithful celebrate Christ's ascension into Heaven on the 40th day after Resurrection. We will have a normal Thursday schedule on May 10th to celebrate this Feast Day; 8:00am & 12:05pm. *On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).*

PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING – Everyone is invited to our next Pastor's Advisory Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14th at 5pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend and help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2018-2019 – Registrations have begun! 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - If you or anyone you know is looking to be baptized, receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact the rectory and leave a message Colin Vautrinot, one of our Coordinators for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. He can answer any questions you may have in regards to this process.

ZUMBA & AEROBICS - We now offer Aerobics and Zumba classes **EVERY DAY!!** Join us and enjoy its health benefits. The classes are held in the school and in the church basement at 7pm. Everyone can participate and exercise to maintain health. For more information, please call the rectory. *We look forward to seeing you!*

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE – Like every year, there will have a sale of flowers arrangements before and after all masses the weekend of mother's day, Saturday, May 12th, and Sunday, May 13th. Support your parish and give beautiful flowers for that special woman in your life.

MOTHERS' DAY REMEMBRANCE - Mothers' Day memorial envelopes may be found in your envelope packs or in the parish vestibule. You are invited to make use of these envelopes to have your mothers, living or deceased, remembered in our Masses on Mothers' Day. Once completed please place your envelope into the collection basket or take to the rectory. The envelopes will then be placed on the Altar during the remainder of the month of May.

GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR LETTERS – Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirmation be an **Active & Confirmed** Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered (minimum six months), attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can offer these letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM END OF YEAR MASS – On Monday, May 14th, our Religious Education Program will conclude their catechism year with a mass of Thanksgiving at 7:00pm. This program prepares your children for a way of life that will not only exist behind Church walls or classroom walls, or only until all the Sacraments are received, but one that will be permanent, rooted and everlasting.

MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER - On May 27th during the 11:30am and 1:30am Spanish masses, the children of our CCD program will crown the statue of Our Blessed Mother. We ask the parents of the children that received First Holy Communion this year, to bring their children in Communion attire. Let us keep our beautiful Catholic traditions alive and vibrant, and let us pass them on to the younger generation, especially our tender love and devotion to the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

MOTHERS DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATION – Join the Spanish Community of O.L. Mt. Carmel – St. Mary of the Assumption for a festive Mother’s Day Celebration that will be held on Sunday, May 13th in the school gym. Enjoy traditional Mexican folk dances, traditional costumed dancers, traditional mariachi music and so much more. There will also be Mexican food to purchase. Fellowship will be in full swing! Hope to see you ALL there.

COLLECTIONS: April 29: \$3,949; Central & Eastern Europe: \$1,389. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS – Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15pm in Saint Patrick’s Cathedral (NYC, 5th Ave & 51st St). All who wish to attend the Mass must register by Monday, May 14, 2018. Please contact the rectory to register. Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples and one (1) family/friend to provide any needed assistance. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside the reserved section. All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through our parish.

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)- Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will host: Talk by Dr. Connie Salhany: *Dealing with Difficult People and Situations ~ Effective strategies for the Christian*. Dr. Salhany will share some psychological tools and insights from a Christian perspective for dealing with interpersonal and situational difficulties. Thursday May 24th, 7:30pm, Holy Family Parish (Basement), \$10 appreciated at the door, light refreshments will be served. RSVP appreciated at sfcssi@gmail.com by 5/21/2018.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese – www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don’t have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525.

MANY THANKS TO ALL ... Sometimes it seems like everything happens in May: First Communion, confirmations, graduation, award ceremonies and ordinations come in rapid succession. After Easter, through the first couple of weeks of June, a myriad of activities fill the Church calendar. Many of them are a culmination of a year or years of preparation. Moments in the lives of people who have spent time preparing, studying, reflecting and growing. These moments, many times, mark not the end, but rather a new beginning. They are made possible by the devotion of parents, teachers, friends and dedicated people who have shared their knowledge, their time, and their wisdom. During this busy time, we stop to reflect on the people who have been instrumental in making possible these moments in the lives of so many people in our parish. They are the unsung heroes who teach and share their faith with others, people who give us an example of dedication day after day, year after year. Without them we would not be so busy at this time of the year, we would not accomplish our mission, we would not be agents of evangelization, we would not grow as a community of faith. A big “thank you” to all those who make possible the mission of the Church. May the Lord reward you and bless you abundantly for your generosity and dedication.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS) - Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will host SFCS' 17th Annual Spring Into Summer Party on Saturday June 23rd, 2018, 7:30pm - 11:30pm. A gem of a group was born seventeen years ago! Celebrate SFCS' 17th birthday and get your summer off to a great start with dinner, deejay and dancing at the **Mansion Grand, located by the waterfront at 141 Mansion Ave., SI 10308. Cost \$60 if received by May 24th; \$70 after.** Bring CHECKS made out to CASH to any meeting or mail to Holy Family, Attention: June Singles Party, 366 Watchogue Road, Staten Island, NY 10314 For more information, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, email at sfcssi@gmail.com, or visit our website www.sgspsi.org

