



# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 23, 2018



*For you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ~ James 3:1*

### Weekly Mass Intentions



**Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday – September 22

8:00am-† **Ciro “Jerry” Mezzacappa**

*By: Patricia Mezzacappa*

5:00pm-† **John Latanzio**

*By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo*

#### Sunday – September 23

8:30am-† **Theresa Cintron**

*Offered by: daughters*

10:00am- † **Dominic Rubio**

*By: Zukowski Family*

11:30am- † **Parish Community Intentions**

1:30pm- † **Parish Community Intentions**

6:00pm- † **Parish Community Intentions**

#### Monday – September 24

8:00am~Special Intentions **Duanna Kempton**

12:05pm-† **Giovanna DiRienzo**

*Offered by: OLMC Parish*

#### Tuesday – September 25

8:00am~Special Intentions **Duanna Kempton**

12:05pm† **Annette Vaglio**

*Offered by: OLMC Parish*

#### Wednesday – September 26

8:00am~Special Intentions **Duanna Kempton**

12:05pm-† **Regina & Paul Byrnes**

*By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo*

#### Thursday – September 27

8:00am~Special Intentions **Duanna Kempton**

12:05pm-† **Accursio LaRocca**

*Offered by: OLMC Parish*

#### Friday – September 28

8:00am~Special Intentions **Duanna Kempton**

12:05pm-† **Angela Gaeta**

*Offered by: OLMC Parish*

#### Saturday – September 29

8:00am~Special Intentions **Duanna Kempton**

5:00pm-† **Barbara Miscione**

*By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo*

#### Sunday – September 30

8:30am-† **Mary Barone**

*By: Delmeter & Louis Carey  
And Family*

10:00am- † **Pancrazio LaMorte**

*Offered by: OLMC Parish*

### Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**

*~ Our Lord Jesus Christ*

*The candles will burn this week for the following intentions*

**Tabernacle Candle**

*~ FOR THE*

**Memorial Candle**

*~ SICK &*

**Memorial Candle**

*~ SUFFERING*



### LITURGICAL MINISTER'S SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2018

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

*Lector: Linda Graves (carry Gospel Book)*

*E.M.: Linford Smith, Mary Lou Obermayer & Peg & Tom Ventrudo*

*Sub: Linford Smith*

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

*Lector: Ceferino Albarracin (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Knighton*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Linda Torres*

*Sub: MaryAnn Ugbo*

**Sunday 10:00 AM**

*Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)*

*Eucharistic Ministers: QAlexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Crescencia Pascua*

*Sub: Emmanuel Fode*



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

### **"Whoever wants to be the first shall be the servant of all" (Mark 9:35)**

In our society we have fallen in the competition for first place that even in childhood we are advised to seek to be number one. What we do not realize is that this way of thinking, leads us, without realizing it to a society of selfish beings whom only think of themselves and to whom opportunities for others are but mere steps in their career to ascend. As Christians we know that these attitudes go against the Gospel and the model of service, love and total dedication that Jesus gave us until his death on the cross.

The Apostle James warns us about the dangers of jealousy and selfish ambition that can occur in our communities. We can see the destructive effects of ambitious desires in the first reading where we are told about the judgments that the evil ones prepare. As if that were not enough, the disciples of Jesus also fall into the same temptation when they argue among themselves who will be the first of them all.

The Teacher ends the discussion by teaching them that whoever wants to be the first is the servant of them all.

Sometimes we think that wars and conflicts are inevitable in today's world either between nations, groups or individuals. But the Apostle James says that it must not be so. In a rhetorical way he asks us "where do the wars and conflicts between you come from? ... all this comes from our passions," says the apostle. It is the passions that make us want what we do not have and are able to take what we should not. This point of view is the source of war and the conflicts within us. As Christians we are called to resist these passions, overcome them and ideally replace them with generosity and empathy. Only in this way, instead of conflicts will we have peace, one of the signs of messianic times.

The disciples play a determining role in the Gospel of Mark, but they are described as rude in understanding throughout this same Gospel. In fact Mark emphasizes how the apostles did not understand the message of Jesus and even disappointed him with their words. An example is the worldly way of thinking of Peter, whom Jesus rebuked in last week's Gospel (Mark 8:33). Today they argue among each other which of them is the greatest. The words of Jesus to his apostles 2000 years ago teach us today that our commitment is to be servants of all, especially the poorest, by banishing all forms of selfishness and careerism even among priests, bishops or religious. May the words of Jesus make us witnesses of his Gospel and at the same time serve as a denunciation of all those that take distance us from Him. **P. Hernán, SJ**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

### **September 23: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6, & 8  
James 3:16—4:3

### **September 30: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Numbers 11:25-29  
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
James 5:1-6



**BEING CATHOLIC IN TODAY'S WORLD** - Fr. Roselli is offering a 5-week series on Thursday's mornings starting September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Padre Miguel Room. Each session is one-hour long. You need not attend every week; the sessions deal with a different topic about our faith. Session dates are as follows; September 27. October 4, 11 & 18. All are welcome to join us at any time!

**BIBLE STUDY** - Join us on Fridays evenings (7:15pm) as we continue our journey into God's word with our Bible Study program. We will be meeting in the Parish Office Basement and will be continuing with the Book of Exodus. If you don't have a bible at home, extras will be available. No need to pre-register. Dates to follow; October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have an interest in understanding and praying with Holy Scripture, this is an opportunity for you to join this ongoing group to begin or continue your search. All are welcome to join us at any time!

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** - "Bringing Hope to the Hungry". The date for the food pantry distribution is scheduled for Thursday, September from 9am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm. Distributed on a first-come basis. The distribution will take place in front of the church and we invite all families of our parish in need of this type of assistance. For more information please contact the Parish office 718-442-3411.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY COLLECTION** - The annual collection for "Dunwoodie", will take place next weekend of September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. As the seminary enters its 122nd year the young men studying there represent the next generation of priests. St. Joseph's Seminary has a wonderful tradition of forming and ordaining holy, faithful and dedicated priests. Many of you as parents are aware of the financial challenges of sending your children to college. These same costs exist to the seminarians who study at St. Joseph's, however, they don't have the option of loans, financial aid or government scholarships. It then becomes the duty of fellow Catholics in the archdiocese to support these men as they continue on their journey to the priesthood. The priests of the archdiocese form and inform, nourish and strengthen us and guide us throughout our life as Catholics. We ask that you be as generous as your means will allow and remember that every donation is appreciated.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** - Have you or anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about The Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion and confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments during the Easter season. Call the rectory if you or someone you know is interested for more details.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2018-2019 - Classes have begun.** It is not too late to register your child for these classes; we will continue to accept registration while there is still space available. Please say a prayer for the children, as well as the dedicated catechists! We offer your children the most complete, well-rounded education based on faith, strong academics and a passion for Christian service. Let us help your children develop into intelligent, spiritual, respectful, compassionate, motivated, future leaders of our community and our church. Our schools are not cutting programs; they offer a fantastic core curriculum and deep biblical and Catholic formation.

**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. Web page: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL REUNION** - The O.L. of Perpetual Help Elementary Catholic Academy of Brooklyn, formerly OL. Of Perpetual Help Catholic School, Class of 1968, is hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, in Notre Dame at O.L. of Perpetual Help. Cost is \$25 per person and includes pizza, beer, wine and soft drinks. Family and friends of the Class of 68 are welcome. If interested, please contact Gerri Fanelli Nobile at 908-256-5000 or via e-mail at [gerri.nobile@comcast.net](mailto:gerri.nobile@comcast.net) or Robert Patterson at [bingob9@verizon.net](mailto:bingob9@verizon.net).

**COLLECTIONS:** September 16: \$3,452; Second Collection: \$1,006. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

**PILGRIMAGE WITH CARDINAL DOLAN** - to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. On October 6, 2018, Cardinal Dolan will, once again, lead an Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Buses will depart from across the Archdiocese. There will be time to tour the Basilica, pray the rosary together, and celebrate Holy Mass before returning home. For more information, and to register, please visit [adnypilgrimage.eventbrite.com](http://adnypilgrimage.eventbrite.com).

**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](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese - [www.archny.org](http://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.