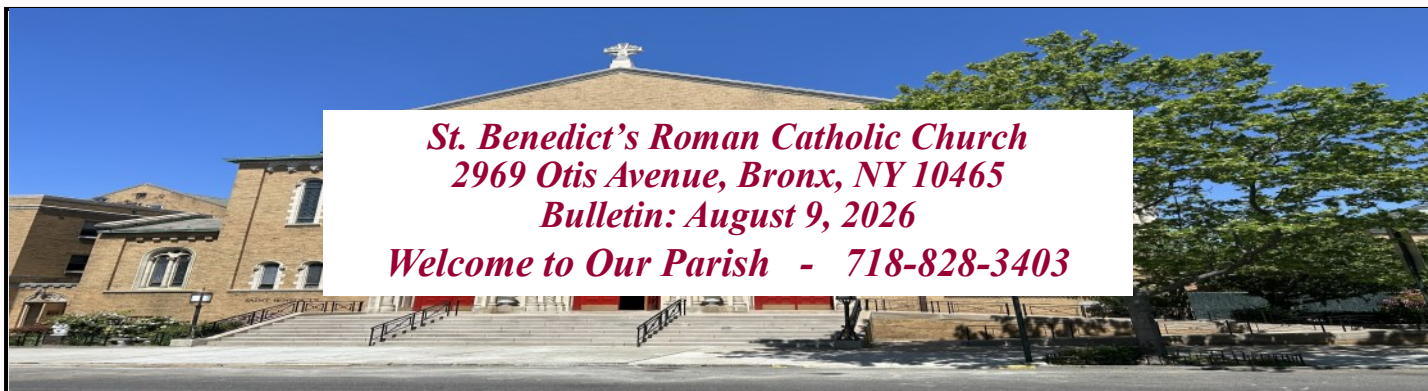




St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
Bulletin: August 9, 2026
Welcome to Our Parish - 718-828-3403



Religious Education

REGISTRATION for 2026-2027 IS NOW OPEN
for Religious Ed (CCD) and Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd (CGS)

ONLINE REGISTRATION for both our Parish programs is available on our Parish website [@stbenedictchurchny.org](http://stbenedictchurchny.org). All information regarding program fees, class times and dates, along with the registration form and online payment option are also available on our Parish website.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION upon request. Please email Maria Pirraglia at: reled@stbenedictsschool.com to schedule an appointment.

The Seven Sacraments



Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist,
Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick,
Holy Orders, Marriage

This is an Invitation to ALL Adults who have not received their sacraments. You are invited to attend classes here at Saint Benedict's starting the end of September 2026. If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register. Any questions, please call 718-828-3403, x101. Thank you

Blessed and Happy Solemnity of Our Lady of the Assumption



MASSES

Friday, August 14th
8:30am

Vigil 7:00pm

Saturday, August 15th
8:30am
12:00 Noon
4:00pm

The Memorare

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence
I fly unto thee,*

*O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.*

*O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.*

Amen.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, August 9th; *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 Johanna Livesay "Living"
8:00 John Donadio
9:30 Christina Ruff
11:00 Guillermo and Alfredo Guzman
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

MONDAY, August 10th; St. Lawrence

8:30 Mary Elizabeth O'Neill

TUESDAY, August 11th; St. Clare

8:30 John and Mary Freyne

WEDNESDAY, August 12th; St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30 Brendan J. Golden

THURSDAY, August 13th; Saint Pontian; and Saint Hippolytus

8:30 Anna and Matthew Guido

FRIDAY, August 14th; St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30 Vincent Cavallo

7:00pm Giancarli Family

SATURDAY, August 15th; THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity

8:30 Angela and Domenico Pirraglia
12:00 Anthony N. Traina
4:00 April Tagliarino and Iris Biliwang

SUNDAY, August 16th; *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 Kamocsai and Duane Families
8:00 Antonio e Silverio DiMeglio
9:30 St. Benedict Parish
11:00 Barnard Family "Living"
5:00 Eleanor Marx

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE, AND ALTAR CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

The Lillo Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
All Souls in Purgatory

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

The Lillo Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Vincent Cavallo

THIS WEEK'S ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

Fidelia
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Pascasio Rosas Razo

IMPORTANT

We know that many of you receive religious cards, printouts, and small items in the mail. Out of deep respect for these holy images, we understand why you may hesitate to throw them away and instead leave them in the church vestibule.

However, we must kindly ask that you **do not leave these items in the vestibule of the church.** Since they are generally unblessed, they, unfortunately, end up being placed in our standard recycling.

We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our gathering space tidy. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our priests or deacon. Thank you!

BUS TRIP TO PADRE PIO **Monday, September 21, 2026**

National Centre for Padre Pio
111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Depart 8:00am from the Bruckner Blvd side

Depart 4:00pm from Barto, PA

\$60.00 per person round trip (No Refunds)

Bring your own lunch

If you are interested in this bus trip, please come to the rectory to reserve and pay for your seat(s) in advance. Thank you!

St. Benedict's School Registration

We know summer is well underway, but time flies and pretty soon we have to get back into school mode. If you are thinking about what school to place your child in for this coming September, one way to show love to your children is to offer them a catholic school education. So, please feel free to contact St. Benedict School at your convenience to set up a tour. **Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is OPEN and we have availability in all grades.** If you are looking to apply you may do so by going online to our website at stbenedictschoolbx.org and clicking APPLY NOW. SBS serves grades PK-3 students all the way through 8th grade. PK classes are curriculum based and 8th graders are guided and prepared to enter high school. PK-3 must be aged 3 by 12/31/2026 and PK-4 must be aged 4 by 12/31/2026. **Financial aid for the 2026/2027 school year will be available to the families with students FULLY REGISTERED and ENROLLED in grades KINDERGARTEN through 8th grade and is on a first come, first served basis.** You may contact the school at 718-829-9557 for further information about our school and to set up a one-on-one tour. **Have a blessed, safe and enjoyable rest of the summer!**

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of Our Parish and their Grieving Families:

Sofia Brignoni, Donna Lynn Colon

Message from Fr. Pergini,

It was one of those hot summer days as I was heading toward the cemetery to visit the gravesite of my parents. Since the death of my dear mom the visits to the cemetery are more intimate and frequent. From the Bronx it is only an hour drive to Maryrest cemetery in New Jersey. I parked outside and walked the distance in silence, alone with my loving memories. The very silence of this peaceful place has become a part of my life. As soon as I walk in, a lovely statue of Our Lady peacefully greets me. It is a very inspiring image of Mary filled with hope and peace. In that lonely and silent walk, I stop before a huge Crucifix. Around the impressive Cross are buried the priests of the Newark Archdiocese. I kneel in silence and say a prayer for them. One day I will also be there hoping that someone might do the same for me. Once more in silence, I reached my parents' grave, knowing it by heart. It is hard to describe my thoughts and my feelings during those unique moments as I stand there and often kneel in front of my parent's grave. I feel the need to be there, the need to penetrate the mystery of death and the hope of Eternity. I deeply and painfully feel their physical absence, yet I continue to communicate with them in the endless silence of prayer and peace. Expressing myself calmly and naturally, I fix my eyes on the stone grave and read the names of my dear parents. In this grace-filled moment, I am still embraced by their love and peace, bringing quiet consolation and hope. I firmly believe and feel the need to be alone in that peace of their invisible presence. I left the cemetery in silence, ready to drive back through the New Jersey townships, returning to New York. It is consoling to drive with the rosary in my hand, the same rosary that my dear mom touched and prayed when she frequently rode in my car. Those Hail Mary's become very encouraging and consoling. Driving along for some time through an attractive area of New Jersey, my car suddenly broke down. Fortunately, it happened in a local street far way from the cemetery and near my sister's house where I could call for assistance. She came back to the car with me, and we waited hours through the hot August evening for help to come and pick up my disabled car. Finally, the truck came around 10:30pm, ready to tow the car back to New York. It was very late when I was dropped off in a difficult and dangerous part of New York, around Webster and Tremont Avenues. I left the car at a twenty-four-hour service station. It was impossible to fix the problem at that late hour. I started to walk. It was dark and deserted and still hot and humid on that late summer night. I was looking for a cab or hoping, perhaps, a bus might still be running. I was very tired. Fortunately, a bus fortunately appeared and came towards my direction. It was almost empty, just a handful of passengers at that late hour. I noticed a tall man in his forties looking at me from the back of the bus. For the moment I tried to avoid any eye contact. The time came to get off. From the bus stop to the parish house takes about 10 or 15 minutes of walking. I was heading that way into the dark when suddenly I felt someone following me. It seemed to be the man from the back of the bus. He called out, "Father, can I talk with you?" I stopped in my tracks feeling a small

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chill around my collar on this still warm night and turned to face the man. He and I were guests of the night, alone on the dark street. My mind raced for a moment. Would he ask for money? Would he be a dangerous man? I must admit I was afraid thinking of the many tragic incidents that can sometimes take place in the Bronx, especially at that dangerous hour of the night. I looked at him quietly as he came closer. Images of my dear Mother raced across my mind. It had been such a difficult trip back from the cemetery. I felt her presence and begged her to pray for me. As the man emerged from the shadows, I quietly asked him: "How can I help you sir"? He looked at me and said, "I am not a Catholic Father, but I am a Christian." He stopped and bowed his head. I saw tears running down his cheeks. He quietly continued in a voice mixed with tears, saying that for a long time he felt very distant from God's presence. More tears now. I can say they were tears asking for mercy and love. I looked at him with pity and felt embarrassed at my anxiety in the dark.

Instantly, my fear of being attacked was gone. In its place, I experienced Christ's very presence here in this dark night, here in this man's remorse and hopeless spirit. Despite my fatigue from the challenges of this long and hot day, I tried hard to listen to him, offering words of hope and courage that I could find. I prayed that in this man's heart he might find the light of Christ that can shine into anyone's dark night of hopelessness. After my poor attempts at a soft midnight homily, we both felt in our hearts the power of God which turned that dark and hopelessness night into hope and faith for our broken souls. He left in peace and I promised to pray for him. I continued my way to the parish house, still very tired, but at peace to be able to confront my weaknesses and human fears, but above all to see the light of Christ shining into this dark night from such a surprising source.

Continuing through the shadowy streets, I cried quietly thinking of the powerful words of our dear Lord: "Oh you of little faith." Yes, Christ, I am one of those with little faith, but I hope to still live and always in your mercy and your love, where I can find refuge from those dark nights in my soul.

Thank you, my Jesus! Thank you my mom and dad. Yes, this is one of those days of my joyful priesthood! It was from a cemetery visit to my dear parents' graves, to a broken car, and finally around midnight when I was dragging my feet hoping for rest and sleep after that long day when I found myself before a fearful and dark sight.

It is in those moments that I fully lived the powerful presence of Christ who turned a dying moment of fear into victory and love.

The power of Christ embraced both the man on the bus and me that night to encounter the power of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who shines into that cold and dark night, just as He did over two thousand years ago, to bring us out of misery and back to hope and victory through His endless divine love for every single one of us.

Amen!

Prayer for the Church and Civil Authorities, composed by Archbishop John Carroll, the first bishop of Baltimore and the founder of the American ecclesial hierarchy. His prayer has consistently appeared in American Catholic devotionals for over two centuries, and it is often prayed publicly on days of national importance.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Finally, we pray Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relations, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation; and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship, and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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718-828-3403**

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The Bible Study Group is taking a break for the summer. God willing, we will begin again in the Fall (date to be determined).

Have a Blessed, Safe and Enjoyable Summer!
"See you in the Fall"

**Please Remember to Pray for the Sick!
May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!**

Sr. Claire Regan, Stacey Addario, Joseph Abbate, Nydia Alicea, Louis Amend, Donna Antonacci, Yselsa Arroyo, Gustavo Bardana, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Jack Bonacorso, Kathleen Bowers, Joseph Brenner, Wendelin Brenner, Walter Buddington, Peter Burnett, Amy Buscamonte, Caceres Family, Diane, Georgina Cales, Frankie Carpenter, Fay Carter, Jay and Patricia Cepero, Carolyn Chiappetta, Patricia Coughlin, Tom Curran, Maryann Cuttita, Lillian Cuttler, Frank Dailey, Vinny D'Amico, Louis D'Annucci, Debbie, Carla DeCicco, Anton Deski, Darielle Deviccaro, Angela Diaz, Lali Dilone, Anthony DiNardi, Emily DiNardi, John DiNardi, Margaret Dionisio, Dorothy DiPierro, Pat Eaccirano, Sandra Edwards, Sean Fagan, Barbara Farrell, Melissa Fonseca, Francisco Fernandez, Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez, John Fernandez, Nereida Ferrer, Filomena Fidanza, Christopher Filardi, David Fisher, Anthony Fortunato, Roseann Frattini, Debra Ann Garcia, Richard Garcia, Sr., Richard Garcia, Jr., Rose Gettenberg, Ralph Giorgio, Hope Mercedes Fernandez, John Fernandez, Nereida Ferrer, Gordon, Marion Gruber, Frank Hinz, Jr., Sharon Holzapfel, Donna Inzano, Eileen Jennings, Edward Kennedy, Paul Komgold, Stephanie (Tyko) Kreps, Daniel Kundig, Josephine Lambell, Manuel Larino, Elise Lawle, Luis Gabriel Leal, Geraldine Lee, Mary Alexandra Lee, Virginia Lee, Frankie Lettera, Jessica Lettera, Francine Lettley, Katharina Listner, Frank Lomangino, LauMei Sheung Louie, Tiffany MacKnight, Ernie Magnotta, Julia Magnotta, Elizabeth Mandile, Ann Marro, Olga Martinez, Robert McCarthy, Margo McGinty, Annette Matranga, Denise McPadden, Sue McVey, Carolyn Morello, Christie Madonna Muccino, Paula Mullane, Rosa Munoz, Lisa Murphy, Bradley Nother, Oyola Family, Maylee Roman Overman, Angelo Palumbo, Sr., Juana Perez, Pasquale Preziosa, Paolo Principe, Michael and Robert Prokop, Linda Ranallo, Kim Rappold, Richard Reale, Joshua Reaser, Philip Rebia, William F. Reilly, Maritza Resto, Frank Riegel, Phillip Rivera, Joanne and Walter Robinson, Mario and Nelson Roman, Antonette Roublick, Sylvia Russo, Angela Dello Russo, John Russo, Carl Saglimbeni, Ann & Dave Samhammer, Peter Samoylo, Ashley Saucedo, Ada Scanga, Margaret Geddis Schmidt, Nicolai Soriano, Maria Soto, Edward Spar, Lois Stabile, Virginia Strasser, Theresa Stanton, Ramon Surita, Pasquale Tartaglione, Jennifer Tully, Stefanie Ural, Teresa Bosquez Valdez, Fran Walsh, Loretta White, Tracy Young

+ Babies/Children +

Amber, Baby Amari, Baby Rose, Brayden, Brinley, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Crosslyn, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Erma, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Ella Grazia Delli Carpini, Eli, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Harry, Jr., Hayden, Noelle Jablonka, Katherin, Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Emi Lun, Aubrey Madden, Maizy, Giulia Sofia McCullough, Mila, Natalie, Noah, Lucas Ortiz, Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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- I. Kelly McGeehan & Michael Eraun
III. Amanda Alfonso & Ryan Fitzpatrick

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection **THIS WEEK-END** (August 8th/9th) for the Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa.

Thank you for your continuous support!

SAVE THE DATES

St. Benedict's Women's Cornerstone Retreat will be **October 2nd and 3rd 2026**

St. Benedict's Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be **October 23rd and 24th 2026**



Prayer for The United States of America!

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all.

May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail.

In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river. Amen!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for 2026-2027 is now open.
Visit the Parish website: stbenedictchurchny.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for GRADES 1 - 8

Wednesday session 4:15pm to 5:45pm OR

Sunday session 10:30am to 11:45am

Classes meet at St. Benedict's School



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 (ages 4-6)

Sunday Session #1 8:30am to 9:30am OR

Sunday Session #2 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Classes meet at the Convent.

NOTE: this class is NOT offered on
WEDNESDAYS.

If interested in a tour of the atrium (classroom)
email Maria Pirraglia at:

reled@stbenedictsschool.com

FIRST DAY of CLASSES: Wed, Sept.23, 2026
and Sun, Sept 27, 2026

Registration deadline is FRIDAY Sept. 4, 2026

2026 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Archdiocese of New York is pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal!

This is an Important moment for our parish and our archdiocese, as we are all called to consider contributing to the *Cardinal's Appeal*.

Thank you to those who have already participated this year. If you have not yet done so, please join our fellow parishioners in supporting the mission of the Church today. Together, we can reach our goal in the amount of \$71,000.

Thank you for making a difference!

To make a gift, please visit: cardinalsappeal.org
or call **646-794-3300** today.

**Thank you for your consideration and for
being loving and generous
stewards of our Archdiocese and its mission!**

God Bless!

The Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit

We want to bring your attention to an exciting new opportunity launching next year: the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit. This program allows taxpayers to support K-12 tuition and education scholarships at zero net cost.

There are extra flyers at the rectory!

Providence Rest Chapel Generational Healing Mass 3304 Waterbury Avenue

There will be a Generational Healing Mass on **Monday, August 31, 2026**. Fr Justin Cinnante will celebrate the Mass at 7:00pm at the Providence Rest Chapel (inside the black gate).

All are welcome!

Quotes from the Fathers of the Church, the Saints, and the Great Teachers!

"GOD does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because GOD loves us."

~~~*Ven. Fulton Sheen*



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## Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women

### U.S. Air Force:

1<sup>st</sup> Class Airman Eric Bosco, General Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, 1st Airman Darren Morello, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgt. Daniel Rivera, Lieutenant Colonel Alicia Stumpf, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Stumpf.

### U.S. Army/U.S. National Guard:

SPC, Army National Guard, Middle East, Marcus Cassin, Pvt. Matthew Dooley, Sgt. Scott Douglas, Jason Engeldrum, Sgt. Pedro Flores, Pvt. Anthony Grieco, Jr., 2nd Lt. Christopher Hackett, Johnny Jiminez, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, Corporal Jenna Kuhl, Sergeant First Class Javier Mendoza, PV2 James McCarthy, Private Patrick W. Mooney, Major Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Reverend (Captain) Peter Pompisello, Major Lori Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Jr., Pvt. Sidney Antonio Kearns Rodriguez, Pvt. Justin Roman, Ryan Shank, Timothy S. Valentine, S.J., Capt. Javi San Juan, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Renee San Juan, Colonel Raymond Van Pelt, Franky Perez, Sgt. Andrew Santander, Staff Sgt. Matthew Wickes, SPC Albert Zapata, Staff Sgt. William Ziegler.

### U.S. Coast Guard:

Jayke Hooks, Seaman Apprentice, Thomas J. Hooks, Brandon A. Moreno, YN3, Ryan T. Moreno, CS3; Seaman Apprentice, PO3 Eberlee Santander.

### U.S. Marine Corps:

Corporal Michael John Canzone, III, Liam Deenihan, Parris Island Boot Camp; 1st Lieutenant Ryan E. Dengler, Master Sgt. Mark S. Lynch, Corporal Kevin S. Major, LCpl Erik Mango, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Parisi, Reserves, In Basic Training Daniel Smith Peters; Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff Sgt. Randy Vaccaro, Reserves; Pvt. 1st Class, Jason R. Wager

### U.S. Navy:

Chief Petty Officer, Laurence Bueno, Lieutenant Commander Diplomat John Brunetti, Lieutenant JG Bethany Lee Champlin; Petty Officer Gillen, LCDR Jennifer Groger Widman, ABH3 (AW) Christopher Hough, Ensign Brandon McGaughan, Jordan McKay, Active Reservist, Naval Airman E-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lieutenant Commander Victor Schaefer, E-4 Edwin Vargas, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas.

### Spiritual Readings for the Wk of August 9, 2026:

#### 9 SUN NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**10 Mon** St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr Feast 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

**11 Tue** St. Clare, Virgin Memorial Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**12 Wed** Weekday [St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious] Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20

**13 Thu** Weekday [SS Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs] Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1

**14 Fri** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Memorial Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12

**15 Sat THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

#### 16 SUN TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME