



# Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. ~Isaiah 50:7



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday September 12

8:00am- † Marie & Saverio Micillo  
5:00pm- † John Latanzio  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



### Mass Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Theresa  
Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

### Sunday September 13

8:30am- † Henry McLaren  
10:00am~Special Intentions of Nora Clardy  
~1<sup>st</sup> Birthday~

Offered by: mother, Angie  
Offered by: Mom

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday September 14

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † John & Josephine Brunbo

Offered by:  
By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

### Tuesday September 15

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones  
12:05pm~Special Intentions of Hector Garcia

Offered by: daughter, Marta  
Offered by:

### Wednesday September 16

8:00am- -†  
12:05pm-† Michael Contardo

Offered by:  
Offered by: wife, Theresa

### Thursday September 17

8:00am- † Guiseppe & Concette Fortunato  
12:05pm- †

Offered by: Joe & Joan Fortunato  
Offered by:

### Friday September 18

8:00am †  
12:05pm- †

Offered By:  
Offered by:

### Saturday September 19

8:00am- † Jesus Cintron  
5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Sisters  
Offered by: Family

### Sunday September 20

8:30am- † Theresa Cintron  
10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Children  
By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

## Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
**Memorial Candles**  
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### Liturgical Minster's Schedule SEPTEMBER 2015

#### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Bill Hinton  
E. M.: Linford Smith, Angelo Sabella & Nancy Velez Substitute: Bill Hinton

#### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Maria Oliveras & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Linda Torres  
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Theresa Contardo Sub: Samuel Torres

#### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book) Substitute.: Valerie Cappucci  
E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Crescencia Pascua & Thelma Washington Sub: Emmanuel Fode



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

Today's second reading from the letter of St. James is very important in the history of Christianity. In the Reformation, the time when the Christian Church in the West split into multiple denominations, one of the principal issues was precisely what St. James' addresses.

Martin Luther was a Roman Catholic priest in Germany in the 16<sup>th</sup> century (1500s). There were essentially only two Christian Churches at the time – the Western Christian Church led by the Bishop of Rome and the Eastern Christian Church. Sadly, the Western Christian Church at the time of Martin Luther was steeped in corruption. Luther challenged the corruption within the Church ultimately leading to the end of Christian unity in the West. One of his major concerns was that the Church had lost sight of the centrality of faith in Jesus Christ. It was only faith in Jesus Christ that could save a person. No works, no litany of prayers, no penitential practices, no sacrificial offerings to the Church could save you. The only thing that could save you was a living faith in Jesus Christ. Luther so emphasized the importance of faith in Christ that persons could forget that they had to make their faith real in the way they lived their daily live.

This is the point that St. James emphasizes in his letter today. "If [faith] does not have works, it is dead." You can't say that you believe in Jesus Christ if that faith is not evident in how you live your daily life. Every day we have to renew our faith in Jesus Christ by renewing our commitment to conform our lives to his life. The more our lives mirror his life, the more we can truthfully say that we believe in Jesus Christ. But if our lives – our thinking, our speaking, our acting – do not conform to what Jesus taught by his life and by his words then our faith is dead. Our proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ is false and it cannot save us. There is a famous question that we all need to consider. "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

May all of us work daily to create a mountain of evidence of our faith in Jesus Christ.

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."*

### **TODAY: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 50:4-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

### **Next Sun: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
James 3:16-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37



**DELICIOUS FOOD FOR A GREAT CAUSE!** – We are selling tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, October 13th. All the funds raised go to our parish. We are also selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle during the dinner. The dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The tickets for the 50/50 are \$5.00. We are also seeking donations for our gift baskets. Please support this important parish fund raiser. Thank you!

**BIBLE STUDY RETURNS** – Mr. Colin Vautrinot, our Director of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will be offering a Bible study on six Saturdays in October, November and December: October 10 and 17; November 7 and 28; December 5 and 26. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the **first floor meeting room of the rectory** – Padre Miguel Flynn room. Please enter through the front door of the rectory.

**VISIT of POPE FRANCIS to NEW YORK** - All of us as Catholics should pray for the Holy Father as he journeys to Cuba and the United States at the end of this month. We pray in gratitude for his desire to be present with us and we pray that his journey will be a source of grace and blessing for all people of good will. For the latest news on the Pope's visit to New York, please visit <http://popefrancisnyc.org>

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIR** – Parents who are interested in having their child attend a Catholic High School on Staten Island are invited to an information session on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Fin Grill at 300 Fr. Capodanno Boulevard at the Dolphin Fountain. This is an excellent chance to learn about the Catholic High Schools on Staten Island and the application process. Please register by calling 718-667-5350, ext. 1007.

**REGIS HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**- Regis High School in Manhattan is a high school for Catholic boys that provide scholarships for all of its students. If you want to learn more about this excellent school and how to apply, please attend the Staten Island Information night on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Boulevard. For more information please call Mr. Eric Di Michele at 212-288-1100, ext. 2057.

**CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION FALL FASHION SHOW AND DINNER** – October 8, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. The theme for the evening will be "Mama Mia." Tickets for the event are \$65 per person. This includes dinner, musical entertainment and a show of fashions from local boutiques. There will also be gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing. Please call 718-556-3474 to RSVP by September 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds support the great work of Crossroads which provides help to expectant and new mothers.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH FEST** – October 17, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Moore Catholic High School (100 Merrill Avenue). There will be great music, powerful testimonials and interactive events. The day concludes with a Mass for Sunday celebrated by Bishop Peter J. Byrne. Encourage your children to come to this great event!

**DONATIONS to OUR PARISH** – You can write checks to "Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta." In Church law, there is only one parish now. In civil law, there remain two corporations. This will be resolved, we hope, by next September. In the meantime, you can simply make out checks to "Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta." Thank you!

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** September 6: \$3095; Companions in Christ: \$1257. Please note that with the addition of two Spanish Masses and the parishioners of St. Mary's, we have an increase in our collections, but with the consolidation of the parishes we also have an increase in expenses. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated!

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGES TO THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!**

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**SERVANT** - Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails. The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

