



Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday - February 18

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Jeffrey Gargiulo
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:
By: Friends at “La Pinela”

Sunday - February 19

8:30am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski
10:00am- †
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Garay Family
Offered by:

Monday - February 20

8:00am- † Nonso Christian Ugbo
12:05pm- † NO MASS

Offered by: mom, MaryAnne

Tuesday - February 21

8:00am- †
12:05pm- ~ Special Intentions of Mitch Lotto

Offered by:
Offered by: Joyce Pepo

Wednesday – February 22

8:00am - †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Thursday – February 23

8:00am- ~ Special Intentions of Michael,
Sergio & Rose Santiago
12:05pm- †

Offered by: Narcisa Pons
Offered by:

Friday – February 24

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Saturday – February 25

8:00am- ~ Unborn babies in wombs & their families
5:00pm- † Inocencia Zapata

By: Deacon Jim Stahlnecker
By: Linda & Brandon Graves

Sunday – February 26

8:30am- † John Hughes
10:00am- †

Offered by: Torres Family
Offered by:

Weekly Memorials

- Bread & Wine
- Tabernacle Candle
- Memorial Candle
- Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minister’s Schedule FEBRUARY 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Lindford Smith & Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonsewitz Sub: Peg or Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Jonathan Codipilly
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & MaryAnn Ugbo Sub: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Beverly Marryshow , Thelma Washington & Crescencia Pascua Sub: Emmanuel Fode



In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul issues two strong challenges to us as disciples of Christ. We should reflect carefully on what the significance of these challenges for each of us.

“... You are the temple of God, and... the Spirit of God dwells within you.” In baptism, each of us received the gift of God’s Spirit and each of us was joined to the life of the Risen Christ. As a result, our bodies are the dwelling place of God. Remarkable! In Christianity, there has always been a tendency to denigrate the body and think of it as the source of temptation and sin. In fact, our bodies are a precious gift of God, made in God’s own image, and are dwelling places of God. To honor the body means that we are moderate in our use of alcohol. We seek to maintain a healthy weight. We exercise regularly. We use the gift of our human sexuality in a way that is appropriate to our state in life. In all these ways, we honor the body, the dwelling place of God. And we reveal to the world that God dwells within us by the manner of our lives, which leads us to the second challenge of St. Paul.

St. Paul tells us not to seek the wisdom of this world. Yet, many of us do! We conform our lives to prevailing cultural values. We look to pundits on the internet, radio and television to shape what we think and how we act in the world. As persons in whom God dwells, we should seek to shape our lives according to the values of the Gospel and the teaching of our Church. It is not easy because the values of the Gospel represent a strong challenge to prevailing cultural values and prevailing popular opinion – to offer welcome to those seeking refuge, to respond generously to the needs of the poor, to see all persons as brother and sister to us and so accept our responsibility for the well-being of all, to place the needs of others before our own desires. Do our lives reflect the values of the Gospel or the wisdom of this world?

Celebrate the dignity that is yours as a dwelling place of God! Reveal to the world God’s presence within you by your commitment to the values of the Gospel.

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."

February 19: 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

February 26: 8th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34



LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY – MARCH 1st – Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Ashes are only distributed during the Masses celebrated that day. Mass schedule: 8 a.m.; 12:05 p.m., 6 p.m. (Spanish); 8 p.m. (Spanish). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Fridays in Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting applies only to those between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence applies to all persons from age 14 onwards. We often think of Lent as a time to 'give-up something'. Instead, think of something positive that you could do this Lent. Visit a homebound relative or friend. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry. Tutor a young person. Prepare a meal for an elderly neighbor. Buy two less cups of coffee each week and contribute the savings to charity. *Be creative!*

WE MUST BUILD on THE EARLY MOMENTUM OF OUR CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN! – Thank you to those who have already made a contribution to the 2017 Cardinal's Campaign. We appreciate your quick action! If you have not received an invitation to contribute to the Campaign, or to make a pledge to the Campaign, we will offer you the opportunity to make a gift or pledge during all the Masses on the weekend of March 4th and 5th.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, February 27, at 5:00 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY at ST. ROCH'S – 602 Port Richmond Avenue. Every 2nd Tuesday from 4 pm to 5 pm. Next date: 3/14.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT – In addition to Adoration on the First Friday of the month after the 12:05 Mass, we will also offer adoration after the 12:05 Mass on the last Monday of every month. Also, the Spanish community will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. *All are welcome!*

OUR SPANISH COMMUNITY RAISED MORE THAN \$9,000! – The Valentine's Day Dance, organized by our Spanish community, raised more than \$9,000 for the parish – including funds raised through the sale of flowers and other mementos. We are grateful for the extraordinary work and sacrifice this event required.

AN IGNATIAN JOURNEY to SPAIN – Join the Jesuits on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure – an Ignatian Journey to Spain and to Lourdes set for October 1-11, 2017. Under the leadership of the trip's spiritual director, Fr. George Witt, S.J., trip participants will explore the roots of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and visit significant sites in the life of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuits. For a complete travel brochure, visit www.JesuitsEast.org/Spain2017. For more information, please contact Joe Naylor at jnaylor@jesuits.org.

SAVE THE DATE! – Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration – Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral with Timothy Cardinal Dolan celebrating the Eucharist. Jubilee couples are eligible for one ticket that will provide seating for three people (the couple and one guest) in the reserved section. Additional seating will be available outside the reserved seating for other family members and guests. This seating does not require a ticket but it is also not reserved. **You must register through our parish office. Registration will close on May 12, 2017.** Couples who cannot attend the Mass but would like a certificate of recognition can also register for their certificate through the parish office.

EMPLOYMENT HELP – St. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT GROUP – The St. Clare's Employment Group provides job search assistance and career advancement to the unemployed and their families, and anyone who is concerned about a layoff or is seeking to advance his or her career. To make an appointment, or for general information, please call the rectory at 718-984-7873 and a member of the group will return your call.

HELPING NEW YORKERS IN CRISIS - NYC Well is your connection to free, confidential mental health support. Speak to a counselor via phone, text or chat and get access to mental health and substance misuse services, in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365. We're here to listen and help with problems like stress, depression, anxiety or drug and alcohol misuse. For you or someone you care about. Adults and youth. Phone: 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355), Press 2. Text: Text "Well" to 65173; Chat-on-line: <https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/>

WEEKLY OFFERING: February 12: \$3,885 plus \$1,641 (Companions in Christ). *Thank you for your generosity!*

DIVINE WISDOM – The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge... love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!" Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world." Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and dishonest – without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.