



SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER - MAY 13, 2018



*Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way. Acts 1:11*

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – May 12

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani
5:00pm- † Cristina Paradiso

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: daughter, Antoinette Loffreno

Sunday – May 13

8:30am- † Wanda Saldana
10:00am- † Libby Guardiani
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Santos Family
Offered by: OLMC Parish

Monday – May 14

3:00am- † Grace Frulio
12:05pm For All Mother's Living & Deceased

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: OLMC Parish

Tuesday – May 15

8:00am- † Jennie DeSimone
12:05pm- † Fr. Feliz McGrath, O.F.M.

Offered by: Annette Esposito

Wednesday – May 16

8:00am- For All Mother's Living & Deceased
12:05pm~Special Intentions Kathleen Mialie

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Thursday – May 17

8:00am- For All Mother's Living & Deceased
12:05pm- For All Mother's Living & Deceased

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Friday – May 18

8:00am- For All Mother's Living & Deceased
12:05pm- † Ronald Francis, Jr.

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Saturday – May 19

8:00am- For All Mother's Living & Deceased
5:00pm- † Donald Ventrudo

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday – May 20

8:30am- † Margie Santana
10:00am- † Ronald Francis, Jr.

Offered by: Torres Family
Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine ~ **FOR ALL OUR**
Tabernacle Candle ~ **MOTHER'S**
Memorial Candle ~ **LIVING**
Memorial Candle ~ **& DECEASED**



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



"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation"

(Mark 16:15)

Today's Gospel says nothing about this period of 40 days between the resurrection and ascension. However, the number 40 is used in the Bible to indicate fullness, especially when it concerns a period of time. The flood lasts 40 days and 40 nights; the march of the Israelites through the wilderness, 40; Jesus fasting 40 days ... One could cite many other examples. In this case, Lucas, in the first reading, means that the disciples needed more than one day to convince about the resurrection of Jesus, and that the Risen Jesus was present to them for as long as He deemed necessary.

The important thing about the Solemnity of the Ascension is that Jesus called his disciples to carry his mission. He commanded them to proclaim the Gospel, preach, teach, baptize and be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Today, we are called to continue this same mission. Like the disciples 2000 years ago, we are called to proclaim a message of salvation, witness and build the body of Christ which St. Paul speaks in the second reading. Paraphrasing the angels, first reading, there is no time to keep looking at the sky. In the words of Pope Francis, it's time to be actors in a Church on a mission.

Today we celebrate the day when Christ ascended to his glory and returned to his Heavenly Father. Mark does not describe the scene of the ascension, but he specifically writes the command to proclaim the good news or gospel to all creation. So today is the time to ask ourselves what we can do to continue this mission in the here and now of our present lives. Pope Francis said two years ago that "the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven begins a new life leading to proclaim the love of God in every place and circumstance." For Pope Francis, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus when we "contemplate the mystery of Jesus coming out of our world to enter into the fullness of the glory of God, bringing with Him our humanity". The mystery of Jesus ascending to heaven should remind us that his promise is that He does not leave us alone in our quest to build his Church. Jesus assured us that the Holy Spirit will come to our aid. It is with this confidence that we dare to preach, evangelize, comfort, heal and reconcile our least brothers and sisters to be faithful to the mission given by Jesus.

Fr. Hernán P., SJ

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 13: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

May 20: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm: 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13



PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING – Everyone is invited to our next Pastor's Advisory Meeting to be held this coming 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.

POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD (HOPE IS A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE) - You may never have a chance to meet Pope Francis in person, but this movie, co-produced with the Vatican's Office of Communication, may make you feel as if you did. The Vatican wanted to make a film that was not *about* Pope Francis, but was rather *from* Pope Francis, directly addressing the audience, as if sitting face-to-face with them. Pope Francis made himself available for hours of interviews and taping. The result is one of a kind - a truly personal and intimate visit with the pope; never before seen on film in this way. This movie is made for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. It conveys that God loves each one of us unconditionally – no matter what color or creed - and we are called to also love each other, and to love the world that God has entrusted to us. **IN THEATERS MAY 18!**

THANK YOU to all those involved in our First Holy Communion Mass last Saturday, May 5th. Congratulations to our First Communicants and their families. As you begin your Eucharistic life in the Lord we assure you of our prayerful support. Special thanks to 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.

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. First Communion and Confirmation preparation require two full years of instruction before receiving the sacrament. Please bring with you your child's baptismal certificate when registering. For more information call the Parish office.

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.

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.

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.

ZUMBA & AEROBICS - We now offer Aerobics and Zumba classes Monday thru Friday. 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!*

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Next Sunday, May 20th, is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is 50 days (penta) after Easter and celebrates the strength and courage that the Holy Spirit bestowed upon the Apostles to go out and preach the word of Christ (evangelize). As we remember Pentecost this year we should pray that the Holy Spirit will embody us so we may also spread the word of Christ.

CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION - The Cross Road Foundation which supports the Culture of Life is hosting a Garden of Life Brunch on June 10th at the Excelsior Grand (2380 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306) at 11:00 AM. Tickets are only \$30 and for more information and family rate please call 718-556- 3474.

COLLECTIONS: May 6: \$3,739; Second Collection: \$1,642; Mother's Day Envelopes: \$866. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL of you Beloved Mothers! Together we take time this Sunday to honor our mothers, living and deceased. We fittingly remember them at Mass in prayer and, if living, with love and attention. Mother's Day is really every day. Let our prayers and remembrances at Mass be a year-round activity. God bless our mothers, living and deceased. **May the Good Lord Jesus reward you for all your sacrifices!** And may the Blessed Mother protect your children and grandchildren.

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.sqpsps.org