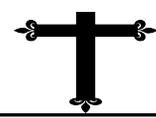


Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – July 27

8:00am- † Edith DeStefano
 5:00pm- † Bryan Graves
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – July 28

8:30am- † Joyce Iosue
 10:00am- † Ann & Charles Urwin
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: sister, Yolanda Maluta

Monday – July 29

8:00am- † Michael Canale
 12:05pm- † Elsa Beteta

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Carolina Beteta

Tuesday – July 30

8:00am- † Nicholas Nafella
 12:05pm- † Anthony Barbato

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Wednesday – July 31

8:00am- † Theresa Esposito
 12:05pm- † Gerald Cocozello

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mom & Dad

Thursday – August 1

8:00am- † Joseph Sportiello
 12:05pm- † Paul Circo

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Friday – August 2

8:00am- † Sister Marianne Robertson
 12:05pm- † Margaret Latanzio

Offered by: Mikos Family
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Saturday – August 3

8:00am- † Joe Fortunato
 5:00pm- † Louise Obermayer

Offered by: Joan Fortuanto
Offered by: Family

Sunday – August 4

8:30am- † Richard Phyfer
 10:00am- † Cecilia Casillas

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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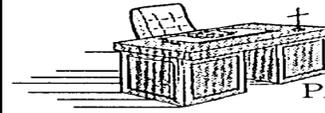
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~ † Ann & Charles Urwin

Offered by: sister, Yolanda Maluta

them that God is always attentive to listen to their requests. That is why when we are in a desperate situation or in the daily chores of our lives, we must keep praying. Let's be confident that God listens to us if we are persistent in our prayers. Let us not be filled with words, but let us contemplate God who is ready to listen to us as any of our true friends would do it. Let's learn from Jesus to pray for a world where we all have our daily bread and that we can live in his peace.

Fr. Hernán, SJ



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Lord, teach us how to Pray"
(Luke 11: 1)

How to pray? How to talk to God? These and many other questions come to mind when we try to theorize our relationship with God. Saint Teresa of Avila tells us that "praying is nothing more than talking to whom we know loves us." According to Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, whose memory we celebrate this July 31st., the faithful must know that "For it is not much knowledge that fills and satisfies the soul, but the intimate understanding and relish of the truth." In simple words, if we want to know God we have to "talk" to Him deeply from our hearts.

We gather to pray in community around Jesus Eucharist every Sunday. We have the opportunity to pray individually as we fulfill our daily tasks. Perhaps, another great question may be: Does God listen to my prayers? Today's readings teach us something of what true prayer consists of and the answer to them that are given to us from the Heaven.

Abraham talks to God directly according to the Book of Genesis. In the same way, the Gospel tells us a story of a friend who is going to wake his friend asking for a favor in the middle of the night. These ways of addressing God "directly" can disturb somebody's sensibility. But in both cases we have to take into account that they are interceding or asking for the needs of other people and not to meet their own needs. Prayer is therefore a communication with God and not a litany of selfish requests. Just as Abraham makes his requests in favor of the few innocents of Sodom and the disciple asks because he has a friend who has arrived without warning; so we must also learn how to pray insistently for others who are really in need and always with a selfless love.

Abraham's insistence on behalf of the very few just inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah has to be seen in the context of a God who is full of justice and mercy. How can a good God cause the suffering of many innocent people? Each time Abraham bargains with God on behalf of a smaller number of innocents, God's mercy is greater. Thus it is revealed that God is always merciful regardless of the number of the few innocent.

The Gospel passage in Luke tells us that the disciples asked Jesus: "Lord, teach us how to pray." Jesus teaches his disciples not only what they should say but assures

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

July 28: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
Colossians 2:12-14

August 4: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Please join us for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not only a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is also one of the most important Marian feasts. The masses for **Thursday, August 15th** are; 8am (English), 12:05pm (English), 7:30pm (Spanish). This feast day allows participants to reflect on the divine nature of the Virgin Mary and serves as a reminder that there is a place in heaven for God's truly faithful.

2019 CARDINAL'S APPEAL – This is your final week to contribute to this year's Annual Cardinal's Appeal Campaign. We have a short way to go to accomplish our set parish goal of \$35,000. Many parishioners have already received mail regarding the appeal and have responded generously. We have already **received \$33,185** in pledges! We only ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. If you have not yet responded, we ask that you consider supporting this year's campaign. The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* serves our spiritual communities across our 10 counties. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment. Our parish has consistently met its goal every year and we thank our parishioners for their immense sacrificial support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS – This will be the **last opportunity** to pickup your child's First Holy Communion and Confirmation photos from the rectory. Please stop by today to pick them up. Any child that missed the last day of class should visit the rectory to make arrangements to pick up their report card and/or any summer assignments.

REGISTER NOW for our 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM religious school year. If you have a child entering first grade in public school in September and you would like to register for our program, please do not delay registering your child.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (better known as RCIA) - is the process in which non-Catholic adults learn about the Catholic faith and become members of the Church through BAPTISM. The R.I.C.A. is also designed for Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion and who would like to know more about their faith. The R.I.C.A. In our parish it is directed by Colin Vautrinot. If you would like more information about this program, please call the rectory and leave your information for Mr. Vautrinot.

PARISH MEMBER - To be considered an active member in good standing and eligible to serve as a sacramental sponsor or to obtain any parish letter, we take into consideration your commitment in attending Mass and/or participation in any ministry. Weekly offer envelopes are the primary means of determining if you regularly attend Mass, we ask you to place the envelopes in the collection basket every Sunday. Remember that attending Mass is the most significant example we can offer to our Catholic faith!

ALTAR SERVERS - We are always looking for boys and girls to become altar servers. If your son/daughter is in the **third grade or above**, is a practicing Catholic and has received their first Holy Communion, they can join. If anyone is interested, please contact the Rectory at 718-442-3411. Being a server not only increases one's spiritual experience at Mass but also is a great way to get involved in the parish.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION – The Moravian Churches of Staten Island invites you to their 16th Annual Clothing Distribution on **Friday, August 23rd** from 10am to 4pm and **Saturday, August 24th** from 10am to 1pm. Where: P.S. 18 (Broadway & Henderson Ave), SI, NY 10310. Come and get high quality gently used clothing for children, youth, women and men. Families will be served on a first come, first serve basis. Backpacks will be provided as supplies lasts.

ST. JOSEPH'S RETREAT CENTER

Centering Prayer: Wednesday, August 14th & 28th from 7:30pm-9pm. \$10 per person, facilitated by Ann L. DePalo.
Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles: Silent five-day retreat from Sunday, August 11th – Friday, August 16th. \$450 for single room and \$400 for a double. For further information, visit SJRetreatCenter.org.

COLLECTIONS: July 21: \$3,643; Second Collection: \$1,707. *Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!*

ASKING FOR HELP - The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things. Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.