



Weekly Mass Intentions



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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

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~ **For all lives lost to CoVid-19**

~ **For all sick members of our Parish**

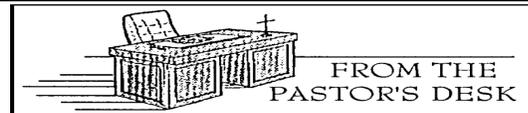
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~ **For all Souls in Purgatory**

is the repentance that leads us to action. May the grace of God who wants the sinner to repent and live, encourage us to love God and our brothers and sisters.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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"Recognizing our misery, recognizing what we are and what we are capable of doing or have done is precisely the door that opens to the caress of Jesus, to the forgiveness of Jesus, to the Word of Jesus "Go in peace, your faith has saved you", because you have been brave and have opened your heart to the only one who can save you." (Pope Francis)



**"Turn away from sin and live!"**  
**(Ezekiel 18: 25-28)**

Although we are not in Lent but in ordinary time, the Church invites us to reflect on the words of the prophet Ezekiel that call us to conversion. The prophet exhorts his audience to turn back to God, that in so doing they will save their lives. In the same way, Jesus tells us in the Gospel that only those who fulfill the will of God will enter the Kingdom of God. The apostle Paul suggests Jesus as a role model as he humbled himself to do the will of God the Father. The Greek word Paul uses is "synkatabasis" which loosely translated means abasement or humiliation.

Surely we have all had strong experiences that have led us to grow. Some of them have been negative and others positive experiences. Personally I remember the peace received after seeing as God's will what it seemed something that one day made me suffer. Only when you are confronted or questioned about your troubles then you may grow. The power of conversion does not reside in us but in a God who is the author of all that is good. This does not mean that we give up our ideas but rather that we reflect on them and even question them from God's perspective. The Ignatian spirituality and especially the doctrine about spiritual discernment lead us to "seek and find the will of God." The life of every believer should be a constant search for the will of God. Everyone should be confronted about where his/her actions lead them to do good or evil, justice or injustice, life or death. Let us pray that like the prophet Ezekiel we may be converted to God's ways and in doing so to find God's will.

The parable of the vineyard's children as well as that of the last judgment are proper of Saint Matthew. The theme here is the difference between what we say and what we do. It is only when we do something for others that we will be rewarded with eternal life; thus, if we feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty or clothe the naked, we'll inherit eternal life. What we said before is irrelevant, what is important is working in the vineyard today. This is also how the parable of this Sunday must be interpreted since the son who fulfills the will of the father is the one who does the will of God. The fact that we are not ready to do the right thing from the beginning does not mean that we can not change. Pope Francis says it well "we are sinners but not corrupt". The sinner can always repent and be ready to do the will of God; the corrupt remains in his/her error and will never seek to retrace his/her own paths. Hence, every repentant sinner goes through in some way the experience of humiliation that makes him/her reach God. What is said is irrelevant, what is really important

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **September 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalms 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11

### **October 4: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 50:1, 3-4, 6-7  
Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11  
Galatians 6:14-18



**MUSIC NOTES FROM BVM** (ongoing excerpts from Thomas Day's book "Why Catholics Can't Sing") "When parishes began to implement the reforms outlined by the at Second Vatican Council, they soon discovered that congregations would not cooperate by singing robustly. To compensate for this failure, church authorities put up a cardboard facade: Mr. Caruso (aka 'Cantor'), the congregation's proxy. Thus began what one observer has called American Catholicism's 'pretend music'. Everyone PRETENDS that the congregation sings when, in reality, Mr. Caruso supplies nearly all of the noise.... The Mass is a public, communal effort in which individuals act & pray as a group." Let's not have "pretend music" at Mt. Carmel!

### **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU BECOME A REGISTERED PARISH MEMBER**

Registering in a Parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of your Parish. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when you wish to participate in a Parish ministry, or when it is time for baptism, school or religious education registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. A registered parishioner will receive weekly envelopes to assist with day to day operations of the parish. Please contact the parish for more information about this process. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.

**TREE OF LIFE** –serves as a wonderful way to celebrate those you love and is located on the right side-altar wall. Consider gifting a leaf to commemorate a special life event, memorialize a loved one who has passed or simply list your family name. Please fill the request form and send it to the rectory with your payment. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The suggested donation for a leaf is \$300.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR CHILDREN 2020-21:** In order to create smaller than usual classes for the 20-21 Religious Education school year, we are asking parents to register your children as soon as possible. All classes will continue to be offered on the same days and we are preparing for blended learning with a staggered schedule in order to be in compliance with social distancing. We will also offer 100% remote learning from home. Once your child is registered, the schedules will be communicated to the parents. In order for your children to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, they must attend two years of consecutive preparation in any religious education program. You can register your child/children by filling out the enrollment form on our website ([olmcsi.org](http://olmcsi.org)), uploading any required documentation and paying the required fees. You may call or email us with any additional questions. Enrolling your children in our program every year helps secure them a solid, joyful foundation in the faith and helps qualify them to receive their sacraments on time with their peers.

**THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION RITE 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 RICA program is also designed for Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation and would like to know more about their faith. The RICA in our parish it is directed by Colin Vautrinot. Please call the rectory if you would like more information about this program and how you may register for these classes that are starting soon.

**CELEBRATING MASSES SAFELY** - Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the requirements of the State of New York, with 25% capacity, our Church is open for Baptism, Weddings, Funerals and Confessions. We are **ALL** required to follow the following guidelines:

- 1.** Wear a mask at all times in the Church, including the confessional. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN WITHOUT A MASK.**
- 2.** Observe the 6 feet distance. (SOCIAL DISTANCING)
- 3.** Sit in designated areas and follow the signs posted around the the church.
- 4.** If you think you may have been exposed to the virus or if at any time you feel like you might have **ANY** virus related symptoms, we ask you to definitely stay at home and seek medical attention.
- 5.** Use hand sanitizers positioned at the rear of the Church and disinfect your hands as often as needed. You may also wish to bring hand sanitizer with you. The pews and other areas will be disinfected after each Mass.

### **LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES**

Keeps you connected with our parish through our Facebook page. Connect and follow us to see these transmissions from the comfort of your homes each Sunday. Just search "olmc si" and send a friend request. You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

**Sunday Streamed Mass Schedule: 10:00am (English) & 11:30am (Spanish)**

**HOW TO REGISTER for ONLINE GIVING** - WeShare allows our parish to receive online gifts and give our parishioners a safe and easy way to do so. You are able to set up recurring donations and manage your online giving accounts. Signing up is easy! Customer service number 1-800-950-9952 or [weshare@4lpi.com](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com) or you may visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: [olmcsi.org](http://olmcsi.org)).

**COLLECTIONS:** September 19/20: \$3,389. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish!