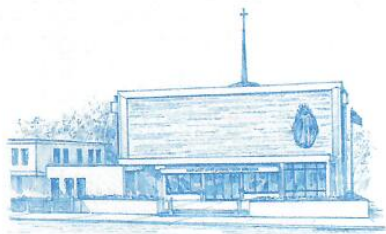


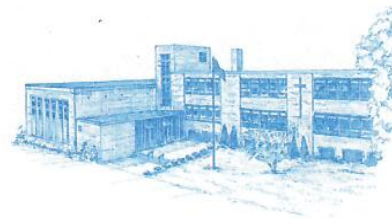
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Eucharist

Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (English),
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am (English)
Sunday: 11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holyday Masses Times, language and places will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas El tiempo, el idioma y el lugar será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación: Saturday: 4:15- 4:45 pm; 6:45 pm-7:15 pm (Español). Priest is available upon request or by appointment. El sacerdote estará disponible con cita también

Marriage/Boda: Arrangements should be made at least (6) months in advance. Only parish members will be allowed to register. Los arreglos deben de hacerse al menos (6) seis meses por adelantado. Solo parroquianos se pueden registrar.

Sweet Sixteen/Quinceañeras: Please register with Rosie at 347-318-2110 at least (6) months in advance. Favor de registrarse con Rosie al 347-318-2110 por lo menos (6) meses por adelantado.

Baptism

You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

Bautismo

Hay que inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicara para visitarte. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases y reflexión sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora tres meses. Ceremonia del bautismo; Cada primer y tercer sabado del mes a las 12:00pm.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Mrs. Nina at 347-559-1566.

Educación Religiosa

Si usted desea información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para niños o adultos, por favor llame a la Senora Nina al 347-559-1566.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 23, 2022



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 22

8:00am~ Special Intention Sean Gillespie
5:00pm- † Mary Barone
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: mom, Gidget
Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday – January 23

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
10:00am- † Bernabe & Trinidad Cabico
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Filomena Manzano

Monday – January 24

8:00am- † Ciro Frulio
12:05pm- † Florina & Nicholas Festa
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: Angie Varrassi

Tuesday – January 25

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – January 26

8:00am- † Irene Mary Kilkenny
12:05pm- † Kathleen Delaney
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
By: Theresa Simmonds

Thursday – January 27

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – January 28

8:00am- † Jacqueline Burns
12:05pm- † Mario Mezzacappa
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Nellie Lauriano

Saturday – January 29

8:00am~ Special Intentions for St. Theresa
– St. Rita Streaming Academy
5:00pm- † Anthony Marcigliano
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Julie Ann Fair
Offered by: Family

Sunday – January 30

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
10:00am- † Russell Junior Davenport
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Cinderella Wonsewitz and Friends

WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

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Memorial Candle



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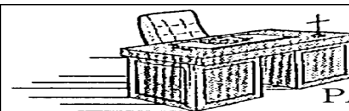
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*others, you give your life as I am going to give it for everyone, you will reap many fruits, you will have the deepest satisfactions. Do not be afraid of death, of threats. **The Lord goes with you**".*

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

*"I love **Rutilio** very much. At the entrance of my room I have a frame that contains a piece of **Oscar Romero's** bloody cloth and the notes of a catechesis written by **Rutilio**" (Pope Francis).*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled"
(Luke 4:14-21)

Despite being far away from you, I must confess that Jesus proclaiming today's Scripture passage always overwhelms me. The strength of Jesus' words is in the self-revelation of his mission. It is a mission that involves **"evangelizing the poor; releasing the imprisoned; being light for the blind and proclaiming the Lord's year of grace"**. Jesus does not arrogate to himself this mission but feels it within his own being **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."**

I participated yesterday with great joy in the beatification of the **Jesuit Rutilio Grande** in San Salvador. It was a moving experience proclaiming **"BLESSED"** a simple priest who brought the good news to the poor. Somehow, when looking around at the faces of so many impoverished people, these words of the Prophet Isaiah came back to my mind. Evangelizing the poor was the cause of Rutilio being persecuted and violently murdered. Soon **Monsignor Oscar Romero**, the Saint of the Americas, would also raise his voice to denounce all those who worked in the dark and murdered the ones who were looking for justice. The joy of seeing an evangelized people who sang to their martyrs filled me with a fervor to renew my priestly commitment to evangelize the poor.

"This day is consecrated to the Lord," proclaims the Prophet Ezra and invites the people **"Do not be sad or cry, for joy in the Lord is our strength."** These words, together with the words of the Gospel that Jesus makes his own, invite us to the joy of evangelization. They are a challenge to proclaim the Lord's year of grace. Jesus' Mission is today the mission of the Church that wants to live in the **spirit of synodality**.

That is, active participation as "People of God on a pilgrimage to the Kingdom. A people where we underline the common dignity of all Christians and affirm their co-responsibility in evangelizing". Today more than ever we are called to solidarity that is constructive and tears down walls that divide us.

In the extended form of the second reading, Saint Paul builds upon the analogy of the body and ends with the words that **"if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it"** (1 Cor 12:26). Our presence today proclaims that we are the Body of Christ as we proclaim it in the Creed since we are part of this Church that is **"one, holy, catholic and apostolic."** So if any of us suffer, we all suffer with him/her. May these words lead us to be more aware of the problems of others and also to know how to ask for help in moments of pain.

I end with the prophetic words of **Monsignor Romero** that somehow invite us to the mission here and now **"Christ is saying to each of us: if you want your life and your mission to bear fruit like mine, do as I do: become grain that is allowed to be buried, let yourself be killed, do not be afraid. He who shuns suffering will be left alone. There are no people more lonely than the selfish. But if for the love of**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10
Psalms 19:8-10, 15
1 Corinthians 12:12-30

January 30: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalms 71:1-6, 15-17
1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13



PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK IN CHURCH - Please wear a face covering or mask when in church, until further notice. As announced by the NYS Department of Health to protect against Covid-19: "All persons over age two, regardless of vaccination status, shall wear an appropriate face covering/mask while in any indoor public place." PLEASE NOTE: "For purposes of this determination 'indoor public place' shall mean any indoor space that is not a private residence." Presumably this applies to churches, our Parish Office and meeting spaces. MASKS MUST COVER THE NOSE AND MOUTH. Please respect the rules and others.

FEAST of the PRESENTATION of the LORD - **Wednesday, February 2nd** the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day which means "the identification of the light with Christ". 'It was prophesied a light has come into the world'. Join us! **MASS SCHEDULE: 8:00AM & 12:05pm (English) – 7:00pm & 8:00pm (Spanish).**

RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC - Using the link below, you will find resources that the City of New York has in place to help New Yorkers significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many city services are available to all New Yorkers no matter what your immigration status is and regardless of your ability to pay, although other eligibility requirements may apply; www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/city-services/resources-for-immigrant-communities-during-covid-19-pandemic.page

NEW FOOD PANTRY SITE - Catholic Charities of Staten Island Mobile Food pantry is pleased to announce they will be distributing food on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 10:30am-11:30am: NYCHA Todt Hill Houses, 255 Westwood Avenue. All are welcome, bring a picture ID.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. Please have your parish envelope number available.

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TODAY'S READINGS



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK - People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

AN ACT OF LOVE - The Vatican has recently released the English text of Pope Francis' appeal for all people of goodwill to take any COVID-19 vaccine "authorized by the competent authorities." "In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together. Being immunized with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies (cf. *Laudato si'*, no. 231, cf. *Fratelli tutti*, 184). Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you and thank you!



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