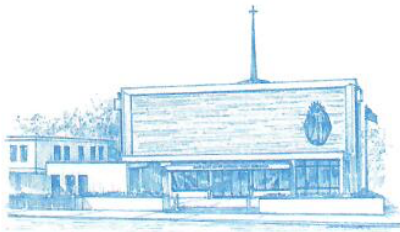
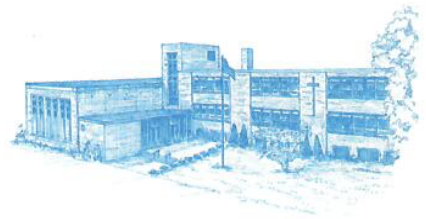


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Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (English),
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 10:00 am (English)
8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
& 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

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.

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 Spon-
sors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism
Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our
Religious Education Program for children or adults,
please call Natalia at 475-295-2293.

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 27, 2022



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday– March 26

8:00am- † Eloy F. Berton

5:00pm- † Maria Pagan

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – March 27

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Eileen Gaeta

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – March 28

8:00am- † Samuel & Neil BiFalco

12:05pm- † Annemarie Brown

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – March 29

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – March 30

8:00am- † Mary Peters

12:05pm- † Kathleen Delaney

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – March 31

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – April 1

8:00am~ Blessings for St. Theresa –
St. Rita's Streaming Academy

12:05pm- † Jack Smith

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – April 2

8:00am- † Fernando Vicoli

5:00pm- † Alberta Lloyd

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – April 3

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Kathleen Delaney

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass
Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Cousins

Offered by: Grace Mataka

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Offered by: Frank Peters

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Julie Ann Fair

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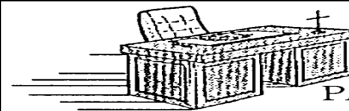
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COLLECTIONS - March 19/20: \$ 6,519.

We truly appreciate your abundant generosity and continued support.

"In any situation in life (drugs, alcohol), I must not forget that I will never stop being a son/daughter of God, to be a child of a Father who loves me and awaits my return. Even in the ugliest situations in life, God waits for me, God wants to hug me".

(Pope Francis)



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

4th Sunday of Lent

"Forgiveness and reconciliation are reasons for celebration". (Luke 15:11-32)

As we approach the holiest week of the year the readings remind us of God's great mercy and boundless generosity, eventually realized through Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Saint Ignatius invites those who do the Spiritual Exercises to stand before a Cross and meditate with the words: "Jesus has done everything for me!" It would be good for each one of us while we prepare for Holy Week with prayer, fasting and penance to deepen these remaining days of the season of Lent with such a beautiful and simple dialogue in front of the crucified Jesus. We don't have to talk too much but rather get ready to receive the grace that we could get from Jesus' forgiveness. He is the only one that reconciles us with his heavenly Father by putting our faults behind us. We should remember the popular belief that "if great are my faults... greater is God's forgiveness."

Today's stories and reflections are meant to be a memory aid that illustrates God's care for each one of us beyond our faults and sins. Jesus did not come to call the righteous but sinners and that is why the Pharisees get angry and do not look favorably on Jesus being able to eat with them. Perhaps the most beautiful words of today's parable known as the parable of the Prodigal Son, or more recently as the Parable of the Merciful Father, are at the end of it: "Your brother was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and we have found him." Let us let these beautiful words resonate in our lives, which together with the words of Pope Francis recently remind us that "Sometimes we feel unworthy of Him (Jesus) because we are sinners. But this is an excuse that the Lord does not like, because it takes him away from us. He is a God close to us; he does not seek perfectionism, but acceptance. He also says to you: "Let me get on the boat of your life, just as it is."

With the children of the parish we continue collecting pennies that will give a possible redemption to the young drug addicts of the Jesuit parish Virgen de Luján in Buenos Aires. Your children with their innocence teach us what forgiveness is and with their little effort and saving penny by penny our children teach us what solidarity is about. We want to proclaim the love of God, our merciful Father who is able to look not at our sins but at the ability to live and make others have life too. Let us pray for those efforts of many who are trying to get off drugs and seeking help when they need it. Let us embrace the merciful love of God in our lives.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 27: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9, 10-12
Psalms 34:2-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

April 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalms 126:1-6
Philippians 3:8-14



PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT - How many will you find? Your children are invited to a socially-distanced, scavenger hunt looking for colorful Easter eggs, with hidden prizes, throughout the parish's small parking lot on Easter **Sunday, April 17th**. All children from 3 years to 6 years of age are welcome to participate from **12:30pm to 2:00pm!** To register your children just fill out a form located in the Church entrance and return it to the rectory before April 6th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - This devotion helps us understand God's love for each one of us, who gave us his own Son for our liberation. We will pray the stations **EVERY FRIDAY** during Lent after the **12:05 PM (English)** and 7:00 PM (Spanish) Masses.

LENTEN COIN COLLECTION

As a Jesuit Parish and following the mandate of our Father General "to walk with the excluded", we will be collecting pennies/coins to help the Jesuit shelters for drug addicts in Argentina. "Pray, fast and give alms."

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN AGAIN - Sign up to have our weekly parish newsletter emailed to you by calling the rectory or signing up on our parish website: www.olmcsi.org. Stay connected & informed with what's happening in your parish.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

"O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside".

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A CATECHIST? Men and women of all ages - from older teens to retirees - are needed to serve in our Religious Education program in a variety of ways. Being involved in the faith formation process allows you to deepen your own faith. We will provide you with all of the resources you need to teach and lead the children and youth in our program. Contact the rectory if you are free on Wednesdays, Saturdays or Sundays and would like to help.

2022 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2022 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! It is a campaign for charity and pastoral. It exists to fund the vast educational and pastoral outreach of our Archdiocese, all of which serve to make Christ known in the world.

In the coming weeks you will receive information about the Cardinal's Appeal.

Help our parish reach its goal by visiting www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate today and making your pledge.

Learn more here: <https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support>.

INVITATION TO IMPORTANT EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE for the UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has presented all Catholics around the world with a wonderful opportunity: to examine how the Church is living up to the ideals established for us by Jesus, and how She can more effectively live out Her mission in the world today. To accomplish this, the Holy Father has asked dioceses, religious communities, Catholic institutions and groups - really everyone! - to come together for prayer, listening, discussion, and discernment, what Pope Francis terms **synodality**. After receiving responses from all who participate, the Holy See will convene bishops from around the world who will meet in Rome with the Holy Father to further discern what steps the Church needs to take in order to more fully carry out its sacred mission. The

Pope has made it clear that this is not meant to discuss *what* the Church teaches or believes, as that is unchangeable; it is meant to discuss *how* the Church teaches its truths, and lives out its beliefs. The Archdiocese is arranging "listening sessions" in each of the 12 deaneries of the archdiocese for various Saturdays of Lent.

Here's what will happen: the listening session will last about three hours, and begin with everyone joining in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the discussions. The responses from each of the small groups will be collected. Please register today at <https://archny.org/synod/listening-sessions/>.

Listening Session in Staten Island: Saturday, April 2nd at Our Lady of Pity Parish (S.I.) 9:00am-12:30pm.

LOOKING FOR HEALING AFTER DIVORCE? Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is offering a 12-week program, for men and women, to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. With the help of counselors, theologians, and priests, you can go from pain and loneliness to hope and healing. Dates: Tuesdays, April 26th through July 12th. Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Location: St. Ann's Rectory Basement (101 Cromwell Ave. SI). Presenter: Anne-Louise DePalo. Registration: Register by calling 718-351-3748 or by email at marketing@aldplaw.net.



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