

This Week

Monday

7:30PM Miraculous Medal Novena

Thursday

7:00PM Legion of Mary Meeting – Rectory

**COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, July 23, 2017**

Saturday

4:00PM Edwin Hall-Clarke

7:00PM Maria Mathieu

Sunday

7:30AM Graceann Morawek

9:30AM Edward La Mura & Aileen Fox

11:30AM Terrence Hurson

1:15PM Bill Mirabello

10:00AM OLL Peter Goodwin

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, July 23, 2017**

Saturday

4:00PM Tina Bove

7:00PM Dan Clifford

Sunday

7:30AM Debbie Cretella

9:30AM Toni Castelli

11:30AM Paul Cobb

1:15PM Susan Di Scala

10:00AM OLL Dolores Widlund

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CARE COMMITTEE

On - duty the week of July 16 to July 22 - Carol

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

**Sunday Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes
and 7am weekday Masses at
Our Lady Queen of Peace for 2017 are still
available.**

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

**Mass offering is to be made when the Mass is
arranged in the Rectory during office hours.** Weekend
Masses and Holy Days of Obligation Masses are still \$25
and Monday through Saturday morning Masses are \$15.

**The Cenacle of Life Prayer Group meets
every Friday at 4:00PM in the Chapel to
recite the Rosary.**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

VOCATION VIEW

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Some -times it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends. If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood, please contact the Vocation Office at (914) 968-1340 or www.NYPRIEST.COM "The World Needs Heroes"



BREAD AND WINE & SANCTUARY LIGHT

We are accepting offerings for the Sanctuary Light and Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. Any questions, please call the rectory 718-351-1093.

***We Welcomed the Newly Baptized
to our parish***

Thomas Christopher Calimano
Emma Ann Marelli

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you...

-- Psalm 141

From Cardinal Dolan...

Doers of the Word: Oxygen Mask

It seems like I spend half my life on airplanes. I can lip synch the pre-takeoff safety announcement. But one thing has been bugging me for years. Why do the instructions say to attach your own oxygen mask before helping others with theirs? That seems backward, doesn't it? Shouldn't we first help our babies, kids, or weak, elderly, sick companions? Shouldn't our first duty be to save them?

So finally I asked the flight attendant.

She smiled. "It seems logical, I admit, that you would want first to take care of the kids and the weak. But it makes more sense that you first make sure you have enough oxygen, precisely so that you can then care for and protect the ones entrusted to you. If you black out, both you and the one depending on you are in big trouble."

Now it makes sense: if you don't have air to breathe, I can't help those counting upon me for their air. That reminds me of the maxim of classic Catholic spirituality, "Nemo dat quod non habet" – "nobody can give what he/she does not have." Or, as St. Bernard observed, "Be a reservoir before you are a channel."

Before we can begin to help others, we need to breathe oxygen for the soul, the breath of the Holy Spirit, sanctifying grace. We need to drink life-giving water from the most sublime, deepest well of all, the Heart of Christ. We need to fill our own beings with the love of God.

After all, if we don't have it in ourselves, we can't give it to others who need it.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a twelfth century French abbot, is one of the Doctors of the Church. Many of his pithy sayings are well known, even if people don't know that he was the author.

"Hell is full of good wishes or desires."

"You will find something far greater in the woods than you will find in books. Stones and trees will teach you that which you will never learn from masters. He who prays and labors lifts his heart to God with his hands."

Prayer is a wine that makes glad the heart of humankind."

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection (July 2 nd)	\$8,158.00
School Support	\$2,111.00
Shrine Candles	\$101.00
Poor Box	\$145.00

Sunday Collection (July 9 th)	\$8228.00
Church in Africa	\$2197.00
Shrine Candles	\$124.00
Poor Box	\$122.00

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE HOLY FAMILY?

The Church encourages us to turn to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model for how families – and the Church in general – can live today. After all, the Catechism says, "The Church is nothing other than 'the family of God'" (No. 1655).

It may be hard to imagine modeling our families after this household of saints. But as the Catechism points out (No.531), for most of his days Jesus lived a very ordinary life: working a trade, spending time with his family, and mostly going unnoticed. Yet this often-unremarkable life with his family helped form Him, as well as prepare Him for his incredible ministry. As a boy in Nazareth, Luke's Gospel tells us, "Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (2:52).

Like Jesus, we can grow in our faith and develop our characters through our daily family life. It is here in the "domestic church," "the first school of Christian life," states the Catechism, that "one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayers and the offering of one's life" (No. 1657).

A Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God, our Father, you have called all Christian Families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us – spouses, parents and children – share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love.

Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

FATHER GANNON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This Fund is alive and well! It helps students who attend OLQP School to remain in school when their family suffers a long term set back, such as death, illness, or unemployment. Please make checks payable to:

OLQP/ Father Gannon Scholarship Fund

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, July 17

7:00AM Joseph Bianco
8:30AM Andrea Amabile

Tuesday, July 18 – Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

7:00AM
8:30AM Joseph Mulligan

Wednesday, July 19

7:00AM
8:30AM Raquel Salvato

Thursday, July 20 – Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

7:00AM
8:30AM Laura Rosko

Friday, July 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00AM
8:30AM Thomas Rodgers

Saturday, July 22 – Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00AM
8:30AM Anna and Gandolfo Albanese
4:00PM Anthony Scardino
7:00PM Julia La Barbera

Sunday, July 23

7:30AM Mona and Dan Boylan and Margaret Keenan
9:30AM Marian Primiano
11:30AM Raffaella Cosenza
1:15PM People of the Parish
10:00AM OLL Frank Tangorra

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners and God's comfort for their families

Especially Joan Jay Varacalli, Michael Francis Colini



3. Meghan Maloney & Thomas Slyman
1. Lauren Lyngholm & Niall Crowe

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN

Remember Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate plan. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include OLQP and OLL in your will or living trust, please email the Office of Gift Planning at gift.planning@archny.org. or call 646-794-3317.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Judith Stapleton, Frank Comparato, Joseph Cali, Patricia De Laurentis, Anthony Magno, William Fannon Jr., Michael Camera, James Adrian, Salvatrice Galatro, Shannon Craig, Joseph Bilotti, Jr., Al Tabbanella, Ernest Velez, Clara Guglielmi, Jayce Monty, Emily Driscall, Daniela Vanico, Toniann Vigneri, Michael Bifalco, Joseph Bifalco, Susan Moore, Ann Margaret Zaino, Kelsey Heaney, Joe Scirone, John Mandato, Matilda Costanza, Anthony DeAngelis, Jeremy Castillo, Leila Idelfanso, Lorraine Costa, Michael Volpe, Rosaria Sepulveda, Esteban Gonzalez, Paul Rydell, Peter Discenza, Ursula Torre, Frank Aiello, Rose Sgarlato, Danny DeMeo, Patricia DeMeo, Jodiann Altamura, Rose Mattered, Pauline LaFonte, Anthony Schiavone, William Fallon, Angela Ricca, Sophia Madeline Sanzone, Jeanne Stern, Lillian Bilotti, Violet Buzzanca, Paul Gregis, Christina Corrieri Paradino, Thomas Ciotola, James Remias, Melodi Roy, Marie Diloia, Gerald Frederick, Suzzane Astuo, Derrill Roy, Xavier Castelli, Nicole Viola, Pauline Cipriano, Daniel Woods, Carmen Ramos, Katherine Nikatas, Kriss Murphy, Theresa Raimondi, Michael Cianci, Jr., Andre Bocchiaro, James Anthony Parker, Carmen Oliveras, Anna Indio, William Gonzalez, Amy Altuna, Carol Wetmore, John Pape, Cameron King, Valerie Schiavone, Frank DiGregorio, Grace Turner, Elsa Griswold, Joseph Esposito, Baby Juliette Florio-Perez, Rose Stingo, Palma Milano, Christie Schaff, Rose Sullivan, Joel Rivera, Anthony Gerard Donato, Grace Bruno, Craig Inducci, Tom LaMantia, Concetta Friscia, Antoinette Olmeda, Corrine Alaimo, Marlene Olivieri, Thomas DeAngelis, Christina Blumstein, John Schiera, Michael Goldstein, Katie, Frank Ambrosio, Jenna Esposito, Anthony Bocchetti, Steve Sgarlato, Carol DeCastro, Phillip Leone, Katherine McHugh, Thomas Keenan, Carol Gilroy, Ann Gray, Alanna Shea, Kathleen Burke, Thomas Gaither, Michael Esposito, Baby Cameron Helmuth, Kejsi Mesutllari, Josephine Dedicos, William Cianci, Anna Vetter, Mary Pollina, Gabriela Surowiec, Rita Scalzo, Janet Logon, Victor Raimondi, Nicholas Ilijic, Michael Spatola, Yolanda Mazza, Rosina Agunzo, Kathleen Fusco, Andrew Biancomano, Muriel McKeon, Salvatore Turturici, Caroline DiBella, Antonia Pistone, Nicky Focillo, Roseanna Whalen, Deborah Arnold, Robert Arnold, J.R., G. Fraschilla, Rita Orlando, Robert Antonucci, Baby Juliette Tighe, Alfonso De'lia Vicky Sgarlato, Meg, John Rizzo, Cathy Sartzetaks, Maria Guzman, Maria Riggio, Marty Petosa, Peter Petosa, Joseph Sgarlato, Carol Iacobelli, Lisa Bolton, Josephine Nalbone, Philip Defonte, Marie Pernice, Paul Cobb, Clifford Fusco, Baby Charlie, Donald Giovanello, Susan Piscopo, Michael Bochetti, Fr. Ronald Lee Green, Michael Hansen, Jack McHugh, Marie Presto, Ralph Romano, Celeste Presto, Enrique Soto.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, July 16, 2017

Saturday

4:00PM V. Venditti, B. Raftery
7:00PM A. Saccaro, N. Mormile

Sunday

7:30AM L. Giarrusso, K. Giarrusso
9:30AM J. Bruno, S. Salvador
11:30AM H. Raffone, S. Mac Donald
1:15PM G. Russo, E. Rodriguez

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, July 23, 2017

Saturday

4:00PM A. Giambone, J. Milillo
7:00PM M. Rojas, J. Riley

Sunday

7:30AM C. Boyle, N. Boyle
9:30AM M. Scafuri, A. Gumb
11:30AM L. Moskowitz, K. Batista
1:15PM V. Koppie, F. Iurlaro

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

Parish Religious Education Program Registration

Registration for September 2017 First Grade and transfer students is on-going.

Registration is by appointment.

Please call 718-979-0989 to speak with or leave a message for Mrs. Barbara Orleman, coordinator.

St. Joseph Retreat Center Summer Program

August 1st - **12 Step Spirituality for Everyday Life-**

7:00pm - 9:00pm (\$20 per person)

Monday, June 12th - **Meditation Monday**

7:30pm -9:00pm (\$20. per person)

June 14th and June 28th - **Centering Prayer Group**

7:30pm -9:00pm (\$10 per person)

Summertime: God's Time

Thursdays 6:30PM-8:30PM - \$20 per session

Praise God with Art, June 22nd

Praise God with Our Body, June 29th

Praise God with Music, July 6th

A Midsummer Silent Directed Retreat

Friday – Sunday, July 7-9th \$250 Single \$200 Double
(a non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by June 30th)

Heart Themes in the Gospel: A Guided Retreat

Sunday – Friday, August 13-18th

\$450 Single \$400 Double

(a non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by August 7th)

** A 10% discount is available for religious on all retreats. **

RSVP Today!

Book online, call, or email our main office to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

St. Joseph Retreat Center – 850 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10305. (718)720-1097, SJRetreatCenter.org

Why Choose a Catholic Cemetery?

Today, more than half of the burial spaces purchased in Catholic Cemeteries are made prior to death. When to select your family burial space is a decision only you and your family can make. By making this decision before it is needed reflects both a sense of thoughtful planning and economic prudence. The decision made now will be your own.

Our Catholic faith and Order of Christian Funerals provide incredible comfort to bereaved families. Our time-honored rites give mourners a familiar structure in the bewildering days following a death. The final good-bye at the Catholic Cemetery is a poignant beginning of the next phase of grief. Pre-planning brings peace of mind!

At Resurrection Cemetery, located at 361 Sharrott Avenue, there is ample space for ground burial, crypt space in the new mausoleum, and niche space for cremated remains.

Please visit www.resurrectioncemeterystateniland.com or contact us at 718-361-7738. Packets are available in the back of the Church.

The Rosary

For Catholics, the rosary is a wonderful spiritual tool. It may look like just a string of beads, but no matter how plain or elegant, it should always be treated with respect.

Its name literally means “garland of roses.” Since the rose is one of the symbols of the Blessed Virgin, praying the rosary is said to be like offering a spiritual bouquet of roses to her.

Nobody knows exactly how the rosary was created. For centuries, Christian monks as well as Buddhists, Muslims and other non-Christians counted repeated prayers with beads, knots or stones. Some believe that the number of beads relates to the 150 Psalms in the Old Testament.

Another famous legend describes how Mary handed the first rosary to St. Dominic almost 800 years ago and told him that it was a way to call upon her for help.

The most important thing is to pray it on a regular basis either alone or with your family. The beads will help keep your mind focused and remind you of the greatest story ever told – the life of Jesus and His loving mother Mary.



Come and Join Us for Outdoor Rosary

The Legion of Mary will continue the monthly outdoor rosary on the fourth Friday of each month, June through September, at 7pm in the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden. The dates are as follows: July 28th, August 25th and September 22nd. All are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be indoors.

REMEMBERING FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL

**Join us for special service remembering this
holy priest**

Saturday, July 22nd

Exposition, Benediction and Prayer service, following
Mass at 4:30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
7396 Amboy Road

Special intentions will be for those afflicted by mental health issues and for those in poverty.

50/50 Monthly Drawing

The 50/50 drawing will be held on the last week of every month. Yellow 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package and also at the back of the Church. The cost is \$5.00. To be eligible to win, please be sure to get your entry in soon! Good Luck to all.