

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

Go to www.olph150th.com to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!



*From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.*

Mark 10:6-8

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. William D'Alessio

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week,
except for Thursdays when it closes
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.
Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and
Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Confessions are being heard in classrooms
in the “new school annex” near High Street.
See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Catholic Life Every Day

with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

Step 1: Open App Store or Google Play



Step 2: Search "myParish app" & press download 



Step 3: Open up the myParish app and type in "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church"

Step 4: Set OLPH as your main parish

Step 5: Explore the great features in our parish app!



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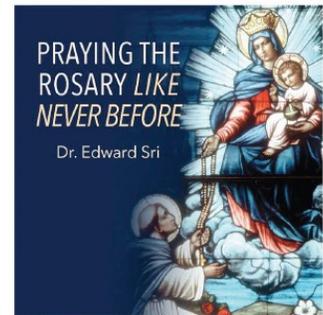
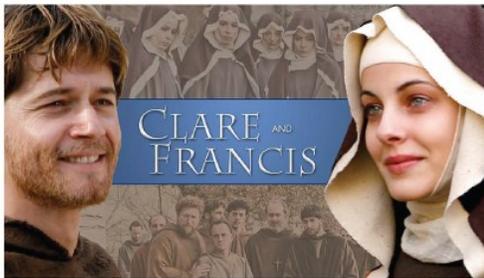
PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 3, 2021

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LEARN

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Respect Life Sunday, and Respect Life Month

This Sunday, October 3, is designated "Respect Life" Sunday, which kicks off "Respect Life Month" in October, so I would like to draw your attention to the Respect Life Ministry.

It is vitally important for every Catholic to understand and appreciate the necessity for us as Christians to do our part to build a culture that cherishes every human life, especially since assaults on the dignity of life, from conception until natural death, are so prevalent in our society today. Although sponsored by and supported by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and diocesan Respect Life Offices throughout the country, including right here in our own Diocese of Rockville Centre, the work of the Respect Life Ministry is mainly carried out through grassroots parish efforts. In fact, one-half of the money from the Respect Life Collection which is taken up each year remains right here at OLPH, to support the work of our parish Respect Life Committee.

Speaking of our parish Respect Life Committee, I'm proud to say that OLPH has a very active one, headed by Louise Perrotta. The work of the committee involves every aspect of life, which is the most precious gift from God. Included in these areas are chastity, natural family planning, pregnancy issues, Catholic teachings on reproductive technologies, dealing with the trauma of abortion and post-abortion (including abortion's impact on the father as well as the mother), Safe Haven residences for babies and Maternity Residences, end-of-life issues, Catholic teaching about the death penalty, and more. Our Respect Life Committee, through prayer and information gathering and dissemination, has a presence in the parish and at Village of Lindenhurst functions, and at other places.

Respect Life members attempt to inform everyone about the problems and concerns in the areas I mentioned above, presenting the Church's teachings on them. They are also involved in various action endeavors such as writing to newspapers, to legislators, and, on occasion, approaching the legislators in person to give support to the Catholic moral position on those issues. This witness-in-action has also included, of course, a presence at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Perhaps most visible in our parish is the Baby Bottle Campaign which we undertake each year, which began last weekend, and which is always highly successful. This campaign, as you know, benefits the Life Center of Long Island.

As you can see, our Respect Life Committee deals with a wide range of issues that in one way or another affects us all. I am very grateful for the wonderful work done, and witness given, by our Respect Life Committee, and I urge you to consider joining the committee — new members are always welcome — if you are interested in giving a Catholic voice and Catholic witness to these issues. Also, please remember to return your baby bottle filled with your donation which helps support life.

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of Animals

Monday, October 4, is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. In St. Francis we have one of the most popular saints in Church history, and a man of God whose holiness resonates even with those who are not Christian, and even with those who do not consider themselves religious.

Francis (born 1181 or 1182; died 1226) was the son of a wealthy Assisi merchant, and the "good life" (a luxurious home, the finest clothes, and superb cuisine) was certainly his for the taking. However, after a conversion experience, he relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to lepers and to preach to the spiritually hungry. He became known for his humility and his embrace of poverty. Many young men joined St. Francis in his way of life, leading to the foundation of the *frati minori*, or "lesser brothers," which eventually became known as the Friars Minor. St. Francis is also known for his love of creation, as exemplified in his famous "Canticle of the Sun," and hence the association of this saint's feast day with the blessing of animals.

As announced elsewhere in this bulletin, we are holding our annual Blessing of Animals on this Monday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m., on the Rectory lawn (weather permitting; otherwise, we're in the auditorium). Be sure to bring your pet of any kind — dog, cat, bird, iguana, ferret, horse, chicken, turtle, snake...whatever! (Just watch where you step when you come...if you know what I mean!) As I always say, though: remember this is a *blessing*, not an *exorcism* — we cannot make your pet behave!

In order to truly celebrate the Franciscan spirituality, you are asked to bring an item for the poor. The items needed for our food pantry are listed on the St. Vincent de Paul page in the Parish Social Ministry section of this bulletin; please be sure to bring this donation to the Blessing of Animals, or drop it off at some other time.

The GOLDEN TICKET

It's officially underway — this year's GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE! This is always a big money-maker for the parish, and I'm sure with a little effort on everyone's part, it will be successful again this year. Make sure you are a part of it!

You know how it works: there are a limited number of tickets — exactly 500 — sold at \$100 per ticket; that's a total of \$50,000. Cash prizes will total \$20,000, leaving a \$30,000 profit for the parish (I need not tell you how desperately we need that income as we continue to try to recover from the loss of income we are experiencing due to the pandemic). This year we're back to having the drawing live and in-person at a beautiful cocktail party and festive evening! Yay! The cocktail party and drawing will be on Saturday night, November 20. Purchase of a ticket gains the ticket holder and one (1) guest admittance to the cocktail party.

We need to make this a big success once again this year, so WE NEED EVERYONE TO PITCH IN AND DO THEIR PART TO BUY AND SELL TICKETS!

First and foremost, please make sure you buy a ticket for yourself. Maybe in addition to your own one or more tickets, you could also go in with others on several tickets, and maximize your chances to win.

Second, help us out by spreading the word to family and friends; you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH (heck, you don't even have to be Catholic!) in order to purchase a ticket and win a prize.

Third, how about taking a batch of, say, three or five or ten tickets, and commit to selling them yourself — for example, among family members, or friends outside the parish, or at work? (I will be asking all ministers and ministry leaders to do this.) This would be a great way for all of us to do our part to get all 500 tickets sold. We would have to ask you to make sure to follow through on the commitment to get the tickets sold — it would be disastrous if one week before the event we found out we had all these

unsold tickets we thought were sold — but if you think you could do this, please let Chairs and Ticket Coordinators Bob Meade or Meg Danaher know, and they'll be more than happy to work with you.

Tickets are available at the rectory, and you can call or come in to purchase them and to get more information. Many thanks to the aforementioned Bob Meade and Meg Danaher for their leadership in running this again this year.

Attendance ticking up?

If you have been following the attendance numbers in the bulletin over the past few months, you'll notice that it appears our attendance numbers are, on the whole, ticking up. I pray this is a sign that we are more and more emerging from the pandemic and that more and more people really are returning to Mass. We are back under the obligation to attend Mass each and every Sunday and Holy Day, so, unless there is a legitimate sickness or other health condition involved, we really should be back to Mass. If you know of someone who has not yet returned to Mass but is capable of doing so, please encourage them to return. As always, I am happy, as are all the priests, to discuss with anyone any concerns they may have.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2021 OPEN HOUSES!

Our Lady of Mercy Academy - Sunday, October 3—10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. Dominic High School - Sunday, October 3 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School - Saturday, October 16 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School - Sunday, October 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 6, 2021

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.TACHSINFO.COM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 24, 2021

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

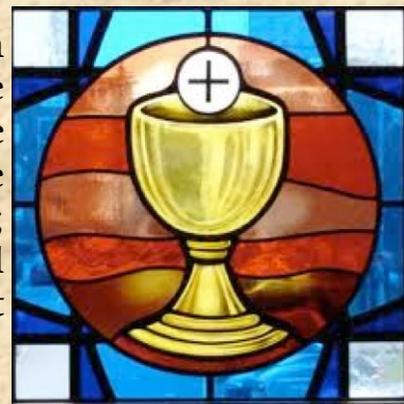
Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
in the church
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.



GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice. Each priest will be in his own classroom.

These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:

- ▶ Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)
- ▶ Maintain social distance while waiting on line.
- ▶ Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom
- ▶ Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

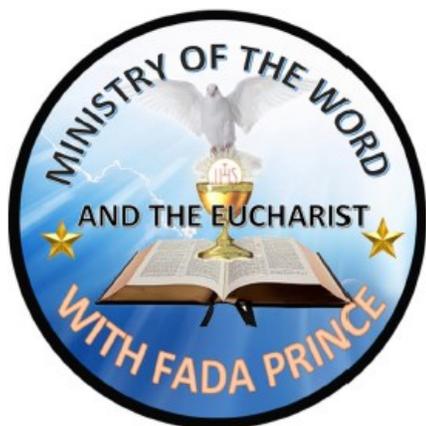
We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

You can go to YouTube and search for FADA PRINCE (*with the logo at left*) and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.





Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

*Monday, OCTOBER 4
5:30 p.m. on the Rectory lawn*

(in Auditorium in case of inclement weather)

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God's presence in all of creation, including animals.

We invite all members of our parish community (even those that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including our human family members and friends.



And, in the spirit of St. Francis, we ask all who attend the prayer service to bring a food or non-food donation for our food pantry. Please see page 16 for specific needs.



Taizé Prayer Around the Cross Thursday, October 14

7:30 p.m. in church

Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside 45 minutes to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.



1871 Celebrating 150 Years 2021

The OLPH 150th Anniversary Dinner Dance September 24, 2021





Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THE GOLDEN TICKET

Saturday, November 20, 2021

7:00 p.m.

in the OLPH Auditorium

Are you wondering, "What is The Golden Ticket?"

It's a cocktail party, major and much needed fundraiser,
with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!

Unlike a typical raffle...the last ticket pulled is the \$10,000 grand prize winner!

The excitement builds as the drawing goes on!

Winner need not be present!

Golden Ticket Holders and one guest may attend.

1st ticket drawn - \$500
50th ticket drawn - \$200
100th ticket drawn - \$200
150th ticket drawn - \$200
200th ticket drawn - \$200
250th ticket drawn - \$200
300th ticket drawn - \$200
350th ticket drawn - \$200
400th ticket drawn - \$200



450th ticket drawn - \$200
491st ticket drawn - \$300
492nd ticket drawn - \$400
493rd ticket drawn - \$500
494th ticket drawn - \$600
495th ticket drawn - \$700
496th ticket drawn - \$800
497th ticket drawn - \$900
498th ticket drawn - \$1000

499th Ticket drawn - \$2,500 500th Ticket drawn - \$10,000

Golden Tickets are on sale at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available after all Masses the weekends of October 2nd, 3rd and 23rd, 24th outside church. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with a check made payable to OLPH and return to rectory at 210 S Wellwood Avenue Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Number of Golden Tickets @\$100 each _____

*Prize money based on 500 tickets sold. If less than 500 tickets are sold, the prizes awards will be pro-rated based on the total number of tickets sold. Questions?

The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher (631) 704-1201 & Bob Meade (631) 455-3916

"OLPH is a Section 501©3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible. Winners are responsible for all taxes."

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

OLPH Family Photo Album

We are pleased to announce that as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, we will be offering for sale a Family Photo Album. The Album will include gathered pictures of Parishioners, our Priests and OLPH Staff. There will also be a history page about our Parish, a collage of different OLPH events that took place during our Anniversary celebration year and a message from our Pastor, Msgr. Joe. Won't you please take part by submitting a beautiful family photo? (Details below). Go ahead, "dress to impress"!

Types of photos

Pictures may include a special family photo celebrating a Sacrament (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, etc...), a birthday or special family celebration, a professional family photo. The choices are endless but only one picture please.

Size of photo

Please submit a 3X5 photo **by November 15, 2021.**

Where

- Pictures should be sent by email to: socialmedia@oloph.org.
- Subject line should include: OLPH Family Photo Album - [family name]
- In your email, please simply include the names of the persons in the photo, Family last name and number of Albums you wish to purchase.
- As an **alternative to emailing**, the below form may also be completed and dropped off at the Rectory with your family photo in an envelope marked to the attention of "OLPH Family Photo Album".

*If you have any questions, please call Helene at 917-679-0376
or send your question to the above email address, attention: OLPH Family Photo Album.*

OLPH Family Photo Album



Order Form

Date: _____ Name: _____

Tel/Cell: _____

Email: _____

Names of persons in the photo and family last name:

Number of Albums: _____ (Each Album: \$35)

1871 Celebrating 150 Years 2021

Use this form to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!

150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you for celebrating with us! Bring this form & hand it in to the rectory with precise payment of either cash (in a ziplock bag) or check. You will be notified when your order is ready for a pickup date.

You may also check the website for a closer look at these products!

<http://olph150th.com>

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
 Keychain	\$10.00		 Tote bag	\$10.00	
 T-Shirt	\$15.00	S ____ M ____ L ____	 Pen with Stylus	\$5.00	
 Sweatshirt	\$40.00	M ____ L ____ XL ____	 Playing cards	\$12.00	
 Tumbler	\$15.00		 SOLD OUT! Magnet	\$ 3 2 for \$5	

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____
Received by: _____
Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____
Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____
Picked up by: _____

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

LEVELS 1 and 2

On Saturday, October 9th
 there will be NO CLASS
 due to Columbus Day weekend!
 Enjoy the time off, and we will see you on
 Saturday, October 16th for class!



LEVELS 3, 4 and 5

On Saturday, October 9th
 there will be NO CLASS
 due to Columbus Day weekend!
 Enjoy the time off, and we will see you
 on Saturday, October 16th for your
 first day in the classroom!



*“The Saints are Coming!
The Saints are Coming!”*

Did you have fun playing
 bingo with all the saints last
 year? If you said yes, then we
 have great news for you!
**THE HAPPY SAINTS ARE
 BACK AND ALL NEW!**
 Mark your calendars for the
 weekend of October 16th
 and 17th for the first official
 Happy Saint Card of the
 year! Can you pray with
 them all?



OLPH CHURCH FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH



\$5.00
Per
Pumpkin

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 16, 2021
at 11:30 a.m.
RAIN OR SHINE
on the Rectory Lawn
or School Auditorium
(Masks required if indoors)



PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY



Pumpkin Patch RSVP

TEXT THE # OF PEOPLE TO EILEEN AT 631-682-4853
OR JENINE AT 631-226-0317
OR EMAIL EILEEN AT [KENCORT36@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kencort36@gmail.com)

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, October 10, 2021



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon— mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optimum.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

PASTA SAUCE

SHELF STABLE MILK

SOUP

CANNED FRUIT

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY OR JAM

BAKED BEANS

MACARONI AND CHEESE

CANNED CORN & CARROTS

TOILET TISSUE

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH!



THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2021

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Thanksgiving meals for over 50 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

Please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket by **November 7th**. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul office at (631) 226-7725 X 234 or Linda Matera at 631-991-8064.

THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____@_____

We can provide for a family of : 2 3 4 5 More than 5

Please return this form to St. Vincent de Paul or in the collection basket no later than November 7th.



CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2021

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Christmas meals for over 100 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 X 234 or complete the tear off below and return it in the Collection Basket for *Christmas by November 7th*.

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

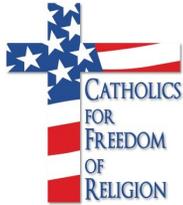
Phone # _____ E-mail: _____@_____

YES! We would like to provide for a family in need for CHRISTMAS

We can provide for a family of
 2 3 4 5 More than 5

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET
 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 7TH.**

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"It's the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people."

—Pope Francis

Restrictions on Places of Worship in Australia, Canada and Ireland

Australia

- Beginning September 11, a roadmap to ease COVID-19 restrictions was published for "low risk" areas. It allows citizens to leave home for limited hours a day and limited distance to shop, exercise or work. Rules include proof of vaccination before entering a church.(1)
- These rules are being challenged by many religious leaders. "We explained [to the Health Minister] that all our faiths are inclined to allow all comers to worship, that many pastors and faithful would be uneasy with restricting worship to the fully vaccinated and that doing so could prove divisive," said Catholic Archbishop Fisher. "Race, gender, ethnicity, age, education, wealth or health status [including vaccination] must not be points of division within the Christian community or barriers to communion with Jesus."(2)
- "We want everybody to be safe in church, but we also want to make sure we minister to everybody," said Anglican Archbishop Ruffell.(3)
- "Even if it is consistent and churches are treated the same as cinemas, I still question whether the government has the right to impose on churches something we don't accept," said Minister Phil Colgan.(4)

Canada

- During the tightest COVID-19 restrictions — a time of stress and anxiety for many — it wasn't possible for people in Canada to turn to religious organizations for support and comfort. Churches, synagogues and mosques had to negotiate regulations that changed frequently. Often, there could be no in-person services at all.
- Rev. Susan Chisholm said capacity restrictions affected the fellowship associated with church gathering. "It's a community that's really about hospitality and welcome as much as ritual and spiritual practice," she said.(5)
- The country hoped to enter a Phase 5 reopening plan in mid-September that will begin a return to in-person church services and major religious events like funerals, etc. Rev. Robert Doyle of Halifax said that many families had to delay funerals and now want to put their relative to rest.(6)

Ireland

- Religious services resumed for the first time in May 2021 but the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation did not return.
- "I don't see any reason why the celebration of Confirmation or Holy Communion should cause any concern on public health grounds because we have Mass in all our churches, carefully regulated for 50 people," said Bishop Doran.(7) Five Roman Catholic bishops planned to defy these restrictions in Ireland's 22 diocese in August.
- The Catholic Archbishop of Dublin said that parents must be trusted to know how to protect the health of their children and that the ban on Communion and Confirmations was seen as discriminatory. "A small number of people are going to parties, but the vast majority are not organizing big parties. We need to trust and have faith in parents," said Fr. Joe McDonald.(8)

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"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty."

—Patrick Henry

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

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YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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Barbara McPhail
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Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Third Announcement:

***Arnold Alcantara & Melanie Jopio
Thomas McCormick & Sofia Illig***

Second Announcement:

***Louis Cheeseman, Jr. & Gina Miller
Glenn Minutolo & Cristina Comparetto***

First Announcement:

***Matthew Taylor & Stephanie Hines
Michael Frasca & Gabriella Stolfa***

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Charles Lovascio</i>	<i>Robert Siegfried</i>
<i>Louis, Angela, &</i>	<i>Wayne Kolb</i>
<i>Ann-Marie Giarratano</i>	<i>Jessica Becker-Paolo</i>
<i>Nancy Darnell</i>	<i>Dianne Bendernagel</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Jimmy Gridley</i>
<i>Kevin Ryan</i>	<i>Leslie Cassidy</i>
<i>Mark Behr</i>	<i>Sr. Catherine Benedict Hagens</i>
<i>Louise Posanti</i>	<i>Maria Miller</i>
<i>Robert Flesher</i>	<i>Josie Whiston</i>
<i>Janet Hume</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Peter Curto</i>	<i>Karin Kienle</i>
<i>Richard Zdunczyk</i>	<i>John Bryzgoria</i>
<i>Marguerette Hoffmann</i>	<i>Janet Leyden</i>
<i>David Reid</i>	<i>Tommy Fanning, Jr.</i>
<i>Casey Gagliano</i>	<i>Ethan Insigne</i>

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism

***Hailey Dean Beier
Patrick Anthony Cucinotta
MacDonald Robertson Drane
Lylah Sharon Kazda
Kinley Mae Kirkland
Lucia Marie Kirschen
John Costantino Pontecorvo
Jaxon Ryan Zamora***



We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

WE REMEMBER

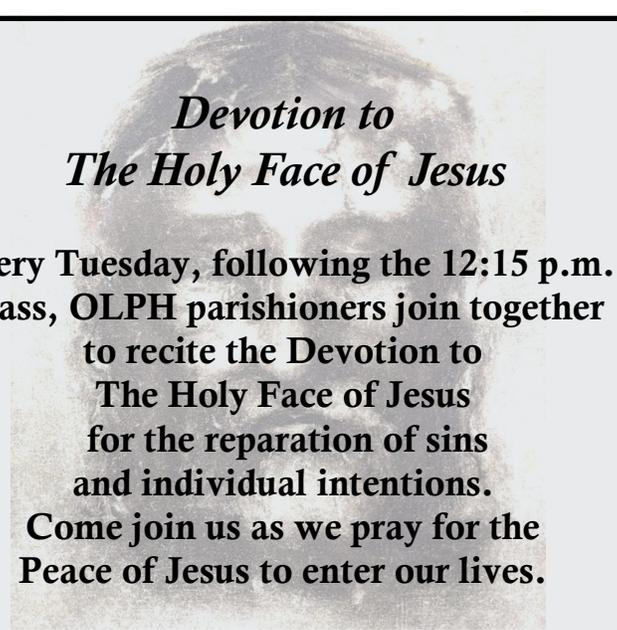
We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:

***Thomas Smith
Mary Rozmus
Vances Puleo
Doris Belus***

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

Devotion to The Holy Face of Jesus

Every Tuesday, following the 12:15 p.m. Mass, OLPH parishioners join together to recite the Devotion to The Holy Face of Jesus for the reparation of sins and individual intentions. Come join us as we pray for the Peace of Jesus to enter our lives.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, October 4— Saint Francis of Assisi	
6:30	Elizabeth Fitzgerald
12:15	Linda DiMicco
TUESDAY, October 5— Weekday (<i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>)	
6:30	Helen Giovannelli
12:15	Andrew Ruggiero
WEDNESDAY, October 6— Weekday (<i>Saint Bruno, Priest;</i> <i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>)	
6:30	Kim Dale (Living)
12:15	Elsa & Johannes Keller & Family
THURSDAY, October 7— Our Lady of the Rosary	
6:30	Heather Donnelly
12:15	Melchior Cucchiara
FRIDAY, October 8— Weekday	
6:30	Joseph Basile
12:15	Cammie Gianesses
SATURDAY, October 9— Weekday (<i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;</i> <i>Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i>)	
8:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Robert Collins
Sunday, October 10— TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, October 4, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:30 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals	Outside
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Meeting	Cafeteria
Tuesday, October 5, 2021		
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Wednesday, October 6, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Level 7 and 8 Classes	School
Thursday, October 7, 2021		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
Friday, October 8, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
Saturday, October 9, 2021		
	<i>No Rel. Ed. Classes</i>	
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, October 10, 2021		
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com.

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 27° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B

Domingo, 3 de octubre de 2021

Primera Lectura (Génesis 2, 18-24): Creado para amar

El hombre y la mujer están destinados no para una soledad egoísta, sino para construir comunidad en fidelidad y amor que unifica.

Segunda Lectura (Hebreos 2,9-11): El amor es sacrificado

La fuente y modelo de todo amor es el de Cristo, que se sacrifica a sí mismo por nosotros.

Evangelio (Marcos 10,2-16 o 10,2-12): El amor es fiel

En el plan de Dios el matrimonio es, más allá de legalismos humanos, una unión inquebrantable de amor y fidelidad. El amor del esposo y la esposa se perpetuará vivo en sus hijos.

Llegan a Ser Uno

Las primeras páginas de la Biblia nos dicen que Dios creó al hombre y a la mujer a su imagen y semejanza. Eso quiere decir que Dios, que es amor, quiso unirlos con el vínculo del amor, y hacerles vivir por y con amor mutuo. Así era al principio. Y así debería ser hasta ahora. – Cuando Jesús vino, hizo el vínculo entre esposos y esposas todavía más sagrado, asegurándoles la gracia de Dios. --- ¿Son los esposos fieles a su sí dado en la presencia de Dios y en la Iglesia? Pidamos hoy al Señor fidelidad y profundo amor para nuestros matrimonios – y también para todas nuestras amistades.

2. Que Nuestro Amor Perdure

El deseo ardiente del esposo y la esposa en el día de su matrimonio es: ¡Que nuestro amor no se marchite; que dure! Esto no es solamente un deseo de Dios para ellos, sino que es su mismísimo mandamiento.

Dios quiere que la unión de los esposos en amor sea como su propio amor hacia su pueblo: fiel, fuerte, perenne, una verdadera alianza de amor. Con todos los matrimonios, con todos aquellos a quienes la amistad vincula juntos, con todas nuestras comunidades cristianas, estamos hoy ante el Señor y le pedimos: Que nuestro amor, de los unos a los otros, sea fuerte, fiable, fiel.

La Iglesia, esposa del Cordero, ataviada para su esposo

Catequesis de SS JP II

Audiencia General, miércoles 7 de febrero de 2001



1. Como en el Antiguo Testamento la ciudad santa era llamada, con una imagen femenina, "la hija de Sion", así el Apocalipsis de san Juan nos presenta la Jerusalén celestial "como una esposa ataviada para su esposo" (Ap. 21, 2). El símbolo femenino muestra el rostro de la Iglesia en sus diferentes fisonomías de novia, esposa y madre, subrayando así una dimensión de amor y fecundidad.

El pensamiento va a las palabras del apóstol Pablo, que, en la carta a los Efesios, en una página de gran intensidad, traza los rasgos de la Iglesia "resplandeciente, sin mancha ni arruga ni cosa parecida, sino santa e inmaculada", amada por Cristo y modelo de toda nupcialidad cristiana (cf. Ef 5, 25-32). La comunidad eclesial, "desposada con un solo esposo" como virgen casta (cf. 2 Co 11, 2), está en continuidad con una concepción elaborada en el Antiguo Testamento en páginas dolorosas, como las del profeta Oseas (cc. 1-3) o Ezequiel (c. 16), o a través de la alegre luminosidad del Cantar de los cantares.

2. Ser amada por Cristo y amarlo con amor de esposos es parte constitutiva del misterio de la Iglesia. En su fuente hay un acto libre de amor que se derrama desde el Padre por Cristo y el Espíritu Santo. Este amor modela a la Iglesia, irradiándose sobre todas las criaturas. Desde esta perspectiva se puede decir que la Iglesia es un estandarte elevado entre los pueblos para testimoniar la intensidad del amor divino revelado en Cristo, especialmente en el don que él hace de su vida misma (cf. Jn 10, 11-15). Por eso, "por medio de la Iglesia, todos los seres humanos, hombres y mujeres, están llamados a ser la "esposa" de Cristo, redentor del mundo"

OFFERING UPDATE SEPTEMBER 25/26

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	227	101	\$2,991.50
8:00 a.m.	180	93	2,534.00
10:00 a.m.	307	121	3,353.00
12:00 p.m.	284	59	1,905.00
Coin			5.85
Faith Direct:			3,028.50
Children's Env.		7	74.00
Mail-ins:			1,691.00
TOTAL	998	381	\$15,582.85
2020 total	755	283	\$16,143.50
Candles			\$853.32
Poor Box			\$283.79

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted* by the dates listed below and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at atcbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

October 10—passed
October 17—October 8
October 24—October 15



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2021 OLPH GOAL:
\$111,600

Total pledged: \$108,237.00
of pledges: 409
Total payments: \$94,998.00
96.99% of goal
As of 9/21/21

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ROCKVILLE CENTRE



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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, October 10, 2021
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.*

Mark 10:25

Wisdom 7:7-11

The author of the Book of Wisdom sometimes speaks in the person of Solomon, the king of Israel and son of David. When Solomon was anointed as king, God granted him one request. Rather than ask for riches, power, health or any other material thing, he asked for wisdom. This so pleased God that he granted him wisdom as well as all the other gifts he hadn't requested, making him one of the greatest kings ever. In this reading, we hear how wisdom is to be valued above all else. Didn't Jesus tell us to seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness first and then we would receive all other good things as well? Good news indeed!

Hebrews 4:12-13

This short but powerful reading tells us that while humans judge according to our external conduct and appearances, God looks at our interior life. The "word of God," who is Jesus himself, scrutinizes even the "thoughts and reflections of the heart," that is, he looks inside us and knows us intimately. The Word brings judgment as well as salvation.

Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus what he can do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to keep the commandments. Even more than that, Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give it to the poor, and come follow him. The man went away sad because he had many possessions. "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" says Jesus. Being a follower of Jesus demands complete attention and devotion. As we heard in the first reading, material things are not the most important things in life. While good, they are not an end in themselves. We always have to focus on the one most important thing in life – our relationship with God – and then we will be given all else that we need.

Gospel Reflection

After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Are possessions themselves the difficulty, or is it clinging to them? Or is the problem the inner drive to own and accumulate? Can the unbridled desire to possess be a stumbling block to world peace or ecological sustainability? How?

2. If Jesus is radical, can we respond to him with love-warmness or calculation? Is everyone invited to follow him?

Jesus is radical. He *gives all and he asks all*: he gives a love that is total and asks for an undivided heart.

...
 Jesus asks each of us and all of us as the Church journeying forward: are we a Church that only preaches good commandments or a Church that is a spouse, that launches herself forward in love for her Lord? Do we truly follow him or do we revert to the ways of the world, like that man in the Gospel? In a word, is Jesus enough for us or do we look for many worldly securities?

Let us ask for the grace always to *leave things behind* for love of the Lord: to leave behind wealth, leave behind the yearning for status and power, leave behind structures that are no longer adequate for proclaiming the Gospel, those weights that slow down our mission, the strings that tie us to the world. Without a leap forward in love, our life and our Church become sick from "complacency and self-indulgence" ([Evangelii Gaudium, 95](#)).

*Pope Francis, Canonization of the
 Blesseds*

Oct. 14, 2018

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, October 4, 2021:

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11
 + Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 5, 2021:

Jonah 3:1-10
 + Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 6, 2021:

Jonah 4:1-11 + Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 7, 2021:

Malachi 3:13-20b + Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 8, 2021:

Joel 1:13-16, 2:1-2
 + Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 9, 2021:

Joel 4:12-21
 + Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 10, 2021:

Wisdom 7:7-11
 + Hebrews 4:12-13
 + Mark 10:17-30

*The Sorrowful Mother Mass, celebrated by Msgr. DeGrocco
and assisted by Deacon Robert, Wednesday, September 15, 2021*



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers Needed—*The Guilds of Good Samaritan Hospital* are currently seeking new members to join our team of volunteers. Opportunities include but are not limited to, our Thrift Shop, located in Babylon Village, Gift Shop, and Gift Cart. Patient facing roles and clerical opportunities are also available within the hospital. To obtain an application, or to learn more information, please contact Good Samaritan Hospital's Manager of Volunteer Services, Brittany Colasanto at brittany.colasanto@chsli.org, or 631-376-3659. We look forward to meeting you!

St. Kilian Parish in Farmingdale is seeking a **part-time Rectory Cook** to work 20-25 hours per week, Monday through Thursday and Saturdays; 4 to 5 hours per day. Responsibilities include: Planning, preparing and serving dinner, shopping for meals, kitchen needs, appropriate cleaning and sanitizing of kitchen, dining room, pantries and appliances, accommodating dietary needs of the priests, planning, preparing and serving of special occasion meals and event. Please send cover letter/resume to Ed Fronckwicz, Business Manager, St. Kilian Church, (516) 249-0127 or email edwardf@stkilian.com

Receptionist—**Rectory part time at St. Killian, Farmingdale.** We are looking for a few people to cover the front desk, during the day when needed and some Saturdays. Responsibilities include: Greeting and referring visitors, routine secretarial duties, receiving and transferring telephone calls, assisting Clergy as needed, scheduling funerals and other masses, processing Mass Cards, Qualifications: Friendly, Reliable, proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and able to learn new Parish Software Programs, ability to multi-task. Must be 18 years or older. Contact: Jennifer Miller, Parish Secretary, Phone (516)249-0127; FAX (516)249-7131. Email: jenniferm@stkilian.com.

Regis High School Open House Monday, **October 11** from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. To register go to www.regis.org/section/?id=21 or contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions 212-288-1100 X 2057, or email edimichele@regis.org.

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Host Virtual Gala. The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their annual Dominican Gala virtually on Friday, **October 22** at 6:30 p.m. This year we are proud to honor Gary Bonelli, Owner & CEO of Bonardi Construction and Sister Jeanne Clark, OP, Founder of Homecoming Farm. Proceeds from the event help the Ministry Support Fund, which provides funding to many of the Sisters' ministries caring for those most in need here, in Puerto Rico, and in El Salvador. For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Susan Jappell (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit: www.sistersofstdominic.org/2021gala.

Catholic Voices for the New Evangelization Saturday, **October 23**, 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at Kellenberg Memorial High School, 1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale, New York. The conference will feature presentations from Catholic Author Dr. Edward Sri. Call Mr. Alex Basile @516-292-0200 ext. 342 for details - mrbasile@kellenberg.org. \$25 includes continental breakfast

On Holy Ground: Liturgical Space

A visit to Ground Zero, the national September 11 Memorial in New York City, or the Auschwitz or Birkenau concentration camps renders many speechless, overcome by what took place at these sites. Markers and museums at these sites tell of the depth of human pain and also the stories of mercy that flowed through the cracks of a broken humanity. A journey through these spots provides a sense of what it means to stand on holy ground, ground that was hallowed by the human lives sacrificed there. To explore these places is to reconcile the sacred with the profane, to see with eyes of love, to be transformed.

Some places are considered sacred because of their history. Still, other places may be considered sacred because of their beauty, which transforms those who encounter it. For millennia, worshippers have attempted to capture both the sacred and the beautiful in a liturgical space. From Solomon's Temple to the contemporary worship spaces of today, particular places have been constructed for people to encounter the holy.

In the first century after the death of Christ, the new community of believers did not have church buildings in which to worship. They gathered around the sacred meal in homes or borrowed rooms. The community knew itself as the *ekklesia*, the Greek term for the People of God. As Christianity flourished, new spaces had to be built to accommodate larger numbers and the name *ekklesia* came to refer to the church building. The style of the church reflected the time period in which it was constructed. Architects adopted the basilica, for example, a building used for public meetings in ancient Rome, as a model for many early church buildings.

As the Church evolved, designs both echoed and influenced the thinking and theology of the time. In the Middle Ages, for example, when the liturgical action was performed exclusively by the clergy, churches took on the Gothic style, with its majestic and tall designs, flying buttresses, and vaulted ceilings. These characteristics helped to express the hierarchical understanding of the



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medieval Church and to reinforce the perception of a God who was remote and transcendent.

The Second Vatican Council's document the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* emphasizes the assembly's "full, conscious, and active participation," restoring the ancient image of the community gathered around the sacred meal. The churches built after Vatican II, then, were designed to facilitate the unity and participation of the entire assembly. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states, "When churches are to be built, let great care be taken that they are well suited to celebrating liturgical services and for the active participation of the faithful" (124).

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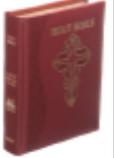
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