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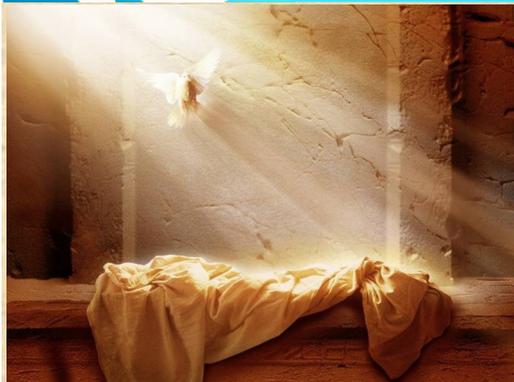
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*Jesus said, "God is not God of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him all are alive."*

Luke 20:38

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 10, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

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.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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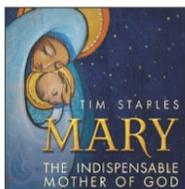
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

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Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

by Tim Staples



What role should Mary play in our lives?

Learn how correct knowledge of our Mother reveals our own identity in Christ, and empowers us to say, "Yes" to God!

"Tim Staples gives inspiring and reliable examples of how to respond to common questions about Mary."

—Charlie M., Winston-Salem, NC

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Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Veteran's Day

This Monday, November 11, is Veteran's Day, a holiday to honor American veterans. How important it is for us to take the time to thank all veterans for the beautiful service they have given!

The origin of this holiday harkens back to November 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day, to note the end of World War I (then dubbed "the war to end all wars"). November 11 became a legal holiday in 1938, a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be officially known as "Armistice Day." In 1954, Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veteran's Day. Although it was observed as a Monday holiday for a few years in the early 1970's, President Gerald Ford signed legislation in 1975 to return the annual observance of Veteran's Day to its original date of November 11, due to its historic and patriotic significance to so many citizens, and so the holiday has thus again been celebrated on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls, since 1978.

We should be sure that we take this opportunity to honor our veterans of military service, as we recognize them and thank them for their patriotism, their love of our country, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for freedom and the common good of us all. We're pleased and proud to be offering a special blessing for all veterans at all our Masses this weekend, and again at the two weekday Masses on Monday. God bless all our veterans, and **THANK YOU** for your service!

I will have the honor of being present at the memorial which will be held at the monument at Wellwood and Hoffman Avenues on Monday morning. Maybe I'll see you there.

Golden Ticket Raffle

This coming Saturday, November 16, starting at 7:00 p.m. (doors will open around 6:15 p.m.), will be our Cocktail Party and Drawing of Prizes for the Golden Ticket Raffle. Purchase of a Golden Ticket entitles the ticket holder and one (1) guest to attend the drawing, although you need not be present to win. Last year's Cocktail Party and Drawing was a huge success — it was lots of fun, there was great camaraderie, and everyone had a tremendous time. This year's event will be the same, I'm sure. Special THANKS go to Meg Danaher and Bob Meade, members of our Finance Committee, who have headed up this project for the second year in a row. They have done an absolutely extraordinary job of

organizing everything and taking care of every detail. Thanks also go to many others who have assisted Meg and Bob in so many different ways.

As of last weekend, we had not yet sold all the tickets; we now have somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 or so still to sell. (*Say it isn't so!*) Last year at this time we had sold all the tickets. I really, really need to ask you for your assistance in giving a push to get the last of the tickets sold. It's really important we do so, because this is one of our major annual fund raisers at OLPH, and we depend on it. Tickets are available at the rectory and may be purchased whenever the office is open.

You can do the math: 500 tickets are in play, at \$100 per ticket (\$50,000); we're giving away \$20,000 in prize money, so that's \$30,000 profit for the parish — a hefty "piece of change" — if all tickets are sold. We need a last-minute burst to put us over the finish line and have all 500 tickets sold! Remember: you don't have to be present to win; you don't have to be a parishioner to purchase a ticket; you don't even have to be Catholic to participate!!! Maybe you can help us out by purchasing another ticket (doubling your chances to win!), or going in with others on one or more tickets, or having family members and friends purchase a ticket. I'll remind you again that tickets will continue to be available at the rectory office.

I look forward to being with everyone at the Cocktail Party and Drawing; I'll be hosting the evening, using my best game-show hosting skills to make it a fun time for all. Thank you for your support of the Golden Ticket Raffle!

Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Mass

This Tuesday night, November 12, I will have the honor of presiding at the annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass, where we will pray for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies' Auxiliary; this Mass is always celebrated during November, which for Catholics is the month of remembrance of our beloved dead. It continues to be my pleasure to serve as Chaplain to the Knights and to support and affirm the great work they do as our parish Council.

Having a Catholic Funeral

While we're on the subject of our prayers for our deceased family members and friends, allow me to offer a few thoughts about the importance of having a Catholic funeral. I know it might sound strange to bring up the subject, but my mention of it is occasioned by the sad truth that many times

Catholics are not being buried with the Catholic funeral rites; family members sometimes decide to skip the Catholic rites because they're not considered important. This is sad.

The Church stresses that all Catholics should have a Catholic funeral. The fact that the deceased was not a practicing Catholic, or that the surviving family members are not practicing Catholics, does not mean that the deceased should not have or is not entitled to a Funeral Mass. As long as the deceased did not clearly express a desire to not have a Catholic funeral, every presumption should be given to having one.

Catholic funeral rites provide the survivors the opportunity to pray for the deceased in the prayers and language of the Church, with all the richness and tradition that language brings; Catholic funeral rites provide dignity and meaning to the death of a loved one; Catholic funeral rites allow us to express our belief in God's mercy and our belief that through Jesus' resurrection God changes death into new life. Catholic funeral rites bring peace, comfort and closure in ways that nothing else can. Many times, too, celebrating a Catholic Funeral Mass becomes an occasion for surviving family members to return to Mass and to rekindle their faith.

I urge every Catholic to discuss this important matter with their family members and to make sure they know, without ambiguity or question, that you want to have a Catholic Funeral Mass. Just because someone is not a regular Mass-goer does not mean they should skip having a Catholic Funeral Mass.

Finally, let me reiterate some points I made last week concerning the final disposition of cremated remains. When cremation is used, the cremated remains must be interred, either in the ground in a grave, or in a niche or mausoleum in a cemetery. It is not permissible according to Catholic Church law to keep the cremated remains at home, and it is not permissible to scatter the remains in the air, or into the sea, or into the ground. It is also not permissible to divide the cremated remains into jewelry or mix them into other objects or substances (yes, this kind of thing really does go on!). Cremated remains must have the same dignified final disposition as a body — burial or entombment. It would be a good idea to make sure your family members are aware of this teaching of the Catholic Church, too.

Strengths Workshop on Saturday afternoon, November 23

Letters have gone out inviting participants to our Strengths Workshop on Saturday, November 23, 12:45-3:30 p.m. (if you haven't received a letter yet,

you will be receiving one very, very soon). All parishioners who have taken the Clifton Strengths Finder, including all of our parish leadership, are invited to attend this important workshop. Our guest presenter will be Msgr. Bill Hanson; you probably remember Msgr. Bill from his previous visits to OLPH, both for Strengths Workshops and as the presenter of our Parish Mission. Msgr. Bill is always a very entertaining and engaging speaker, and he will help move us along in our process of using the Clifton Strengths to enhance leadership and to deepen engagement and participation in the life of the parish.

I ask all participants to make it a priority to attend this workshop and to do your part to help OLPH continue to move forward as a vibrant, active community of offerers and disciples, and as "the place to be."

Silence before Mass

Finally, I ask you to take notice of an announcement which is running in the bulletin today and for the next few weeks; it concerns the importance of silence in the church in the five minutes or so leading up to the start of Mass. We're going to make a concerted effort to make this happen and to give each other the gift of prayerful silence starting five (5) minutes before Mass; when the bells ring, that's the signal to quiet down and sit in prayerful silence, as preparation for Mass. The bulletin blurb has more explanation. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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,



“LET US GIVE THANKS”

Put that turkey in the oven and bring your family to the...

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

9:00 A.M.



Our entire parish family joins together to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. At this liturgy, we

- give thanks to God for His many blessings in our lives
- invite parishioners to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry (*from the list on p.12*) or men's gloves, knit hats, socks for the Homeless Ministry
- distribute bread for all to share at their Thanksgiving table
- seek God's blessing upon the food we will use for our Thanksgiving meals

Please bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed.

(Please note: This will be the *only Mass* celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.)

SILENCE BEFORE MASS

In his book *Meditations Before Mass*, the liturgist Msgr. Romano Guardini wrote:

"When we come into church from the outside our ears are filled with the racket of the city, the words of those who have accompanied us, the laboring and quarreling of our own thoughts, the disquiet of our hearts' wishes and worries, hurts and joys. How are we possibly to hear what God is saying? That we listen at all is something; not everyone does. It is even better when we pay attention and make a real effort to understand what is being said. But all this is not yet the attentive stillness in which God's word can take root. This must be established before the service begins, if possible in the silence on the way to church, still better in a brief period of composure the evening before."

This passage reminds us of the importance of **silence and quiet** as preparation before we celebrate the Eucharist.

We are asking everyone to be attentive to the need for silence in the minutes leading up to Mass. Think of being silent as a gift: it's a gift to yourself and to everyone else.

So, here's what we're asking: starting about five (5) minutes before every Mass begins, let's all quiet down and hold off on conversations. If it's necessary to greet someone, do so with a nod of the head, a smile, and, at most, a whispered "hello." Let's all promise to do this together; let's all give each other the gift of quieting down and sitting silently in the five minutes before Mass begins. Since bells usually ring at that time, let the bells be our signal to be quiet.

So, with all love and gentleness and friendship, we respectfully ask everyone: "When the bells ring five minutes before Mass begins—*Silence, please!*"

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer



All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...

**Saturdays and Sundays
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

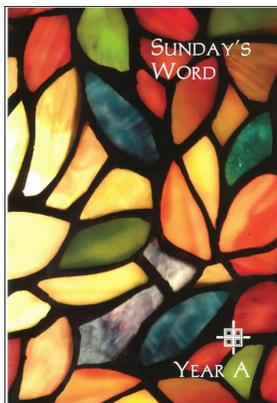


A special book has been placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

Please note: this is not the Book of Intentions, and only the names of the deceased, without any intention, should be written in this book.

SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the upcoming new liturgical year (Cycle A) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, are now available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.



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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, November 11—
No devotions due to Veterans Day.
Monday, November 18—7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 25—7:00 p.m.**

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

Our Liturgy Committee prepares a special Altar of Remembrance in the Divine Mercy Chapel. **You have been invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other.** Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame.

Write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

We ask you to pick up your picture by Friday, November 29.

RCIA NEWS: RITE OF WELCOME NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, November 17th at the 12:00 Noon Mass, we will celebrate the *Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church*. **Edward Cosgrove**, baptized in another Christian tradition, will begin the process of formation which will lead to reception into the Catholic Church and the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at a future date. We look forward to the day in the future when Ed will be received into the Catholic Church. In the months ahead, Ed will be in a process of formation which will include bi-weekly sessions of Scripture sharing and catechesis, forming him in the Catholic faith. Please pray for him during his period of catechesis and formation, and offer welcome and support if you see him at Mass.

STRENGTHS WORKSHOP

All parishioners who have taken the Clifton Strengths Finder, especially all leaders of ministries and organizations and all members of the Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Finance Committee, are reminded to attend the important STRENGTHS WORKSHOP which will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019, 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Msgr. Bill Hanson will be the presenter for the day, and this will be a significant moment as we move forward using the Strengths Finder to deepen engagement in parish life and to grow leadership skills. All who have taken the Strengths Finder should have received an invitation letter (if there was a goof and you took the survey but did not receive a letter — *sorry! But come anyway! It's important that you are there!*). We look forward to seeing you there.

—Msgr. Joe (*Context, Intellection, Input, Learner, Harmony*)

OLPH CHRISTMAS CARDS

“OLPH is the place to be!” AND ...

The place to buy your Christmas cards!

For the first time ever, parishioners will have the opportunity to buy their Christmas cards at OLPH. Cards will be available for sale after all Masses on the weekends of November 9-10 and November 16-17 at the Wellwood Avenue entrance, and in the rectory during the



week. A box of 25 cards featuring the image of our altar decorated for Christmas (shown here) will be available for the price of \$20.00. Purchases can be made with cash or check made out to OLPH. Sorry, no credit or debit cards. Cards will be in limited supply, so be sure to make your purchases early. Buy enough cards to send to those you love!

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



The new boxes of **Children's Envelopes** for the upcoming liturgical year are now available! Children should use these envelopes to make their offering in the weekly collection basket at Mass, in addition to their family's offering.

The purpose of the envelopes is not a money-raising one, but rather to provide parents a tool to reinforce in their children the idea of stewardship for their Church and responsible giving toward others. It's a great way to teach children the value of being thankful for the gifts God gives us and the importance of sharing the abundance of those gifts with others. Ideally, the money — whatever amount is placed in the envelope (there is no minimum or maximum!) — comes from the children themselves, *e.g.*, out of their allowance, rather than being just handed to them from the parents. In this way, Christian attitudes are nourished in the children, and this can be yet another avenue for parents and children to discuss responsible Christian living.

New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2019) are available in baskets throughout the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

Encourage your children to use these envelopes as a way of growing in Christian stewardship and responsibility!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

For adults who desire more information, contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x 251 or e-mail to religiously@oloph.org.

Preparing for the Season of Advent

As Advent approaches, the OLPH Adult Faith Formation Ministry offers a program of study focused on the Responsorial Psalms used in the Mass during the season of Advent. There is no registration or fee for the program; we will simply meet in the Saint Lucy Room in the basement of the rectory from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on the dates listed below for a consideration and discussion of the Responsorial Psalm offered in the Sunday Mass. Bring your Bible and join us for a celebration of the coming of the Lord. For more information, contact Deacon Robert at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

Date	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalms of Solemnity of Christmas</i>	Presenter
November 24	Introduction to the Psalms		Msgr. Joe
December 1	Psalm 122	<i>Psalm 89</i>	Deacon Robert
December 8	Psalm 72	<i>Psalm 96</i>	April Kleinlaut
December 15	Psalm 146	<i>Psalm 97</i>	Deacon Bill
December 22	Psalm 24	<i>Psalm 98a</i>	Father Frank

DRAWING IS THIS SATURDAY!!!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THE GOLDEN TICKET

Saturday, November 16, 2019

7:00 p.m.

In the OLPH Gymnasium

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

It's a cocktail party where you have a great time with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!

Unlike a typical raffle... the last ticket pulled is the grand prize winner!

The excitement builds as the evening goes on!

Winner need not be present!

Golden Ticket Holders and a 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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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.

Golden Tickets are still on sale at the rectory during regular office hours.

You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with check made payable to **OLPH** and return to rectory at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

Questions? The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher 631-704-1201 or Bob Meade 631-455-3916

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE 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

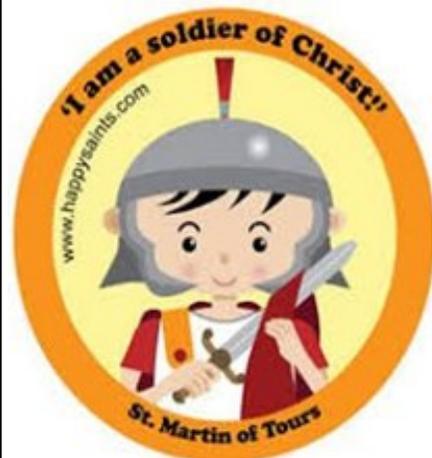
On Wednesday, November 13
 Level 7 Project #2: Sponsor
 Information Form is due.
 Make sure to hand it in!



On Saturday, November 16 Level 1 students will be having their Open House! Students go to class while the parents meet in the auditorium for a quick meeting. After the meeting the parents will go to the classrooms to see what the students have been learning!

Are you a high school student looking for something you can put on a college resume? We have a great opportunity for you! We are looking for teacher assistants in the classrooms on Saturdays during the 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. classes and the 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. classes. We also need hall monitors on Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, concerns? Email or call us!



Happy Saint of the Day! St. Martin of Tours

St. Martin of Tours was born in what we now call Hungary. He moved to Rome with his parents and first learned about Christ when he was ten. He joined the army and followed in his father's footsteps. While traveling, he came across a poor man with no clothes, so he took his cloak and tore it in half with his sword to give to the man. He realized he didn't want to harm anyone in war, so he left the army and went to Tours to study the Word of God. He later became Bishop there!

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—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

TUNA
CANNED MEAT
SHELF STABLE MILK
CANNED PASTA
JELLY
PASTA SAUCE
SPAGHETTI
PANCAKE MIX
PANCAKE SYRUP
HOT CEREAL
TOOTHPASTE

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and bring it
 with you when you go shopping!

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631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge, though, is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: “What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?”

Ask yourself “What would Jesus Christ do?” and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

TO OUR ANONYMOUS SUPPORTERS WHO LEAVE FOOD ON THE SANCTUARY STEPS AND MONEY IN THE POOR BOXES...THANK YOU!

....when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing
(Matthew 6:3)

This teaching of Jesus is lived and practiced by so many of our fellow parishioners at OLPH. We are blessed by secret benefactors who anonymously make regular donations of food and other necessities, leaving them on the steps of the sanctuary, or dropping off at the Pantry during office hours. Also, take a look in the Sunday bulletin weekly collection breakdown. The contributions put into the poor boxes as you leave church add up and are the major source of our funding. You know who you are, but we're not sure that you realize how much your quiet acts of charity mean to the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLPH, and to those whom we strive to serve. Thank you and may God bless you!!!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

**The Thanksgiving
Community Meal
Sunday,
November 17th**



at 1:00 p.m.
in the OLPH Cafeteria.
All guests are invited to enjoy a traditional meal
with all the “fixins”...
turkey, ham, stuffing, potatoes, and pumpkin pie
just to name a few.
Offerers are needed to help with this special meal
– cooking, serving, setting up.

Please contact Gail Tonnessen (631-957-1449;
gtonness@optonline.net) for more information



MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?
Are you looking to meet other women
who share your interest in spirituality,
socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:
**Tuesday, November 19
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed
spiritual family who meet once a month on
the 2nd Tuesday of the month.*

Our next meeting:
**Tuesday, November 12
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

Holy Name Society



will be outside the
church next weekend

**November
16/17**

selling “Turkey Raffles”

Please stop by and support their
annual fundraiser!

JOIN THE COLUMBIAN SQUIRES!



HELP THE COMMUNITY!
PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS TO HELP BETTER
OUR COMMUNITY AS
CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS!

FUNDRAISERS!
HELP OUT IN SQUIRE SPONSORED
EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR
VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OR
INDIVIDUALS IN NEED! THESE EVENTS
ARE ALWAYS FUN AND ENJOYABLE
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Meetings at Panera Bread
the 2nd and 4th Wednesday
of every month (may also
be at OLPH School - RM 19)

1025 W Montauk Hwy.
West Babylon, NY 11704

Contact Chief Counselor
Tom Romano PGK
E-mail: tomonli@aol.com
Phone: 631-561-7052

Contact Chief Squire Nick Artusa
E-mail: Nartusa10@gmail.com
Phone: 631-225-0410

**MUST be a practicing catholic
boy between the ages of 10 to 17.**

WORK AS A TEAM!
OUR VOLUNTEERING COUNSELORS
ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING SQUIRES
LEARN TO MEET THEIR GOALS OF
SERVICE AND FUNDRAISING BY
WORKING AS A TEAM! TEAMWORK CAN
CREATE FRIENDSHIPS AND GIVE
EXPERIENCE AS A SQUIRE AND BEYOND!



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SQUIRES
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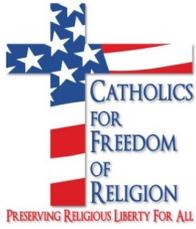
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2020 Theme

Life Empowers:
Pro-Life is Pro-Woman

January 24, 2020

www.MarchForLife.org | #WhyWeMarch

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Little Sisters of the Poor Sued – Once Again

The Little Sisters of the Poor filed a petition with the Supreme Court on October 1 asking the Court to once again protect them from the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate under the Affordable Care Act, as they face lawsuits from California, Pennsylvania, and several other states. The mandate requires that cost-free coverage for contraception, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilization be included in employer health plans.

The Sisters are a religious order of nuns in the U.S. since 1868, dedicated to caring for the elderly poor. Catholic teaching holds abortion and contraception to be gravely immoral. Thus, it violates conscience and religious freedom rights for Catholic nuns or any group with closely-held religious beliefs to comply with this mandate.

In 2016, the Supreme Court tossed the Little Sisters case and several similar cases back to their respective courts of appeal for reconsideration. In 2017, the President issued an Executive Order supporting a new rule that would allow the Little Sisters and similar groups to claim a religious exemption against the mandate. He told the Little Sisters their "long ordeal will soon be over."

"Today we are grateful for the President's order and look forward to the agencies giving us an exemption so that we can continue caring for the elderly poor and dying...without the fear of government punishment," said Mother Loraine.

A new HHS rule protecting religious freedom rights was subsequently issued. Yet, California immediately sued the federal government to take away that religious freedom exemption. Although California admits that it has many of its own programs to provide contraceptives, *etc.*, to women, 13 other states joined them and are forcing the Little Sisters of the Poor back to court.

"It has been six long years since we began our legal battle against government mandates that threaten our ministry," said Mother Loraine.

(washingtonexaminer.com, 10/5/19; catholicnewsagency.com, 6/4/19; californiainfamily.org, 2019; cruxnow.com, 10/10/19; dailycaller.com, 10/10/19)

Beware of "polite persecution" that is cloaked in a disguise of "culture, modernity and progress."—Pope Francis

MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT



Men's Advent Retreat - Saturday, December 14th

OLPH School Auditorium

Presenter: **Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco, D. Min.**

Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Chaplain of OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794

"How Deeper Participation in the Sacred Liturgy Leads Us to Deeper Encounter with Christ"

11:30-NOON:	Registration	2:45-3:00:	Break
Noon-12:45:	Lunch	3:00-4:00:	Discussion
	<i>Hero Sandwiches, Soft Drinks/ Water</i>	4:00:	Time for Reflection/Opportunity for Reconciliation, in the Church
1:00-1:45:	First Presentation		Mass in Church
1:45-2:15:	Quiet time for Reflection	5:00:	<i>(Third Sunday of Advent)</i>
2:15-2:45:	Second Presentation		

Registration Fee: \$20. Make check payable to: **OLPH Knights of Columbus #794**

Return completed form with payment to: Stephen M. Strigaro, 131 N. 7th St., Lindenhurst, NY 11757
by **December 3rd**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ NY, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ (HOME OR CELL) e-mail: _____

For information and registration, contact Stephen Strigaro at sdcjn@optonline.net.

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 rabecker@optimum.net.

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
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Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

WE REMEMBER

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

*Sr. Ann Rose Connell
William Redlich
Andrew Ruggiero*

“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.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Daniel Fowler</i>	<i>Rosemary Miles</i>
<i>Cliff Zimms</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Mary Farrell</i>	<i>James Gallagher</i>
<i>Chris Gordon</i>	<i>Bunny Rieger</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Marion Klein</i>
<i>Randall & Joanne Press</i>	<i>Rose Ricca</i>
<i>Salvatore Ferraro</i>	
<i>Edward Skewes</i>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **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 about four weeks.

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.



“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The ***Bereavement Support Group*** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

Sessions will run Saturdays, December 7—February 1 from 12:00—1:30 p.m. or Thursdays, December 5—January 30 from 7:00—8:30 p.m.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the ***OLPH Support Group Program***, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 11— SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

6:30 Thomas Fennell

12:15 Frank Rocco

TUESDAY, November 12— SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR

6:30 Lois Darby

12:15 Richard Bannon

WEDNESDAY, November 13— SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN

6:30 Doris E. McAnany

12:15 Giuseppe Lentini

THURSDAY, November 14— WEEKDAY

6:30 Carlos Maure

12:15 Benedetto Alibrandi

FRIDAY, November 15— WEEKDAY *(Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*

6:30 Maria & Umberto Chirco

12:15 Alfred Contarino

SATURDAY, November 16— WEEKDAY *(Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin)*

8:00 For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarty Family

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 17 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Lucille Sullivan

10:00 Carmela Mauro

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild

5:00 Lucille Sullivan

Monday, November 11, 2019

ALL RECTORY & RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ALL ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT FOR MASSES, ARE CANCELLED FOR VETERAN'S DAY. THE RECTORY RECEPTION DESK WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 9:00 A.M.

7:00 p.m. *No Devotions*

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. Senior Moments Room 24

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Room 18

7:30 p.m. CYO Room 12

9:00 p.m. K of C Reception Auditorium

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Room 24

5:30 p.m. Religious Ed. Classes School

6:00 p.m. Van Run Room 12

7:00 p.m. Level 8 Classes School

7:30 p.m. Family Life Ministry Cafeteria

Thursday, November 14, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 16

6:30 p.m. CYO Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting St. Lucy Room

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, November 15, 2019

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room 24

6:30 P.M. CYO Auditorium

Saturday, November 16, 2019

8:30, 10:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes School
Level 1 Parent Open House Auditorium

11:30 a.m. Golden Ticket Set-up Auditorium

1:30 p.m. Religious Education Baptisms Church

1:30 p.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Room 24

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

5:00 p.m. Holy Name Turkey Raffles Outside

6:00 p.m. Christmas Card Sale Outside

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, November 17, 2019

After all Masses Holy Name Turkey Raffles Outside
Christmas Card Sale Outside

9:15 a.m. RCIC Room 18

12:00 p.m. RCIA Room 16

1:00 p.m. Community Meal Cafeteria

1:30 p.m. Young Men's Spirituality St. Mark's Room

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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.

Domingo 33° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 17 de Noviembre del 2019

Ni la muerte ni la vida,
ni el presente ni el futuro
ni cualquier otra criatura
pueden separarnos del amor de Dios,
el amor que él nos mostró visiblemente
en Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro.
Que el Señor Jesús esté siempre con ustedes.
Favor leer las lecturas en su biblia!!

Primera lectura (Malaquías 3, 19-20):

El Sol de Justicia de DIOS Cuando venga a juzgar, dichosos aquellos a quienes se reconozca como Justos.

2nd lectura (Tés 3,7-12):

Mejor manera para Pablo nos exhorta a esperar el fin no ablando de ello ni perdiendo el tiempo la estar dispuestos y preparados es seguir trabajando.

Evangelio del día, Lucas 21:5-19 **Momento de silencio orante

Para que la Palabra de Dios pueda entrar en nuestro corazón e iluminar nuestra vida.

La destrucción del templo, calamidades y persecuciones son imágenes de la destrucción del antiguo orden y el comienzo de uno nuevo. Sin embargo, los que perseveren con fe y esperanza no tiene nada que temer, pues vivirán con Cristo. [14] Proponed, pues, en vuestro corazón no preparar la defensa,

[15] yo os daré una elocuencia y una sabiduría a la que no podrán resistir ni contradecir todos vuestros adversarios. Llega el momento de poner la confianza total en Dios, sólo Dios basta. Es aquella misma sabiduría con la que Esteban refutaba a sus adversarios (hechos 6,10). Se le garantiza al creyente la capacidad de resistir a la persecución.

[16] Seréis entregados por padres, hermanos, parientes y amigos, y matarán a algunos de vosotros;

[17] Todos os odiarán por causa de mi nombre. Para recordar la protección divina asegurada en los momentos de prueba.

Algunas preguntas

¿Qué sentimientos me embargan: angustia, espanto, seguridad, confianza, esperanza, duda...? ¿Dónde está la buena noticia en este discurso?

¿Amamos lo que esperamos y nos conformamos a sus exigencias?

¿Cómo reacciono en la pruebas de mi vida de fe?

¿Puedo hacer una conexión con los sucesos históricos actuales?

¿Qué puesto tiene Jesús hoy en la historia y en mi vida?

Contemplación

Dios bueno, cuyo reino es todo amor y paz, crea tú mismo en nuestra alma aquel silencio que te es necesario para comunicarte con ella.

Obrar tranquilo, deseo sin pasión, celo sin agitación: todo esto no puede provenir sino de ti, sabiduría eterna, actividad infinita, reposo inalterable, principio y modelo de la verdadera paz.

Tú nos ha prometido esta paz por boca de los profetas, la has hecho llegar por medio de Jesucristo, y se nos ha dado la garantía con la efusión de tu Espíritu.

No permitas que la envidia del enemigo, la turbación de las pasiones, los escrúpulos de la conciencia, nos hagan perder este don celestial, que es la prenda de tu amor, el objeto de tus promesas, el premio de la sangre de tu Hijo. Amén (Teresa de Ávila, Vida, 38,9-10)



OFFERING UPDATE November 2/3, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	304		3,290.00
8:00 a.m.	270	126	3,403.00
10:00 a.m.	452	138	3,938.00
12:00 p.m.	298	98	2,296.00
5:00 p.m.	167	41	993.00
Coin			11.28
Faith Direct			2,310.50
Mail-ins:			300.00
Children's Env.		15	47.00
Special Needs	52	19	640.00
TOTAL	1,543	437	\$17,228.78
2018 total	1,860	545	\$17,317.24
Candles			\$1,313.71
Poor Box			\$533.66
All Saint's			\$4,711.65
1st Saturday			\$130.00

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrococo or ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

November 17—passed
November 24—November 15
December 1—November 22

**All Rectory & Parish Offices
will be closed & all parish activities
are cancelled for Veteran's Day
Monday, November 11**

All offices will reopen
Tuesday, November 12
at 9:00 a.m. The weekday Masses will be
celebrated as usual but the Monday Evening
devotions will be cancelled.



Parish Revenue Sharing with Ocean Financial— The Catholic Credit Union

Our Lady of Perpetual Help participates in Ocean Financial FCU's Parish Revenue Sharing program where we have received a total of \$975 since this program began. We receive funds based on your usage of the Ocean Financial Visa Credit/Debit cards. We would like to thank each of you that are already using an Ocean Financial Visa card and encourage those who are not, to become cardholders today. As the number of parishioners who become members increases, so does the percentage of give back to OLPH. To become a member, visit www.oceanfinancial.org or call 516-620-8100.



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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, November 17, 2019

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said, "You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.*

By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Luke 21:17-19

Malachi 3:19-20a

Hearing about the end-times is an important concern of these final weeks in the liturgical year. It's appropriate that as we approach the end of the year we contemplate the end of time in order to remind ourselves that Christ will in fact return and no one knows when that day will be. The words of the prophet Malachi are meant to trouble the comfortable who have grown lukewarm in their faith after their return from the exile in Babylon. His words are meant to rouse them, and us, and warn that the day of the Lord is near when the fire of God's love both purifies the land of evildoers and heals those who fear his name.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Sometimes Paul writes of very lofty theological matters and sometimes he writes of very practical ones. Today we hear some practical advice. Apparently in Thessalonica there were some freeloaders who were taking advantage of the generosity of the Christian community there. Paul points to himself, not arrogantly, but as a worthy example of one who worked day and night to make his own living even as he spread the good news of Jesus. He did not claim any privilege, even though he could have, but refused to in order to teach the community members through actions rather than words a clear message: no work means no food. To those who prefer being busybodies instead of being busy, Paul says to hush up and get to work!

Luke 21:5-19

Throughout his ministry, Jesus repeated that his kingdom was not of this earth. Though he was concerned about the day to day life of his followers, he never stopped pointing to a day in the future when life on earth will be changed forever, the day of the Lord that Malachi spoke about. Such awareness is healthy and necessary for all mature believers. But Jesus also realized that there would be deceivers and false prophets who would claim to know what will happen and when even though Jesus himself was not privileged to know this. He does paint a grim picture of what will happen – wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues, and the persecution of believers even at the hands of their loved ones and family. Regarding all this, Jesus counsels calm, for all that believers need will be given to them. With the warning of dire times ahead comes the promise that perseverance brings salvation.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Jesus says, "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking." How does this statement and "Not a hair of your head will perish" impact your trust in God?
2. Are Jesus' words relevant for us today in the 21st century? What does Pope Francis say are the two important points for us in this Gospel?

First, not to let oneself be fooled by false prophets nor to be paralyzed by fear. Second, to live this time of expectation as a time of witness and perseverance. ...

This second aspect challenges us as Christians and as a Church: Jesus predicts that his disciples will have to suffer painful trials and persecution for his sake. He reassures them, however, saying: "Not a hair of your head will perish" (Gospel). This reminds us that we are completely in God's hands! The trials we encounter for our faith and our commitment to the Gospel are occasions to give witness; we must not distance ourselves from the Lord, but instead abandon ourselves even more to him, to the power of his Spirit and his grace.

*Angelus, Saint Peter's Square
Nov. 17, 2013*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 11, 2019:

Wisdom 1:1-7 + Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 12, 2019:

Wisdom 2:23—3:9 + Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 13, 2019:

Wisdom 6:1-11 + Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 14, 2019:

Wisdom 7:22b—8:1 + Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 15, 2019:

Wisdom 13:1-9
+ Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 16, 2019:

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
+ Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 17, 2019:

Malachi 3:19-20a
+ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
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Meeting the Lord Today

The query “What time is it?” is asked around the world. The need to mark time is universal. Take a look back at this year’s calendar. What events did you observe? Birthdays? Anniversaries? How did you celebrate them?

When another birthday is marked, it usually is with friends and family who gather to share a meal and a birthday cake. Some type of ritual is also performed, for example, singing “Happy Birthday” and blowing out candles on a cake. On birthdays, the past might be remembered, but birth is not reenacted. We remember and celebrate in ways that give meaning to our present.

In the same way, events on the liturgical calendar are marked by friends and family who gather to share a meal and to perform a ritual. Christians gather to celebrate major occasions such as Christmas and Easter and other less solemn occasions throughout the year.

The faithful gather to observe occasions in the life of the universal Church, such as the Dedication of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church of Rome, on November 9. Anniversaries are kept that pertain to the parish, such as the anniversary of the dedication of the church, and the congregation keeps memory of the parish patron’s feast day. Saints and martyrs are remembered on the anniversaries of their death, and Mary, the Mother of God, is honored on several days during the year.

Most of the liturgical calendar is dedicated to mark some aspect of the life of Jesus. Sunday by Sunday and year after year, events that occurred in Christ’s life are honored. The liturgy remembers his birth, childhood, and ministry, his death, Resurrection, and Ascension. These occasions are commemorated not by reenacting them, but by celebrating them in ways that give meaning to the present. As observed in the following texts, the liturgical celebration of these events focuses on the present.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:11, Psalm refrain for Christmas Mass during the night)



Events in the life of Christ are honored Sunday after Sunday throughout the liturgical year.

Today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations.
(Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord)

This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as day. (The Easter Proclamation or Exsultet)

This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118:24, Psalm refrain for Easter)

These texts call the faithful to an experience with the person of Jesus Christ in our present time. They reveal that God meets them right here, right now, today. They are reminders that the time to live the Gospel is now.



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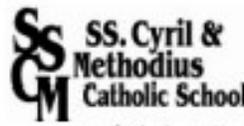
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