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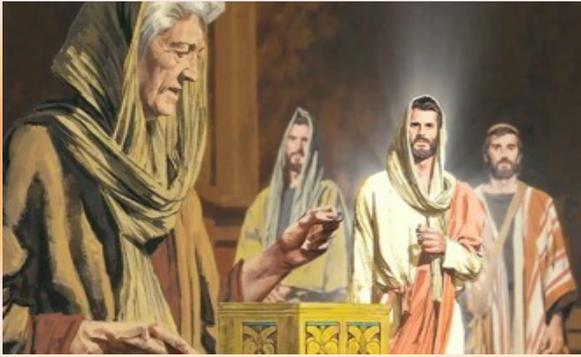
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“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had.”

Mark 12:43-44

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 11, 2018

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. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN 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.

"LET US GIVE THANKS"

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Thursday,
November 22nd**

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.11*) or men's gloves, knit hats, socks (*or any item from the list on p. 12*) 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.)

Save the date...

Advent Lessons & Carols

And

International
Peace Light Ceremony

Sunday, December 2

7:00 p.m.

In the Church



PASTOR'S PAGE

Veteran's Day

Today (Sunday, November 11) is Veteran's Day (observed this year as a federal holiday tomorrow, Monday, November 12); it's a holiday to honor American veterans, and to highlight how important it is for us to thank them for the 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 the holiday has thus again been celebrated on November 11, regardless of the day of the week, since 1978, although the federal holiday (closing of offices and many work places, for example), is moved to Monday this year since the 11th is a Sunday.

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 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. God bless all our veterans, and **THANK YOU** for your service!

Golden Ticket Raffle

I am thrilled beyond words to announce that WE MADE IT! We sold ALL 500 tickets in our big-money fund raiser Golden Ticket Raffle! **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**, to all who bought tickets (in some cases more than one!), and who helped in any way to make this such a success. Special **THANKS** go to Meg Danaher and Bob Meade, members of our Finance Committee, who headed up this project. 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.

You can do the math: 500 tickets were sold 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." (That sounds rather impressive, until we realize that actually that amount is just one of four quarterly payments we have to make on just one of our two diocesan assessments... but, at least we'll be able to keep the lights on and the doors open here for another week!) The only thing that will take a little bit out of the profit will be some minimal expenses associated with the Cocktail Party at which we will draw the winning numbers (and if you want to perhaps help cover some of the minimal costs of that, just let me know...I'll gladly accept any help you want to give!).

So, this coming Saturday, November 17, is the big night. Starting at 7:00 p.m. in our auditorium, we'll be having the Cocktail Party to draw the winning tickets. Purchasing a ticket entitles the ticket holder and one (1) guest to attend. It will be a fun evening with some simple foods to nosh on and some good laughs; I'll be using my best game show hosting skills to keep things moving! It should be a great time.

Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo

We're very blessed to have one of our summer helping priests, Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo, back with us again — even though it's not summer! Fr. Emmanuel has been given permission by his bishop to do an extended pastoral experience in a parish here in the United States, in order to deepen his experience of pastoral ministry. We're fortunate that Fr. Emmanuel wanted to do that experience here, and we were able to arrange the proper authorizations from his bishop and from ours to have him assigned to OLPH. So, Fr. Emmanuel will be with us for the foreseeable future, perhaps several years if everything works out as I hope it will. All of you know what it's like here at "Our Lady of Perpetual Motion," so the presence of Fr. Emmanuel is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Welcome, Fr. Emmanuel! We're pleased that you are calling OLPH your temporary home!

Re-screening of offerers every five years

As you know, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that any adult who offers his or her time and services in a parish ministry, society or organization must be compliant with the mandated Safe Environment procedures, which have three components: the Virtus Training Class, a signed Code of Conduct Form, and a Background Release Form, which permits a background check to be performed. Whenever anyone joins a ministry or

organization, these procedures must be followed, with the appropriate paperwork completed, so that a background check can be performed on that person.

However, in the interest of continued due diligence, the Diocese of Rockville Centre is requiring that **updated** Background Release Forms be received, and an **updated** background screening be done, **once every five (5) years** for all parish offerers. It's important to do this due diligence as a part of the Church's ongoing commitment to protect the vulnerable populations we serve, particularly children and young people. Therefore, all parish offerers will be re-screened once every five (5) years. All offerers at OLPH will be contacted once every five years, depending on when your last background check was done, and will be asked to sign another Background Release Form, so that another background check can be done.

Letters have already been mailed out to all those who were screened for the first time in 2013 and prior, asking them to sign and return another Background Release Form so that another background check can be done. Then, next year, in 2019, the same will be done for those screened five years prior to that (i.e., in 2014), and so on each year, so that, on an ongoing basis, we have a new form signed and a new background check done on all offerers once every five years (by the way, this applies to clergy, too — I myself, for example, have recently had an updated background check done, per diocesan mandate).

Please understand that you are being asked to re-do only that one component, that of signing and returning the Background Release Form; you are NOT being asked to re-take the Virtus class or to update any other forms. When you receive my letter, I ask you to be sure to return the form, in order to be able to continue in the ministry; as with any new offerer, you will not be allowed to continue if you do not comply. I understand that it can be bothersome for you to have to deal with this, but it is required by the Diocese and therefore it is a necessity. Again,

please note that this is nothing new, but rather simply doing again what has been done in the past, for purposes of updating.

As always, anyone should feel free to contact our Parish Coordinator for this process, Helene Calabrese, at hcalab2@optonline.net or through the rectory, if there are any questions. I thank everyone in advance for your support of, and cooperation with, this ongoing process which is, unfortunately, a part of the world we live in today.

Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union

Finally, you may recall that a few weekends ago we announced that OLPH was beginning to participate in Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union's Parish Revenue Sharing Program. I was recently notified that we received our first \$200 dividend from this program. OLPH receives these funds based on your usage of the Ocean Financial Visa Credit and/or Debit cards. Thanks to each of you who are already using an Ocean Financial Visa card. I encourage those who are not yet members to become one today by visiting www.oceanfinancial.org or by stopping by a branch or by calling (516) 620-8100. We also have information about Ocean Financial at the rectory and on the pew ledges in the church. Ocean Financial is a Catholic Credit Union, so it's important for us to support this Catholic presence in the world of banking and finance. OLPH does its parish banking with Ocean Financial.

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,



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

All pieces of our new Nativity Scene have been memorialized. Thank you for your quick response and continued generosity!



SUNDAY'S WORD **BOOKS AVAILABLE**

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the upcoming new liturgical year (Cycle C) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 2, are now available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.



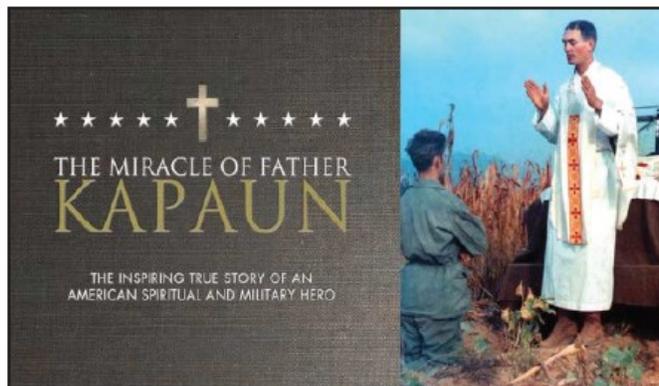
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Miracle of Father Kapaun

Do You Know This American War Hero?

Emil Kapaun—priest, soldier, and Korean War hero—was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint.

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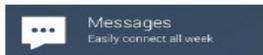
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

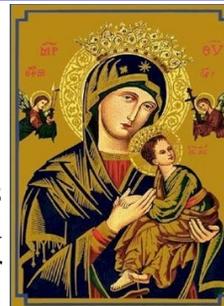
All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

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**



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 Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, November 12—No devotions
due to observance of Veteran's Day.
Monday, November 19—7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 26—7:00 p.m.**

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?



Every year on Pentecost, a group of adults completes their initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. By Confirmation, the baptized are joined more perfectly to the Church and strengthened in their faith. Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should receive it before being married.

Preparation for receiving Confirmation as an adult includes ten hours of classroom meeting, weekly attendance at Mass and additional study through Catholic instructional material such as the *Formed* multimedia platform. Classes meet in the evenings, usually twice a month, with some outside reading and preparation required. A fee of \$20 covers the cost of books and materials.

Classes begin on **Tuesday, December 4**. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at rabecker@optimum.net or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

BAPTISM AT 10:00 a.m. MASS ON FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, 2019

It is our custom at OLPH to baptize at least one child at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is coming up on **Sunday, January 13, 2019**. If you are planning to celebrate a Baptism for your child around that time, why not make it a really special and festive occasion by celebrating it at that Mass? Please contact Msgr. Joe at msgjoe@oloph.org if you would like to take advantage of that great opportunity.

MAKE-UP MEETING FOR THOSE LECTORS WHO MISSED THE FALL LECTOR MEETING

Date: **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Time: **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Location: **St. Lucy Room** in the rectory
(enter through the rectory front door)

MEETING FOR ALL USHERS

All Ushers are reminded to attend the important meeting to be held on Saturday, December 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items. All Ushers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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

Our Liturgy Committee has prepared a special Altar of Remembrance in the Divine Mercy Chapel. **You are 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 30.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



Since November 1 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.

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 2018) 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!



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

I felt alone and helpless ...

Many of us have experienced the death of someone whom we have loved. While each of us has lived through our mourning in our own way, there were undoubtedly moments when we felt helpless and alone. Perhaps at that time you sought out the help of a bereavement group to provide support for you in your grieving. If you did, then you know the value of bereavement groups.



While there are bereavement groups in nearby parishes, the pastoral staff of OLPH has come to believe that the parishioners would be served best by a group that meets here at OLPH. **To develop the group, we are seeking parishioners who would be willing to train to become facilitators of peer support bereavement groups here at OLPH.**

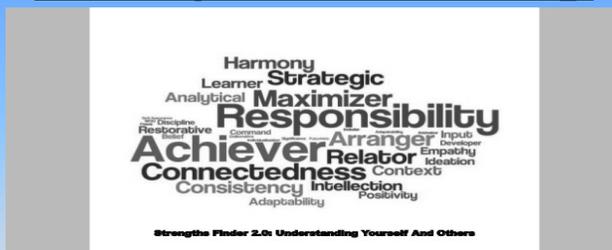
Facilitators do not have to be mental health professionals or social workers. To be successful, facilitators need to be good listeners who can be a presence for someone who is dealing with anger or emptiness. Facilitators are not problem solvers; they assist mourners to move through the stages of their grief by providing support.

Our goal is to have two or more trained facilitators at OLPH. We want facilitators to be able to share with each other and help each other be effective. The cost of training sessions to become a facilitator will be absorbed by the parish; there is no cost to the person being trained.

If you would like to be considered for the role of Bereavement Group Facilitator, please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or by leaving your name and contact information at the rectory.

STARTS THIS WEEK!

Strengths Workshop



Would you like to discover your Top 5 Signature Strengths?

Learn if one of your strengths is a Maximizer, Learner, Includer or even Woo! Participants in a Strengths Workshop will receive a book focusing on the value of Strengths in spiritual growth and parish ministry. Trainers will provide 4 hours of training in identifying individual strength to employ in personal growth and group settings. Registration Fee of \$20 is the small donation to help cover the cost of the book and other materials.

Training Sessions:

Tuesday, November 13 in Room 24

Tuesday, November 20 in Room 18

7:00-9:00 p.m.

You **MUST** sign up in the rectory before the training sessions to receive materials.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

Level 8:
On Wednesday,
November 14,
there is no class.

Level 4:
On Saturday, November 17,
there will be a Student Meeting
during your class time
on the topic of Safety.
Meet in your classrooms!



Happy Saint of the Day!
St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Saint Elizabeth was born to royalty on July 7, 1207 in Hungary. She was married at the age of fourteen and was filled with joy because she was lucky enough to deeply love her husband. Elizabeth followed the practices of Saint Francis of Assisi and used her wealth to perform charitable acts, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and healing the sick. Her husband, Ludwig IV of Thuringia, supported her religious practices and witnessed two of the miracles that she performed during her life. She died at the age of twenty-four.

The Religious Education Office honors veterans on Veteran's Day!

Thank You

*for serving our country &
 protecting our freedoms!*

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † 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
- † 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@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † 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!

COFFEE
SHELF STABLE MILK (BOX)
SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE
PORK & BEANS
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED POTATOES
CANNED CARROTS
TURKEY GRAVY
SHAMPOO
TOILET TISSUE

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of
 Gates & High Streets

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.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: “I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on.”

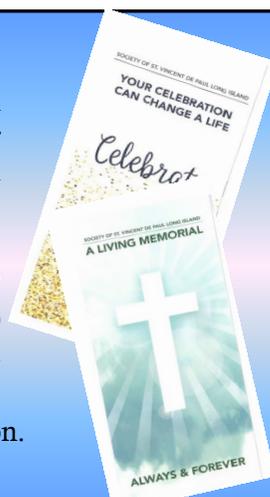
Ask yourself, “Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?” and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to 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 on the pew ledges or 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 Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Winter berets/skull caps

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

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 gathering is
Tuesday, November 20
7:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the school

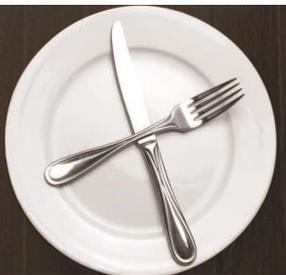
Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

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 13
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

There is a
place for
you at
our table...



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

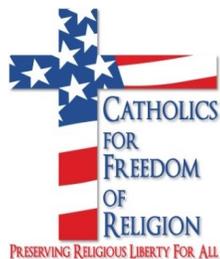
OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

Our next Community Meal is Sunday, November 18.
Come pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass.
Then join us for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.



Holy Name Society
will be outside the church
November 10/11 & 17/18
Selling **"Turkey Raffles"**
Please stop by and support their annual fundraiser!

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Bible Study Banned on Private Property

Pennsylvania residents Scott & Theresa Fetterolf were ordered by government officials to stop using their 35-acre farm to host Bible studies and other Christian gatherings or pay \$500 per day in fines. Since 2003, the property was used for these gatherings, carrying on a decades-old practice held by the previous owner.

In October, the city decided that the farm violated a zoning ordinance that states a "place of worship or assembly" must apply for a permit, and issued a "Notice of Violation/Cease and Desist Order." However, other properties that host secular counterparts to these activities, like parties, political fundraisers, and book clubs, are not banned.

"Government should not target religious activities for punishment, particularly when similar secular activities are permitted," said Senior Counsel for the Independent Law Center. **"In America, no government can categorically ban people from assembling to worship on one's own property."**

The lawsuit states that "There is no compelling interest in prohibiting Bible studies, meetings where religious songs are sung, religious retreats/fellowship, and religious fundraisers, especially when secular counterparts of these activities are permitted."

Pastor & Wife Ordered to Stop Bible Studies in their Apartment

A semi-retired Lutheran pastor and his wife, both in their mid-80s, were ordered by their Virginia apartment complex to stop holding Bible studies or face eviction. In 2017, residents asked Pastor Hauges to lead a Bible study in the complex, to which he agreed and applied to reserve the community room for the study. But in 2018, other residents attempted to interfere with the Bible study and the management outlawed religious activities in the community room and any private apartment, labeling this study a "business."

First Liberty Law Firm is now representing the pastor who has agreed to stop leading the Bible studies until the matter is resolved.

"Evicting elderly residents from their home for holding a Bible Study is not only outrageous, it's illegal," said counsel for First Liberty. "It's frightening that a management company would use the threat of eviction to stop residents from meeting together to discuss any issue, let alone their faith." (*pafamily.org*, 7/18/18; *christiannews.net*, 7/20/18; *citizensgo.org*, 7/27/18; *theblaze.com*, 8/24/18)

VIRTUS TRAINING



VIRTUS TRAINING

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 14

7:00 p.m. in AUDITORIUM

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS
IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

Registration MUST be done online.

Simply go to drvc.org, Protecting God's Children to the Virtus training schedule. Find the date and OLPH Lindenhurst to begin the registration process.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Melissa McLaughlin
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 James Totino
 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

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
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 Bob Meade
 Frank Pokorney
 John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

Gerard Posillico & Rebecca LaFlare

First Announcement:

***Patrick J. McKeon
& Carmen Natasha Massi***

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Peter Masak</i>	<i>Anne Wildner</i>
<i>Fred Sawyer</i>	<i>Kelly Cahill</i>
<i>Theresa Keller</i>	<i>John Manning</i>
<i>Nina Owens</i>	<i>Marilyn Abbott</i>
<i>Joan Paone</i>	<i>Laurel Norstedt</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Marie Molina</i>
<i>Stephanie Scarpa</i>	<i>David Dentici</i>
<i>John Jordan</i>	<i>Betty Cunningham</i>
<i>John Pius</i>	<i>Frank Rocco</i>

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Yahoo, etc.) Enter www.drvc.org in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor (pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled "Faith Formation". This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is "Bereavement". Click on "Bereavement".

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.") Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.

*Blessed are they who mourn
for they will be comforted.
(Matthew 5:4)*



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.

WE REMEMBER

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

<i>Pamela Carlson</i>	<i>John P. Gallagher</i>
<i>Alice M. Leonard</i>	<i>Rosemary Accurso</i>
<i>Arthur Lemoine</i>	<i>Thomas Butler</i>
<i>Madison Muir</i>	

"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."

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

November 11-17:

Altar Bread

In Memory of

Rosalie DiPreto

Requested by

Fran & Jim Keogan

*Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725
for other options for memorials.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 12— SAINT JOSEPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR

6:30 Gregory Kienle

12:15 Richard Bannon

TUESDAY, November 13— SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN

6:30 Ann & Donald Muller

12:15 Robert Miranda

WEDNESDAY, November 14— WEEKDAY

6:30 Marc Ruggiero

12:15 Charles Zingraf

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

6:30 Miriam Levings

12:15 Madeline, Margaret & Nancy Rigney

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

6:30 Dorothy Napolitano

12:15 Giuseppe Lentini

SATURDAY, November 17— SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

8:00 Emma Valiero

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

5:00 Dorothy & Edwin Elvington

Sunday, November 18 THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Vittorio Insigne

10:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of
the Christian Mothers & Guild

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Frank Bonventre

Monday, November 12, 2018

**ALL PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES
CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY.**

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Strengths Leadership Meeting	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	K of C Hospitality after Mass	Auditorium

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

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 Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 & 7 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Virtus Training Class	Auditorium

Thursday, November 15, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	CYO Coaches Meeting	Room 3
7:30 p.m.	Blue Door Quarterly Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, November 16, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:30, 10:00	Level 4 Student Safety Meeting Levels 1-3, 5 & Sp. Ed Classes	Auditorium School
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Raffle Party	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, November 18, 2018

9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
11:00 a.m..	Catechist Workshop	Auditorium
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:00 p.m.	Lector Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 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.

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 33° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B

Domingo, 18 de noviembre de 2018

1. Esperanza en un Mundo Nuevo

2. Mi Plan para Ustedes es PAZ.

El Señor nos tranquiliza hoy: “Para ustedes tengo designios de paz y no de aflicción

Me invocarán y yo les escucharé y les devolveré a su hogar.”

Que el Dios de la paz y la esperanza esté con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Daniel 12,1-13): Dios Resucitará a Sus Fieles

A los judíos fieles, disgustados por las persecuciones, el profeta les anuncia un mensaje de esperanza: Dios les salvará a ustedes. Incluso si pierden su vida, Dios les dará vida eterna.

Segunda Lectura (hebreos 10,11-14.18): El Único Sacrificio de Cristo Nos Salva

Al ofrecer su sacrificio de una vez para siempre, Jesús venció al pecado y recibió el poder de vivir la vida de Dios.

Evangelio (Marcos 13,24-32): Vean los Signos de la Venida del Señor Con misteriosas palabras, Jesús habla de la difícil venida de su reino realizado completamente en este mundo. Jesús lo llevará a perfecto cumplimiento en nosotros. Por eso tenemos que estar preparados para que cuando el señor venga nos encuentre limpios y sin mancha bien ocupados en la misión que nos ha encomendado, siguiendo su ejemplo de entrega total

Esperanza en un Mundo Nuevo

Algunas partes de la Sagrada Escritura, como las lecturas de hoy, hablan de calamidades y desastres, como signos de un mundo viejo ya que se desmorona, y de Jesús que viene como juez. La televisión de hoy y otros medios de comunicación traen a nuestros hogares los desastres, la violencia y el sufrimiento del mundo entero; y la gente se pregunta: ¿A dónde nos va a llevar todo esto? Estos son para nosotros hoy signos de que el mundo en el que vivimos está en decadencia, pero no deberíamos pasar por alto los signos positivos: deseos y esfuerzo de paz y de un mundo más justo, razonable y unificado, el derrumbe de tiranías a diestra y siniestra. Éstos son como brotes de nuevas ramas en un árbol, signos de esperanza en un mundo nuevo que está creciendo, y de esperanza en la venida de Dios entre nosotros, su pueblo. Celebremos esa esperanza en esta eucaristía.

Por esta razón lo que Dios nos recomienda es que debemos estar despiertos, siempre vigilando en oración. V 42 “Velad, pues, porque no sabéis a qué hora ha de venir vuestro Señor.” Él nos

da el ejemplo de la llegada de un ladrón. V 43 “Pero sabed esto, que si el padre de familia supiese a qué hora el ladrón habría de venir, velaría, y no dejaría minar su casa.”

Debemos estar siempre preparados, la oración es importante pero también debemos tener siempre un estilo de vida agradable a Dios. V 44 “Por tanto, también vosotros estad preparados; porque el Hijo del Hombre vendrá a la hora que no pensáis.”

El día del fin será un juicio donde compareceremos todos buenos o malos, para recibir cada uno lo que merece según el juicio de Dios. 2 Timoteo 4: 1 “Te encarezco delante de Dios y del Señor Jesucristo, que juzgará a los vivos y a los muertos en su manifestación y en su reino,”

En estos últimos tiempos las iglesias cristianas irán en degradación a causa de las influencias del mundo, no bastara con pertenecer a una iglesia cristiana para ser salvo. El juicio comenzara por el interior de las mismas iglesias. 1 Pedro 4: 17 “Porque es tiempo de que el juicio comience por la casa de Dios; y si primero comienza por nosotros, ¿cuál será el fin de aquellos que no obedecen al evangelio de Dios?”

Mientras el deseo de Dios es que todo el mundo sea salvo, Satanás sigue luchando por condenar a la mayor parte de la humanidad. **Panorama de los últimos días, que pueden ser pocos como pueden ser muchos:**

1. Habrá crisis en el mundo. Mateo 24: 6 “Y oiréis de guerras y rumores de guerras; mirad que no os turbéis, porque es necesario que todo esto acontezca; pero aún no es el fin.”

2. Se crearan muchas iglesias falsas. Aprovechando la crisis por la que se está pasando, Satanás creara iglesias falsas para ofrecer la solución a todos los problemas y de esta forma confundir a los creyentes y no creyentes.

3. Las iglesias se pelearan por decir que tienen a Cristo. V 23 “Entonces, si alguno os dijere: Mirad, aquí está el Cristo, o mirad, allí está, no lo creáis.”

4. Los milagros serán la estrategia o el caballito de batalla de muchas iglesias. V 24 “Porque se levantarán falsos Cristos, y falsos profetas, y harán grandes señales y prodigios, de tal manera que engañarán, si fuere posible, aun a los escogidos.” Para Jesucristo los milagros eran el resultado de una buena relación con Dios. No una estrategia para atrapar gente confundida. Marcos 5: 43; Marcos 7: 36; Marcos 7: 24

En la próxima semana, nuestra segunda colecta será para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Más de 43 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven en pobreza. Esta colecta financia programas que capacitan a las personas para identificar y abordar los obstáculos que enfrentan cuando trabajan para lograr cambios positivos y permanentes en sus comunidades. Infórmense más acerca de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano entrando a www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

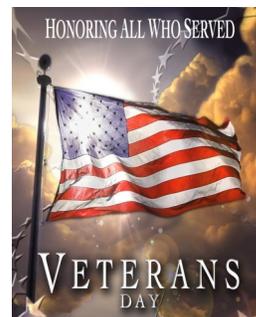
**OFFERING UPDATE
November 3/4**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	340	130	\$3,016.00
8:00 a.m.	290	119	3,448.00
10:00 a.m.	604	122	3,004.00
12:00 p.m.	390	117	2,891.00
5:00 p.m.	194	44	1,191.00
Total coin:			14.99
Faith Direct			2,260.75
Children's Envelopes			52.50
Special	42	13	430.00
Mail-ins:			1,009.00
TOTAL	1860	545	\$17,317.24
2017	1,700	604	\$18,451.01
1st Saturday			\$104.80
Candles			\$1,241.76
Poor Box			\$316.80

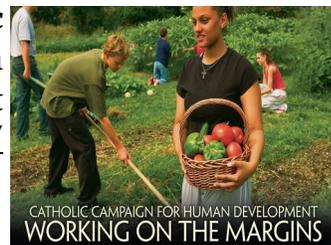
All Rectory & Parish Offices will be closed & all parish activities are cancelled Monday, November 12

(the day on which Veteran's Day will be observed)

All offices will reopen **Tuesday, November 13** at 9:00 a.m. The weekday Masses will be celebrated as usual but the Monday Evening devotions will be cancelled.



Next week, our second collection will be for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



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 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.

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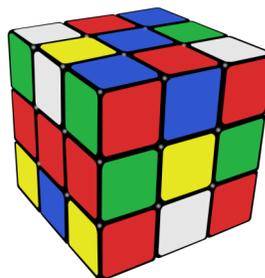
*November 25—November 14

December 2—November 23

*Christmas Day—November 28

*December 23—December 7

**Earlier dates due to early printer deadlines*



CAN YOU SOLVE A RUBIK'S CUBE ?

**OLPH
CYO**

WILL BE ORGANIZING A SPEEDCUBING COMPETITION
MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Note: Registration will be required to compete, and is expected to fill quickly.

OR JUST STOP BY AND WATCH!

Contact Luke Farrell for information
olphcyo11757@gmail.com / 516-343-5434

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

“The Eucharistic celebration is an action of Christ and the Church, namely, the holy people united and ordered under the Bishop. It therefore pertains to the whole Body of the Church, manifests it, and has its effect upon it. It also affects the individual members of the Church in different ways according to their different orders, offices, and actual participation. In this way, the Christian people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” expresses its cohesion and its hierarchical ordering. All therefore, whether they are ordained ministers or lay Christian faithful, in fulfilling their office or their duty should carry out solely but completely all that pertains to them” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 91, quoting Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy nos. 26, 14, 28).

Listen carefully to the words of the Mass. The prayers which we address to God include all of us. Even when the priest is the only one praying aloud, his words are spoken on our behalf — “We offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice...” or “Listen graciously to the prayers of your family.” Mass is a communal celebration. Each of us and all of us take part, not as individuals gathered in a common space, but as baptized members of the Body of Christ.

A Liturgical Minister — One Who Serves

Liturgy requires everyone’s participation. Yet even in the earliest days of the Church, different roles were assigned — some served as presiders, others as deacons, others as readers, still others as psalmists. These persons not only served the liturgy, they served the members of their assembly. Indeed, the term minister means “one who serves.” We continue that tradition today when we participate as liturgical ministers.

Let’s examine some of those roles.

Bishop: The Bishop is the high priest of his flock. It is his duty to promote, regulate, and be vigilant about the liturgical life of his diocese (GIRM 387). Every celebration of the Eucharist is directed by the Bishop, either in person or through his priests who are his helpers (GIRM 92 , SC 42, LG 26,28)

Priest: Your priest(s) serve your local community. Through the power of Holy Orders, the priest offers “sacrifice in the person of Christ, presides by this fact over the faithful gathered here and now at the head of the faithful people gathered together here and now, presides over their prayer, proclaims to them the message of salvation, associates the people with himself in the offering of sacrifice through Christ in the Holy Spirit to God the Father, gives his brothers and sisters the Bread of eternal life and partakes of it with them...” (GIRM 93).

Deacon: At Mass, the Deacon proclaims the Gospel, occasionally preaches, announces the petitions of the Universal Prayer, assists at the altar, distributes Holy Communion, and gives instructions regarding the people’s gestures and posture (GIRM 94).

Reader or Lector: Laypersons may be appointed to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture. They should be suited to this function and must be properly prepared. Moreover, they should possess a deep love of the revealed Word of God. In the absence of a Deacon they may announce the intercessions and in the absence of the psalmist, they may proclaim the responsorial psalm.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: The ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Well-trained and commissioned lay persons may assist in this duty, especially to make the Eucharist more readily available to the People of God (Pope Paul VI, *Immensae caritatis*, 1973; see also GIRM 100, 162).

Servers or Acolytes: These dedicated ministers assist the priest at the altar. They carry the cross, the candles, the thurible (incense), the bread, the wine, the water and often hold the Missal for the presider (cf. GIRM 100, 187-193).

Master of Ceremonies: Sometimes, especially in larger churches or cathedral, a master of ceremonies will oversee the proper planning of the liturgy and see that all liturgical ministers carry out their duties with decorum, order, and devotion (cf. GIRM 106).

Music Ministers: Psalmists, choirs, cantors, instrumentalists, and music directors add beauty to the liturgy with their gifts. They also foster the active participation of the assembly (see GIRM 39-41, 102-105; Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Chapter VI).

Sacristan: Often unseen, this minister prepares the liturgical books, the linens, the vestments, and other items for the celebration of Mass (GIRM 105a).

Hospitality Ministers: Greeters welcome the people to the liturgy, distribute worship aids and other items, and extend a warm greeting. This not only makes everyone feel welcome, but engages them in the important celebration in which they are to take part. Ushers, too, greet parishioners, may escort them to available seats, take up the collection, provide practical assistance to families and the elderly, and tend to matters regarding warmth and comfort.

Commentators: When appropriate, a commentator may provide the faithful with brief explanations about the liturgy. His/her comments should be meticulously prepared, clear, and brief (GIRM 105b).

What gifts can you share?

“The faithful, moreover, should not refuse to serve the People of God in gladness whenever they are asked to perform some particular service or function in the celebration” (GIRM 97). Take some time to consider how God might be calling you to be a liturgical minister. It will require proper training, a commitment of time, and a deep love of the liturgy. How can you serve your fellow parishioners? What God-given gifts can you share? ■

Written by Rita A. Thiron.

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, November 18, 2018
THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.*

Mark 13:31

Daniel 12:1-3

The Book of Daniel was composed during the bitter persecution carried on by the Greek king Antiochus IV Epiphanes (167–164 B.C.) and was written to strengthen and comfort the Jewish people in their ordeal. Chapters 7-12 present a series of visions promising deliverance and glory to all who remain faithful. The great nations of the ancient world have risen in vain against the Lord; his kingdom shall overthrow existing powers and last forever; and in the end the dead will be raised—for eternal reward or punishment.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

The Levitical priesthood offered daily sacrifices that were ineffectual in remitting sin, but Jesus offered a single sacrifice that won true atonement. Forever at God's right hand, Jesus has only to await the final outcome of his work. He has brought into being in his own person the new covenant prophesied by Jeremiah and has rendered meaningless all other offerings for sin.

Mark 13:24-32

In the passage immediately before today's Gospel, Jesus spoke about the fall and destruction of Jerusalem. For the Jews, Jerusalem and its Temple was the very dwelling place of God. But Christ, God with us, was to be found in God's people and not in a building, with the "new Temple" living on in the members of the Body of Christ. For us, the end of this world, or the end of our individual lives, should not be dreaded, but welcomed as the fulfillment of Christ's promises when we will enter into His eternal kingdom. "This generation" refers to the new race of the newly born in Christ, and even though many should die under persecution, the Church will be sustained on earth until we are all victoriously gathered to Himself.

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. "The Word of God will not pass away." What do you take along with you when you die? Is there any correlation between love and the Word of God that does not pass away? Is there anything you can do to stretch your capacity to love?

2. Until we reach our final destination, full communion with the Lord in the Kingdom of God, what does Pope Francis consider the job of the Church or the People of God while we are here on earth? How are we to be the leaven in humanity?

"Being Church means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love. This means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing God's salvation into our world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

Evangelii Gaudium, 114, page 92

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 12, 2018:

Titus 1:1-9 + Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 13, 2018:Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
+ Luke 17:7-10**Wednesday, November 14, 2018:**Titus 3:1-7
+ Luke 17:11-19**Thursday, November 15, 2018:**Philemon 7-20
+ Luke 17:20-25**Friday, November 16, 2018:**2 John 4-9
+ Luke 17:26-37**Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018:**3 John 5-8
+ Luke 18:1-8**Sunday, November 18, 2018:**Daniel 12:1-3
+ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
+ Mark 13:24-32



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