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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

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
November 13, 2022**

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**, except on Thursdays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning) and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Masses:

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

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person, each Saturday in the church immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Also available by individual appointment with one of the priests.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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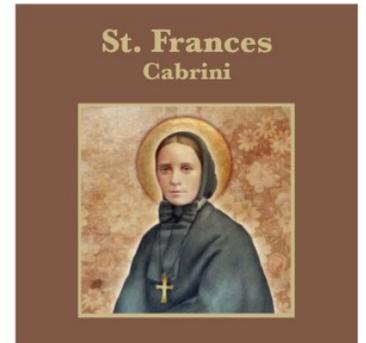
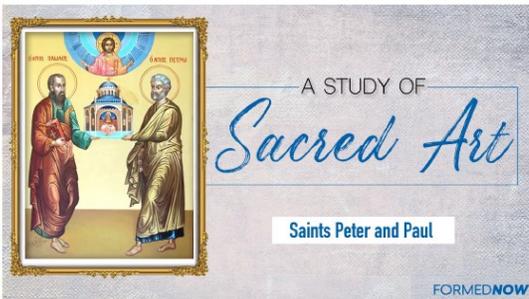
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Week of November 13, 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Missionary Cooperative Appeal speaker this weekend

This weekend we welcome Fr. Naveen Borlakunta V.C., a Vincentian Missionary priest from India, as OLPH participates in the Missionary Cooperative Plan as required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Fr. Naveen is preaching at all the Masses this weekend, sharing his missionary experience and making an appeal of behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They also request our special financial support for the training of young men studying for the priesthood. I know that all of you will be very generous in your mission offering to help these missionaries.

If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering today, or would like to make an additional offering, you may do so by placing a specially marked envelope in our regular parish collection next weekend. I know that Fr. Naveen is very grateful for your prayers and generous financial support, and he has assured us that the Vincentian Missionaries will keep you and OLPH in their prayers and Masses.

The GOLDEN TICKET—This Saturday, November 19!

It's coming THIS SATURDAY, November 19 — the **GOLDEN TICKET Cocktail Party**, at which is held the drawing when cash prizes totaling \$20,000, including a top prize of \$10,000, will be announced. Purchase of a ticket entitles you and one (1) guest to attend the cocktail party, which has always been a great evening of fun, fellowship and good food. There'll be plenty of laughs and good cheer along the way, as I'll be hosting the evening using my best game-show hosting skills to make it a fun time for all. You don't need to be present in order to win, but do try to come by, at least for part of the time, if you can.

As of this writing (you know the bulletin has early deadlines) there were still some tickets left to be sold, although thankfully, relatively few (well under 100). I hope by the time you read this all tickets have been sold, but, if not, they will be for sale at the Cocktail Party itself, before the drawing begins. (Who knows — those may be the lucky ones!) We'll also be doing a 50/50 raffle at the Cocktail Party, so there will be plenty of opportunities to win some prizes.

Thanks to everyone for your support of The **GOLDEN TICKET Raffle**, and I look forward to seeing you Saturday night!

Having a Catholic Funeral

As we continue to journey through the month of November, our time during which we traditionally remember and pray for in a special way our beloved dead, allow me to offer a few thoughts about the importance of having a Catholic funeral, something which I customarily do at this time each year. 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.

Cremation and what the Catholic Church teaches about it

Also as a part of this month of remembrance of the dead, I'll discuss something that has become a fairly common part of funerals in America — cremation. As you probably know, in 1997 the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome granted permission to the dioceses of the United States to allow the presence of the cremated remains of a body to be at the funeral liturgy. It's important for all Catholics to be aware of the Church's views on cremation.

In essence, when considering the question of cremation, the Church's main concern is that the dignity of the human body and our reverence for it not be compromised in any way. It is the presence of the body at the funeral rites that confronts us with the mystery of life and death, a mystery that should not be glossed over or denied. The body is connected to personhood: "...the body which lies in death naturally recalls the personal story of faith, the loving family bonds, the friendships, and the words and acts of kindness of the deceased person. Indeed, the human body is inextricably associated with the human person..." (*Order of Christian Funerals* #411)

In addition to these "natural" concerns for the human body, there are also supernatural considerations, most notably in the faith life of the deceased: "The body of a deceased Catholic Christian is also the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life." (*OCF* #412) Catholic faith sees the body as a body "in Christ" and as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a body that is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Indeed, the Church's deep concern about maintaining the dignity of the human body is expressed even in the terminology used: the designation that is used in the funeral rites is "cremated remains," not "cremains." The thinking is that the wording "cremated remains" better signifies the dignity to be afforded the mortal remains, as opposed to a funeral-industry slang term such as "cremains." We should try to use that same wording.

All of this taken together means that while cremation is permitted, it does not have the same value as does burial of the body. The Church has a clear preference that the body of the deceased at least be present for the funeral rites if at all possible, and that cremation take place afterward if it is to be done, "...since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites." (*OCF* #413)

However, if it is not possible for this to happen and cremation is going to take place before the rites, the Church makes a pastoral accommodation, and the funeral liturgy may be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains. Nonetheless, the reverence and care which would be given to the body must also be given to the cremated remains; this is an important point that is often overlooked. Although the cremated remains are a different form of the body, they are still nevertheless the mortal remains of the Christian, so they are to be treated in exactly the same way as a body. Catholics should think of it this way: whatever one would or would not do with the body of the deceased is what one should or should

not do with the cremated remains. Thus, there must be a worthy vessel to hold the cremated remains, and that vessel is to be carried and transported with dignity and care. The cremated remains are to be buried in a grave or placed in a mausoleum or columbarium. Scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted, nor is keeping the cremated remains at home permitted. Additionally, it is not permitted to divide up the cremated remains so that some may be placed in jewelry or other keepsakes, an option that is now unfortunately being offered by the funeral industry. Finally, if at all possible, a plaque or stone should record the name of the deceased at the place where the cremated remains are interred. (*cf. OCF* #417)

It's important for all Catholics to be aware of the Church's teaching concerning what is and what is not permitted concerning cremation.

Plan on coming to Mass on Thanksgiving Day!

Mark your calendar now and plan on coming to our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 24 (the only Mass being celebrated that day). Although it's not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a kind of a "natural holy day," since it's so natural and necessary to be sure we give thanks to God. It's always a joyous and festive celebration that starts Thanksgiving Day off in such a beautiful way! See the ad elsewhere in the bulletin for the full details, including the request to bring food for our food pantry, which you will bring up in procession during the usual time of the collection (don't leave that food on the sanctuary steps before Mass like usual!) and the reminder to bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed at the end of Mass.

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”



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 24th

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:

- invite you to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry (from the list on p. 13), and this will be carried forward in procession during the Mass;
- distribute bread and a table blessing for all to share at their Thanksgiving table;
- seek God’s blessing upon the food we will use for our Thanksgiving meals—bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed!

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

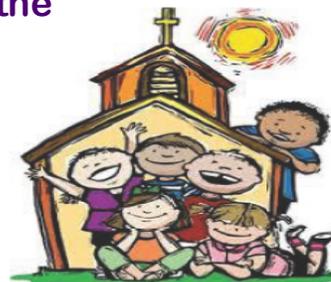
CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Join us Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass
Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children’s
Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the
10:00 a.m. Mass.



Participating in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.



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 2022) are now 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!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

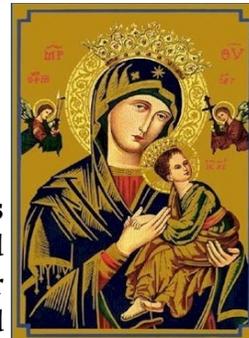
BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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



Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

We need new members to join our Live-Stream Team either for weekdays or weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@oloph.org.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord

How well do you know Jesus? Do you know how and what he prayed?

One certainty is that Jesus studied and prayed the Book of Psalms from his youth until his death. This Advent season, as we prepare for the Incarnation of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Christmas. Beginning on **Sunday, November 20** and continuing every Sunday **through December 18**, we will offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist during Advent. We will meet in the church's North Sacristy from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. to examine and discuss the joyful message of Christ's coming. Each session will feature a discussion of the themes of the Responsorial Psalm of the day, led by a member of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that fit your schedule. Join us to break open the Word of the Lord.



ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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 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 25.

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.

MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS

All parish Lectors are reminded to attend the important meeting for all those in this ministry, to be held on **Monday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. The focus of the meeting will be a presentation by our guest speaker, *Father Michael Holzmann*, who will offer a spiritual reflection on the ministry of the Lector. As usual, the meeting will also include the opportunity for prayer and discussion of some important business items. All Lectors are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS (INCLUDING NEW ONES): NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on **Tuesday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the church.** Among other business items, we will discuss **assignments for the Christmas schedule.** All Altar Servers are expected to attend, and this includes the new servers who are completing their training! One parent should attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEETING FOR ALL USHERS

All Ushers are expected to attend the important Ushers Meeting being held on **Saturday, December 3 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, including ongoing procedures after the pandemic and the schedule of Christmas Masses this year. All Ushers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, *On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God*. It is an exquisite summary of liturgical theology and a call for serious and vital liturgical formation for all Catholics. In this letter, the Holy Father addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of the art of celebration, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Each week we are presenting a small selection of the letter for your reading and reflection and this will continue until the entire text has been presented. The full text can be found on the Vatican website at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

30. Closing the second session of the Council (December 4, 1963) Saint Paul VI expressed himself in this way:

“The difficult, complex debates have had rich results. They have brought one topic to a conclusion, the sacred liturgy. Treated before all others, in a sense it has priority over all others for its intrinsic dignity and importance to the life of the Church and today we will solemnly promulgate the document on the liturgy. Our spirit, therefore, exults with true joy, for in the way things have gone we note respect for a right scale of values and duties. God must hold first place; prayer to him is our first duty. The liturgy is the first source of divine communion in which God shares his own life with us. It is also the first school of the spiritual life. The liturgy is the first gift we must make to the Christian people united to us by faith and the fervor of their prayers. It is also a primary invitation to the human race, so that all may now lift their mute voices in blessed and genuine prayer and thus may experience that indescribable, regenerative power to be found when they join us in proclaiming the praises of God and the hopes of the human heart through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit”.

31. In this letter I cannot dwell with you on the richness of this passage’s various expressions, which I recommend to your own meditation. If the liturgy is “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, and at the same time the font from which all her power flows,” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 10), well then, we can understand what is at stake in the liturgical question. It would be trivial to read the tensions, unfortunately present around the celebration, as a simple divergence between different tastes concerning a particular ritual form. The problematic is primarily ecclesiological. I do not see how it is possible to say that one recognizes the validity of the Council — though it amazes me that a Catholic might presume not to do so — and at the same time not accept the liturgical reform born out of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, a document that expresses the reality of the Liturgy intimately joined to the vision of Church so admirably described in *Lumen gentium*. For this reason, as I already expressed in my letter to all the bishops, I have felt it my duty to affirm that “The liturgical books promulgated by Saint Paul VI and Saint John Paul II, in conformity with the decrees of Vatican Council II, are the unique expression of the *lex orandi* of the Roman Rite.” (*Motu Proprio Traditionis custodes*, art 1)

The non-acceptance of the liturgical reform, as also a superficial understanding of it, distracts us from the obligation of finding responses to the question that I come back to repeating: how can we grow in our capacity to live in full the liturgical action? How do we continue to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes? We are in need of a serious and dynamic liturgical formation.

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 6**. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at DeaconRobert@oloph.org or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THE GOLDEN TICKET



Saturday, November 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

in the OLPH Auditorium

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

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

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

The excitement builds as the drawing goes on!

Winner need not be present!

Golden Ticket Holders and one guest may attend.

All are encouraged to bring treats & homemade dishes to enjoy and share with fellow parishioners!

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



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

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

Golden Tickets are on sale at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available after all Masses the weekends of October 15/16 and 29/30 outside church. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with a check made payable to OLPH and return to rectory at 210 S Wellwood Avenue Lindenhurst, NY, 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

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

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**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

LEVEL 8

On Wednesday, November 16, there will be no classes due to the Lindenhurst Middle School trip to Frost Valley.

Have fun and be safe!

We will see you after Thanksgiving!

Levels 6 and 7, and the Teen students in room 24, still have class on November 16.

LEVELS 2 and 3

Your Safety Meeting is on Saturday, November 19, during your regular class time. Students go to class for attendance, and then meet in the auditorium for your presentation with Mrs. April.

LEVEL 2

Be sure to sign up for your First Holy Communion Mass before Saturday, December 17, 2022.
 All spots are first come, first served!

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born in Italy two months before her due date. She wanted very badly to become a nun. The Daughters of the Sacred Heart said she was too sickly to join the congregation. She became a teacher at an orphanage. Eventually she was able to start her own order, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, finally becoming a nun. When the orphanage closed she wanted to go to China to open hospitals and schools, but the Pope told her to go to America instead. Here she helped Italian immigrants who moved to America!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
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- † 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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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.

Items needed on an ongoing basis in our Pantry!

BLACK TEA

CANNED MEAT

TUNA

JELLY

COOKIES

INSTANT POTATOES

CANNED FRUIT

PASTA

PASTA SAUCE

PEANUT BUTTER

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those parishioners who would like to make a donation to the SVDP Pantry for the holidays:

CANNED VEGETABLES: *PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON THE CANS!*

PEAS

CARROTS

GREEN BEANS

YAMS (large can)

CORN

PEAS & CARROTS COMBO

TURKEY GRAVY (CAN OR JAR)

CRANBERRY SAUCE *JELLIED

APPLE SAUCE

APPLE JUICE OR CIDER

COMSTOCK TYPE PIE FILLING

BOXED TURKEY STUFFING MIX

BOXED INSTANT POTATOES

BOXED PIE CRUST MIX

BOXED MUFFIN MIX

CHOCOLATE PUDDING MIX OR JELLO

****READY MADE (ready to eat)**

DINNER ROLLS

PIES

COOKIES

**** PLEASE NOTHING PERISHABLE, NOTHING THAT NEEDS REFRIGERATION, NO FRESH PRODUCE**

Donations of any size will be greatly appreciated!! God bless you all!

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH!



DUE TODAY!

CHRISTMAS *ADOPT-A-FAMILY* 2022

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

If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 X 234 or complete the tear off below and return it in the Collection Basket for *Christmas by November 13th*. Sharon Bohlen at sabohen@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS *ADOPT-A-FAMILY* 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____@_____

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

We can provide for a family of

2 3 4 5 More than 5

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13TH.

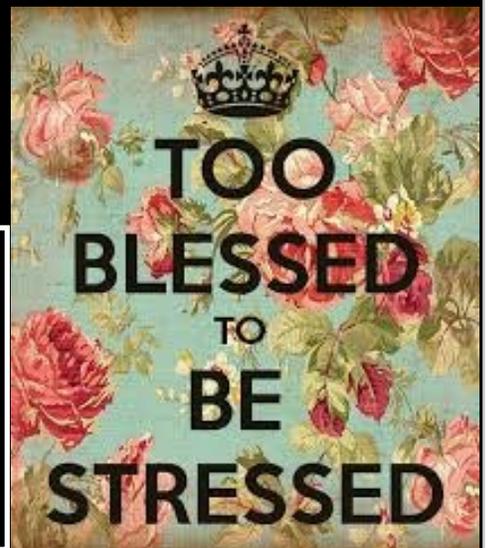
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

South Shore Young Adult Ministry *at OLPH* Ages 21-39

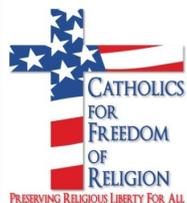
For info about monthly meetings contact
Director, Bridget Jordan,
Phone: (631) 226-7725 x 253, email: bjordan@oloph.org

Survey:
<https://forms.gle/UzpYPk8wGvkn8uYQ6>

Join us for our Blessed Is She Women's Study on Sisterhood! Come chat with us on how we, as women of faith, can build each other up! We will be meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Our next session will be on Thursday, November 17, 2022. RSVP to Sandy for the address at (631) 965-3718



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious Liberty and Catholic Health Services at Risk If Latest HHS Super Rule is Mandated

"The new rule in development has the potential for adverse effects on Catholic employers, but could prove devastating to Catholic health-care providers, including Catholic hospitals that care for one in six hospital patients in the United States."

—Peter Jesserer Smith, National Catholic Register, November 17, 2021

"The same excellent care will be provided in a Catholic hospital to all patients, including patients who identify as transgender, whether it be for a broken bone or for cancer," said four committee chairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "But we cannot do what our faith forbids. We object to harmful procedures, not to patients."(1)

The recently-published Health and Human Services (HHS) Section 1557 Super Rule would deny religious freedom since it allows no exceptions for religious or conscience beliefs or for certain insurance plans. The proposal is part of the HHS department's attempt to clarify a section of the 2010 Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), to ensure that all medical practitioners and institutions be willing and able to provide services like transgender surgeries, "gender affirming care," puberty blockers for children as young as 12 years old, abortions, assisted suicide and more.(2)

"Sadly, [these] proposed regulations threaten our ability to carry out our healing ministries, and others' to practice medicine. They mandate health care workers to perform life-altering surgeries to remove perfectly healthy body parts," said Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York and three other archbishops. "Assurances that HHS will honor religious freedom laws offer little comfort when HHS is actively fighting court rulings that declared HHS violated religious freedom laws the last time they tried to impose such a mandate. This is a violation of religious freedom and bad medicine."(3)

The U.S. Bishops stress that Catholic health care ministries serve everyone, no matter what their race, sex, belief system, or any other characteristic. The 2,400-member Catholic Medical Association called the proposed rule "coercive" and a "clear violation of First Amendment protections."(4)

"Every health care facility, especially those of Christian inspiration, should be a place where care for the person is practiced and where it can be said: 'Here you do not see only doctors and patients, but people who welcome and help each other: here you can experience the therapy of human dignity.'"

—Pope Francis

(aleteia.org, 7/28/22(1)(3)(4); catholicbenefitsassociation.org (2); ncregister.com, 10/25/22; usccb.org; America magazine.org,9/26/22)

OLPH FAMILY AND EVENTS PHOTO ALBUMS

1871

Celebrating 150 Years

2021

OLPH Family and Events Photo Albums are still available! They include beautiful pictures of our parishioners and their families, wonderful pictures of our clergy and ministry groups, and fun pictures of all the events that took place during our 150th Anniversary Year. **For your convenience, the Albums will be sold outside the front of the church on Wellwood Avenue after all the Masses next Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.** The Albums are also being sold in the rectory between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. every day, and between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday. The cost is only \$35. If you have already pre-ordered and paid for one, you may pick up an Album during the same times. Please e-mail Helene Calabrese with any questions at hcalab2@optonline.net

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo, Associate Pastor	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
Christopher Reilly, Director of Music	210	creilly@oloph.org
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Deacon Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Kenneth Hale
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Chris Reilly
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Patrick Konopka & Catherine Candelario

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

12:00 P.M. MASS

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society</i>	<i>Requested by Frank Odin</i>
<i>Agnes Sigler</i>	<i>Requested by Kristen & Daniel Bopp</i>
<i>Gary Fong (Living)</i>	<i>Requested by Annelly Fong</i>
<i>MaryAnn Guida Casino (Living)</i>	<i>Requested by Rosemary Sirico</i>

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for the week of November 13-19

The Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Alice Weckerle

Requested by

The Goldberg Family

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Henry Batz</i>	<i>Andres Flores</i>
<i>Lori and Tom McKeever</i>	<i>Mary Gallagher</i>
<i>Cheryl Cleaver</i>	<i>Patricia McQueen</i>
<i>Joseph Ingino</i>	<i>Cecelia Pastore</i>
<i>Anne Gravelle</i>	<i>Lois Rydzewski</i>
<i>Megan Kelly</i>	<i>Sylvana Picinich</i>
<i>Susan Davniero</i>	<i>Rachel Lohr</i>
<i>Megan S. D'Amato</i>	<i>Baby George Elefterion</i>
<i>John Caliendo</i>	<i>Ann-Marie Giarratano</i>
<i>Judith Coffin</i>	<i>Mary Ann Trigg</i>
<i>Anthony Pastore</i>	

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

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

John Joseph Byrnes

Ciara Hare

"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."

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 14— Weekday

6:30 George Zimmermann

12:15 Andrea Seaman

TUESDAY, November 15— Weekday

*(Saint Albert the Great, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church)*

6:30 Vicenta Sancho

12:15 Rosario (Jimmy) Bono

WEDNESDAY, November 16— Weekday

(Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin)

6:30 Valerie Baxter *(Living)*12:15 Isabel Angeles *(Living)*

THURSDAY, November 17— Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:30 Sean Williams

12:15 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

FRIDAY, November 18— Weekday

*(The Dedication of
the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin)*

6:30 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

12:15 Gerard Lind

SATURDAY, November 19— Weekday

8:00 Frank Duff (Founder of the Legion of
Mary)

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00 Margaret Rohs

Sunday, November 20—

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mothers and Guild

10:00 Richard A. Sposato

12:00 For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 14, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 23
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Golden Ticket Practice	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Eucharist Minister Training	Church

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Levels 6 and 7: Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Eucharist Minister Training	Church

Thursday, November 17, 2022

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 18

Friday, November 18, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12

Saturday, November 19, 2022

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1, 4 and 5: Classes Levels 2 and 3: Safety Meeting	School Auditorium
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
1:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Golden Ticket Drawing	Auditorium

Sunday, November 20, 2022

11:00 a.m.	Family Life: Advent Event	Auditorium
11:00 a.m.	OCIA	Church
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Psalms	North Sacristy
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.

Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 20 de Noviembre del 2022

El Padre nos ha otorgado un lugar
en el reino de su Hijo amado.

En él conseguimos nuestra libertad,
el perdón de los pecados.

Que Jesucristo, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes

Primera Lectura (2 Samuel 5,1-3): Un Rey según el Corazón Mismo de Dios

El pueblo quiere que David sea su rey y pastor. Él es "de su misma carne y sangre" y, al mismo tiempo, cercano también a Dios. --- En esto David es una imagen de Jesús.

Segunda Lectura (Colosenses 1,12-20): Pertenece al Reino de Jesús.

Con San Pablo expresamos nuestra gratitud al Padre por concedernos un lugar en el Reino de Jesús, gracias a su muerte en la cruz.

Evangelio (Lucas 23,35-43): Un Rey Crucificado

amigos desde la cruz Jesús salva a toda la humanidad, pues la reconcilia con Dios, y comenzó a reinar sobre todas las cosas, llevando a plenitud aquel modelo de rey-pastor, que reúne y conduce a su rebaño, Extraña realeza la de un hombre clavado en la cruz de la ignominia. Objeto de burla y de desprecio. No es esta la imagen que tenemos de un rey. Sin embargo, en la cruz de este hijo del hombre se nos muestra la verdadera gloria de DIOS

A través de todo este año hemos contemplado con nuestros ojos el nacimiento, la vida, el mensaje, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús. La liturgia de hoy resume algunos aspectos clave de por qué él vino a vivir entre nosotros. Murió en la cruz por nosotros para mostrarnos toda la profundidad del amor de Dios, su ilimitada misericordia con los pecadores, la promesa del paraíso para el criminal crucificado, la gracia de Dios que nos acepta como hermanos y hermanas de Jesús e hijos y herederos del Reino. Con Jesús damos gracias ahora al Padre por concedernos perdón y vida.

a) Preguntas:

- El pueblo observaba. ¿Por qué no tomas nunca una postura ante los acontecimientos? Todo lo que has vivido, escuchado, visto... no puedes echarlo a perder porque algo se interpone por el camino y parece oscurecerlo todo. ¡Muévete!

- «Si eres el rey de los Judíos sálvate a ti mismo». ¡Cuántos chantajes con Dios en la oración! Si eres Dios, ¿por qué no intervienes? Hay tantos inocentes que sufren... si me quieres, hazme lo que te digo y yo creo... ¿Cuándo dejarás de tratar con el Señor como si tú supieras más que Él lo que es bueno y lo que no lo es?

- Jesús, acuérdate de mí. ¿Cuándo verás en Cristo, el único HOY que te da vida?

b) Llave de Lectura:

Solemnidad de Cristo, Rey del universo. Uno se esperaría un pasaje del Evangelio de entre los más luminosos, y sin embargo nos encontramos ante un pasaje de entre los menos claros. ... El estupor de lo no esperado, es la sensación más apta para entrar en el corazón de la fiesta de hoy, el estupor de aquel que sabe que no puedes entender las infinidades del misterio del Hijo de Dios.

Cristo muere en la cruz. No está solo. Está rodeado de gente, de las personas más extrañas, personas hostiles que vierten sobre él sus responsabilidades de incomprensión, personas indiferentes que no se implican de no ser por interés personal, personas que no entienden todavía, pero que quizás están mejor dispuestas a dejarse interrogar ya que no tienen nada más que perder, como uno de los dos malhechores. Si la muerte es una caída en la nada, entonces el tiempo humano se colorea de esperanza, y el espacio de la finitud se abre camino al mañana, a la aurora nueva de la Resurrección: Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida... ¡Qué verdad está encerrada este día en estas solemnes palabras de Jesús! Son palabras que iluminan la oscuridad de la muerte. El camino no se detiene, la verdad no se apaga, la vida no muere.



OFFERING UPDATE November 5/6

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	241	85	\$2,292.00
8:00 a.m.	209	90	3,523.00
10:00 a.m.	330	77	2,512.00
12:00 a.m.	303	68	2,041.00
Total coin:			9.36
Faith Direct			3,207.40
Children's Env.		11	39.00
Mail-ins:			2,217.00
Special Needs	35	16	432.00
TOTAL	1,118	347	\$16,272.76
2021	1,052	406	\$19,231.78
Candles			\$1,224.01
Poor Box			\$199.53
All Saint's Day			\$4,359.00
1st Saturday			\$111.00

Next week, **November 19/20**, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that 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.



This Thanksgiving we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

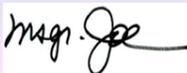
Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY286, or text 'Enroll' to (631) 201-5664.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,



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* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org no later than the dates listed below. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

November 20—early deadline passed
 November 27—early deadline passed
 December 4—November 23 deadline
Early printer deadlines due to holiday closures

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022 OLPH GOAL: \$114,600	Total pledges: \$107,450.00
	# of pledges: 394
	Total payments: \$100,956.50
	% of Goal: 93.76% As of 11/7/22

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____
 Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2022
OUR LORD CHRIST JESUS, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke 23:42

2 Samuel 5:1-3

This reading celebrates Christ's kingship by looking back at his ancestry and linking him with David who was Israel's greatest king and a man after God's own heart. Though he began as a shepherd boy, he became a mighty warrior who ruled a united kingdom and remained Israel's model of the ideal king throughout her history. Jesus was often called "Son of David" and as David's descendant and son he can claim the title and throne of David. When Jesus takes that throne, it will be forever.

Colossians 1:12-20

The main part of this reading from Paul's letter to the church at Colossae is a liturgical hymn that was in use at the time which sings of Christ as "firstborn" both of creation and our salvation. He preceded all things and all things are held together by him. Paul stresses that Jesus was there at creation since false teachers had infected the faith of the believers at Colossae by persuading them that Christ was inferior to that of the angels. He asserts that Christ brought all things "visible and invisible" into being and reigns over all the angelic powers of heaven. Jesus is more than just a good person or a wise teacher. He is the firstborn of the dead which means he is our savior, conquering death through the blood of his cross. He is the firstborn of creation which means he is the eternal Word through whom God created the world and everything in it. Jesus is Lord of everything because he is God!

Luke 23:35-43

Jesus' companions in death are two criminals: one who jeers at him to save his earthly life and one who recognizes his own guilt and its fitting punishment but focuses on the life to come and begs Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. This "good thief" is an unlikely but powerful role model. He acknowledges and confesses his own sins and then repents and asks for forgiveness. For this, he was canonized on the cross by the Lord himself. Despite his guilt, this thief called Jesus by name. We too, sinners all, can confidently approach our King, call him by name, and say, "Jesus, remember me."

Gospel Reflection

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. According to Pope Francis, Jesus revealed himself as Mercy, from the beginning of his life to his last act. What does that mean to you? What does his assurance to the Good Thief confirm?

[The good thief] asks Jesus to remember him. There is so much tenderness in this expression, so much humanity! It is the need of the human being not to be forsaken; that God may be always near. ...

On the Cross, [Jesus'] last act confirms the fulfillment of his plan of salvation. From beginning to end, he revealed himself as Mercy, he revealed himself as the definitive and unrepeatable Incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus is truly the face of the Father's mercy. And the good thief called him by name: "Jesus." It is a short invocation, and we can all make it several times during the day, "Jesus." Simply, "Jesus." Let us do so throughout the day.

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2. The good thief reached out to Jesus. How is he a model for us? Is anyone reaching out to you in any way? How about at work, at home, in your parish, in the local community, in the world community? If so, how will you heal their wounds and/or warm their hearts?



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 14, 2022:

Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5
+ Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 15, 2022:

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22
+ Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 16, 2022:

Revelation 4:1-11 + Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 17, 2022:

Revelation 5:1-10 + Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 18, 2022:

Revelation 11:4-12 + Luke 20:27-40

Saturday, November 19, 2022:

Revelation 11:4-12 + Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 20, 2022:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
+ Colossians 1:12-20
+ Luke 23:35-43

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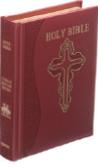


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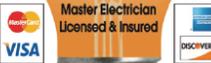
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