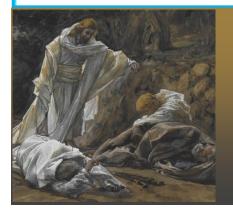
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Let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:6

# **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** November 19, 2023

### **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, Deacon James Totino

Business Manager: Mr. Gerry Chille

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut • Music Director: Miss Erin Barrett

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., 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

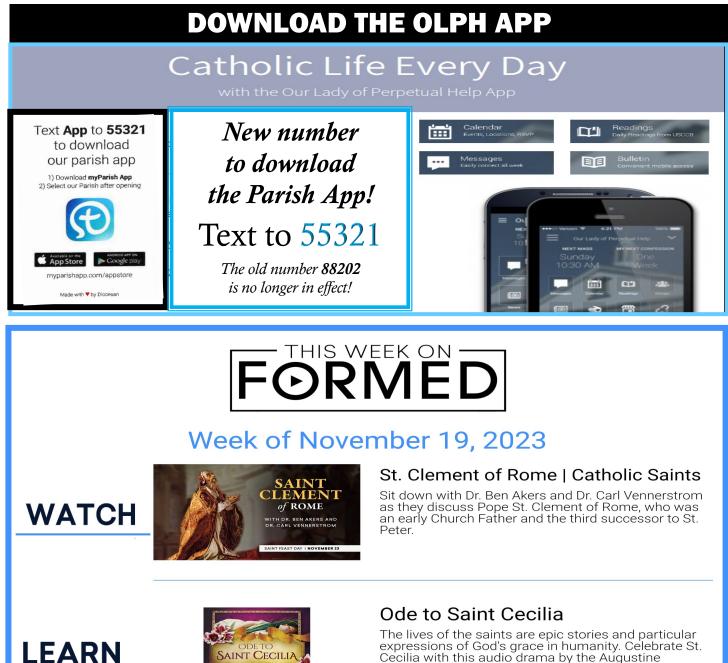
OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass <u>Rosary</u>: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass <u>The Holy Face of Jesus</u>: Tuesdays following 12:15 p.m. Mass <u>First Fridays and First Saturdays</u>: As announced in bulletin

### **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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expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.

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#### Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

#### Having a Catholic Funeral

As we continue to journey through the month of November, which is the 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. 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.

#### Thanksgiving Day

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day! I hope it will be a day that is special for you and your loved ones, one full of much joy and love and many blessings.

In many ways, saying "thank you" to God could be said to be the one and only essential prayer; how crucial it is as part of our spiritual life that we recognize we are dependent on God for everything, and that everything we have and everything we are comes to us as a free gift from God! In fact, I often say that gratitude is the fundamental Christian attitude, and it's the unwavering stance we should have toward all of life. The beautiful thing about Thanksgiving Day is that it is kind of a "natural Holy Day." There's just something both natural and spiritual about setting aside a day for giving thanks and focusing on what's really important in life.

Unfortunately, the forces of greed and consumerism encroach more and more on what should be time set aside for relaxation and re-creation of the human spirit in God. Unfortunately, Christmas sales and "Black Friday" shopping have already gone into full swing (before the customary day after Thanksgiving as "Black Friday"!), and, in my opinion, Thanksgiving Day itself is in danger of being lost. Maybe this is something we all need to think and pray deeply about; we all need to make conscious and daring decisions to keep values such as family life, spirituality, thankfulness and shared time together as the center of our life.

Our parish celebrates Thanksgiving Day by having one Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. Some special highlights of our Thanksgiving Mass are as follows:

• There will not be the usual collection of money. Instead, everyone is invited to bring a non-perishable food offering for the poor, as described elsewhere in this bulletin. These offerings will be brought forward in procession with the offerings of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist, so do not drop off your food offering on the sanctuary steps when you enter the church — hold on to them until the assembly is called forward to carry them up in procession.

• We will offer a special blessing of your Thanksgiving table food. Bring some food item from your table to be blessed at Mass.

• As you exit, special table blessing prayer cards will be available for you to take home, along with a small loaf of bread for your table, handed to you by the Ushers; use the blessing as your grace before the meal if you so choose, and allow the loaf of bread to be a connection between your family table at home and your family Eucharistic table in church.

Also, we will need some help immediately following the Mass — we need folks to help carry the offerings for the poor over to the St. Vincent de Paul office in the school building. If you can give ten minutes or so after the Mass to help out, we would appreciate it.

I absolutely love the Thanksgiving Day Mass each year; it gives me the opportunity to reflect on my own gratitude for the gift that all of you are. OLPH is a wonderful, warm place with very caring and generous people. Being able to be Pastor here is a gift for which I am very grateful, and I will be sure to say thank you to God for that on that day. I cannot think of any other place I would rather be other than here, "the place to be!"

#### 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,

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# **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

# Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for



healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

### 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.

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

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

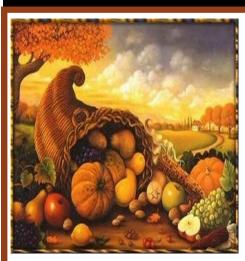
# FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

# **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

# **"LET US GIVE THANKS"**



# Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, November 23rd at 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 these will be carried forward in procession during the Mass;



• distribute bread and a table blessing for all to bring home and 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.

# NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, November 22 (the day before Thanksgiving). It is necessary to cancel Exposition that day because the cleaning of the church must be moved from Thursday to Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your understanding.

# ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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

Please remember to pick up your picture by Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.



**BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD** 

We have a special book 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, <u>without any</u> <u>intention</u>, 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 2023) 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!

## ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS (INCLUDING NEW ONES): MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on **Tuesday, November 28 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!

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

# **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**, **December 3** and continuing every Sunday **through December 24**, 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.

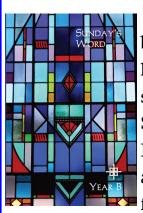
#### <u>LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT</u> <u>ARE NOW AVAILABLE</u>

Please take home a *Little Blue Book* which contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Advent and Christmas Time. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the

*Little Blue Book.* They are provided free of charge for your spiritual enrichment, but if you would like to put an extra three (3) dollars into the collection basket to help cover the cost of your book, it would be appreciated. Thank you!



### NEW SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE



The new *Sunday's Word* books for the new liturgical year (Cycle B) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, are now available at the rectory for purchase, for \$5.00.

# Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3, 2023 The First Sunday of Advent 7:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 210 So. Wellwood Avenue Lindenhurst, NY

Reception to follow in the School Auditorium In the peak of winter darkness, we will gather in the quiet church, to hear the Scriptures and beautiful music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, OLPH parish will add its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth choir, cantors, and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts.



# "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME" PRAYER GARDEN Engraved Bricks

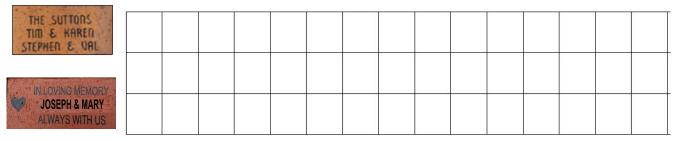
Memorialize your loved ones or your prayer intention in our "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden!

The memorializations do not have to be only for children, though; the prayer garden is for all prayers, intentions and memorializations for loved ones of any age. Or, you can offer a prayer intention.

Your Name(s)			
Street:			
City:	State: Zip:		
Phone:	Email:		
Please enclose full payment of \$125 with this completed form. Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Mail or return form in person to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church			

Attn: Brick Memorialization Linda Coppola 210 South Wellwood Avenue Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Please print the inscription as it is to appear on the brick (3 lines/15 characters per line maximum). Each box represents one letter, number, character or space. The pavers will be engraved in all capital letters. If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.



### **OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday: CLOSED Saturday: By Appointment Only

# ALL LEVELS!!!

Remember that there will be no classes on both Wednesday the 22nd and Saturday the 25th, for our Thanksgiving break. We hope you all take the time to enjoy quality time with family and friends, and to count the many blessings which God has mercifully bestowed on us.

# Trivia!

Here's the trivia question for this week:

Which Old Testament prophet was promised he would be "father of many nations?"

> A. Moses B. Abraham C. Adam D. Elijah

Check back in next week's bulletin to see if you got it right!

# Saint of the Day: <u>St. Nicholas</u>

Contrary to popular belief, St. Nicholas' Day is on December Feast 6. not Christmas. Did you know that St. Nicholas is Greek and was Bishop of Myra? He lost his parents to sickness at a young age and was raised by his uncle who was also a bishop. His parents were very religious, so he donated his inheritance from them to charity and became a priest. On a particular occasion St. Nicholas took a bag of gold and threw it into the house through the window of a poor man who was going to sell his daughters. He was able to marry off his eldest daughter and she was saved. St. Nicholas did this two more times so that each of the daughters could get married. He is the Patron Saint of bakers, of Sicily, and of children.



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #794** AND HOLY NAME SOCIETY: **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST!!!** 

Advent Prayer

Jesus comes.



DATE: Sunday, November 26, 2023 TIME: Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass WHERE: Cafeteria

Join us for fun, fellowship, bagels and Advent craft.....and the annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest! Advent Wreaths and Advent Candles will be available for purchase.

> RSVP: Angela (516) 445-9635 OR Eileen (631) 682-4853 by Sunday, November 19th

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The office is open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon 1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love. **NEW** Food Pantry List!

CANNED SOUPS WITH MEAT CANNED POTATOES BAKED BEANS MAC & CHEESE PANCAKE MIX PANCAKE SYRUP JELLY OR JAM COOKIES/SNACKS DESSERTS TOOTHPASTE

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

# OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE IS COMING NOVEMBER 25!



"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." -Matthew 25

More details to come next week!

# **CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION**



### **FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

#### **Our Story: Religious Freedom in Peril**

In 1775 Paul Revere rode through the streets of towns and villages, country roads and dirt paths, calling out to his countrymen and neighbors to wake up and prepare for an imminent attack on their freedoms.

In 2012, a group of Catholics came together bound by a common concern: the federal government's denial of freedom of conscience. Much like Paul Revere, they recognized the urgent need to alert their friends and neighbors to an attack on our foundational freedom — our freedom of religion.

"The constitutional freedom of religion is the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights." —Thomas Jefferson

The group was roused by the government's mandate that forced all employers, except churches, to provide abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and sterilization as part of their health insurance. These Catholics recognized that this was an extreme denial of religious freedom — and it was unconstitutional. The federal government was claiming the ability to deny First Amendment rights through regulations and excessive fines.

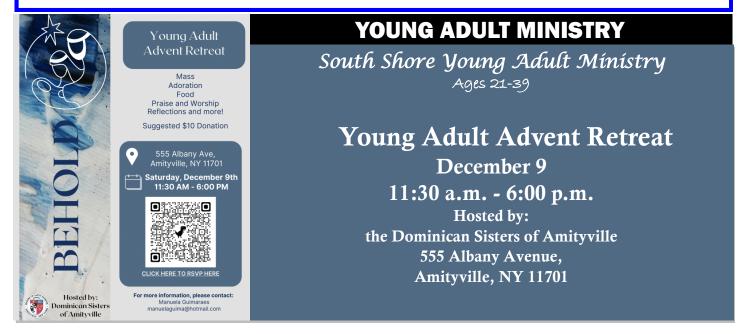
The Catholics — who were retired professionals, enjoying time with their families, and volunteering in their communities — saw that this information was not reaching Catholics in the halls of their schools and the vestibules of their churches, and they felt compelled to act. Their mission was clear: to draw attention to the ongoing erosion of religious freedom in the U.S. and around the world.

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

It was clear that secularism was being hard-pressed on the heart of one of the most basic conscientiously-held beliefs — the sacredness of human life. The group knew from the world's history of religious intolerance and persecution that all Americans were in great jeopardy, particularly since religious freedom, the right of conscience, is the first of all our inalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The group ultimately decided to mobilize and the Catholics for Freedom of Religion (CFFR) nonprofit organization was formed, embodying the group's commitment to grassroots action. This has involved 11 years of building resources and expanding volunteers to reach more fellow lay Catholics and bring attention to denials of religious freedom. Together, we continue to educate our fellow Americans about the facts and importance of religious freedom, how dearly it was purchased for us and how easily it is diminished and denied when we are not vigilant. To learn more and to get involved, visit www.cffor.org.

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." —Edward Everette Hale



# **SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

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#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

#### **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

#### **CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the 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 Deacon James Totino

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

#### YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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Please feel free to speak to any member of the 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: Spencer Lee & Karla Lynn Desimini

# WE CELEBRATE

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people.—Order of Baptism of Children



Angelo Joel Carmona Henry Noel Dominguez Joseph Leonard Fiorenzo Leo Santiago Fuentes Francis David Pangallo **Ryder Shea Roll** Carmela Brianne Weidenburner

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

# WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

**Christine** Gallagher Lisa Byrne Edward Novack Charlieanne Alexander Monica Pulla Lina Avila Evelyn Pulla Alex Betti Deacon Bill Weiss Christopher DePalma Christine Ajello-Larsen

John Leyden Sandra McGuckin Anthony Pastore Winter Pastore Henry Batz Jack Brzozinski Laurell Desner Vincent Crisotomo Liam Michael Bentley Ken Brijlall Jan Blake

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

### **WE REMEMBER**

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Edward S. Cronin

**Brittany Evans** 

"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."

# **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Holy Name Society would like to thank the parishioners for their support in this year's Turkey Raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners:



Anne Lloyd R. Bamundo Silvana Picinich

Kara Duffy Mary Sorrentino Dianna Teebo

Liz S. Annetta Vita

Plus, two anonymous donations to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Ed G. as our alternate winner.

#### November 19, 2023

MONI	MONDAY, November 20—		
	Weekday		
6:30	Anthony Cammarata		
12:15	Toni Lyn Umile		
	TUESDAY, November 21— The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
6:30	Robert W. Fischer		
12:15	Kenneth Gentz		
WEDN	WEDNESDAY, November 22— Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr		
6:30	Olivia Keim		
12:15	George Wagner Jr.		
THUR	THURSDAY, November 23— Weekday		
	(Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot;		
Bles	Blessed Miguel Agustin Pio, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day)		
9:00	Eleanor McLaughlin		
	FRIDAY, November 24— Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs		
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton		
12:15	Anne Gravelle		
SATURDAY, November 25— Weekday (Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr)			
8:00	Patricia Tagliaferri		
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE			
5:00	Geraldine Moscatiello		
Sunday, November 26— OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE			
8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus		
10:00	For the People of the Parish		
12:00	Giovanni D'Amore		

# PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 20, 2023					
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			
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church			
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room			
7:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Meeting	Auditorium			
	Tuesday, November 21, 202	3			
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria			
7:00 p.m.	Combined Choir Rehearsal	Church			
	Vednesday, November 22, 20				
ALL OFFIC	ES AND RECTORY WILL CLOSE . NO EVENING RECTORY HOURS				
NO C	OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE P				
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.	No Exposition	Church			
1:00 p.mon	Church closed for cleaning	Church			
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus			
,	Thursday, November 23, 202	23			
	CES ARE CLOSED AND ALL ACTI LLED EXCEPT FOR THE 9:00 A.M				
CANCE	Friday, November 24, 2023				
	THUAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023				
	TION DESK OPEN ONLY UNTIL 1				
Saturday, November 25, 2023					
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church			
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church			
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria			
Sunday, November 26, 2023					
11:00 a.m.	Family Life "Getting Ready for Advent"	Cafeteria			
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church			
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria			

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were 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: <u>https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc</u>

# **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 a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

### **Ordinario - Ciclo A**

Domingo, 19 de noviembre de 2023

Oh Dios!, que unes los corazones de tus fieles en un mismo deseo; inspira a tu pueblo el amor a tus preceptos y la esperanza en tus promesas, para que, en medio de las vicisitudes del mundo, nuestros corazones estén firmes en la verdadera alegría. Por nuestro Señor.

#### Primera Lectura (Proverbios 31,10-13.19-20.30-31): El Ama de Casa Usa Todos Sus Talentos

Aquí tenemos como una foto de una madre y esposa ejemplar. Ella emplea todos sus talentos de mente, corazón, fe al servicio de su familia y también de los pobres.

#### Segunda Lectura (1 Tesalonicenses 5,1-6): Manténganse Alerta para la Venida del Señor.

Como "hijos de la luz y del día", deberíamos estar listos en cualquier momento para la venida del Señor, aun sin saber cuándo vendrá.

#### Evangelio (Mateo 25,14-30): ¿Qué Han Hecho Ustedes con Sus Talentos?

Dios nos ha dado ricos dones de fe. ¿Qué hemos hecho con ellos? Entre los empleados del evangelio de hoy, ¿con cuál de ellos nos identificamos?

El Evangelio de hoy deja bien en claro que se espera mucho más de nosotros/as. Se nos pide que hagamos una contribución positiva al trabajo del Reino y a la comunidad cristiana, como el Cuerpo de Cristo. En la práctica, eso puede significar tomar parte activa en nuestra iglesia, en nuestra parroquia, que tengamos iniciativas de justicia social, etc. Por eso, es importante que nos tomemos un tiempo para reflexionar cuáles son mis talentos, dones o habilidades y después preguntarme hasta dónde las estoy usando

Esta parábola es más que una exhortación a usar bien nuestras cualidades. Es sobre el Reino, que nos es encargado a nosotros mientras el Maestro hace un largo viaje. Cuando vuelva, espera que sus servidores hayan hecho trabajar las riquezas encomendadas a ellos. Los primeros dos se arriesgaron y duplicaron lo que habían recibido. Fueron alabados por su compromiso con el Maestro, al Reino. El tercer sirviente, que temía al Maestro, perdió incluso el único talento que tenía. ¿Arriesgo muchas cosas y cualidades que se me han dado por el crecimiento del Reino o estoy satisfecho con lo que tengo, asegurándome de no perderlo, suficientemente contento con una existencia respetable? ¿Qué me dirá el Maestro cuando me llame a dar cuenta?

#### Para la reflexión personal

• En nuestra comunidad, ¿tratamos de conocer y valorar los dones de cada persona? Nuestra comunidad ¿es un espacio donde las personas pueden desenvolver sus dones? A veces los dones de una persona engendran envidia y competitividad en los otros. ¿Cómo reaccionamos?

• ¿Cómo entender la frase: "Porque a todo el que tiene, se le dará y le sobrará; pero al que no tiene, ¿aun lo que tiene se le quitará?"



OFFERING UPDATE					
November 11/12					
Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection			
226	91	\$2,242.00			
175	100	3,250.00			
316	72	2,353.00			
335	82	2,454.00			
		3,146.32			
	13	40.00			
		2,700.00			
1,052	358	\$16,185.32			
1,039	345	\$15,744.55			
		\$766.18			
		\$243.00			
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As we gather around tables with friends, families, and bountiful meals, we are reminded that God enriches us to be generous and that our generosity leads to gratitude towards God.

Your generous online donations will help sustain our Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. With Faith Direct, you can make regular automatic contributions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish using your credit/debit card or bank account.

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

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### SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS FOR THANKSGIVING:

November 23, Thanksgiving Day

- Office closes at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 (no evening office hours)
- Office closed Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day
  - Reception desk re-opens Friday morning, November 24 with normal office hours Friday, November 24 which are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



# SUPER 72 RAFFLE NOVEMBER WINNERS

- \$1000 Mrs. D. Kelly
- \$250 Mr. & Mrs. R. Hume
- **\$100 Brian Legerlotz**
- **\$100 -** Lillian Cucchiara
- \$100 Robert & Sharon Bohen
- **\$100** Infante Family
- **Special \$100 Drawing for Thanksgiving:**

Lance Ninomiya

### 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 26—deadline passed December 3—November 24 deadline December 10—December 1 deadline

November 19, 2023

### **PREPARING FOR**

### Sunday, November 26, 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40

#### Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Our first reading is one of reproach for the leaders of Israel for they have lived off the sheep (the people under their care) without responding to their needs. They provided no care for those who remained faithful and left those who strayed to their own resources. With their people in great danger the religious leaders provided for themselves even when many people were lost; there was no noticeable difference in their leaders' care for their flock. Now God himself will assume the role of shepherd. He will bring back the exiled and go after the lost, the wounded and the ill to bring them back.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul speaks of the final resurrection of the just and the subjection of all forces of evil to the sovereignty of God. In Christ's Resurrection, Paul envisions Christ as the second Adam. The first Adam brought death into the world; the second Adam brought life. This new life stretches beyond our mortal existence and will be given to those who have fallen asleep in death. Christ's reign will last until his mission is accomplished and all forces contrary to God are subdued.

#### Matthew 25:31-46

We hear today of the Last Judgment where we see what will happen to those who prepared well (the sheep) for the second coming of Christ and those who did not (the goats). The sheep, like the wise virgins and industrious servants from the parables we heard over the last two weeks, are blessed and welcomed into the Kingdom of God because of what they did, traditionally known as "the works of mercy": feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting those in prison, and so on. While apparently the blessed ones did these works for the "least brothers of mine" they actually did it for the Son of Man himself, who identifies with the least among us in society. This is an important challenge to all who hear this Gospel. The little ones of our world all belong to Christ and in showing mercy to them we meet the Christ who will also come as judge.

# Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 20, 2023: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 + Luke 18:35-43 Tuesday, November 21, 2023: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 + Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22, 2023: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 + Luke 19:11-28 Thursday, November 23, 2023:

1 Maccabees 2:15-29 +Luke 19:41-44 For Thanksgiving any readings from the Lectionary for Mass nos. 943-947

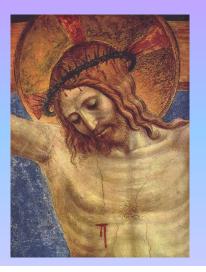
Friday, November 24, 2023: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 + Luke 19:45-48 Saturday, November 25, 2023: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 + Luke 20:27-40 Sunday, November 26, 2023: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 + 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 + Matthew 25:31-46

#### **Gospel Reflection**

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

1. This king is the almighty and glorious God. Why did he come into the world, in solidarity with the poor, wear thorns for his crown, and have a cross for his throne? Can you relate on a personal level to a very rich, brilliant leader? How about to a poor and suffering one?

2. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink." Christ uses our generosity as a standard for salvation. How is it also a standard for happiness? What happens to you when you give? If the "goats" had recognized Jesus, wouldn't they have given too? How important is it to give without calculation?



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Extra \$250 Drawing at Christmas and \$150 Drawing in the New Year!

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Mail back the parish portion of the ticket with your check payable to "OLPH SUPER 72" or drop it in the collection basket. 1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$250 3rd-6th Prizes: \$100

#### Tickets and envelopes are also available at the Rectory.

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	2023 OLPH GOAL: \$114,600	Total pledges: \$99,039.00 # of pledges: 360 Total payments: \$92,894.50 As of 11/13/23		
	Please make checks payable to <i>Catholic Ministries Appe</i> Parish Name Address City, State, Zip:	Total Pledge: \$ Down payment: \$		
	Phone: Signature:			
	For more information visit www.drvc.org/CMA or call 5	16-678-5800- ext. 296. Thank You!		
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