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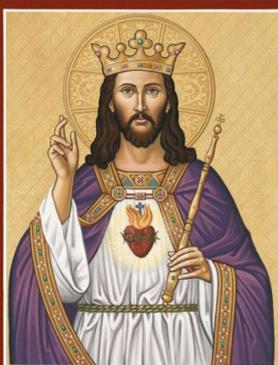
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*Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.*

Luke 23:42

**OUR LORD CHRIST JESUS, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
November 20, 2022**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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**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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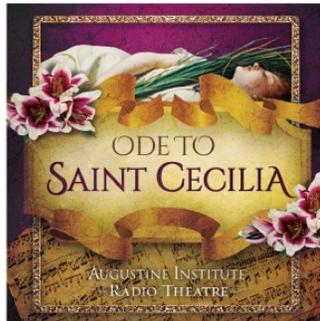
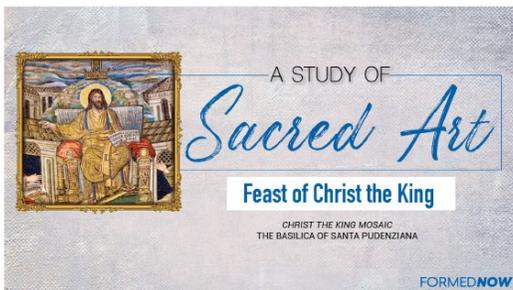
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 20, 2022

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

This Sunday, the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the last Sunday of this liturgical year, and is always celebrated as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This Solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

This Solemnity is a fitting celebration to the end of Ordinary Time, since it provides a nice transition into the call we hear in the first weeks of Advent to prepare for the coming King. Christ's kingship is eschatological, which means Christ's Kingdom is both already present in the Church, yet is also to be fulfilled at the end of time. Consequently, this Solemnity turns our thoughts to the "last things." It gives us a preview of the coming fulfillment of the reign of Christ at the end of time, which is also how we begin Advent next week — by reflecting on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time (notice the smooth transition from one liturgical season to the next).

Take special notice of how this Solemnity causes us to rethink our conventional understandings of kingship and power; Jesus transforms what true kingship and power really are. The way of Christ, and therefore the way for all Christians to live, is the way of humble service and of caring for others. True kingship stems from making oneself low; true power comes about by being selflessly and generously concerned with the needs of others. Christ's kingship lies not in worldly power or authority, but rather in His self-sacrificing love that gives life to others.

The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer used at Mass for this Solemnity sums it all up very well for us: Christ's Kingdom is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Blessings to you on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

### *Advent begins next weekend!*

Take note! Since this Sunday is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, that means next Sunday begins a new liturgical year. Yes, next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent! Next week we begin "Year A" of the three-year cycle of Lectionary readings (designated A, B and C) for Sunday Mass. The primary evangelist for Year A is St. Matthew, so we'll be hearing a great deal of St. Matthew's Gospel on the Sundays in Ordinary Time during the upcoming year.

It seems there's always something exciting about Advent Time; it always seems to bring something fresh and new, and as Christians we must always maintain an appropriate spirit of hope and optimism, and not give in to the voices of "doom and gloom." Advent gives us the time to prepare for Christ coming among us anew into our life and into our heart. One liturgical year ends as another begins, and so too with our life in Christ: there is always a new beginning to be found with the One

who came into the world to save us.

There's no secret about how important I feel it is for us to keep Advent, and to not celebrate Christmas until it is Christmas Time; I kind of harp on this subject every year, and will do so again this year. I really do believe it is vitally important for the rhythms of the liturgical year to be spiritual rhythms and focal points that we put into concrete practice in our life; they are not just cute mental notes to give lip service to or to pay attention to only when we are at Mass — they must become part of the fabric of our very life. We should not compartmentalize our lives and observe one thing when we're in church, but something different in our personal spiritual life; we should really live these things. It is upsetting to me when Catholics (especially those who should know better) seem dismissive of Advent (or, even worse, buy into secular phrasing such as using the word "holiday" in place of "Christmas"). We've all heard the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas," but how about "Keep Advent in Advent Time"?

In the week ahead, think about how you and your family will give yourselves the very special and irreplaceable gift of letting Advent be Advent, instead of celebrating an elongated Christmas. Such extensions of Christmas Time serve no purpose other than to water down the meaning of Christmas and to feed into the crass commercialism and superficiality of our secular society. It's no wonder that we feel stressed out by Christmas, if we have been celebrating it for four or even eight weeks before December 25 ever arrives! Make some concrete decisions as to how you and your family will celebrate Advent as Advent. Be sure to celebrate a Christian Advent, with a true Christian spiritual and liturgical focus, and not a mere secular Advent of just simply counting down days.

Starting next week, we'll be publishing information in the bulletin to help you and your family keep Advent time. Please take the time to read and use these resources to help you keep Advent in Advent Time!

### *Little Blue Book for Advent*

As one resource to help everyone keep Advent, we have once again made available the *Little Blue Book* with daily meditations for Advent and Christmas Time. The reflections and meditations are new and updated for this year, as they are every year. I hope you enjoy the books again this year.

We always provide the books free of charge as a pastoral service to you. If you would like to make an extra donation to help cover the cost of the books, such a donation would be greatly appreciated. You can simply increase your weekly offering for one week, or send in a separate offering marked "For the Little Blue Books." Thank you.

### *Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Mass*

This Tuesday, November 22, I will once again

have the honor of presiding at the annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass, where we remember and pray for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary. As part of our November month of remembrance of our beloved dead, this is always an important moment in the life of OLPH. The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary continue to be a vital part of OLPH and it continues to be my pleasure and my honor to be the Chaplain to the Knights. Blessings to all the Knights for all they do for OLPH!

### ***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. “Black Friday” creeps earlier and earlier into Thanksgiving Day, and even before that day, 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 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!”

### ***Plan now on when you will get to Confession during Advent***

Our parish-wide mailing with our Advent and Christmas schedule has gone out, so you should have received yours, or, if not, you will be receiving it very soon. I urge you to make your plans now for when you will go to Confession during Advent; take note of the times we are offering the sacrament. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the perfect way to “prepare the way of the Lord” during Advent so that we are spiritually ready for the great feast of Christmas. We priests want nothing more than to celebrate with you the great gift of God’s forgiveness. *See you at Confession!*

### ***SUPER 72***

Finally, let me offer a brief reminder, asking you to be sure to participate in our next **SUPER 72** game (see the flyer elsewhere in this bulletin for more details). The **SUPER 72** continues to be another important fund raiser for the parish, so I ask everyone to buy some tickets. Tickets were mailed out, and are also available at the rectory.

### ***In conclusion...***

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

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

Sincerely,



## “LET US GIVE THANKS”



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

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 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. 15), 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.*

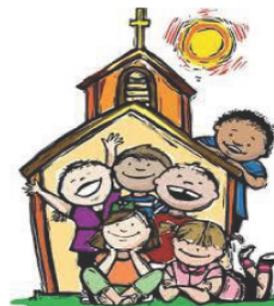
## CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**NEXT SUNDAY A CHILDREN’S HOMILY WILL BE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL - OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST. LISTEN TO THE READINGS AND A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL!**

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 done in the main body of the church.

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## OLPH FAMILY AND EVENTS PHOTO ALBUMS

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*Celebrating 150 Years*

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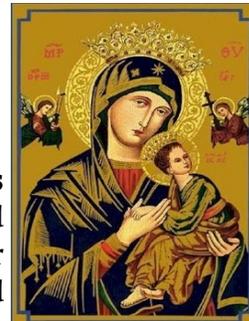
OLPH Family and Events Photo Albums are still available! They include beautiful pictures of our parishioners and their families, wonderful pictures of our clergy and ministry groups, and fun pictures of all the events that took place during our 150th Anniversary Year. **For your convenience, the Albums will be sold outside the front of the church on Wellwood Avenue after all the Masses on 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](mailto:hcalab2@optonline.net)

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, November 23 (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.

### *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](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com)
- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



### 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.

## 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 and we ask you to please pick up your picture by Friday, November 25.

## BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

A special book will be 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.**



## 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 **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.

## OLPH CHRISTMAS CARDS

**"OLPH is the place to be!" AND ...**

***The place to buy your Christmas cards!***

Once again, parishioners will have the opportunity to buy their **Christmas cards at OLPH**. Cards will be available for sale after all Masses on **November 26/27** at the Wellwood Avenue entrance, and in the rectory during the week. A box of 25 cards featuring the image of our altar decorated for Christmas (shown here) will be available for the price of \$20.00. Purchases can be made with cash or check made out to OLPH. Sorry, no credit or debit cards. Cards will be in limited supply, so be sure to make your purchases early. Buy enough cards to send to those you love!



## NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

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

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

**New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 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!

## LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

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 the books, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK  
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS  
2022-2023

Six-minute reflections  
on the First Readings for daily Mass  
during the Advent/Christmas season

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



*Congratulations to Emily Caroline Fernandez,  
Kristian Jalyn Hurley, Jacob John Perez  
and Ella Marie Richtman!*

*These children in our Religious Education  
Program were baptized by Msgr. Joe on  
Saturday, November 12. We join with them  
as they continue their formation  
toward the remaining  
Sacraments of Initiation!*

## ADVENT MINI-MISSION WITH MSGR. JOE



*Do something special for Advent! Come to the...*

### **ADVENT MINI-MISSION WITH MSGR. JOE MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 and 6 7:30 p.m. in the church**

Last June, Pope Francis released a new Apostolic Letter on the topic of the liturgical formation of the People of God.

It is an exquisite summary of what liturgy is all about, and how all of us can be formed to more deeply participate in the liturgy.

Over the two nights, Msgr. Joe will offer presentations discussing the Pope's letter, covering topics such as:

- how we encounter Christ in the sacraments;
- entering into the symbols of the liturgy;
- the art of liturgical celebration;
- how everyone participates in the Paschal Mystery.



Let this Advent be a time for you to discover anew the richness and depth of our Catholic liturgy!

Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer.

*We request that you let us know if you are coming,  
so we can prepare hand-outs accordingly.*

*RSVP to the rectory, 631-226-7725, if you will be attending.*

## VISITING MISSIONARY—THANK YOU!

Fr. Naveen Borlakunta V.C. and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offerings. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions, and will help them to educate young men studying for priesthood. If you have not yet made an offering, or if you would like to make an additional offering, you may do so by mailing a check payable to "Vincentian Congregation", and mailed to: Vincentian Congregation, c/o Rev. Francis Cheruparampil, V.C., P.O. Box 56, Keyport, NJ 07735. In the memo part of the check, please write: "MCP OLPH DRVC". The Vincentian Missionaries will keep OLPH and all her parishioners in their prayers and Masses.

## 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](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html)*

**32.** Let us return to the cenacle in Jerusalem. On the morning of Pentecost the Church is born, the initial cell of the new humanity. Only the community of men and women — reconciled because pardoned, alive because He is alive, true because dwelt in by the Spirit of truth — can open the cramped space of spiritual individualism.

**33.** It is the community of Pentecost that is able to break the Bread in the certain knowledge that the Lord is alive, risen from the dead, present with his word, with his gestures, with the offering of His Body and His Blood. From that moment on the celebration became the privileged place — though not the only one — of an encounter with Him. We know that only thanks to the grace of this encounter does a human being become fully human. Only the Church of Pentecost can conceive of the human being as a person, open to a full relationship with God, with creation, and with one's brothers and sisters.

**34.** In this is posed the decisive question of liturgical formation. Romano Guardini says, "Here too the first practical task is indicated: carried along by this inner transformation of our time, we must learn anew how to relate religiously as fully human beings." This is what the Liturgy makes possible. For this we must be formed. Guardini does not hesitate to declare that without liturgical formation "then ritual and textual reforms won't help much." I do not intend to treat here in an exhaustive way the very rich theme of liturgical formation. I only want to offer some starting points for reflection. I think two aspects can be distinguished: formation for the Liturgy and formation by the Liturgy. The first depends upon the second which is essential.

### 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](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org) or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

# 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

### ALL LEVELS

On Wednesday, November 23, and Saturday, November 26, there will be no classes, due to the Thanksgiving break.

Be sure to count your blessings and thank God for all that you have.  
Enjoy the time with your family!



### Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Teresa of Calcutta, also known as Mother Teresa, is one of the most remarkable women of the modern age.

She gave her life to Christ and followed Him wherever He called her to go. She went to Ireland to study to become a nun, and then went to India to become a school teacher. She did this for twenty years and then heard Jesus calling to her to serve the poor. She went out to the slums of Calcutta and started taking care of those she found on the street. Her students joined her mission to help the poor. This group is the Missionaries of Charity.



Thank you and congratulations to all of our Catechists who received their Catechetical Service Awards from the Diocese of Rockville Centre on October 24! We are so grateful for all their tremendous service over the years!



Family Life Ministry's Annual  
**Getting Ready  
For Advent**



*Get the  
Advent season  
off to a good start!*



**TODAY!**

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the auditorium**

**Join us for bagels, prayer and an Advent craft!**



*Kids can also create posters for  
the KOC #794 & HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S  
annual CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and MUSIC MINISTRY

# Children's Christmas Pageant



**Friday, December 23, 2022**

**7:00 p.m. in the Church**



We would like to involve as many members as possible of our parish community, especially all parish children! We have many speaking parts for children who can memorize a few lines and speak loudly and clearly. There are roles for: Mary, Joseph, Herod, Three Wise Men, Innkeepers, the Little Drummer Boy, Angels and of course the shepherds.

**Please indicate if your child is interested in having a speaking role.** Parts will be given out at the tryouts on Saturday, December 3, at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Anyone wishing to have a speaking part must be able to attend all rehearsals. There is something for children first grade and up!

**College Students (especially those coming home for Christmas) and Adults:** We need help with supervision of angels and shepherds, assistance with hospitality and more! If you can help, please contact Bridget Jordan at [bjordan@oloph.org](mailto:bjordan@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 X 253.



**Tryouts for speaking roles will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium!**

### Pageant Practices

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

**Dress Rehearsal:** Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the church

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ My child wants to be a stagehand for service hours \_\_\_\_\_

My child is interested in having a speaking role! \_\_\_\_\_ My child wants to be in the Ensemble! \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631-592-1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631-561-5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631-225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631-226-2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631-957-1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631-226-2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631-412-3831—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

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the Kingdom of God by assisting 102 adults, 62 children, and 21 seniors, for a total of 70 families. Thank you!

### NEW Food Pantry List!

**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!

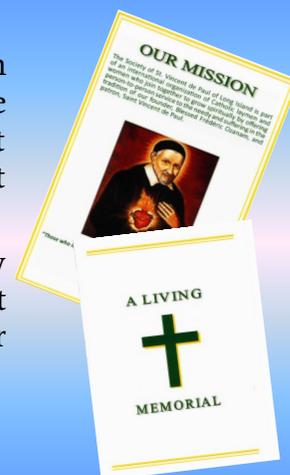
## THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### † AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



## OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE IS STARTING NOVEMBER 27!

*“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*

The Final Judgment in the Gospel of Matthew should serve as a call to action for each and every one of us. Our parish Advent Giving Tree is one way to respond! Our parish social ministries are working together to support life at all stages. There are tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. You need to empty the tree of the tags and return them no later than **Sunday, December 11**. Below are descriptions of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Doug Smith at [dsmith081553@gmail.com](mailto:dsmith081553@gmail.com). Gifts for St. Vincent de Paul (green tags) should be wrapped. All other gifts should not be wrapped.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Each year, our parish supports many families at Christmas with food, toys and clothing. Read more in our bulletin about our parish's outreach efforts.

### LIFE CENTER

The Life Center assists pregnant women as they prepare to give birth to the gift of life in their own lives. Learn more about the life center at [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org)

### SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Support the work of our Middle Ages group in providing Christmas gifts and necessities for our local veterans.



The Giving Tree



## PARISH SOCIAL 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](mailto:bjordan@oloph.org)

Survey: <https://forms.gle/zpYPk8wGvkn8uYQ6>



Come join us for our trip into the city, on Saturday, December 3, to see the Rockefeller Tree, the Christmas window displays, and to go to Catholic Underground!

We will take the 2:27 p.m. train from Lindenhurst to arrive in Penn Station around 3:38 p.m.

Catholic Underground will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 230 East 90th Street, 7:30 p.m. –

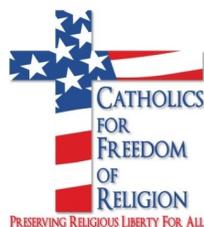
10:00 p.m. If you can't come sightseeing with us, you can still meet us for the Catholic Underground part of the evening.

RSVP to Bridget at the above e-mail, so we know to look for you!

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

#### Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, and a Failed Experiment: Part 1



**A Quick History:** The *Mayflower* set sail from England on September 6, 1620, and arrived at Cape Cod on November 11, 1620. The ship moved on to Plymouth with its 102 Pilgrims and on November 21, 1620, they drafted and signed the *Mayflower Compact*, a legal document, "in the presence of God, and of one another, [to] covenant

and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic."

Weakened from the 65-day voyage and unprepared for the harsh winter, by spring half had died from starvation and disease. Fortunately, with the help of local Native Americans (Indians), the 53 remaining Pilgrims learned to plant, and harvested an abundant crop by fall. Thus, the First Thanksgiving was to celebrate a successful harvest and give thanks to God.

**The Experiment:** The Pilgrims decided that their new community would create a collectivist model of governance where all labor was communal, with men raising crops for all families, not just their own, and women engaged in domestic chores for their neighbors. Few did more than the minimum because the incentive to excel was destroyed. Within two years, the results were shortages and starvation.

The Pilgrims' Governor, William Bradford, described the folly of collectivism: "For this community was found to breed much confusion and discontent and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort. For the young men, that were most able and fit for labour and service, did repine [complain] that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children without any recompense [payment]...And for men's wives to be commanded to do service for other men, as dressing their meat, washing their clothes, etc., they deemed it a kind of slavery, neither could many husbands brook [tolerate] it."

Governor Bradford also spoke about another problem from this created famine — thievery. "Much was stolen both by night and day..."

([libertyunderfire.org](http://libertyunderfire.org); [townhall.com](http://townhall.com); [historyofmassachusetts.org](http://historyofmassachusetts.org); [mayflowerhistory.com](http://mayflowerhistory.com))

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

—George Santayana, philosopher, poet, cultural critic

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
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Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
Jill Marie Delano, Business Manager	204	jdelano@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Jill Marie Delano  
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

## **WE CELEBRATE**

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

-Rite of Baptism

*Emily Caroline Fernandez*

*Kristian Jalyn Hurley*

*Jacob John Perez*

*Ella Marie Richtman*

*Amelia James Conte*

*Gerard Jones Milk*

*Madelynn Mae Milk*

*Lucia Isabella Wallace*



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

## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Lori and Tom McKeever*

*Cheryl Cleaver*

*Joseph Ingino*

*Anne Gravelle*

*Megan Kelly*

*Susan Davniero*

*Megan S. D'Amato*

*John Caliendo*

*Judith Coffin*

*Anthony Pastore*

*Andres Flores*

*Mary Gallagher*

*Patricia McQueen*

*Cecelia Pastore*

*Lois Rydzewski*

*Sylvana Picinich*

*Rachel Lohr*

*Baby George Elefterion*

*Ann-Marie Giarratano*

*Mary Ann Trigg*

*Bill Paolo*

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.

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

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

## **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish.*

*Jessica Asencio*

*Elsie A. Toomey*

*"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."*

**The Bereavement Ministry** assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or [Forubabe77@aol.com](mailto:Forubabe77@aol.com) for more information.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, November 21—**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(*Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time*)

6:30 Sean Williams

12:15 Bill Redlich

**TUESDAY, November 22—**

**St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr**

6:30 Oliva Keim

12:15 Paul Kaufman

**WEDNESDAY, November 23—**

**Weekday**

(*Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;*  
*Saint Columban, Abbot;*

*Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*)

6:30 Mr. Fazzolari

12:15 Chris Angyal

**THURSDAY, November 24—**

**Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**  
(*Thanksgiving Day*)

9:00 Dorothy Rose, Salvatore & Joseph Cascardo

**FRIDAY, November 25—**

**Weekday**

(*Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*)

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15 Agnes Storz

**SATURDAY, November 26—**

**Weekday**

8:00 Mary Garrick

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 27—**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

10:00 John Caruso

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus Council 794

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, November 21, 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

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 p.m. Christian Mothers Meeting Room 18

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

4:30 p.m. Altar Server Training Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting Auditorium

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

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

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Room 12

**ALL OFFICES AND RECTORY WILL CLOSE AT 4:00 P.M.  
NO OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE .**

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**

**ALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES ARE  
CANCELLED EXCEPT FOR THE 9:00 A.M. MASS**

**Friday, November 25, 2022**

**RECEPTION DESK OPEN ONLY UNTIL 1:00 P.M.  
ALL OTHER OFFICES ARE CLOSED  
AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED**

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

6:00 p.m. Christmas Card Sale Church  
Lobby

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

After all Masses Christmas Card Sale Church  
Lobby

11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation:  
Psalms North Sacristy

2:00 p.m. Baptisms Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria



# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

### Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 20 de noviembre del 2022

Solemnidad de Cristo, Rey del universo

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.

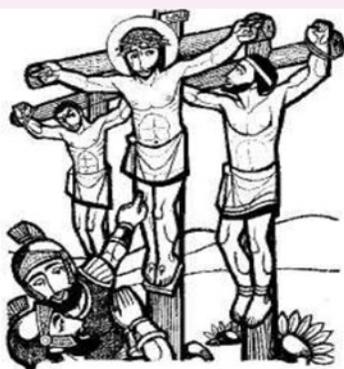
**Evangelio (Lucas 23,35-43):** Un Rey Crucificado

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 realza 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

Hoy vemos a la multitud gritándole a Jesús: si eres el mesías, sálvate a ti mismo. Es que para nosotros un rey lo primero que busca es su bienestar, su propia gloria, el poder para sí mismo. Pero Jesús nos muestra que es rey, justamente, por lo contrario. Es rey porque no ha venido a salvarse a sí mismo, sino porque ha venido a entregar su vida en rescate por los demás. Porque para Jesús reinar es servir a los demás. Su Reino es el reino del servicio, el reino del amor.

El problema es cuando buscamos mejores posiciones o rangos, pero no en función de los demás, sino para complacernos a nosotros mismos, porque es mi meta personal. En cambio, Jesús nos invita a reinar con Él, es decir, que nuestra vida sea no servirnos a nosotros mismos, sino, sobre todo, que nuestra vida sea servir a los demás. Dar nuestra vida por los demás, como lo hizo Jesús en la cruz. Ahí qué grande se

hace nuestra vida. ¿Tú te sientes llamado a servir? ¿Te has preguntado de qué manera concreta Dios te llama a vivir el servicio? Porque si no vives para servir, no sirves para vivir.



Digno es el Cordero que ha sido degollado, de recibir el poder, la riqueza, la sabiduría, la fuerza, la honra, la gloria y la alabanza.  
Revelación 5:12

**OFFERING UPDATE  
November 12/13**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	231	99	\$3,626.00
8:00 a.m.	170	74	2,364.00
10:00 a.m.	338	73	2,287.00
12:00 a.m.	300	88	2,313.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			4.15
<b>Faith Direct</b>			3,207.40
<b>Children's Env.</b>		11	35.00
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			1,908.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>\$15,744.55</b>
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November 27—early deadline passed

December 4—November 23 deadline

December 11—December 2 deadline

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## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.*

Matthew 24:42

### Isaiah 2:1-5

As we begin Advent today, we hear in the readings about the future and are called to stay awake for it. In this first reading from the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed the word of God about 700 years before Christ, the future is a glorious one with God ruling justly over his own people and all the nations. This passage envisions God enthroned in the Temple at Jerusalem and drawing together all Israelites into one righteous people. Furthermore, all the nations, including ours, will finally recognize the Lord as the one true source of life, gathering on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem to learn and practice his teaching. Then, we shall all walk in the light of the Lord where we will cease doing evil and learn to do good.

### Romans 13:11-14

Paul tells us to “Wake up!” He wrote this letter to the church in Rome near the end of his life and it is his longest one, more like an essay than a letter. In it, he sums up his instructions for living as a Christian by referring to the commandment to love one's neighbor as oneself. He also gives the reason for living this way: the final fulfillment of God's salvation is near at hand. In the earliest decades of Christianity, Jesus' followers believed that he would return in their lifetimes. Paul stresses that Christians must now act in accord with the new life already begun in Christ and soon to be completed with his coming in glory. He tells the Romans, and us today, to have nothing to do with the “desires of the flesh” which are opposed to this law of love but to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ.”

### Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells us to “Stay awake!” This passage appears in what is usually called “Matthew's apocalypse,” in chapters 24-25 of his Gospel. Unlike the peaceful future foretold by Isaiah, this account envisions a period of great tribulation, part of which Jesus speaks about in this selection. But the main point of today's reading is that the time of God's coming is unknown, and therefore believers must always be prepared. As the Great Flood in Noah's time caught people unaware, the coming of the Son of God will do the same. Christians must stay awake and always be ready for it.

## Readings for the Week

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

### Monday, November 21, 2022:

Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5

+ Luke 21:1-4

### Tuesday, November 22, 2022:

Revelation 14:14-19 + Luke 21:5-11

### Wednesday, November 23, 2022:

Revelation 15:1-4 + Luke 21:12-19

### Thursday, November 24, 2022:

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a

+ Luke 21:20-28

*For Thanksgiving any readings from the*

*Lectionary for Mass nos. 943-947*

### Friday, November 25, 2022:

Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2

+ Luke 21:29-33

### Saturday, November 26, 2022:

Revelation 22:1-7 + Luke 21:34-36

### Sunday, November 27, 2022:

Isaiah 2:1-5 + Romans 13:11-14

+ Matthew 24:37-44

## 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. Advent is about Christ coming to us. How can you become more aware of all the ways he comes to you everyday? Did you find Christ today? Do you ask yourself this every night?

2. Facing the fight against poverty is a way of “staying awake” and “being prepared,” according to Pope Francis, and as Jesus suggests in the Gospel. How ready are we for this fight?

*“... We cannot live without facing challenges, without responding to challenges. Whoever does not face challenges, whoever does not take up challenges, is not living. Your willingness and your abilities, combined with the power of the Holy Spirit who abides in each of us from the day of Baptism, allow you to be more than mere spectators, they allow you to be protagonists in contemporary events.*

*Please do not watch life go by from the balcony! Mingle where the challenges are calling you to help carry life and development forward, in the struggle over human dignity, in the fight against poverty, in the battle for values and in the many battles we encounter each day.”*

*Vespers with Atheneum Students,  
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# The Role of the Universal Prayer

“Pray for me.” When people ask for our prayers, it means they trust that God will hear us. When we pray for someone, we exercise the power of our Baptism by sharing in the priesthood of Christ, who intercedes for us at God’s right hand.

In the liturgy, this is most fully expressed in the Universal Prayer, also known as the Prayer of the Faithful. The petitions were part of the liturgy in the first centuries of the early Church, but toward the sixth century they fell into disuse. Fortunately, the Second Vatican Council document the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* called for their return to the liturgy.

The local parish has the freedom to write these prayers so that they are suited to its time and place. In the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 70, the Church offers only these guidelines for the intentions, saying that usually should be:

- a) for the needs of the Church;
- b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
- c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- d) for the local community.

Though the Church tells us for whom to pray, specifics are not offered. The Church prays first for herself, recognizing the need for God’s presence. Also prayed for are those charged with the responsibilities of civic leadership and those who long to be liberated from various burdens such as illness, addictions, or poverty. The Church prays for the unity and peace of the entire human race and for the local community or for parish needs, such as teens who are on retreat, catechumens, a child who is being baptized that day, and the newly confirmed. The intentions of the prayers are broad, since these are general intercessions. During these intercessions, an intention is not voiced for Aunt



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Mary, who is sick, since she would be included in the prayer for all the sick.

The priest announces the Prayer of the Faithful with a brief introduction. A lay person may read the intentions, but if a deacon is present, he announces them. Historically, as servant to the community, the deacon would know best who might be in need of prayers. The priest concludes the petitions with a prayer.

The assembly’s response to each petition may be sung, said, or made in silence. A typical response is “Lord, hear our prayer,” but the response can be changed from week to week. Using varied responses not only puts different prayers on the lips of the faithful, but encourages attentiveness.

Whatever prayers are composed and responses chosen, the Prayer of the Faithful forms the assembly to recognize the needs of those in the community and around the world, and assists the faithful in seeing themselves as agents of God’s grace.



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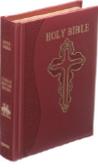


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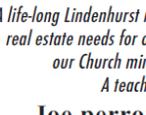
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