

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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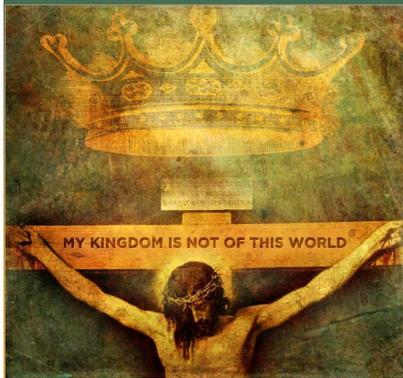
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*Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine,  
you did for me.*

Matthew 25:40

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 22, 2020**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Thomas Crennan

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

**6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week,  
except for Thursdays when it closes  
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Come in and spend some time in prayer.

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## 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. (live-streamed)

**Sunday Masses:**

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

5:00 p.m. *Sunday Mass suspended until further notice.*

*Mass intention will be fulfilled privately by one of the priests.*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,  
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.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.

Confessions are being heard in classrooms  
in the “new school annex” near High Street.

**See inside bulletin for safety protocols.**

*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

## OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons  
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**Wednesday:** 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**First Saturday:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

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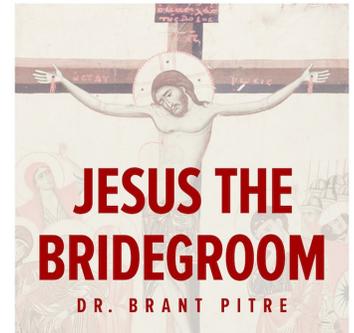
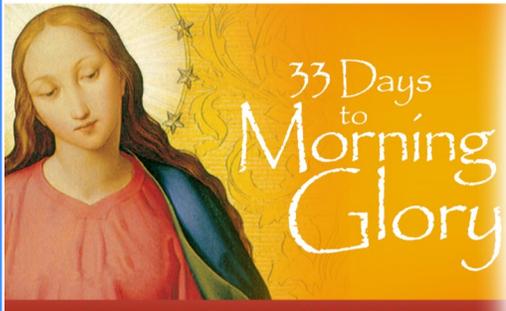
PICK OF THE WEEK

November 22, 2020

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *THE GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE*

As of this writing, because of the bulletin deadline, the drawing for the GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE has yet to take place, but I'm sure it will go well. We have had to live stream the event this year, instead of our usual cocktail party, due to the coronavirus restrictions. I do want to take this opportunity to offer a tremendous THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets, and to everyone who worked so hard to help to sell tickets — we once again managed to sell all the tickets, thereby realizing the maximum amount of profit for the parish. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! As this is one of our major fund raisers of the year (if not THE major one), I am deeply, deeply grateful.

Special thanks go once again to Bob Meade and to Meg Danaher who have headed up this project for the third year in a row. Great job, Bob and Meg!

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

We have arrived at the last Sunday of this liturgical year, the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which 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 — that's a fancy word 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 — liturgy is great, isn't it?!).

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."

### *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! We begin "Year B" of the three-year cycle of Lectionary readings (designated A, B and C) for Sunday Mass. The primary evangelist for Year B is St. Mark, so we'll be hearing a great deal of St. Mark's Gospel on the Sundays in Ordinary Time of this year.

I'm sure that with everything we are going through, Advent will take on a special meaning and power for us this year, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Incarnation (God taking human flesh and living a human life). It seems there's always something exciting about Advent Time; it always seems to bring something fresh and new, and heaven knows we need that in 2020 and into 2021! 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 again this year. I understand that with all the struggles of this past year people are looking to celebrate Christmas cheer as early and for as long as possible, but 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 the season 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

even arrives! Make some concrete decisions as to how 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 once again have available the *Little Blue Book* with daily meditations for Advent and Christmas Time. This book has been a favorite in past years, and we make it available to you again free of charge. Be sure to take one; they are on the pew ledges throughout the church. 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.

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.

### *Thanksgiving Day*

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. I hope it will be a day that will be special for you and your loved ones, even if the celebration of it is modified this year due to the virus. Especially when times are tough, as they have been this year, it becomes even more essential to make a concerted effort to just stop and give thanks, in order to recognize all the blessings we should be grateful for.

In many ways, saying thank you to God could be said to be the one and only essential prayer — recognizing that we are dependent on God for everything, and that everything we have and everything we are comes to us as a 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 (in person, or virtually this year) as the center of our life.

Our parish celebrates Thanksgiving Day by having one Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. Due to the virus restrictions, we will have to limit attendance, as we do with Sunday Masses, so please keep that in mind. However, the Mass will be live streamed, so you can share in the Mass in that way if you choose.

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. Usually at this Mass these offerings are brought forward in procession with the offerings of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist. However, this year, due to the necessary adaptations, we will not be having this procession. Instead, you can drop off your food offering on the sanctuary steps when you enter the church.

- 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, to use as your grace before the meal if you so choose.

Also, we will need some help immediately following the Mass; we need folks to carry the offerings for the poor over to the school building. If you can give ten minutes or so after the Mass helping out, we would appreciate it.

I absolutely love the Thanksgiving Day Mass each year; it gives me the opportunity to reflect on my 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!"

### *Prayer Service to Open the Anniversary Year*

You've been hearing about it and hearing about it, and now it's just around the corner: the opening of the Anniversary Year, as OLPH celebrates **150 years as a parish and as "the place to be"**! Following the liturgical year, the Anniversary Year will run November 28, 2020 through November 19, 2021. The Anniversary Year opens next Saturday night, November 28, with a special Prayer Service of readings, reflections and songs to honor Our Blessed Mother. Look for all the details in the separate ad in this bulletin. Attendance will have to be limited due to COVID, but note that we will be live streaming this event, so you can take part in it that way.

***Items for sale during the Anniversary Year***

As the Anniversary Year unfolds, we will have a number of beautiful items available for sale as commemorative keepsakes, items which you will want to have and which will make great gifts. We'll be advertising them in the bulletin and they will be available through a special web page accessible through our website. Keep your eyes open to watch for this great opportunity in the months ahead!

***Journal Ads for the Anniversary Journal***

You've noticed that we're soliciting ads for a special Commemorative Journal for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A mailing was done to parishioners, and we are running the order form in the bulletin. Please be sure to take out an ad as a family or as an individual. This will be an important fund raiser and a big part of our Anniversary Year celebration.

***Special Collection to offset loss of income due to the coronavirus pandemic***

This weekend special envelopes are available for a Special Collection to help us offset loss of parish income during the coronavirus pandemic. Since the shutdown last March, OLPH has to date lost a total of approximately \$150,000 in weekly offerings and other income. On top of that, we have incurred increased expenses due to enhanced cleaning and sanitizing, including professional sanitizing of the church, the rectory offices, and the school classrooms (at a cost of \$2,800 per month).

You have been so generous throughout this entire ordeal, keeping up with your weekly offerings, with some of you even offering extra here and there. I know that many of you have yourselves been financially negatively impacted by the pandemic, and so I am extremely grateful for your ongoing support. However, we find ourselves in a situation where I must ask for your help in this extra way. Your generosity in this Special Collection to help us offset this loss will be greatly appreciated.

***What happens when we reach the maximum number of people allowed in the church? Unfortunately, doors will have to be locked***

Please keep in mind that we have a maximum number of people who can be allowed into the church, so Ushers keep a running count of the number of people entering for Mass. We have the happy problem that as attendance continues to inch upward, as long as these rules are in place, we might reach maximum capacity. If you come late for Mass and find the doors locked, please understand that it's because we are at maximum capacity. This is a terrible situation, but I have to ask your understanding because of the limitations we are under. As such a situation develops, we will try to respond as best we can, looking to, if necessary, perhaps adding another Mass to handle people who

cannot be accommodated in the church. The situation will be a bit of a "moving target" that we will have to monitor as we go along. So much about this COVID-world we live in is difficult these days!

***Disclaimer about the Super 72 Raffle!***

When drawing the winning tickets for the most recent Super 72 drawing, we were surprised to find that, totally unbeknownst to us, someone bought some tickets and wrote simply "Msgr. Joe" on them, and one of these was drawn for a prize this month. As everyone in the rectory knows, I am a stickler for the optics of everything being "kosher" and on the up-and-up; that's why I have asked priests, deacons and all employees to not participate in any raffles or anything involving prizes in their own names. Imagine my surprise, then, when I was told about this! Since I wanted to respect the wishes of the person who purchased the ticket, we did not ignore it and did not put it back in. However, I will not be personally keeping the prize money; it will go back into parish funds.

I am grateful to whoever was generous enough to do this. Perhaps, though, in the future, it might be best to keep the ticket in your own name and donate the money back to the parish. Thank you for your understanding.

***Yes, we know about the phone problems***

One final note: yes, we are aware of the problems with the phones. We are very frustrated too! It's taking longer to solve because of some intricacies with our phone system and because things take longer these days due to the coronavirus, but our Business Manager Tom Crennan is working on it and hopes to have it solved as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

***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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*Celebrating 150 Years*

2021

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS***Watch the bulletin for complete information about each event during the Anniversary Year as each one approaches.***NOVEMBER 28, 2020, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service to Open the Anniversary Year***We're opening the Anniversary Year with a liturgy of readings and music honoring the patroness of our parish, the Blessed Mother.***JANUARY 8, 2021—Divine Intervention Night***Come see OLPH personalities you know and love who were contestants on Divine Intervention, the game show hosted by Msgr. Joe several years ago.**Msgr. Joe will also provide behind-the-scenes information about the show and his years hosting. A fun night for the entire family!***LENT, 2021***In place of a Parish Mission this year, all parishioners will be invited to participate in a special formation program Living the Eucharist. A great opportunity for deepening your understanding of, and love for, the Eucharist!***APRIL 23, 2021—Anniversary Year Gala Dinner Dance***Join your fellow parishioners in an evening of a sumptuous meal, great music and dancing and wonderful memories! An occasion to dress up and have a great time! A **Commemorative Journal** will be printed in conjunction with this event.***SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021—Anniversary Year Patronal Feast Mass***This will be the center of the whole Anniversary Year! There's no better way for us to celebrate than to do so at the Eucharist. We're looking to have Bishop Barres as the Presider at this Mass!***JULY 17, 2021—Parish Picnic***Join your fellow parishioners at Belmont Lake State Park on this Saturday afternoon.***AUGUST 2, 2021—Summer Evening Prayer***A special warm-weather celebration of prayer and fellowship.***AUGUST 15, 2021—SPECIAL MASS  
FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION  
OF THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING***We'll do this special Marian Solemnity up big this year!**OLPH's own **Bishop Bob Brennan** has agreed to come back to preside at this Mass!***November 2, 2021—Prayer Service at Parish Cemetery***In this month of remembrance, let's honor and pray for those buried in our parish cemetery... an important moment of connection with our long history!***November 19, 2021—Solemn Vespers to Close the Anniversary Year***We'll close out the year with a Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) which will include a Recommitment of All Parish Ministers (and, this day also happens to be the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building!)*

## “LET US GIVE THANKS”

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



# Thanksgiving Day Mass

## Thursday, November 26th

### 9:00 a.m.

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

- give thanks to God for His many blessings in our lives
  - invite parishioners to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry (*list on p.15*)
  - seek God's blessing upon the food we will use for our Thanksgiving meals
- Please bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed.**

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

*Due to the COVID restrictions, attendance will be limited to approximately 300.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

***Will also be live-streamed on the OLPH Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.***

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## *Opening Prayer Service for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year*

**Saturday, November 28, 2020**

**7:30 p.m. in church**

***also live-streamed on the OLPH Facebook Page  
and YouTube Channel.***

Led by Msgr. Joe, our Music Ministry, Reader Ministry and other parish organizations, this inaugural event of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year will include musical selections and Scripture and reflective readings drawing on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Due to the COVID restrictions, attendance will be limited to approximately 300.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

*If you have placed a picture on our Altar of Remembrance we ask you to pick it up before Friday, November 27.*

### BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

*Please note that this year, due to COVID restrictions, there will be no Book the Dead available to inscribe names of deceased loved ones. We apologize for this necessary omission this year.*



### 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.

**Monday, November 23—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, November 30—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, December 7—12:45 p.m.**

### NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, November 25 (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.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION—RELIEF FOR LOSS OF PARISH INCOME DURING CORONAVIRUS

This weekend we are taking up a Special Collection to help us offset loss of parish income during the coronavirus pandemic. Since the shutdown last March, OLPH has to date lost a total of approximately \$150,000 in weekly offerings and other income. On top of that, we have incurred increased expenses due to enhanced leaning and sanitizing, including professional sanitizing of the church, rectory offices and school classrooms, which we have had to undertake. These additional costs total \$2,800 each month. **THANK YOU** to all who are participating in the Special Collection; your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you haven't already done so, you can still make an offering to this collection. Envelopes may still be available throughout the church, or you can simply mail in or drop off your check made out to OLPH with the notation "Loss of Income Relief." Thank you for your assistance.

### ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS: MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on **Monday, November 30 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 one parent should attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



### *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Holy Day**

#### Mass Schedule:

**Monday, December 7**

**5:00 p.m.**

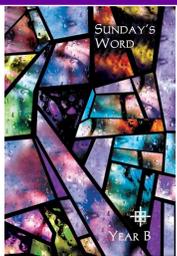
**Tuesday, December 8**

**6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

## 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 are available for sale from the receptionist's desk in the rectory during regular business hours. A box of 25 cards featuring the image of our altar decorated for Christmas can be yours for the price of \$20.00. Purchases can be made by cash or check made out to **OLPH**. Sorry, no credit or debit cards. Cards are in limited supply, so be sure to make your purchases early. Buy enough cards to send to those you love!



## SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the upcoming new liturgical year (Cycle B) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, are now available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.

## 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 dollar or two 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  
2019-2020

Six-minute reflections  
on the Sunday Gospels of Year A

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WAY TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN THEIR FAITH FROM HOME?

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



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

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

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

**New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2020) are available in baskets throughout the church.** Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

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

## SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

**FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:**

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are being celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone – priests and penitents – is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

## IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

### LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 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 Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:  
OLPH Church Lindenhurst





**2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING**

**BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND SUPPORT OLPH!  
PLACE AN AD IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL!**

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Year will be a **Commemorative Journal**, available in conjunction with our Anniversary Year Dinner Dance on April 23, 2021.

**Support the parish by placing an ad in our journal!** Ads can be taken in the name of your family, or your business, and can include congratulatory wishes to the parish, or it can be a memorialization of deceased loved ones, or an expression of gratitude to God. Honor that special priest, family members living or deceased, or just say thanks for the memories. If you're creative, prepare your own ad; if you're not that creative, just send us your message and our team will create the ad for you! There are many possibilities!

Note the deadline date of March 15, 2021!

**Don't miss out! Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!**

If you need additional information, or have questions, contact Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451.

**PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE**

- GOLD FULL PAGE \$350
- B/W FULL PAGE \$150
- B/W HALF PAGE \$100
- B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75

For more information call Bob Dobres at 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451

**AD DIMENSIONS**

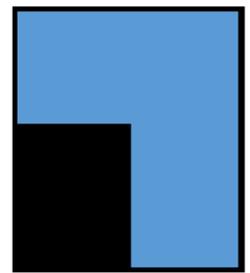
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Half Page  
8.5 x 5.5"



Quarter Page  
4.25 x 5.5"

Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than March 15, 2021.

Mail hard copy to rectory address above and attach copy of ad or materials (ad text, photos, images) to this form or write copy on back.

Email electronic version to 150thjournal@oloph.org. Please email a .pdf or .jpg file format.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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)

### O.F.F. 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

There are no classes on Wednesday, November 25th and Saturday November 28th due to the Thanksgiving break. Have a wonderful time with your families and remember to count your blessings!



### ALL LEVELS

The Christmas Pageant is back and we are ready to present it in a COVID-safe environment! We are limiting our cast to only speaking roles this year. There will be 23 speaking roles and one silent role in the Pageant. The Youth Choir will provide the music for us. The roles will be given out based on grade levels so that the older kids will have the opportunity for the speaking roles first. We will be recording this event, to be watched at home with your family. We will have rehearsal times before recording the different scenes. See the bulletin for details.

### Happy Saint of the Day!

#### Our Lord and Savior Christ the King

Of course, Jesus is much more than just a happy saint or an angel. He is our Lord and Savior!

All the other saints are in Heaven with Him!

We honor Jesus especially on this day because it is the last Sunday of the Church year. The Church year is coming to a close and we are looking ahead for the King of Kings to come again.

The beginning of the Church year is Advent, when we await the coming of Christ as Emmanuel, "God-with-us," the Messiah.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, MUSIC MINISTRY, & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

### Children's Christmas Pageant

**Friday, December 18, 2020 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

We only be able to involve a limited cast this year due to the Coronavirus. 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 Kings, Innkeeper, Angels and of course the shepherds. There is a total of 23 speaking roles and one silent role. This event will be recorded and aired online on our YouTube Channel.



**Please indicate if your child is interested in having a speaking role.** Anyone wishing to have a speaking part must be able to attend all rehearsals! Roles will be given out to those in the older grade levels first. Please contact Bridget Jordan at (631) 226-7725 X 253 or e-mail [bjordan@oloph.org](mailto:bjordan@oloph.org) to get a copy of the script for your audition video or if you have any questions.

**Christmas Pageant songs will be sung by the members of the Youth Choir**

If you wish to sing in this event you cannot have a speaking role so that we can get as many people involved as possible. Email Bridget Jordan to RSVP



*Tryouts for speaking roles will need to be emailed in no later than Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>*

### Pageant Practices

Youth Choir: Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Speaking Roles: Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Speaking Roles:** Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #794 /OLPH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Open to Children between the ages of 5 to 14

Take part in the 2020 "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.



#### Contest Rules:

The wording: "Keep Christ in Christmas" must appear on the poster

**Paper:** any color oak tag (recommended) or similar style construction paper. Poster must be approximately 11 x 17 inches

**Medium:** There are no restrictions on colors, types of print, pencils, pastels or crayons, or number of colors. NO THREE-DIMENSIONAL work of any type. NO GLUEING on of objects. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, please laminate or cover in clear plastic to protect the artwork.

**Artwork:** must be completely the work of the STUDENT.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society.

Return poster to your Religious Education Teacher, or to OLPH Rectory during business hours

On the back of the poster glue or tape, the following:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this poster is the original work-product of the applicant.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information,  
please contact:

Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451,  
Bob Newberry at 631-317-9718  
or Alex Keller at 631-226-3831

*All Posters must be turned in  
by Sunday December 13, 2020*

# 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
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon— mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## NEW Food Pantry List!

**BAKED BEANS**  
**MACARONI & CHEESE**  
**INSTANT MASHED POTATOES**  
**JELLY OR JAM**  
**PANCAKE SYRUP**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**PASTA SAUCE**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**COFFEE**  
**TOILET PAPER**

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:*

*Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.  
and on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*Our regular office hours:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: “...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve 78 adults, 56 children, and 12 seniors, for a total of 146 persons in 50 households. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

During these very difficult times many of us find ourselves in financial difficulty, often for the first time. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. Please don't feel embarrassed—you are not alone. We want to assure you that all matters relating to SVDP are completely confidential. All volunteer workers in the Food Pantry are Vincentians who are pledged to follow the “Rule” in dealing with our friends and neighbors. We reach out to those who come to us with kindness, sincerity and total confidentiality. You may come to the pantry for food every two weeks. The money that would have been spent on this food can then be used to pay other bills. Please reach out to us by calling our Food Pantry office at 631-226-7725 x. 234. Our regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. We're here for you.

# 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
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Thomas Crennan, Business Manager	204	tcrennan@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
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 Rite 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

Vincent Boccanfuso  
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
Carlton Mitchell  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Thomas Crennan  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
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  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Denise Martinez  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Mike Williams  
Fr. Frank Zero

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

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT:**

*Richard Weidenburner  
& Kelly Drummond*

## **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*



*Amelia Marie Furlong  
Anna Lucia Iovino  
Vanessa Karina Terranova*

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

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of **November 22-28:**

### ***Altar Bread and Wine:***

*In Memory of  
Marjorie Hildeman*

*Requested by  
Charlene Brass*

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

*Mark Santoli  
Dr. Vito Cardo  
Eva M. Trupia  
Luz Degulis*

*"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."*

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Ann-Marie Giarratano</i>
<i>Imee Tornilla</i>	<i>James Byrne Jr.</i>
<i>Loretta May</i>	<i>Diego Sarmiento</i>
<i>Bob Setti</i>	<i>Mary Rozmus</i>
<i>Frank Stryker</i>	<i>Rosalie Engel</i>
<i>Barbara Makin</i>	<i>Robert Philipps</i>
<i>David Reid</i>	<i>Lisa O'Reilly</i>
<i>Kathleen Doran</i>	<i>Stan Ryniewicz</i>
<i>Ann Doran</i>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

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

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

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



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, November 23—**

**Weekday**

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

*Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr)*

6:30 Frank Mehm

12:15 Lester Allers

**TUESDAY, November 24—**

**Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**

6:30 Vincent Ferraro

12:15 Anthony Magli

**WEDNESDAY, November 25—**

**Weekday**

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

6:30 Carl D'Angelo

12:15 Agnes Storz

**THURSDAY, November 26—**

**Weekday**

*(Thanksgiving Day)*

9:00 Al DeFrancisco

**FRIDAY, November 27—**

**Weekday**

6:30 For the Repose of the Souls of the  
McCarthy Family

12:15 Hagzan Family

**SATURDAY, November 28—**

**Weekday**

8:00 Flurora & Ysmael Paz

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 Katherine Cronin

**Sunday, November 29  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus Council 794

10:00 Dwight Evans

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 \* Therese Gigante

*\*Will not be celebrated publicly; intention will be fulfilled  
in a private Mass by one of the priests.*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, November 23, 2020**

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

12:45 p.m. Devotions Church

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

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

No Exposition

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

No Religious Ed. Classes

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSSES**

**AT 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY**

**NO EVENING OFFICE HOURS**

**Thursday, November 26, 2020**

**ALL OFFICES CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY**

**Friday, November 27, 2020**

**RECEPTION DESK OPEN 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**ALL OTHER OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

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

**Saturday, November 28, 2020**

No Religious Education  
Classes

3:00 p.m. Wedding Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions School

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Sunday, November 29, 2020**

11:00 a.m. Family Life Ministry "Getting  
Ready for Advent" Rectory  
Lawn

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour Church

## **SUPER 72 RAFFLE** **NOVEMBER 2020 WINNERS**

**\$1000** - This month we discovered that an anonymous buyer bought tickets under the name of "Msgr. Joe." One of these tickets was drawn for this prize this month. This money will go back into the parish funds. Thank you to this buyer!

**\$250** - John Joyce - Quinn

**\$100** - Artusa

**\$100** - Jacqueline DeNigris

**\$100** - George Crisostomo

**\$100** - Kathleen Rubino

## 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).

#### Lecturas del Domingo 34 semana del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

##### Domingo 22 de Noviembre del 2020

Toda alabanza al Señor, que dice: "Buscaré las ovejas perdidas; haré volver a las descarriadas, vendaré a las heridas y curaré a las enfermas". Que este Señor y Dios compasivo esté siempre con ustedes.

#### **Primera Lectura (Ezequiel 34,11-12.15-17): Dios, el Pastor- Rey**

Ya que los reyes de Israel habían engañado a su pueblo, Dios mismo los conducirá como un pastor que se cuida de su rebaño.

#### **Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 15,20-26.28): Cristo Debe Reinan.**

Cristo fue el primero en resucitar de entre los muertos. Su poder de resurrección está operante en este mundo por medio de los que pertenecen a Él. Al final, Cristo presentará su reino al Padre.

#### **Evangelio (Mt 25,31-46): Cristo Nos Juzgará según Nuestro Amor a los Hermanos**

Jesús no sólo está cercano a los pobres, a los desposeídos, a los que sufren; es que en ellos le encontramos a Él mismo. Hoy concluimos el Año Litúrgico, el Año de la Iglesia, con la solemne celebración de Cristo, nuestro Pastor y Rey. Vino a nosotros como nuestro Buen Pastor y nos confió la responsabilidad de cuidar unos de otros. Cuando venga a evaluar nuestra vida y a verificar cuánto hay de bueno a sus ojos y a los nuestros, él nos preguntará: ¿Se han preocupado los unos por los otros, han servido ustedes a los demás, especialmente a los pobres y a los débiles? No es sólo cuestión de servir a otros: Se trata también de servir a Dios, ya que el prójimo en necesidad no es sino Cristo mismo "disfrazado". Se trata, por lo tanto, de un acto de fe profunda. En esta eucaristía pidamos, pues, al Señor fe profunda y amor generoso.

#### **2. ¿Me Has Encontrado en los Pobres?**

El Año Litúrgico acaba con la celebración de Cristo Rey, y el próximo sábado comenzará el nuevo Año de la Iglesia con el Adviento. El evangelio de hoy, de San Mateo, nos presenta la escena de Cristo nuestro Señor que viene como rey a juzgar a los hombres. Esta escena es la contrapartida de las Bienaventuranzas, donde los pobres y los que sufren se llamaban felices y dichosos. En el juicio, el Señor nos preguntará: "¿Qué has hecho en favor de los pobres y de los que lloraban?". Jesús se presenta aquí a sí mismo no sólo como cercano a los pobres y humildes, sino que él mismo es el pobre, el manso, el enfermo, el perseguido. Y nos vuelve a preguntar: ¿"Me has encontrado en ellos?" ¿Qué le respondemos?

Cuáles son las obras de misericordia? Las **obras de misericordia** son acciones caritativas mediante las cuales ayudamos a nuestro prójimo en sus necesidades corporales y espirituales (cf. Is 58, 6-7; Hb 13, 3). Instruir, aconsejar, consolar, confortar, son **obras** espirituales de **misericordia**, como también lo son perdonar y sufrir con paciencia.



La Iglesia la formamos los seglares (o sea, las personas casadas, solteras...), los sacerdotes y personas consagradas a Dios.

- ¡Así, si tú estás bautizado y crees en Jesús y todo lo que Él nos enseñó, entonces eres **PARTE DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA!**

#### **CRISTO FUNDÓ LA IGLESIA PARA SALVARNOS**

Cristo, el hijo de Dios, fue quien empezó la Iglesia. ¿Y para qué la fundó?

- Cristo nos dejó la Iglesia para que cuando El ya no estuviera en el mundo, ella nos dijera qué es lo que debemos hacer para llegar al cielo.

La Iglesia es quien nos muestra el camino a la salvación.

#### **¿CÓMO EMPEZÒ LA IGLESIA?**

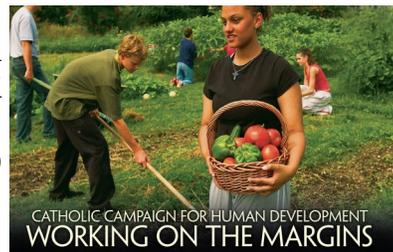
- En el tiempo en que Jesús estuvo enseñando, El escogió a doce hombres para que le siguieran, aprendieran de Él y después fueran a otros lados a decirles a los demás hombres lo que les había enseñado.

## OFFERING UPDATE November 14/15, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	188	76	\$2,230.00
8:00 a.m.	196	99	2,656.00
10:00 a.m.	239	61	1,916.00
12:00 p.m.	251	59	1,953.00
5:00 p.m.	<i>Not celebrated publicly</i>		
Coin			2.68
Mail-ins:			1,568.00
Children's Env.		7	35.00
Faith Direct			2,936.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>\$13,296.68</b>
<b>2019 total</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>\$16,541.44</b>
Candles			\$714.42
Poor Box			\$239.44

This week, **November 21-22**, we will take up the Collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* which includes Home Missions (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change.

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### SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:



## November 26 Thanksgiving Day

- Office closes at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 (no evening office hours);
- Office closed Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day
- Reception desk re-opens Friday, Nov. 27, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- All other offices are closed

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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November 29—passed  
December 6—November 27  
December 13—December 4

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### Ursuline Sisters 'Joy of Giving' Virtual Auction Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

The link to the Virtual Auction registration and item previews will be posted on our website. [www.tildonkursuline.org](http://www.tildonkursuline.org) If you any questions, please contact: Anne Walsh, Events Manager at: 718-591-0681 ext. 2060 or [awalsh@tildonkursuline.org](mailto:awalsh@tildonkursuline.org)

Rick Hinshaw, former editor of *The Long Island Catholic*, has reprised his column, "Reading the Signs," as a blog post. To read Rick's articles, go to [rickhinshaw.com](http://rickhinshaw.com).

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*Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.*

*God Bless You,*

*Msgr. Joe*

**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, November 29, 2020**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.*

Mark 13:33

**Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7**

When the Israelites returned from exile in 539 BC, they found that their land had been pillaged and their buildings, including the Temple, had been destroyed. In this reading, we hear a prayer wherein they express their feelings that God has abandoned them. They feel that God has “hidden his face” from them (a vivid imagery of those times when we experience dryness in prayer). The prayer also acknowledges their sinfulness (“You are angry, but we have sinned. We have become like unclean people. So please, God, come and help us. Heal us. You are the Potter and we are the clay.”). To be clay is to know we are vulnerable and breakable and entirely dependent on God to redeem us, heal us, and guide us. To be clay is to know we are a work in progress, willing to surrender ourselves to God’s creation of us. The prayer in this first reading is a beautiful example of a people praying from their hearts.

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

This reading is filled with confidence that God has and will continue to rescue us in Christ as the final judgment approaches. Paul reassures his readers that God “will strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The Corinthians — and we Christians today — are reminded that in Christ we are “in every way enriched” and that we lack for nothing as we “wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The way in which a faithful Christian awaits the second coming is not fearfully and in dread, but rather, with joyful anticipation and boundless confidence.

**Mark 13:33-37**

Our annual Advent season is not just about remembering the First Coming of Jesus many years ago and looking forward to his Second Coming. It also calls us to be alert and awake for present comings of Christ into our lives. We are like the servants in Jesus’ parable. Each of us has our work to do. As we go about our work, we are to be watchful for the many ways Jesus may break into our lives.

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, November 23, 2020:**

Revelations 14:1-3, 4b-5  
 + Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020:**

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

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020:**

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

**Thursday, November 26, 2020:**

Revelations 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a  
 + Luke 21:20-28

**Friday, November 27, 2020:**

Revelations 20:1-4, 11—21:2  
 + Luke 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 28, 2020:**

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

**Sunday, November 29, 2020:**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7  
 + 1 Corinthians 1:3-8  
 + Matthew 13:33-37

### 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. As vigilant gatekeepers watching for the Lord of the house, what signs do you see that tell you God is present in the world and in your life?**

**2. As gatekeepers we are responsible for the preservation of God’s gift of the earth. The Iowa Catholic Conference is sponsoring a plan for clean water. What is the Church’s responsibility in the maintenance of the earth’s life? What is your responsibility in this?**



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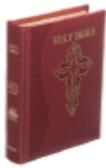
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