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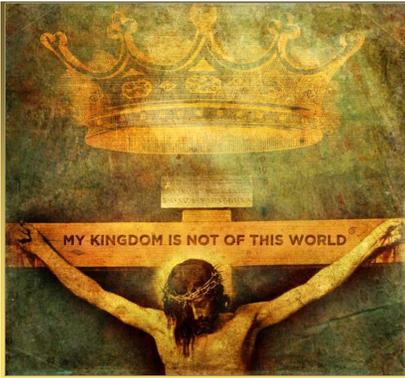
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Jesus answered,

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.”

John 18:36a

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

November 25, 2018

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT STARTS NEXT WEEK

Advent Lessons & Carols

And

International Peace Light Ceremony

Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst



In the peak of winter darkness, we will gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear the Scriptures and beautiful music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, OLPH parish will add its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth band, youth choir, cantors, and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and pray for peace throughout our troubled world.

Please bring your own lantern if you wish to bring the Peace Light home.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It might be hard to believe (“time flies,” right?), but 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 C” of the three-year cycle of Lectionary readings (designated A, B and C) for Sunday Mass. The primary evangelist for Year C is St. Luke, so we’ll be hearing a great deal of St. Luke’s Gospel on the Sundays of this year, although during Easter Time we’ll be hearing selections from St. John’s Gospel.

I really love Advent; don’t you? It’s a season of preparation and of joyful expectation and

anticipation as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Incarnation (God taking human flesh and living a human life), so it seems there’s always something exciting about Advent Time; it always seems to bring something fresh and new. 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 in our relationship 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, and I kind of harp on this subject every 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 for our own spiritual good; 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 do 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 pews 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.

Don't miss Lessons and Carols

Next Sunday night, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the church, we will have our annual celebration of Lessons and Carols. This will truly launch our Advent Time in a special way.

For me, Lessons and Carols is what makes my Advent each year, and it's a real highlight; many, many people look forward to it. It's a traditional service of "Lessons" — Scripture readings — and "Carols" — hymns. Both the readings and songs are rich with Advent imagery and Advent themes and provide beautiful and moving reflections that help us

to enter into the spiritual preparation which is the heart of this liturgical season. Some of the songs are done by one or more of our choirs alone, and some involve congregational singing. Our Music Ministry always does a fantastic job, and I am very grateful to Mr. Christopher Ferraro, our Director of Music, for his leadership with this, and to all who work with him.

If you have attended in the past, you know how beautiful and worthwhile it is, and I know you want to be there again. If you have never attended in the past, you have been missing something great and I urge you to be there. This is a great thing to do together as a family, because all ages can enjoy it; go out for a pizza or something beforehand, and then come to the church for 7:00. I urge everyone to make every effort to attend Lessons and Carols next Sunday night, December 2. I look forward to seeing you there!

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,



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Friday, December 7
Eve of the Holy Day**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 8

Mass Schedule:

8:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

*Exposition will be held from 8:30 p.m.—Midnight
Annual Night of Prayer for Life*

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and prays through her intercession for the establishment of a culture of life, protection for the Church from persecution and asks Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND. All are invited to participate!

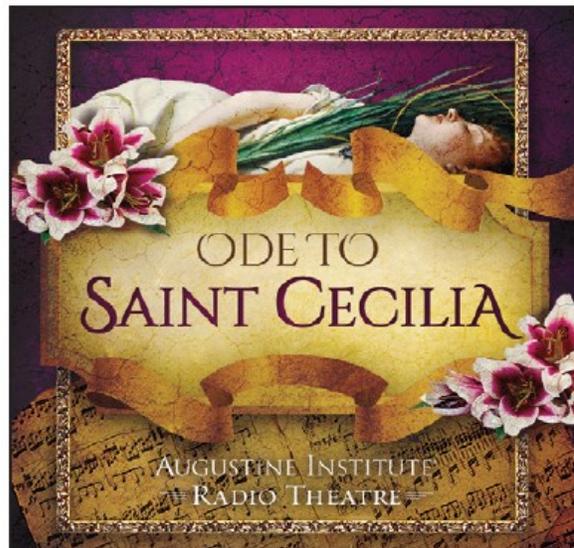
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Ode to Saint Cecilia

The Story of a Holy Muse

Meet an inspiring woman with fierce courage and unwavering faith, willing to follow the path of beauty and truth—no matter the cost. Saint Cecilia's remarkable story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's most recent audio drama featuring award-winning actors and cinematic sound and music.

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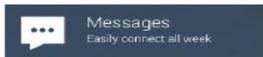
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, November 26—7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 3—7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 10—7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer



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

Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...

**Saturdays
and Sundays
After the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

SUNDAY'S WORD

BOOKS AVAILABLE



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

RECOMMITMENT OF ALL PARISH SOCIAL MINISTERS

Attention all Parish Social Ministers — that is, all parish offerers involved in any way with any of the ministries listed in the black box at the top of our Parish Social Ministries section in the bulletin each week! Remember to attend the Recommitment of Parish Social Ministers which will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We will pray Evening Prayer together, which will include a blessing and recommissioning of all parish social ministers in their ministry. Hospitality will follow the liturgy. It will be a great way to come together to be renewed and energized and to share experiences with others involved in Parish Social Ministry at OLPH. Please be sure to be there!

MEETING FOR ALL USHERS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, MUSIC MINISTRY, & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 21, 2018
7:00 p.m. Church



We would like to involve as many members 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 Kings, Innkeeper, 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 first rehearsal, so anyone wishing to have a speaking part must be able to attend all rehearsals. There is something for children preschool 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 (631) 226-7725 X 253 or e-mail bjordan@oloph.org.



Pageant Practices

Monday, December 10th 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 17th 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, December 20th 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Grade _____

_____ My child is interested in having a speaking role!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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

If you have placed a picture on our Altar of Remembrance we ask you to pick it up *before this Friday, November 30.*



ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?



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

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

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

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

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

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

New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2018) are available in baskets throughout the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

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



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Level 6:

On Wednesday, November 28,
there is a Parent Meeting
on the topic of Scripture,
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Parents: Meet in the auditorium!

Level 4:

On Saturday, December 1st,
there is a Parent/Child Workshop
on the topic of Advent!
Parents and students: Meet in the
auditorium at your regular class time.



INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME

AS AN ASSISTANT CATECHIST? WE NEED YOU!

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers. At this time, we are in need of assistant catechists to help students with special needs in the classroom. Training is provided! Please call us for any questions or stop by our office!

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Andrew

St. Andrew's feast day is November 30th. He was born in the 1st century. St. Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus! He preached in many areas, including Greece. St. Andrew continued to follow Jesus and to teach others about Jesus even after the crucifixion. He was martyred on a saltire (x-shaped) cross; he is said to have preached for two days from it. It is explained that Andrew was crucified this way because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."



Catechist Workshop!

We wish to thank Suzanne Richards, Pastoral Associate from Christ the King Church, for giving an inspiring talk to all our OLPH Catechists on Sunday, November 18th.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
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- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

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

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

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.

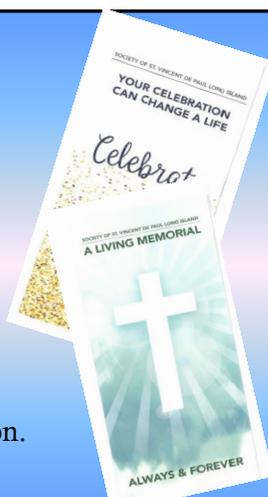
This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God’s kingdom of love and mercy to 30 children, 78 adults and 31 seniors for a total of 139 people, which included 79 families. God Bless You!

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

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

We are in need of the following:

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

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

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?
Are you looking to meet other women who
share your interest in spirituality,
socializing and social action?*

Our next gathering is

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the school

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

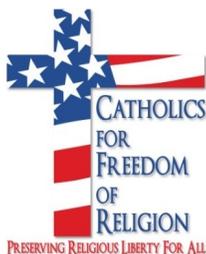
Our next meeting:

Tuesday, January 8

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

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Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, & a Failed Experiment: Part 1

A Quick History: The *Mayflower* set sail from England on Sept. 6, 1620, and arrived at Cape Cod on Nov. 11, 1620. The ship moved on to Plymouth with its 102 Pilgrims, and on Nov. 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 minimal because the incentive to excel was destroyed. Within two years, the result was 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."

Gov. Bradford also spoke about another problem from this created famine — thievery. "Much was stolen both by night and day..." (*libertyunderfire.org; townhall.com; historyofmassachusetts.org; mayflowerhistory.com*)

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." George Santayana, philosopher, poet, cultural critic

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE

“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 16**. Below are descriptions of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ronessi at dronessi@verizon.net or 631.225.4115. 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.

Community Meal Ministry

Our Community Meal Ministry needs your help to provide a “little bit of Christmas” for our guests.

OLPH HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Help our parish provide basic necessities for the local homeless during this season.

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



The Giving Tree

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Immigration Services

Support our brothers and sisters and their families who are just coming to our country. Read more at www.catholiccharities.cc

Prison Families

Support our Diocesan Prison Ministry as they provide gifts for the children of men and women in prison.

HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES

Hope House Ministries supports young men struggling with addiction and brokenness in their own lives. Learn more about Hope House at www.hhm.org.

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

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Frank Pokorney
 John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 MaryAnn Haas
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Rosaleen Walters
 Mike Williams

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

*Patrick J. McKeon
& Carmen Natasha Massi*

First Announcement:

Daniel Cook & Catherine Heaphy

WE REMEMBER

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

*Patricia Amato
Mary E. Nappe
Rev. Msgr. James McDonald
Carmela Mauro
Lucille Sullivan*

"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."

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT 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 available on the pew ledges in the church.

MASS MEMORIALS

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

November 25-December 1:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Agnes Storz (1st Anniversary)

Requested by

Alice & Dennis Reilly

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

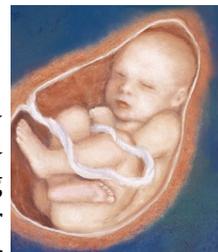
<i>Peter Masak</i>	<i>Laurel Norstedt</i>
<i>Fred Sawyer</i>	<i>Marie Molina</i>
<i>Theresa Keller</i>	<i>David Dentici</i>
<i>Nina Owens</i>	<i>Betty Cunningham</i>
<i>Joan Paone</i>	<i>Lucille Sullivan</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Marie D'Angelo</i>
<i>Stephanie Scarpa</i>	<i>Carl D'Angelo</i>
<i>John Jordan</i>	<i>Tom Willumson</i>
<i>John Pius</i>	<i>Dorothy T. Viverito</i>
<i>Anne Wildner</i>	<i>Marge Heldeman</i>
<i>Kelly Cahill</i>	<i>Joanne Hernandez</i>
<i>John Manning</i>	<i>Ginny Gala</i>
<i>Marilyn Abbott</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.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 6 - "I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

Diocese of Rockville Centre

An Evening of Prayer for Men Suffering Abortion Loss



An Evening of Prayer for Men is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The evening is directed by a spiritual team who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

The evening will consist of Mass, Dinner, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

To register and for more information please visit www.respectlife.drcv.org or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or 1(516) 766-2538 projectrachel@drcv.org.

Please register by Monday, November 26, 2018.

All reservations and information will remain confidential.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Healing after Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing for Women



A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

Saturday, December 1, 2018

To register and for more information please visit www.respectlife.drcv.org or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or 1(516) 766-2538 projectrachel@drcv.org.

Please register by Monday, November 26, 2018.

All reservations and information will remain confidential.

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

Parent's Signature: _____



Open to Children between the ages of 5 to 14

For additional information, contact Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451, Bob Newberry at 917-613-7848 or Alex Keller at 631-226-3831.

All Posters must be turned in by Sunday, December 9, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 26—

WEEKDAY

(Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)

6:30 Robert Arnold

12:15 Maura O'Grady

TUESDAY, November 27—

WEEKDAY

6:30 Gaston Lambert

12:15 John Skopek

WEDNESDAY, November 28—

WEEKDAY

6:30 Flurora & Ysmael Paz

12:15 Michael Babish

THURSDAY, November 29—

WEEKDAY

6:30 James Londregan

12:15 Michael McDonnell

FRIDAY, November 30—

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

6:30 Mildred Sredniawski

12:15 James Airoidi

SATURDAY, December 1—

WEEKDAY

8:00 Francis Venezia

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 Frank & Frances Peluso
(Special Needs Mass—Auditorium)

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 2

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 Frank Criscuolo

10:00 Dorothy H. Lloyd

12:00 Maria & Gaspere Piazza

5:00 June Curran Savino

Monday, November 26, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Parent Meeting Level 6 & 7 Classes	Auditorium School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, November 29, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA Meeting	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, November 30, 2018

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

Saturday, December 1, 2018

8:30, 10:00	Level 4 Parent/Child Workshop Levels 1-3, 5 & Sp. Ed Classes	Auditorium School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:30 p.m.	Usher's Meeting	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Church

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	Family Life Advent event	Auditorium
11:00 a.m.	RCIA Faith Formation	Room 16
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	No Evening Prayer	
7:00 p.m.	Lessons & Carols	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Domingo, 2 de diciembre de 2018 PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO (Ciclo C)

1. Esperando en Tensión 2. Vigilantes, pero no con miedo.

Que el Señor confirme sus corazones en la santidad para que sean ustedes intachables a los ojos de nuestro Dios y Padre cuando nuestro Señor Jesucristo venga. Que el Señor esté siempre con ustedes.

Primer Lectura (Jeremías 33,14-16): Mantengan Viva la Esperanza

A un pueblo desanimado, el profeta anuncia: ¡Ánimo! Va a venir un Salvador de la Casa de David. Con él la honestidad y la integridad se restablecerán.

Segunda Lectura (1 Tesalonicenses 3,12-4,2): Prepárense para la Venida del Señor.

Jesús vino para hacernos nuevos a todos. Creciendo en amor y viviendo más profundamente nuestra fe, aceleramos su venida a nuestro mundo.

Evangelio (Lucas 21,25-28.34-36): ¡Su Liberación Está Cerca!

Aún en tiempo de peligro los cristianos siguen esperando en el futuro. Por medio de una vida de amor, oración y vigilancia se preparan para encontrarse con el Señor.

1. Esperando en Tensión

“Estén erguidos, mantengan alta su cabeza”. Éste es el mensaje que el Señor nos comunica en este Primer Domingo de Adviento. Hay hoy guerras civiles terroríficas, hambre en muchas partes del mundo, y hay millones de refugiados que buscan seguridad. Y sin embargo el Señor nos tranquiliza diciendo que deberíamos mantener bien altas nuestras expectativas y nuestra esperanza., porque él está todavía con nosotros y cerca de nosotros. – Estemos atentos a su presencia no sólo aquí en la eucaristía, sino también en la vida de cada día.

2. Vigilantes, Pero no con Miedo

Mucha gente en el mundo está sentada en la oscuridad del hambre, del sufrimiento, de la violencia. Y a pesar de ello, si somos Pueblo de Dios, mantenemos indestructible la esperanza de que la verdad, la bondad y la justicia prevalecerán un día, porque creemos que Cristo nuestro Señor

Ha venido y vive entre nosotros. Luchamos, sabemos que el camino es escabroso, pero el Señor viene con nosotros y nos dice: Ven conmigo, sirve conmigo, ama conmigo, comparte y date a ti mismo conmigo, y así tú serás mejor, y la Iglesia y el mundo serán también mejores.

Empezamos un largo camino para la salvación y precisamente empieza hoy con el Adviento.

Ha llegado el momento de abrir nuestros corazones, como cuando somos niños y estábamos abiertos a todo lo nuevo, abrir nuestras mentes al mundo para participar y trabajar en él. Abrirnos a la gracia y a la salvación que el Hijo de Dios nos traerá al final de estas semanas de Adviento, que pasan desapercibidas por los festejos navideños y la llamada de atención que hacen sobre nosotros en estos días los grandes almacenes animándonos al consumismo y olvidándonos realmente del significado de esta fiesta.

En Adviento debemos estar atentos a los signos, a la escucha de la Palabra de Dios, estar abiertos a la llegada, estar atentos, vigilantes, no podemos perdernos en cosas banales, ni dejarnos arrastrar por las luces y aspavientos de la sociedad. Estamos inmersos en el mundo, pero debemos saber cómo Cristianos, prepararnos y tener los ojos y oídos bien abiertos para poder recibir al Mesías. Jesús, volverá a nacer en nuestro interior, en nuestro mundo como cada Navidad, pero para ello tenemos que prepararnos, cambiar, mejorar, dejarnos amasar como el barro para ser testimonio de su palabra, para entregarnos a los demás sin pedir nada a cambio, ser generosos con nuestros semejantes, vivir y compartir lo que tenemos y lo que somos. ¡Paren, mediten, y disfruten esta primera semana de Adviento!

Hoy encendemos la primera vela de la corona de Adviento, color morado.



**OFFERING UPDATE
November 17/18**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of	Weekly
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*Due to early printer deadlines the collection totals for this week will be reported next week.
Thank you for understanding.*

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NOVEMBER WINNERS**

- \$1000** - Peter Dinunzio
- \$250** - Ed Meinhold
- \$100** - Mary L. Armbruster
- \$100** - Ricardo Senatore
- \$100** - Jane A. McGrath
- \$100** - Sheila Lanza



Giving Tuesday provides us an opportunity to thank God for all of the blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering.

By using eGiving you are supporting our parish's shared mission to give back to others and spread the word of God. We are excited about Giving Tuesday and all of the miraculous work our parish can do in our community, with your support.

Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy—just visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NY286.

Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us and I ask you prayerfully consider making a donation on Giving Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

God Bless You,

Msgr. Joe

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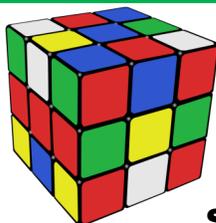
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DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

December 2—passed
December 9—November 30
Early deadline: December 23—December 14



**CAN YOU SOLVE A
RUBIK'S CUBE ?**

OLPH CYO

**WILL BE ORGANIZING A
SPEEDCUBING COMPETITION**

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

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

OR JUST STOP BY AND WATCH!

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

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, December 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be vigilant at all times and pray.

Luke 21:36a

Jeremiah 33:14-16

We hear in this short passage God assuring the prophet Jeremiah, who was in prison at the time, that even though the people of Jerusalem had endured a long period of corrupt government and unfaithful leadership a ruler will come from the line of David who will restore justice and righteousness to the land. The decades-long threat of invasion and suppression by foreign nations will end; safety and security will be established. This act of divine intervention will demonstrate the power of God's Word and actions.

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

The earliest Christian traditions expected Jesus to return soon after his resurrection. We hear echoes of this expectation in this letter which is believed to be Paul's earliest one. In it he urges the community to live fully in accord with Jesus' command to love. Anyone who does so will be found blameless when Jesus returns.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

This passage from Luke presents an apocalyptic vision of Jesus' return using images of cosmic upheaval and national catastrophe. This suggests that the powers of good and evil are warring for supremacy. This highlights the fact that the Gospel, the "Good News" of Jesus' death and resurrection, faces enemies who want to stamp it out. This is nothing new. All the prophets including Jeremiah faced it, as we heard in the first reading. In response Luke gives us a classic Advent message: "Be vigilant at all times and pray." The assault of evil in the last days will come upon all people. We know not the day or hour. Advent reminds us to always be watchful and ready in prayer for Jesus tells us that when that last day comes, "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Good news indeed!

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Advent is a process of looking to Christ's birth and the inauguration of his kingdom on earth. What does Advent awaken in you? Does anything in your daily life interfere with your spiritual Advent preparation?

2. St. Paul prayed that the Thessalonians "increase and abound in love" to strengthen their hearts. Discuss "abounding in love" as an effective method of supporting hearts or eliciting change of any kind. Do you think great change or growth ever happens without immense love?

3. Much of this Gospel could have been written today (roaring sea, drowsy hearts, dying of fright, anxieties, carousing, tribulations). Do you believe that if you ask for strength you will receive it? Could God send it through other people? Could you be a source of strength for others?

4. Is Jesus is God's last Word to us? Discuss Christ's Incarnation as it influences us today.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 26, 2018:

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

Tuesday, November 27, 2018:

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2018:

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

Thursday, November 29, 2018:

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

Friday, November 30, 2018:

Romans 10:9-18
 + Matthew 4:18-22

Saturday, December 1, 2018:

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

Sunday, December 2, 2018:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 + 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
 + Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$250 3rd - 6th Prize: \$100
Extra \$250 Drawing at Christmas and \$150 at New Years

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Mail back the parish portion of the ticket with your check payable to

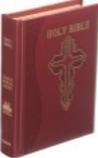
“OLPH SUPER 72”

or drop it in the collection basket.

Tickets and envelopes are available at the rectory.

“DRAWING FROM December 2018 THROUGH May 2019”

Raffle Tickets courtesy of Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home

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