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

Matthew 24:42

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 2022**

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Masses:

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

Special Needs Mass:

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

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

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

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

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

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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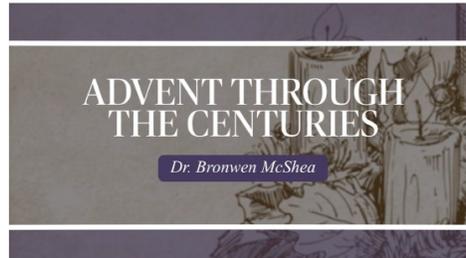
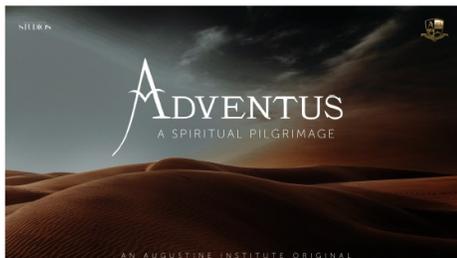
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Week of November 27, 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

First Sunday of Advent

This weekend we begin the new liturgical season of Advent, and, in fact, we begin a whole new liturgical year.

There's little doubt that Advent is a very challenging season for us; we have seen a secular Christmas season already underway (one with any mention of Christ conspicuously missing, I might add). As understandable as it is to want to celebrate Christmas joy as early as and for as long as possible, I would suggest that the more fruitful spiritual approach would be to celebrate Advent properly first, and then move on to Christmas, and to not buy into the secular takeover of Christmas, one without Christ, that begins now.

Yes, it's hard to keep Advent, but there's a real spiritual lesson to be learned: God is the one in control of time. Patiently and spiritually celebrating Advent without getting to Christmas too quickly can help us to acknowledge our lack of control over the flow of time in general, and therefore perhaps help us to deal better spiritually with the unknowns of life in general, and with the things we cannot control. We all hate the idea of not being in control of our life, but the truth is we're not — God is. Maybe Advent is the perfect time to practice the spiritual virtue of trustful endurance in God, especially in times of struggle and difficulty.

So, as Catholics, let's resist superficial and devoid-of-any-true-meaning attempts to create a secularized "holiday" marathon season, and instead, in our hearts and in our homes, let's mark Advent time in the way the Church intends. To do so, we must let Advent be Advent. We must be patient.

Turn to the daily readings (which can be found at www.usccb.org) to help you do this. Spend time with the great figures we meet in the Scriptures who are so central to Advent: Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. As this new liturgical year begins, let's bring ourselves to the symbols and stories of Advent with open hearts and with readiness for something new to happen, to us and to the world around us. Such newness is the heart of Advent longing, hoping and waiting.

Try extra hard to listen carefully to, and to enter into, the prayers at Mass during Advent; those texts are filled with words, phrases and

images that sweep us along in the meaning of the season. For example, right from the beginning of the Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, with the Collect (the opening prayer), the mood for the new liturgical time is set: "*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming...*" There is a great sense of urgency, of expectation, and of longing, because Christ is coming, and the best way for us to meet Him is through our deeds of love, mercy and compassion.

The beginning weeks of Advent look toward the Second Coming of Christ, and this is reflected in the Prayer over the Offerings for the First Sunday of Advent, when, in asking God to accept the offerings, we ask that those offerings may "*gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.*" This is a reference to our participation in the heavenly liturgy and in the fullness of the Kingdom when Christ returns. The Prayer after Communion also reminds of the Second Coming of Christ and of the Kingdom of God, particularly when it asks that the mysteries that we celebrate in the Eucharist will "*...teach us...to love things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.*"

The Preface (beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) for this Mass describes for us the two comings of Christ, namely, His first coming, when He assumed the lowliness of human flesh, and His Second Coming, the day that we watch for as we look forward to inheriting the "great promise" which is the foundation for our hope. As I mentioned, listen carefully for all of these beautiful prayers at Mass and get caught up in the feel of Advent. Pay attention also to the music we will be singing; the texts (words) we are singing will convey to us the meaning of what we are celebrating.

In addition, notice that we have a special insert in today's bulletin which explains many aspects of the liturgical time of Advent and offers thoughts for Advent spirituality. I hope you will use this insert in your prayer at home during the week. We'll be running a special insert for each week of Advent throughout the season.

Advent Mini-Mission with Msgr. Joe

While we're on the subject of special things related to Advent, let me invite you to the "Mini-Mission" I am offering on two nights next

week, Monday and Tuesday, December 5 and 6. I will be giving two presentations on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter on the topic of the liturgical formation of lay people. It's a beautiful and insightful letter that teaches us how to get more out of our liturgical celebrations, especially the Mass. I'll be presenting and discussing excerpts from the letter (and we have been presenting the entire letter in serialized form each week in the bulletin).

I think you'll find it informative and uplifting to attend, so I hope you'll give it every consideration. We'll begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening with Evening Prayer, and it will last approximately only one hour. Check out the ad running in this bulletin for more information. I look forward to seeing you there!

Little Blue Book for Advent

There may still be some copies of the *Little Blue Book* with daily meditations for Advent and Christmas Time available on the pew ledges in the church. If so, be sure to take one. The reflections and meditations are new and updated for this year, as they are every 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.

Congratulations to our new altar servers!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome on board our three new altar servers, **Adrian Andoy II, Paris Medina** and **Oscar Pogorzelski**, who are being installed as servers at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. **Congratulations, Adrian, Paris and Oscar!!!** They have done a wonderful job throughout their training, and they will begin serving at Masses in the month of December.

I also want to take a moment to thank all the young people who serve in the ministry of Altar Server. They are a phenomenal group of young people and I am always very proud of them. They are a large part of what makes OLPH "the place to be!"

Meetings for Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers this week

If you are a Lector, an Altar Server or an Usher, I remind you that you have one of your semi-annual mandatory meetings for ongoing formation and development this week:

Lectors—Monday, November 28, 7:00 p.m., with Fr. Michael Holzmann as guest speaker;

Altar Servers (including the new servers just installed)—Tuesday, November 29, 4:30 p.m.;

Ushers—Saturday, December 3, 1:30 p.m.

As if that weren't enough, I also have a dentist appointment this week, but I guess that's really not relevant...

Get to Confession during Advent! Plan now!

Once again I urge you to make your plans now for when you will go to Confession during Advent; take note of the times we are offering the sacrament, as listed in the special mailing that was sent out. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the perfect way to "prepare the way of the Lord" during Advent so that we are spiritually ready for the great feast of Christmas. We priests want nothing more than to celebrate with you the great gift of God's forgiveness. *See you at Confession!*

SUPER 72

The next **SUPER 72** game (see the flyer elsewhere in this bulletin) begins in December, so now is the time to be sure to get your tickets so you can be in on the next game from the very beginning. The **SUPER 72** continues to be an important fund raiser for the parish, so I ask everyone to buy some tickets. Tickets are available at the rectory.

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

About the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice — that time in the year when the sun reaches its southern-most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls.



There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the “nativity” of the sun—the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for His saving birth.

Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....

Advent is much more than the beginning of a new liturgical year; it is a time of waiting, hoping and expectations, of dreaming, pregnancy, dissatisfaction, longing, echoing, listening, growing, and building up. This season speaks the restless urging of a soul longing and searching for God. Advent is John the Baptist, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph, each with a role to play and each with a message to give.

“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.” (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar)

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect of the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent)

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen. (Another prayer for the First Sunday of Advent)

Advent is the time for rousing. We are shaken to the very depths, so that we may wake up to the truth of ourselves. The primary condition for a fruitful and rewarding Advent is renunciation, surrender. We must let go of all our mistaken dreams, our conceited poses and arrogant gestures, all the pretenses with which we hope to deceive ourselves and others. If we fail to do this, stark reality may take hold of us and rouse us forcibly in a way that will entail both anxiety and suffering. —Alfred Delp



Blessing Your Home Advent Wreath

Use this blessing to bless your family's Advent wreath at home.



All make the sign of the cross as the Leader says:

Leader: **Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

All respond: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: **In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always waiting for deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.**

A family member now lights one purple candle. Then the Scripture is read (Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6):

Reader: **Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

The word of the Lord.

All respond: **Thanks be to God.**

The Leader continues: **Let us now pray for God's blessing upon us and upon this wreath.**

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Leader concludes by saying: **Let us bless the Lord.**

All make the sign of the cross and respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the first week of Advent, at the evening meal, one purple candle is lighted. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candle.

All make the sign of the cross: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). See the list of daily readings printed elsewhere in this bulletin. Then the Leader continues: **Lift up your hearts.**

All respond: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

The Leader prays: **God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

After the meal, the Leader says: **Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

All respond: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come
and pray with our parish community.*

First Friday Devotions will take place **December 2** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **December 3** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Spanish, Polish, English). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People with
Special Needs and all those
who care for them*

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

Saturday, December 3

4:00 p.m.

in the School Auditorium

*All are welcome
come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly
Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Paolo at 631.226-7725 X 252 or*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

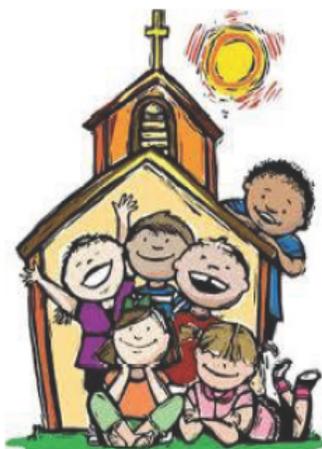
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Join us Next Sunday at
the 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Children 1st Grade and older
can join in the Children's
Liturgy of the Word every 1st
and 3rd Sunday during the
10:00 a.m. Mass.**



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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



*Prepare Your Heart
for the Coming of the Lord
How well do you know Jesus?
Do you know how and
what he prayed?*

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 a.m.,
12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS

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

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

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

MEETING FOR ALL USHERS

All Ushers are expected to attend the important Ushers Meeting being held on **Saturday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m.** in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items, including ongoing procedures after the pandemic and the schedule of Christmas Masses this year. All Ushers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Blue Book* which contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Advent and Christmas Time. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Blue Book*. They are provided free of charge for your spiritual enrichment, but if you would like to put an extra three (3) dollars into the collection basket to help cover the cost of the books, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS
2022-2023

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

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

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

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

New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2022) are now available in baskets throughout the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

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

NEW SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the new liturgical year (Cycle A) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, are now available at the rectory for purchase, for \$5.00.



OLPH CHRISTMAS CARDS **ON SALE**

“OLPH is the place to be!” AND ...

The place to buy your Christmas cards!

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



ADVENT MINI-MISSION WITH MSGR. JOE



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer.

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

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

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?



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

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

Classes begin on **Tuesday, December 6**. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at DeaconRobert@oloph.org or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

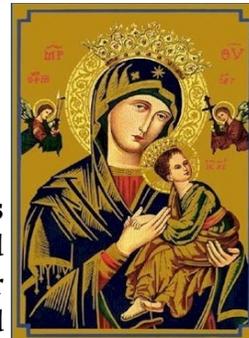
PRAYER AND WORSHIP

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

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

LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

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



POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS

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

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

35. It was and is necessary to find the channels for a formation that is the study of Liturgy. From the beginning of the liturgical movement much has been done in this regard, with precious contributions from scholars and academic institutions. Nonetheless, it is important now to spread this knowledge beyond the academic environment, in an accessible way, so that each one of the faithful might grow in a knowledge of the theological sense of the Liturgy. This is the decisive question, and it grounds every kind of understanding and every liturgical practice. It also grounds the very celebration itself, helping each and all to acquire the capacity to comprehend the eucharistical texts, the ritual dynamics, and their anthropological significance.

36. I think of the regular rhythm of our assemblies that come together to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, Sunday after Sunday, Easter after Easter, at particular moments in the life of each single person and of the communities, in all the different ages of life. Ordained ministers carry out a pastoral action of the first importance when they take the baptized faithful by the hand to lead them into the repeated experience of the Paschal Mystery. Let us always remember that it is the Church, the Body of Christ, that is the celebrating subject and not just the priest. The kind of knowledge that comes from study is just the first step to be able to enter into the mystery celebrated. Obviously, to be able to lead their brothers and sisters, the ministers who preside in the assembly must know the way, know it from having studied it on the map of their theological studies but also from having frequented the liturgy in actual practice of an experience of living faith, nourished by prayer — and certainly not just as an obligation to be fulfilled. On the day of his ordination every priest hears the bishop say to him: “Understand what you will do, imitate what you will celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's Cross.”

37. Also the plan of studies for the Liturgy in seminaries must take account of the extraordinary capacity that the actual celebration has in itself to offer an organic and unified vision of all theological knowledge. Every discipline of theology, each from its own perspective, must show its own intimate connection with the Liturgy in light of which the unity of priestly formation is made clear and realized (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 16). A liturgical-sapiential plan of studies in the theological formation of seminaries would certainly have positive effects in pastoral action. There is no aspect of ecclesial life that does not find its summit and its source in the Liturgy. More than being the result of elaborate programs, a comprehensive, organic, and integrated pastoral practice is the consequence of placing the Sunday Eucharist, the foundation of communion, at the center of the life of the community. The theological understanding of the Liturgy does not in any way permit that these words be understood to mean to reduce everything to the aspect of worship. A celebration that does not evangelize is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic. And then both of these, without the testimony of charity, are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor 13:1)

THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF OLPH

**The Music Ministry of OLPH
prepares for the coming of the Lord!**

Carol Sing
Tuesday,
December 20th
at 7:30 p.m.
in the church

In recent years, we have celebrated an Advent *Lessons and Carols* service early in Advent to set a tone for the season in preparation, looking toward Christmas.

This year, the Adult and Youth Choirs, Schola, and Instrumentalists are preparing a *Carol Sing* on **Tuesday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m.** Though there are still some readings and choral music, the *Carol Sing* is a brief program focused more on the assembly's singing of Carols, both Advent and Christmas, as we take a focus toward the end of the Advent season and the immediate coming of Christmas in the following days.

Please join us by taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the tasks that we all associate with our own preparations for Christmas – bring the family, a friend, a neighbor, or maybe someone who may not have stepped into a church in a while – to celebrate the coming of our Savior at our *Carol Sing*. We hope to see and hear you there!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

LEVEL 6

On Wednesday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m. your Penance Service will be in the church. You must attend with a parent or guardian. Be sure to hand in any Mass Reflection or Projects you completed over the break!

LEVEL 8

On Wednesday, November 30, don't forget to hand in your Workbook Project #3 Stewardship Treasure Project. All proceeds go to Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church to ship medical supplies, toiletries, food, and clothes to refugees in Ukraine.

**LEVEL 4**

Your Parent/Child Workshop on Advent is this Saturday, December 3, during your regular class time. Let's prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ during this time of hope, faith, joy, and peace.

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Mary MacKillop is the first Australian to be declared a saint! She was the oldest of eight children in a poor farm family. She became a teacher to help her family, and taught other children, on her aunt and uncle's farm, who were poor too. She met Fr. Woods, who asked her to open Catholic schools in Australia in order to give kids a good Catholic education. Her family joined her in her mission. Her sisters taught and her brother would build the schools. Other women joined as well. They were soon known as the Brown Joeys!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Pageant



Friday, December 23, 2022

7:00 p.m. in the Church



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

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

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



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

Pageant Practices

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

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

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

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

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, December 22nd 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the church

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Grade _____ My child wants to be a stagehand for service hours _____

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631-592-1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631-561-5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631-225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631-226-2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631-957-1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631-226-2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631-412-3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631-226-7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631-226-6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves, for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

NEW Food Pantry List!

BLACK TEA

CANNED MEAT

TUNA

JELLY

COOKIES

INSTANT POTATOES

CANNED FRUIT

PASTA

PASTA SAUCE

PEANUT BUTTER

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

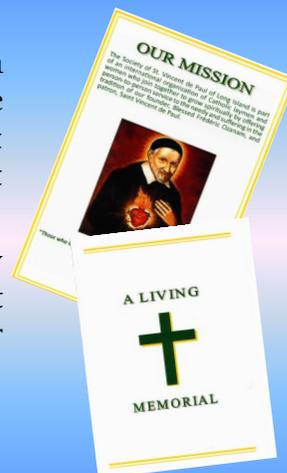
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 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 the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE IS STARTING NOVEMBER 27!

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

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

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

LIFE CENTER
The Life Center assists pregnant women as they prepare to give birth to the gift of life in their own lives. Learn more about the life center at www.lifecenterli.org

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



The Giving Tree

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

South Shore Young Adult Ministry at OLPH Ages 21-39

For info about monthly meetings contact

Director, Bridget Jordan,
 Phone: (631) 226-7725 x 253,
 email: bjordan@oloph.org

Survey:

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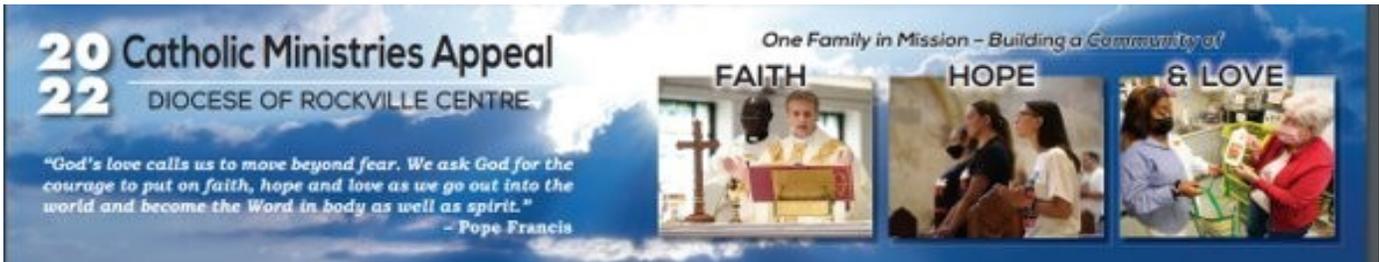


Come join us for our trip into the city, on Saturday, December 3, to see the Rockefeller Tree, the Christmas window displays, and to go to Catholic Underground! We will take the 2:27 p.m. train from Lindenhurst to arrive in Penn Station around 3:38 p.m. Catholic Underground will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 230 East 90th Street, 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. If you can't come sightseeing with us, you can still meet us for the Catholic Underground part of the evening.
 RSVP to Bridget at the above e-mail, so we know to look for you!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2022 OLPH GOAL:
\$114,600

Total pledges: \$107,750.00
of pledges: 396
Total payments: \$101,436.50
% of Goal: 94.02%
As of 11/15/22



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

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

To donate, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank You!

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Christopher Reilly, Director of Music	210	creilly@oloph.org
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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

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

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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

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

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

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for more information.



WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

“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...

Lori and Tom McKeever

Cheryl Cleaver

Joseph Ingino

Anne Gravelle

Megan Kelly

Susan Davniero

Megan S. D’Amato

John Caliendo

Judith Coffin

Anthony Pastore

Andres Flores

Mary Gallagher

Patricia McQueen

Cecelia Pastore

Lois Rydzewski

Sylvana Picinich

Rachel Lohr

Baby George Elefterion

Ann-Marie Giarratano

Mary Ann Trigg

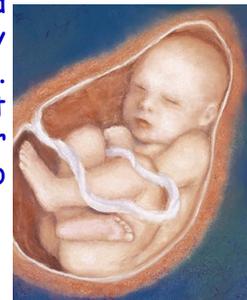
Bill Paolo

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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 8 - “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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK		PARISH CALENDAR		
MONDAY, November 28— Advent Weekday		Monday, November 28, 2022		
6:30	Aurora & Ysmael Paz	9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
12:15	Joseph Pehowich	10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
TUESDAY, November 29— Advent Weekday		12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
6:30	Sean Williams	1:30 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
12:15	John Flynn	2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
WEDNESDAY, November 30— Saint Andrew, Apostle		4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:30	Sean Williams	7:00 p.m.	Lector Ministry Meeting	Church
12:15	Andrew Donovan	Tuesday, November 29, 2022		
THURSDAY, December 1— Advent Weekday		4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting	Church
6:30	Francis Venezia	6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
12:15	Rosana Guglielmo	Wednesday, November 30, 2022		
FRIDAY, December 2— Advent Weekday		9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
6:30	Mildred Sredniawski	10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:15	Pietro Curto	12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
SATURDAY, December 3— Saint Francis Xavier, Priest		2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
8:00	Joseph A. Isoldi	5:30 p.m.	Level 6: Penance Service	Church
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8: Classes	School
4:00	Pete Coyne <i>Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)</i>	Thursday, December 1, 2022		
5:00	Joann Vitti	1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
Sunday, December 4— SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		6:00 p.m.	Christian Mother's Enrollment	Church
8:00	For the People of the Parish	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
10:00	Richard A. Sposato	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
12:00	Reynold Ruiz	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
		7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
		7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 18
		Friday, December 2, 2022		
		9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
		10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
		Saturday, December 3, 2022		
		8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Level 4: Parent/Child Workshop Levels 1, 2, 3 and 5: Classes	Auditorium School
		11:30 p.m.	Christmas Pageant Auditions	Auditorium
		1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
		1:30 p.m.	Ushers Ministry Meeting	Church
		4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
		6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
		6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
		6:30 p.m.	Exposition	Church
		Sunday, December 4, 2022		
		11:00 a.m.	OCLA	Room 18
		11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Psalms	North Sacristy
		12:20 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
		6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Primer Domingo de adviento

Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 27 de Noviembre del 2022

Ha llegado la hora;

deben ustedes despertar:

Nuestra salvación está cerca.

Que el Señor esté con todos ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Isaías 2,1-5): Un Futuro de Paz y de Luz

En un tiempo de guerra y de pruebas, el profeta da al pueblo de Dios una visión de esperanza en la paz y en la justicia final de Dios. Nosotros tenemos que preparar ese futuro.

Segunda Lectura (Romanos 13,11-14): ¡Despiértense Ahora!

San Pablo nos recalca la urgencia de despertarnos y de vivir la vida de Cristo. ¡Ahora es el tiempo! Somos peregrinos hacia la luz de Cristo.

Evangelio (Mateo 24,37- 44): ¡Estén Despiertos!

La vida cristiana es un esperar activa de la venida continua de Cristo. Los discípulos de Cristo deben estar siempre dispuestos a reconocer la venida del Señor, siendo fieles a la misión que el mismo Cristo les ha confiado en la vida.

En la liturgia del primer domingo de Adviento, la Iglesia nos pone delante una parte del discurso de Jesús sobre el fin del mundo. Adviento significa Venida. Es el tiempo de la preparación para la venida del Hijo del Hombre en nuestra vida. Jesús nos exhorta a estar vigilantes. Nos pide estar atentos a los sucesos para descubrir en ellos la hora de la venida del Hijo del Hombre.

En este principio del Adviento, es importante purificar la mirada y aprender de nuevo a leer los acontecimientos a la luz de la Palabra de Dios. Y esto, para no ser sorprendidos, porque Dios puede venir sin avisar, cuando menos lo esperamos. Para ilustrar cómo deberíamos estar atentos a los acontecimientos, Jesús se apoya en el episodio del diluvio en tiempos de Noé.

En el curso de la lectura del texto, prestaremos atención a las comparaciones de las que se sirve Jesús para transmitir su mensaje.

b) Una división del texto para ayudarnos en la lectura:

Mateo 24, 37-39: La venida del Hijo del Hombre será como en los días de Noé

Mateo 24, 40-41: Jesús aplica la comparación a aquellos que lo escuchan

Mateo 24, 42: La conclusión: ¡Vigilad!

Mateo 24, 43-44: La comparación para recomendar la vigilancia

Como en los días de Noé, así será la venida del Hijo del hombre. 38 Porque como en los días que precedieron al diluvio, comían, bebían, tomaban mujer o marido, hasta el día en que entró Noé en el arca, 39 y no se dieron cuenta hasta que vino el diluvio y los arrastró a todos, así será también la venida del Hijo del hombre. 40 Entonces, estarán dos en el campo: uno es tomado, el otro dejado; 41 dos mujeres moliendo en el molino: una es tomada, la otra dejada.

42 «Velad, pues, porque no sabéis qué día vendrá vuestro Señor. 43 Entendedlo bien: si el dueño de casa supiese a qué hora de la noche iba a venir el ladrón, estaría en vela y no permitiría que le horadasen su casa. 44 Por eso, también vosotros estad preparados, porque en el momento que no penséis, vendrá el Hijo del hombre.

Esta liturgia rememora el momento en que Santa María y San José buscaban un lugar donde alojarse pues había llegado la hora del alumbramiento. En los momentos previos a la Navidad, la dinámica del dolor-alegría se hace particularmente presente en los padres de Jesús: dolor por no hallar posada para recibir aunque sea con humano decoro al Señor de los señores, y la alegría de la hora cercana de la Natividad.

Se trata, pues, de tomar conciencia de este dinamismo presente en la espera y en el misterio de la Natividad y de vivirlo en comunión con María y con José en estos días previos al nacimiento del Señor Jesús y, de este modo, prepararnos para acoger activamente la Palabra reconciliadora

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- December 11—December 2 deadline
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PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

Matthew 3:1

Isaiah 11:1-10

Like last Sunday's reading from Isaiah, today's describes a glorious future for Israel and all God's people. He is speaking to an Israel that had repeatedly turned to foreign nations for protection from invasion and war and had grown weak in their reliance on God. Isaiah expresses hope for the coming of a righteous son of David, a righteous king who will fulfill his proper role in leading the people back to faithfulness to God. He envisions this king as God's instrument to establish a future kingdom of peace, justice, and right relationships in all creation. This king will act with the "spirit of the Lord," possessing wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and proper reverence for the Lord, qualities later known as the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Centuries later, Christians understood Isaiah's vision as being fulfilled in Jesus, the Messiah.

Romans 15:4-9

Paul writes in this letter, about thirty years after Jesus' Death and Resurrection, how God's free gift of his Son shows the people of Israel that salvation embraces all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. Paul clarifies that God's grace through Christ brings the Old Testament Scriptures to fulfillment by revealing that the new Israel of the final age expands to include both Jew and non-Jew. All who enter this new Israel, which is the Church, through Baptism are to treat one another as members of Christ. In this way, we can all join together to praise the God of Jesus Christ "with one voice."

Matthew 3:1-12

In this reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, written about fifty years after Jesus' Death and Resurrection, we hear the same theme as in the previous two readings: the Kingdom of God includes people from all nations, both Jews and Gentiles alike. This was an issue of some importance to early Jewish Christians who wondered how Gentiles, considered "impure" non-Jews, could be part of the new Israel in the age of salvation. John the Baptist makes it clear to the various Jewish religious leaders that just being a descendant of Abraham is not enough. One must demonstrate true repentance to enter the Kingdom. John will baptize all with water but the one who comes after him, Jesus the Messiah, will baptize all with the Holy Spirit.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 28, 2022:

Isaiah 4:2-6 + Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29, 2022:

Isaiah 11:1-10 + Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30, 2022:

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

Thursday, December 1, 2022:

Isaiah 26:1-6 + Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2, 2022:

Isaiah 29:17-24 + Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3, 2022:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
+ Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 4, 2022:

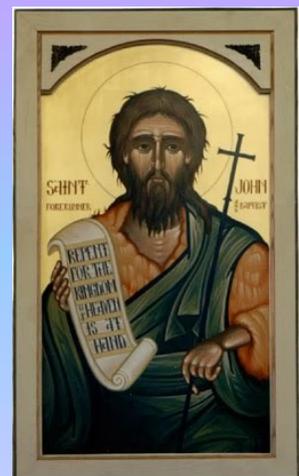
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Gospel Reflection

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

1. Judging by John's appearance as described in the Gospel reading, would you guess his cry was lukewarm, or was it a cry from his heart that calls for life-altering change? How would you respond to him? Is there a part of his call that is too demanding for you?

2. Compare John's baptism of repentance with Jesus' baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. What does "baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire" mean to you? What do you think that fire is?



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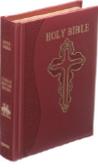


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