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*Be vigilant at all times
and pray.*

Luke 21:36a

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 28, 2021

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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 each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
on the Zoom video platform.

Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

*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

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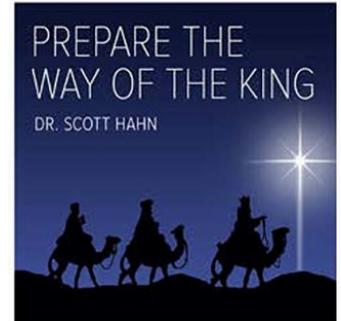
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PASTOR'S PAGE

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 a 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. This has been an important spiritual lesson to learn over the past two years. Maybe Advent is the perfect time to practice the spiritual virtue of trustful endurance in God through 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, especially the words and music at the Entrance each Sunday in Advent, when we will be singing the Entrance Antiphon for the day. These words are specially chosen by the Church to 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.

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 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 two new altar servers, **Kevin Grogan** and **Mason Randall**, who are being installed as servers at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. Congratulations, Kevin and Mason!!! 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!"

Lessons and Carols this afternoon—this Sunday, November 28, at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 28, is our annual celebration of Lessons and Carols, at 4:00 p.m. There's truly no better way for us to begin our holy time of Advent than by attending Lessons and Carols! I hope you will make it a priority to be there.

The "Lessons" (Scripture readings) and "Carols" (hymns — some sung by the choir alone, and some by everyone) are rich in Advent imagery and Advent mood. 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 before, you have been missing something great and I urge you to be there. This is a great thing to do together as a family; come and join in the service, and then go out for a pizza or something afterward and make a real "family Sunday" out of it! Please make every effort to attend Lessons and Carols. I'll be there; I look forward to it every year, and I look forward to seeing you there!

Get to Confession during Advent! Plan now!

Once again I want to 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 this bulletin and 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!

Installation of Bishop Robert Brennan as the eighth Bishop of Brooklyn

This Tuesday, November 30, I'll be trekking into Brooklyn to attend the Installation Mass of Bishop Robert Brennan as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. As you know, Bishop Brennan is a native son of OLPH, having grown up in Lindenhurst and having attended OLPH school; Bishop Brennan's parents and some family members still live in Lindenhurst. I have had the pleasure of being friends with Bishop Brennan since we were seminarians together, studying for the priesthood. It will certainly be a most joyous occasion, and I ask you to keep Bishop Brennan in your prayers, on Tuesday, and beyond, as he undertakes his new ministry shepherding the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

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.

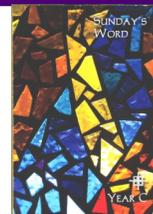
ALTAR SERVERS

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

All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on **Monday, November 29 at 4:15 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 now being trained! One parent should attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW 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, November 28, are now available at the rectory for purchase, for \$4.00.



LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Blue Book* which contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Advent and Christmas Time. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Blue Book*. They are provided free of charge for your spiritual enrichment, but if you would like to put an extra two (2) 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
2020-2021

Six-minute reflections
on the Sunday Gospels of Year B

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY AT OLPH

We will again be celebrating our own "Bambinelli Sunday" here at OLPH on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18-19.** You are invited to bring to Mass that weekend your figure of the Christ Child from your home crèche (Nativity scene). We'll offer a blessing of these figurines at all the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent that weekend. Don't forget to bring your Christ Child figure to Sunday Mass December 18-19!



CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Saturdays:

December 4 and 11:

4:00—4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 18:

3:00—4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 20:

7:00—8:30 p.m.

It is required that a mask must be worn inside the Confessional Room, regardless of vaccination status.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.



Special Needs Mass

for those who have
Special Needs

and for those who care for them.

Saturday, December 4

4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium

Please join us at our Special Needs Mass, a Mass for those who have Special Needs and for those who care for them. We meet the first Saturday of each month. After Mass we have hospitality to introduce the ministry members to the people who attend the Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass

***Special Note:** This Wednesday, December 1st, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case of whether abortions can be limited to not older than 15 weeks. This week, we will have special prayers during the Exposition, to pray for the successful resolution of this matter. Please join us in praying to protect God's greatest gift — Life!*

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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:

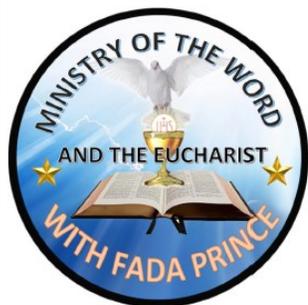
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- OLPH YouTube Channel:
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FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

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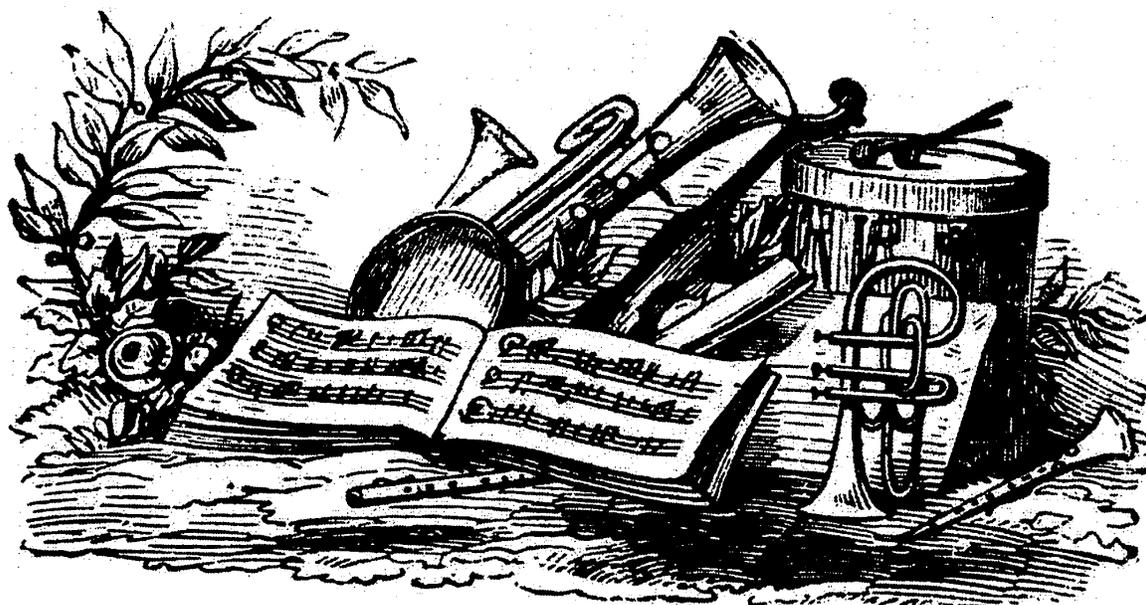
ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS THIS SUNDAY!

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, November 28

4:00 p.m.

In the church



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

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 coming of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering a new and uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Christmas. Begins this **Sunday, November 28** and continuing every Sunday **through December 19**, we will offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist. We will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each Sunday 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 the members of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that fit your schedule. Bring your Bible and join us to break open the Word of the Lord.

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.

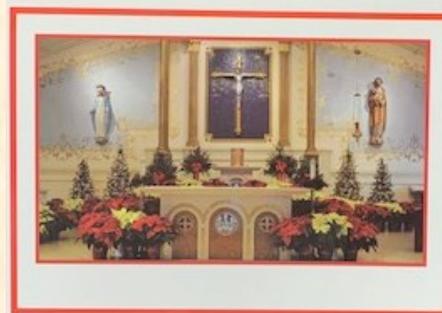
Classes begin on **Tuesday, December 14**. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at DeaconRobert@oloph.org or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

OLPH CHRISTMAS CARDS

“OLPH is the Place to Be!”

AND ...The place to buy your Christmas cards!

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

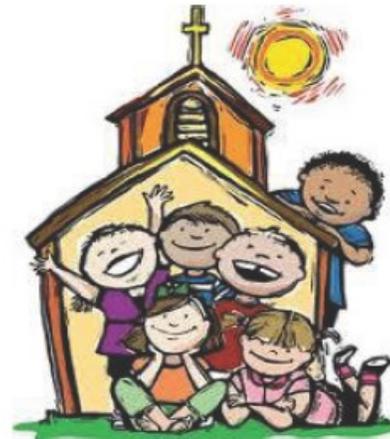
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.



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 2021) 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!

GOLDEN TICKET 2021 PRIZE WINNERS

The winning tickets for our GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE were drawn at a fun-filled and exciting cocktail party on Saturday night, November 20. Everyone had a great, great time and it was another "OLPH Moment" of great enjoyment with great community spirit! Here are the winners of the money prizes:

1st Ticket drawn, \$500 prize: Ticket # 291 Nancy Nicolazzi

50th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 133 Joseph Beatty

100th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 252 Charles & Kathy Feldman

150th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 232 Robert Salvia

200th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 333 Andrea Marquina

250th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 187 Frank & Carmen Odin

300th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 426 Francine Schnabel

350th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 175 Annmarie & Mike Ferrante

400th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 235 Daniel & Donna Murphy

450th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 162 Joan Woelfel

491st Ticket drawn, \$300 prize: Ticket # 414 Anthony Kleinlaut

492nd Ticket drawn, \$400 prize: Ticket # 081 Josephine Martino

493rd Ticket drawn, \$500 prize: Ticket # 083 Jayson DeLucia

494th Ticket drawn, \$600 prize: Ticket # 067 Christian Brady

495th Ticket drawn, \$700 prize: Ticket # 459 Hume & Lohr

496th Ticket drawn, \$800 prize: Ticket # 174 Teresa Pirola

497th Ticket drawn, \$900 prize: Ticket # 031 Pete & Sue Reynolds

498th Ticket drawn, \$1,000 prize: Ticket # 106 Henry Mathes

499th Ticket drawn, \$2,500 prize: Ticket # 440 Fred Solino

500th Ticket drawn, \$10,000 prize Ticket # 096 Flora Touloupis

50/50 brought in \$725!

OUR THANKS also go to these GENEROUS donors:

For the donation of our Consolation prizes: LINDEN FLORIST, all bottles of Wine presented with consolation prizes courtesy of Barbara McPhail and Family, Villa Pizza, Belfast Gastropub, The Espresso Bar, Goccia D'Oro, Village Florist, Louise Perrotta, Therese Lloyd, Hermanas Cocktails, Sand City Brewery, OLPH 150th Anniversary Ministry; RIDGEWOOD SAVINGS BANK, for a cash donation for food; FLAG BEVERAGE, for this evening's beer and ice; DANAHER WEALTH MANAGEMENT, for ticket printing, and wine, soda and water; PAMELA DANAHER, for a cash donation for food; MUNIS COFFEE HOUSE, for donations of food; BELFAST GASTROPUB, for donations of food.



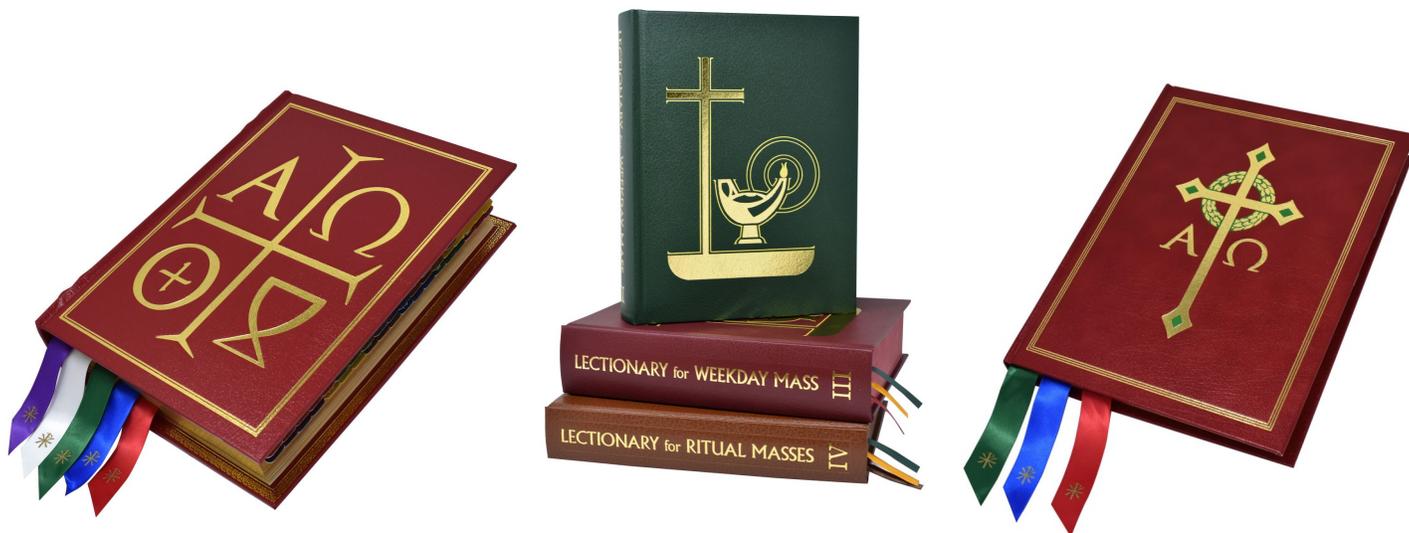
MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES—NEW RITUAL BOOKS

“Churches, therefore, must be places “suited to sacred celebrations,” “dignified,” and beautiful. Their suitability for worship is determined by their ability through the architectural design of space and the application of artistic gifts to embody God’s initiative and the community’s faithful response.”

- #18, *Built of Living Stones: Art Architecture and Worship*, a document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

For more than a thousand years, the Church has used ritual books in the celebration of the sacred Liturgy. These books contain the rubrics or instructions about the particular ritual(s) contained inside and also the actual texts of the prayers and Scriptures that we hear proclaimed. Often the ritual books are beautifully adorned with sacred art to remind us of God’s majesty and glory.

Here at OLPH, a very busy parish, our books are used many times over the course of a week. Over time, they do get worn and every so often, they need to be replaced. The sanitizing and cleaning that was done in the early part of the COVID-19 Pandemic also wreaked havoc on our books. The time has now come to replace many of our ritual books and we invite you to consider memorializing them in memory of a loved one who has died or by marking a special occasion such as milestone wedding anniversary or the birth of a child or grandchild. The memorials will be acknowledged in the bulletin and also with a special label that will be placed inside the front cover of the book. **Contact or stop by the rectory in order to memorialize a ritual book.**



- ◆ 3 large and 3 small editions of *The Roman Missal* which contain the prayers and instructions of the Mass - \$250 for each large edition, \$175 for each small edition
- ◆ 2 *Excerpts from the Roman Missal* which is held by the altar server during the Collect and Prayer after Communion - \$125
- ◆ 2 three-volume sets of the *Lectionary for Weekday Mass* which contain the readings for Daily Mass - \$500 for the complete three-volume set or \$175 for each book
- ◆ 2 *Lectionary for Sunday Mass* which contain the readings for Sunday Mass - \$200 for each book



Celebrating 150 Years

2021

OLPH Family Photo Album

We are pleased to announce that as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, we will be offering for sale a Family Photo Album. The Album will include pictures of Parishioners and their families, our Priests and OLPH Staff. There will also be a history page about our Parish, a collage of different OLPH events that took place during our Anniversary celebration year and a message from our Pastor, Msgr. Joe. Won't you please take part by submitting a beautiful family photo? (Details below). Go ahead, "dress to impress".

Types of Photos

Pictures may include a special family photo celebrating a Sacrament (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, a Wedding, etc...), a birthday or other special family celebration, a professional family photo.

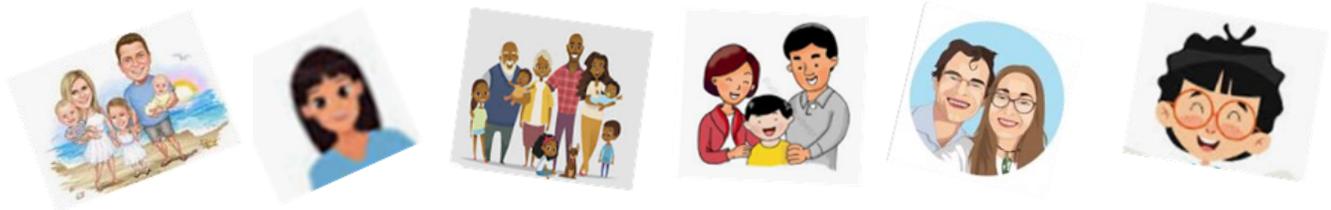
Size of Photo

Please submit a 3X5 or 4X6 photo by November 30, 2021.

Where

- Pictures may be sent to: socialmedia@oloph.org (this is a private OLPH email address).
- Subject line should include: OLPH Family Photo Album - [family name]
- In your email, please simply include the names of the persons in the photo, Family last name and number of Albums you wish to purchase.
- As an alternative to emailing, the below form may be completed and dropped off at the Rectory with your family photo in an envelope marked to the attention of "OLPH Family Photo Album".

If you have any questions, please call Helene at 917-679-0376 or send your question to the above email address, attention: OLPH Family Photo Album.



OLPH Family Photo Album Order Form



Date: _____ Name: _____

Tel/Cell: _____

Email: _____

Names of persons in the photo and family last name:

Number of Albums: _____ (Each Album: \$35)

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 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 7

On Wednesday, December 1, you will meet in the church to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A parent or guardian must attend with you, and they are more than welcome to celebrate the sacrament after all the students have done so. A mask is required!

LEVEL 4

On Saturday, December 4, there will be a Parent/Child Workshop on Advent in the auditorium during the child's regular class time. A mask is required to enter the building.

HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of classroom helpers for Levels 1-5 on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and/or 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Do you have the time to give one hour and share your God-given gifts with the youth of OLOPH? This is a great way for high school and middle school students to get hours required for school or other extracurricular activities!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We need your help!
 We are looking for a person to lead the choir of angels and shepherds in music during the Christmas Pageant.
 The rehearsal dates are as follows:
 Tuesday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Friday, December 17, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, December 18, (Day of Pageant): 6:30 p.m. Call Time; 7:30 p.m. Show Time
 Contact Bridget at bjordan@oloph.org

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Bernard of Clairvaux is a Doctor of the Church. He was born in a castle to a noble family who were very religious. They took religious education very seriously, and he went to college at a young age. He convinced his brothers and friends to join a religious order, and he became a priest shortly after that. He founded many monasteries in his lifetime and was asked to become bishop many times, but always said no. He worked very closely with many popes to spread God's Word.



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

Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

CANNED PORK & BEANS
SMALL PKGS. RICE
HOT CEREALS
PASTA SAUCE
INSTANT POTATOES
TEA/ HOT CHOCOLATE
SHELF STABLE MILK
FRUIT JUICE
JELLY OR JAM
COOKIES/DESSERTS

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:
 Wednesday and Friday
 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
 and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays
 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

Thank you
for your continued generosity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an expansion of 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.



THE 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 12**. Below are descriptions of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Ryan at jennx@optonline.net. 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.

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

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

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

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



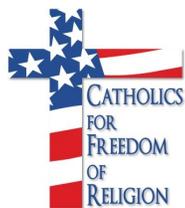
HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES

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

Prison Families

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

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

“It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favors.”

—George Washington, *Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, October 3, 1789*

Pilgrims, Thanksgiving and a Failed Socialist Experiment

Each year, Americans celebrate the first Thanksgiving, recalling the heroic Pilgrims who, seeking to escape religious persecution and longing to practice their religious beliefs in peace, sailed from England on September 6, 1620 to the unknown New World. With the help of local Native Americans, the Pilgrims learned to plant crops and survived. At the harvest, they gave thanks to God with a Thanksgiving feast.

While most Americans know this story of the first Thanksgiving, few know the tragic story of what happened at the harvest after two years of “the experiment.”

The Experiment: The Pilgrims had 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 sharing the harvest equally. Women engaged in domestic chores of cooking, sewing, etc., for themselves as well as their neighbors. The result was that few did more than the minimum amount of work because the fruits of all labor were shared equally whether a person worked hard or a little. 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."⁽¹⁾

The Pilgrims had unwittingly adopted a form of governance that, if made permanent, would soon deprive them of the religious freedom they had just fled England for. Two centuries later, describing the requirements for a socialist economic system, philosopher Karl Marx wrote, "Religion is the opium of the people...The abolition of religion as the illusory happiness of the people is required for their real happiness."⁽²⁾

*(libertyunderfire.org; townhall.com; historyofmassachusetts.org; mayflowerhistory.com (1)
catholicworldreport, 11/11/19(2); crismagazine.com)*

“Socialists, therefore, by endeavoring to transfer the possessions of individuals to the community at large, strike at the interests of every wage-earner, since they would deprive him of the liberty of disposing of his wages, and thereby of all hope and possibility of increasing his resources and of bettering his condition in life.”

—Pope Leo XIII, in *Rerum Novarum*

OUTSIDE ALL MASSES NEXT WEEK



OLPH Christian Mothers

will be selling

Keep Christ in Christmas magnets

after all Masses this weekend

and **December 4/5.**

Please support our parish and purchase one.

Thank you.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
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Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
William D'Alessio
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

***Frank LaFata & Megan Fazio
Robert Fitzpatrick & Ann Lauricella***

Second Announcement:

Edward Hennessy & Theresa O'Neill

WE BELIEVE

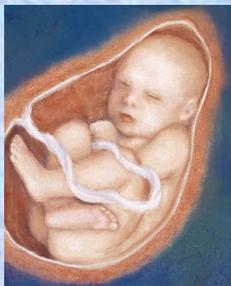
We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Karin Kienle</i>	<i>Grace Grasso</i>
<i>John Bryzgornia</i>	<i>Louise Sturgeon</i>
<i>Janet Leyden</i>	<i>Lindsay P. Henry</i>
<i>Tommy Fanning, Jr.</i>	<i>Elizabeth Astacio</i>
<i>Ethan Insigne</i>	<i>Janet Novotny</i>
<i>Rose Pentaleri</i>	<i>Angela Pagnotta</i>
<i>Dina Zulueta</i>	<i>Baby Cameron Bensen</i>
<i>Roberto Mato</i>	<i>Pietro Curto</i>
<i>Carol Bafundo</i>	<i>Peter Novak</i>
<i>Andrew Donovan</i>	<i>Victoria Hurst</i>
<i>Mildred Caliendo</i>	
<i>Rose Pezzanite</i>	

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.



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



WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism

Salvatore Philip Renna

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Stephen E. Nocella

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

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and help 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 information.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 29—
Advent Weekday

6:30 Aurora & Ysmael Paz

12:15 Alan Corscadden

TUESDAY, November 30—
Saint Andrew, Apostle

6:30 Lee Cianci

12:15 James Airoidi

WEDNESDAY, December 1—
Advent Weekday

6:30 Francis Venezia

12:15 Euler N. Zaide

THURSDAY, December 2—
Advent Weekday

6:30 Mildred Sredniawski

12:15 Sheila Nova

FRIDAY, December 3
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

6:30 Efren Andalis

12:15 Eriberto P. Cabreza

SATURDAY, December 4—
Advent Weekday
*(Saint John Damascene,
Priest and Doctor of the Church)*

8:00 Dorothy Rose & Salvatore Joseph
Cascardo

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 William Walter Paolo
Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)

5:00 Joann Vitti

Sunday, December 5—
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Mildred & Nicholas Alfieri

12:00 Michelle Quevedo

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 29, 2021

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

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

12:45 p.m. Devotions Church

4:15 p.m. Altar Server Meeting Church

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 p.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion Make-up Meeting Church

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

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

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

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (631-412-3831) Off Campus

5:30 p.m. Level 6 Classes School

7:00 p.m. Level 8 Classes School
Level 7 Penance Service Church

Thursday, December 2, 2021

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

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class for Parents Room 16

Friday, December 3, 2021

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

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

Saturday, December 4, 2021

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. School

11:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Auditions Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

6:30 p.m. Exposition Church

Sunday, December 5, 2021

11:00 a.m. RCIA Room 16

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

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Year is over, but we still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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.

Lecturas del Domingo 1º de Adviento - Ciclo C

Domingo, 28 de noviembre de 2021

Movido por su infinito amor, nuestro Padre del cielo envió a su Hijo al mundo para colmar todas nuestras esperanzas, y para ofrecernos un futuro mejor y eterno.

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.

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.

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.

Señor Dios nuestro, tú nos amas y por eso esperas que hagamos visibles a todos tu bondad y justicia. Esperamos que tu Hijo permanezca con nosotros para que tus expectativas y las nuestras se hagan realidad, ahora y por los siglos de los siglos.

Jesús se esfuerza por sacudir las conciencias de sus seguidores. «Tened cuidado: que no se os embote la mente». No viváis como imbéciles. No os dejéis arrastrar por la frivolidad y los excesos. Mantened viva la fe. «Estad siempre despiertos». No os relajéis.

Vivid con lucidez y responsabilidad. No os canséis. Mantened siempre la tensión.

¿Cómo estamos viviendo estos tiempos difíciles para casi todos, angustiados para muchos, y crueles para quienes se hunden en la impotencia? ¿Estamos despiertos? ¿Vivimos dormidos? Desde las comunidades cristianas hemos de alentar la esperanza y la fe.

Y solo hay un camino: estar junto a los que se están quedando sin nada, hundidos en la desesperanza, la rabia y la humillación.

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2020 total	812	230	\$14,228.68
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LOST & FOUND

The lost and found located in the sacristy is starting to get overflowed. If anyone has lost items in the church, please come to the sacristy to retrieve your lost items by December 19. Any remaining items will be donated or discarded.

Thank you.



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December 19—December 10

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, December 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Luke 3:4b

Baruch 5:1-9

This text is a poem depicting suffering Israel as a desolate widow mourning over the distress of her children. In the midst of and in response to this suffering, the prophet exhorts Jerusalem to take heart and await hopefully the promised salvation of God—a salvation which will far exceed both the hopes and the borders of Israel.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to his close friends, the Christians in Philippi, from his Roman house arrest described at the end of Acts, as he waited for his court appearance before Caesar (around the year A.D. 61). Because it was God who had begun the good work of grace in this community of believers, Paul was confident of its completion. Bearing fruit is always the result of abiding in Jesus.

Luke 3:1-6

In ancient times, when a king was going to visit a city, he would send before him someone to announce that he would be arriving soon. This herald also served as a city inspector. It would have been an embarrassment and a cause for punishment for that city, and the people of the city, if they were not prepared when the king did arrive. John the Baptizer's message is that the people need to repair their lives and prepare for Christ's coming. He does this by calling the people to repent and be baptized.

Gospel Reflection

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

1. *Why does Luke name the historical references in the beginning of this Gospel reading? Does it help you to locate John the Baptist in history books?*

2. *“All flesh shall see the salvation of God”? What are the implications for humanity in this saying? Is the entire world included in this plan? What are the implications for you? Do you watch all year round for God's coming? What are some of the ways God comes to you everyday?*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 29, 2021:

Isaiah 2:1-5 + Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30, 2021:

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

Wednesday, December 1, 2021:

Isaiah 25:6-10a
 + Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 2, 2021:

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

Friday, December 3, 2021:

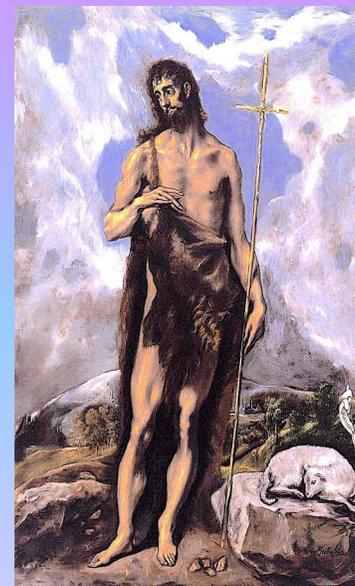
Isaiah 29:17-24
 + Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 4, 2021:

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

Sunday, December 5, 2021:

Baruch 5:1-9
 + Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
 + Luke 3:1-6



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