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*Jesus said,
“The Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.”*

Luke 19:10

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 3, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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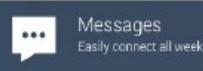
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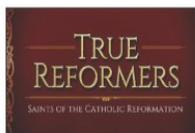
Step 5: Explore the great features in our parish app!



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

True Reformers

Episode 4: Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd



A Cardinal Dedicated to Reform

As the nephew of the Pope, Charles Borromeo was one of the most powerful men in Rome. Yet he chose the challenge of reform, and lived for his flock.

"This presentation is great at teaching so many truths of our faith and the challenges of their times. Inspiring!"

—Theresa B., Harbor Springs, MI

[WATCH ON FORMED.ORG](http://WATCHONFORMED.ORG)



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Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

PASTOR'S PAGE

It has happened again—don't be fooled by a phony e-mail supposedly from me!

Please be aware that once again a fraudulent e-mail has been sent out in my name. It's a simple request saying that I need a favor. The e-mail explains that I am supposedly stuck in a meeting which prevents me from picking up some gift cards which are needed to help someone in need. So, the e-mail asks you to buy the cards and to respond to the e-mail by giving the card numbers, so that they can be processed for someone who is in need. The promise is made that I will reimburse you the next day.

Needless to say, this is a total scam and completely fake, and should be totally avoided. As I have said before, when I ask you for money, there will be no doubt about it, and it will NEVER be under supposed emergency or immediate circumstances. It will always be for the parish or for some project, and I would NEVER contact individual parishioners; it would always be a parish-wide appeal. If you have any doubt whatsoever as to whether something supposedly from me is legitimate, please contact me to ask before you respond or act on it.

For what it's worth, once again, as with the prior times this has happened, I am not the only Pastor this has happened to. This also recently occurred, again, with several other Pastors in several other parishes.

Sheesh! What will they think of next?!?!

November as a Month of Remembrance: Some thoughts about eternity

As in the weeks ahead we journey through November, which in our Catholic tradition is a month of remembrance for the dead, I would like to say a few words about one aspect of our faith that is perhaps not talked about as much as it was at one time, that of the reality of eternity, and the final and ultimate disposition of our life.

The well-known writer C.S. Lewis once said that the people who are most productive in their lives are those who are most concerned about eternity. That's an interesting thought, isn't it? Maybe it's something we should all think about more—the question of how and where we

will be spending eternity. In today's secularized and materialistic world, we can easily be duped into thinking and living as though the present and the things of this world are all that really matter, but nothing could be further from the truth.

There's some truth to saying that all of life is a preparation for heaven, and we would do well to remember that. To put things in terms that may not be pleasant to think about, maybe we should ask ourselves: when we are on our deathbed, what is it that we will consider to be really important? I don't mention this to be a downer, but it does put things into perspective, right? While we never want our faith to become somber or depressing, the fact is that we do need to reflect on the realities of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory as part of our faith, and perhaps this month of remembrance is a good time for us to do so as a spiritual exercise. Of course, as we do so we should be joyful Christians who have great confidence in Christ and in His love and mercy, and in the power of Christ's resurrection to save us. At the same time, though, we should take seriously the sobering thought that attaining heaven is not automatic, and it does make a difference as to how we live our life here and now in this world — it will make a difference for all of eternity!

So, during this month of November when the Catholic Church focuses on remembrance of our beloved dead, certainly try to offer extra prayers for our loved ones who have gone before us; consider visiting gravesites and offering prayers at a cemetery for your deceased relatives and friends; and, yes, give a little time to think and pray about eternity — in particular, doing an assessment of oneself to make sure that our actions and our lifestyle are leading us toward an eternity with God in heaven, and not... elsewhere!

Cremation and what the Catholic Church teaches about it

Also as a part of this month of remembrance of the dead, please allow me to discuss something that has become a fairly common part of funerals in America — cremation. As you probably know, in 1997 the

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome granted permission to the dioceses of the United States to allow the presence of the cremated remains of a body to be at the funeral liturgy. It's important for all Catholics to be aware of the Church's views on cremation.

In essence, when considering the question of cremation, the Church's main concern is that the dignity of the human body and our reverence for it not be compromised in any way. It is the presence of the body at the funeral rites that confronts us with the mystery of life and death, a mystery that should not be glossed over or denied. The body is connected to personhood: "...the body which lies in death naturally recalls the personal story of faith, the loving family bonds, the friendships, and the words and acts of kindness of the deceased person. Indeed, the human body is inextricably associated with the human person..." (*Order of Christian Funerals* #411)

In addition to these "natural" concerns for the human body, there are also supernatural considerations, most notably in the faith life of the deceased: "The body of a deceased Catholic Christian is also the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life." (OCF #412) Catholic faith sees the body as a body "in Christ" and as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a body that is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Indeed, the Church's deep concern about maintaining the dignity of the human body is expressed even in the terminology used: the designation that is used in the funeral rites is "cremated remains," not "cremains." The thinking is that the wording "cremated remains" better signifies the dignity to be afforded the mortal remains, as opposed to a funeral-industry slang term such as "cremains." We should try to use that same wording.

All of this taken together means that while cremation is permitted, it does not have the same value as does burial of the body. The Church has a clear preference that the body of the deceased at least be present for the funeral rites if at all possible, and that cremation take place afterward if it is to be done, "...since the presence of the human body better expresses the

values which the Church affirms in those rites." (OCF #413)

However, if it is not possible for this to happen and cremation is going to take place before the rites, the Church makes a pastoral accommodation, and the funeral liturgy may be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains. Nonetheless, the reverence and care which would be given to the body must also be given to the cremated remains; this is an important point that is often overlooked. Although the cremated remains are a different form of the body, they are still nevertheless the mortal remains of the Christian, so they are to be treated in exactly the same way as a body. Catholics should think of it this way: whatever one would or would not do with the body of the deceased is what one should or should not do with the cremated remains. Thus, there must be a worthy vessel to hold the cremated remains, and that vessel is to be carried and transported with dignity and care. The cremated remains are to be buried in a grave or placed in a mausoleum or columbarium. Scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted, nor is keeping the cremated remains at home permitted. Additionally, it is not permitted to divide up the cremated remains so that some may be placed in jewelry or other keepsakes, an option that is now unfortunately being offered by the funeral industry. Finally, if at all possible, a plaque or stone should record the name of the deceased at the place where the cremated remains are interred. (*cf.* OCF #417)

It's important for all Catholics to be aware of the Church's teaching concerning what is and what is not permitted concerning cremation.

Welcome to our new Business Manager

It is with pleasure that I introduce to you our new Business Manager, Mr. Thomas Crennan, who took over the position on November 1. Tom brings to our parish a strong business leadership background with a career in implementing technology and reducing costs through improved change process for companies such as JP Morgan Chase, S&P, Thomson Reuters and Emblem Health. He also has strong experience in detailed planning around organization goals and vision. In addition, Tom has ten years' experience teaching in the

Commack School District Continuing Education Program. Allow me, though, to have Tom further introduce himself in his own words; take it away, Tom:

I am a native Long Islander, born and raised in East Meadow, and I currently reside in Huntington Bay. I attended college here — Hofstra University (BS in Economics) and Adelphi (MBA in International Finance). I started my parochial calling (thanks to my Mom and Dad) by attending St. Brigid’s during grammar school, and I continued to support a number of parishes throughout the diocese: Our Holy Redeemer, St Matthew’s, Christ the King, and St Patrick’s (Huntington). I was one of the youngest parishioners to serve on the St. Brigid’s Parish Council.

Giving back and volunteering is a significant part of my own personal values, and I remember feeling excited that way when I was elected to St Brigid’s Parish Council as a college student. The values that I was raised with are to give back and to help others improve their way of life. My Catholic values resonate through all people no matter what their spiritual beliefs.

That excitement grew when I saw there was a job opening here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I look forward to coming to work each day, working with the staff, the priests and the parishioners of this parish. Knowing that I am helping to make a difference in the parish gives me a sense of accomplishment each day.

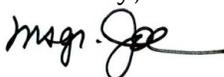
My favorite hobbies include all outdoor sports, cheering on the Yankees and Patriots and exploring American history. (I can tell you things about American history that you can’t just pick up in a couple of books!)

Thanks, Tom! It’s great to have you as part of the OLPH parish family.

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,


BLESSING OF VETERANS



In observance of Veteran’s Day on Monday, November 11, we will offer a special blessing to all veterans at our Sunday Masses next weekend — Saturday, November 9, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and at all our Sunday Masses on November 10. We will also offer the special blessing to all veterans at our two weekday Masses on Veteran’s Day itself, Monday, November 11, at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. God bless all our veterans, and we offer a heart-felt “thank you” to them for their service to our country!

ST. AGNES MEDAL OF SERVICE

On Sunday, October 27 at St. Agnes Cathedral Rose and Gus Garofalo received the St. Agnes Medal of Service Award from Bishop Barres. Congratulations Rose and Gus, for all you do to make OLPH “the place to be!”



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

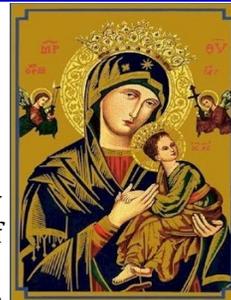
Evening Prayer



All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Monday, November 4—7:00 p.m.
**Monday, November 11—No devotions
due to Veterans Day.**
Monday, November 18—7:00 p.m.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

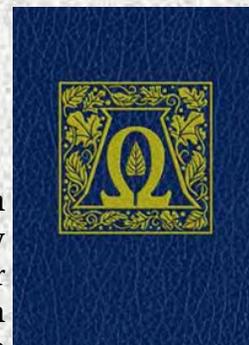
During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

Our Liturgy Committee prepares a special Altar of Remembrance in the Divine Mercy Chapel. **You are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other.** Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame.

Write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

We ask you to pick up your picture by Friday, November 29.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



A special book has been placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

Please note: this is not the Book of Intentions, and only the names of the deceased, without any intention, should be written in this book.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS AND PRIESTS

Each November, Bishop Barres celebrates a Mass in remembrance of the deceased bishops of the diocese and of the priests who have died since the previous November. This year, the Mass will be celebrated at the 12:10 p.m. Mass at Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre on Tuesday November 5, 2019. Four (4) priests who served at OLPH during their priesthood will be remembered at that Mass: Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald (+November 16, 2018); Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton (+February 18, 2019); Rev. Lawrence B. Rafferty (+September 30, 2019); and Rev. Vitalis B. Pedzik (+October 14, 2019). OLPH parishioners are invited to attend this Mass on November 5 at St. Agnes Cathedral.

PARISH LIFE AT OLPH

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS: MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on Monday, November 4, at 4:30 p.m. in the church. We'll welcome our new servers, discuss some information concerning scheduling, and review the things that servers do at Mass. We'll also take a first look at the Christmas schedule. All Altar Servers are expected to attend, and one parent should attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEETING FOR ALL READERS: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

All parish Readers are reminded to attend the important meeting for all those in this ministry, to be held on Saturday, November 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items. All Readers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend the important meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 5 in the church. Meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.—choose ONE (1) of those times to attend. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items. All E.M.'s are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION STARTING!

Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord

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. *Beginning on Sunday November 24 and continuing every Sunday through December 22*, 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. Check next week's bulletin for a list of the Psalms and presenters.

OLPH CHRISTMAS CARDS

"OLPH is the place to be!" AND ...The place to buy your Christmas cards!

For the first time ever, parishioners will have the opportunity to buy their Christmas cards at OLPH. Cards will be available for sale after all Masses on the weekends of November 9-10 and November 16-17 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 below) 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!



OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY—OCTOBER 25, 2019



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE "GOLDEN TICKET" DRAWING!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
THE GOLDEN TICKET

Saturday, November 16, 2019
7:00 p.m.

In the OLPH Gymnasium

Are you wondering, "What is The Golden Ticket?"

It's a cocktail party where you have a great time with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!
 Unlike a typical raffle... the last ticket pulled is the grand prize winner!

The excitement builds as the evening goes on!

Winner need not be present!

Golden Ticket Holders and a guest may attend.

It was a big success last year, and this year promises to be even better!

- 1st ticket drawn - \$500
- 50th ticket drawn - \$200
- 100th ticket drawn - \$200
- 150th ticket drawn - \$200
- 200th ticket drawn - \$200
- 250th ticket drawn - \$200
- 300th ticket drawn - \$200
- 350th ticket drawn - \$200
- 400th ticket drawn - \$200



- 450th ticket drawn - \$200
- 491st ticket drawn - \$300
- 492nd ticket drawn - \$400
- 493rd ticket drawn - \$500
- 494th ticket drawn - \$600
- 495th ticket drawn - \$700
- 496th ticket drawn - \$800
- 497th ticket drawn - \$900
- 498th ticket drawn - \$1000

499th Ticket drawn - \$2,500 500th Ticket Drawn - \$10,000

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Golden Tickets @ \$100 each _____

*Prize money based on 500 tickets sold. If less than 500 tickets are sold, the prizes awards will be pro-rated based on the total number of tickets sold.

Golden Tickets are on sale at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available after all Masses this weekend, November 2-3, outside church. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with check made payable to **OLPH** and return to rectory at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

Questions? The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher 631-704-1201 or Bob Meade 631-455-3916

"OLPH is a Section 501(c)3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible. Winners are responsible for all taxes."

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

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

On Wednesday, November 6
Level 8 students, Group B,
will have a meeting on Prayer,
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



On Saturday, November 9
Level 5 students and parents will
be in the church at 11:15 a.m.
for their Penance Service.

Pray for our Level 6 Students as they prepare for Confirmation, that they
may keep their newly-made Covenant!



Happy Saint of the Day! St. Charles Borromeo

St. Charles Borromeo was born of noble blood and inherited the family fortune at a young age. He knew early on that he wanted to serve the Church, so he kept enough money to be educated and then donated the rest to the poor. His uncle was Pope Pius IV; he was made a Cardinal at the age of 23 and advised his uncle. He wanted to make sure the Church was educated, so he set up seminaries to teach the clergy. When the plague broke out, the rich fled, but he stayed to feed the poor every day.

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—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

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CANNED PASTA
JELLY
PASTA SAUCE
SPAGHETTI
PANCAKE MIX
PANCAKE SYRUP
HOT CEREAL
TOOTHPASTE

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and bring it
 with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
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 Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully, and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

**TO OUR ANONYMOUS SUPPORTERS WHO LEAVE FOOD ON THE
 SANCTUARY STEPS AND MONEY IN THE POOR BOXES...THANK YOU!**

*....when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing
 (Matthew 6:3)*

This teaching of Jesus is lived and practiced by so many of our fellow parishioners at OLPH. We are blessed by secret benefactors who anonymously make regular donations of food and other necessities, leaving them on the steps of the sanctuary, or dropping off at the Pantry during office hours. Also, take a look in the Sunday bulletin weekly collection breakdown. The contributions put into the poor boxes as you leave church add up and are the major source of our funding. You know who you are, but we're not sure that you realize how much your quiet acts of charity mean to the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLPH, and to those whom we strive to serve. Thank you and may God bless you!!!

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH!



THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Thanksgiving meals for over 50 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

Please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket by today, **November 3rd**. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul office at (631) 226-7725 X 234 or email dronessi@verizon.net.

THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____@_____

We can provide for a family of : 2 3 4 5 More than 5

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET NO LATER THAN **TODAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**.

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Christmas meals for over 100 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 X 234 or complete the tear off below and return it in the Collection Basket for *Christmas* by today, **November 3rd**.



CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____@_____

YES! We would like to provide for a family in need for CHRISTMAS

We can provide for a family of
 2 3 4 5 More than 5

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NO LATER THAN **TODAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

**The Thanksgiving
Community Meal**
Sunday, November 17th
at 1:00 p.m.
in the OLPH Cafeteria.



All guests are invited to enjoy
a traditional meal with all the “fixins”...
turkey, ham, stuffing, potatoes, and pumpkin pie
just to name a few.
Offerers are needed to help with this special meal
– cooking, serving, setting up.

Please contact Gail Tonnessen (631-957-1449;
gtonness@optonline.net) for more information



MIDDLE AGES

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, November 5
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, November 12
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

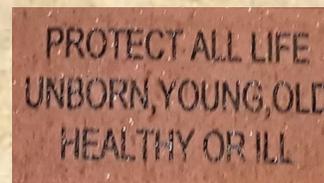
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

*Many thanks to the men of the parish Holy
Name Society for their great work in
restoring the garden outside our St. Vincent
de Paul office. Doesn't it look beautiful?
Great job, men of the HNS! You make
OLPH “the place to be!”*

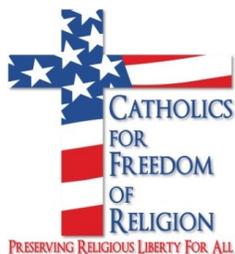


RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Thanks to those who came out on October 22 to “*Light up New York*” with prayers and candles seeking God’s help to change hearts and laws which support the killing of the unborn through all nine months, infanticide and even euthanasia.



CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

www.cffor.org

Worldwide Religious Freedom Abuses — Part Two

The persecution of Christians around the world has increased in 2019, with concern for believers in China, India, and Nigeria. The watchdog group Release International reports 215 million believers face violence and discrimination for their faith.

China (continued): One underground church leader wrote in 2018: "Things are getting tighter here...Brothers and Sisters are facing difficulties and suffering for their faith. My sister [and family] were put in jail for gathering with about 30 people...They were beaten and shocked by the electric sticks ..."

India: Hate crimes and targeted violence rose 57% during the first two months of January. The Religious Liberty Commission pointed to violent radical mobs that have stormed prayer meetings, ransacked churches, and beaten believers. Recently, Indian authorities jailed church leaders and their families after hard-line Hindus disrupted a worship service, beat individuals, and live-streamed the events on Facebook.

Radical Hindu nationalists use social boycotts to pressure Christians into converting to Hinduism. Christian families are cut off from electricity, water, the ability to cultivate agricultural fields, and even the ability to socialize with Hindu villagers.

Nigeria: Militants such as Boko Haram continue devastating attacks against Christians in the north and central Nigeria. In a six-month period, 6,000 people were killed and 50,000 were driven from their homes. Release International said there is a "deliberate plan to destroy and take over the predominately Christian communities in the region."

The Christian Association of Nigeria said what is happening is "pure genocide and must be stopped immediately."

(christianpost.com/persecution; bbc.com/china; persecution.org, 9/7/19, 4/30/19; breitbart.com, 3/20/19)

"All religious minorities must be protected, and the evidence demonstrates that in some countries, Christians face the greatest risk."—U.K. Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt

OLPH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM

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

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

Sessions will run Saturdays, December 7—February 1 from 12:00—1:30 p.m. or Thursdays, December 5—January 30 from 7:00—8:30 p.m.

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

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Jocelyn 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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Daniel P. Brennan, Jr. & Victoria Pisciotta

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



***Mackenzie Jean March
Adriana Marie Mona
Francesca Marie Mona
Alexis Emily Ramirez***

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

WE REMEMBER

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

***Vito S. Cudia
Donald J. Smith
Vincent Parisano***

“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.”

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of **November 3-9:**

***Altar Bread & Wine
In Honor of the
Holy Name Society***

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Jean Denig</i>	<i>Salvatore Ferraro</i>
<i>Daniel Fowler</i>	<i>Edward Skewes</i>
<i>Cliff Zimms</i>	<i>Rosemary Miles</i>
<i>Mary Farrell</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Chris Gordon</i>	<i>James Gallagher</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	
<i>Randall & Joanne Press</i>	

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019 5:00 P.M. MASS

<i>Joseph Bosco</i>	<i>Requested by Denise & Julianna Martinez</i>
<i>Charles Eidenweil</i>	<i>Requested by The Lombardo & Kelly Families</i>
<i>Aida Gonzalez</i>	<i>Requested by Jennifer John</i>
<i>Edward Resch</i>	<i>Requested by John Pius</i>
<i>Leo F. Lomangino</i>	<i>Requested by Frances Marchese</i>
<i>Augusta Nidweski</i>	<i>Requested by Carolyn Garofalo</i>
<i>Frank Quinn</i>	<i>Requested by his Family</i>
<i>Ethan M. Knezevich</i>	<i>Requested by Mother & Family</i>
<i>Helen Lavorata</i>	<i>Requested by The Vitiello Family</i>
<i>Arthur Baxter</i>	<i>Requested by Robert & Susan Scarandino</i>
<i>Anthony Lipari</i>	<i>Requested by Linda & Frank Sforza</i>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK		Monday, November 4, 2019		
MONDAY, November 4— SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP		9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
		10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
		4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting	Church
		7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
		7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council	St. Lucy Room
TUESDAY, November 5— WEEKDAY		Tuesday, November 5, 2019		
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family	2:00 p.m.	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Church
12:15	For the Souls Enrolled in the All Souls Novena	6:30 p.m.	Catechist Training	Auditorium
TUESDAY, November 5— WEEKDAY		6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30	For the Souls Enrolled in the All Souls Novena	7:30 p.m.	E. M. Meeting (<i>same as 2:00 p.m.</i>)	Church
12:15	Francesco Stancati	7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
WEDNESDAY, November 6— WEEKDAY		7:45 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18
6:30	Patrick Henry	8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
12:15	For the Souls Enrolled in the All Souls Novena	Wednesday, November 6, 2019		
THURSDAY, November 7— WEEKDAY		9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
6:30	For the Souls Enrolled in the All Souls Novena	10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:15	Esther Guardino	12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
FRIDAY, November 8— WEEKDAY		2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:30	Alice Leonard	5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
12:15	For the Souls Enrolled in the All Souls Novena	6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
SATURDAY, November 9— THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA		7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
8:00	For the Souls Enrolled in the All Souls Novena	7:00 p.m.	Pre-Cana	Church
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Thursday, November 7, 2019		
5:00	Perpetual Help Mass (List on p. 17)	1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
Sunday, November 10 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
8:00	Eric Landau	7:00 p.m.	Golden Ticket Preparation	Auditorium
10:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life	Room 18
12:00	For the Souls Enrolled in the All Souls Novena	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
5:00	For the People of the Parish	7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
		8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
		8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
		Friday, November 8, 2019		
		9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
		10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
		2:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
		7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Room 24
		7:30 p.m.	CFRR	Room 18
		Saturday, November 9, 2019		
		8:30, 10:00	Levels 1-4 Religious Ed. Classes	School
		11:15 a.m.	Level 5 Penance Service	Church
		1:30 p.m.	Readers Meeting	Church
		4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
		6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
		6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
		Sunday, November 10, 2019		
		9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
		11:15 a.m.	Pre-Cana	Room 10
		12:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Pre-Cana Couples	Church
		2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
		3:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
		6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
		6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 10 de Noviembre del 2019

Que el propio Señor Jesucristo, y Dios nuestro Padre, que nos ha amado, les conforten a ustedes y les fortalezca en todo lo bueno que hacen y dicen.

Que su alegría y esperanza esté siempre con ustedes

Estamos ya en los momentos finales del año Litúrgico, por eso aparecen ya los temas de la esperanza y la resurrección futura. El evangelio de hoy confirma, contra determinadas corrientes del pensamiento judío, que los muertos volverán a la vida. Y esa fue la convicción que dio fuerza a los siete jóvenes Macabeos, cuya experiencia parece comentar pablo en la epístola, cuando dice El “Señor que es fiel os dará la fortaleza y os librará del malo”.

Primera Lectura (2 Macabeos 7,1-2. 9-14): Dios Nos Resucitará para Vivir para Siempre

Aún antes de la venida de Cristo, mujeres y jóvenes prefirieron morir antes que renegar de su fe en Dios e ir contra su ley, pues estaban seguros de que Dios los resucitaría y restauraría sus cuerpos torturados.

Segunda Lectura (2 Tesalonicenses 2, 16 – 3, 5): La Esperanza en el Amor de Dios Nos Sostiene

San Pablo anima a los cristianos de Tesalónica a mantenerse firmes en la fe y esperanza, incluso en las pruebas, porque el amor de Dios es eterno.

Evangelio (Lucas 20,27-38): El Dios de los Vivos La secta de los saduceos, que no creían en la resurrección, trataban de ridiculizar la fe en ella. Jesús responde que son demasiado materialistas para entender la resurrección. Los resucitados vivirán no como en la tierra, sino con una vida totalmente nueva. En la esperanza de la vida eterna vivió Jesucristo su propia vida. Él siempre estuvo en comunión esencial con el padre, fuente de vida, como hijo de Dios que era. Pero esto no le impidió vivir las limitaciones de su existencia humana ni el horror de la muerte misma, como tampoco le excusó de los riesgos de la misión encomendada por el padre. A nosotros tampoco, la esperanza de la vida futura debe ser pretexto para desentendernos de la vida presente y de los compromisos de la fe. Al contrario, nos debe dar fuerza para toda clase de palabras y de obras” vale la pena, incluso, morir a manos de los hombres cuando se espera que Dios mismo nos resucitara” como lo dice la escritura “Dios es un Dios de vivos no de muertos

La llamada que sentimos es, más bien, a ofrecer a las nuevas generaciones el espacio de la espiritualidad carismática *propia* –y no exportada de otros institutos o movimiento-, el espacio de la misión que se ubica en aquello que el Espíritu realiza en el siglo XXI –y no la persistencia y mantenimiento de obras que van cayendo por su propio peso y se vuelve obsoletas – y el espacio de la vida compartida en comunidad e interpelada constantemente por su misión evangélica –y no aquella comunidad poco cálida, donde se cumple lo mandado pero no se encuentra impulso para una apasionada espiritualidad y una misión sin reservas-. **Nuestra herencia: ¿una vida religiosa habitable?**

La preocupación por las futuras generaciones debe ser la gran prioridad de nuestros institutos religiosos. Tal preocupación debería determinar el discernimiento y las determinaciones de nuestros Capítulos Generales, la revisión de nuestros textos constitucionales, los procesos de re-organización, los nuevos proyectos misioneros. No me estoy refiriendo a la pastoral vocacional sin más, sino a algo previo y más fundamental: *hacer de la vida religiosa y de sus estructuras un espacio habitable y vital para las nuevas generaciones.*

IV. El señorío de Cristo también está conectado con su resurrección. Para Pablo, uno de los propósitos de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo fue para que viniese a ser Señor de los vivos y los muertos (Ro. 14:9), señorío que debe ser confesado por toda lengua (Fil. 2:11). Este señorío de Cristo por causa de su resurrección es parte de su exaltación por el Padre por la cual pudo derramar el Espíritu sobre la iglesia (Hch. 2:32-33), llegando a ser su cabeza (Ef. 1:22; Col. 1:18). Pero esta exaltación es más que ser el dispensador del Espíritu y la cabeza de la iglesia: lo coloca sobre todo principado y autoridad, poder y señorío en este siglo y en el venidero (Ef. 1:21; 1 Co. 15:27; 1 P. 3:22; Mt. 28:18; Fil. 2:9-11). **La resurrección garantiza la presencia permanente del completo sacrificio de Cristo delante de Dios como una obra intercesora para beneficio de los que creen.** En Romanos 8:34, la seguridad de que ninguna acusación cuenta contra los hijos de Dios es afirmada por el hecho dinámico de la triple obra redentora de Cristo, a saber: su muerte, resurrección e intercesión. Por lo tanto, el ministerio sacerdotal de Cristo no se limita a su ofrenda sacrificial en la cruz; continúa para siempre manteniendo un sacerdocio permanente (He. 7:24), que lo habilita, en todo tiempo, para salvar a aquellos que por medio de él se acercan a Dios, viviendo siempre para interceder por ellos (He. 7:25) En este texto (He. 7:25) el poder de la función intercesora de Cristo se indica con el tiempo presente del participio «viviendo» y con el adverbio «siempre», los cuales denotan una operación continua y permanente.

OFFERING UPDATE October 26/27, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	326	129	\$3,280.00
8:00 a.m.	248	110	3,013.00
10:00 a.m.	335	97	3,005.00
12:00 p.m.	296	87	2,451.00
5:00 p.m.	200		1,533.00
Coin			12.59
Mail-ins:			380.00
Children's Env.		9	21.50
Faith Direct			2,310.50
TOTAL	1,405	432	\$16,006.59
2018 total	1,937	581	\$18,720.84
Candles			\$1,110.09
Poor Box			\$347.79

BABY BOTTLE RETURN Don't forget to return your Baby Bottle this weekend! *November 2nd-3rd*

OLPH Parish will be collecting all the *Baby Bottles* to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. We are asking that you return your baby bottle with your donations to the church during Mass or the rectory.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Parish Revenue Sharing with Ocean Financial— The Catholic Credit Union

Our Lady of Perpetual Help participates in Ocean Financial FCU's Parish Revenue Sharing program where we have received a total of \$975 since this program began. We receive funds based on your usage of the Ocean Financial Visa Credit/Debit cards. We would like to thank each of you that are already using an Ocean Financial Visa card and encourage those who are not, to become cardholders today. As the number of parishioners who become members increases, so does the percentage of give back to OLPH. To become a member, visit www.oceanfinancial.org or call 516-620-8100.



*Membership conditions apply.



DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

November 10—passed
November 17—November 8
November 24—November 15

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, November 10, 2019
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said, "God is not God of the dead,
but of the living, for to him all are alive."*

Luke 20:38

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

This first reading is a remarkable story of seven brothers and their mother who are willing to give up their lives rather than defy God's Law. But while their heroism is inspiring, perhaps the most important feature of this reading, and the one highlighted in this abbreviated version, is each brother's profession of faith in a life beyond this one here on Earth. Jewish thought didn't embrace this belief until late in Israel's history, so this conviction is rarely expressed in the Old Testament. The books of Maccabees were among the last of the Old Testament to be written, approximately 150 years before the birth of Jesus, and tell of life under the Seleucid Greeks who controlled Israel after the death of Alexander the Great. Though cruelly treated by their oppressors, each brother has a moment of unwavering faith that they will be reunited in the eternal realm of God's mercy, a conviction that should be inspirational to all who read of it and should challenge us to have such a faith.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Paul is addressing the church community at Thessalonica who had been instructed to anticipate the return of Christ in their lifetime, but when that did not come they had to be instructed in the far more difficult task of living in this world as the Body of Christ. He reminds them that everything begins with prayer because prayer establishes our relationship with God. Prayer is not a list of wants but an exchange of love and a dialogue of hearts that strengthens us for "every good deed and word." In good times and bad, it is love that sustains us. When we forget that, we lose our way.

Luke 20:27-38

The episode we hear of in the Gospel reading today demonstrates that belief in an afterlife was not universal even in Jesus' day. The Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, set out to trap Jesus with a preposterous story intended to mock this belief. Of course, Jesus has no trouble besting them at their own game. He sees the big picture which is that while marriage is the way of "this age," those found worthy of resurrection will not be defined or bound by such labels. Our heavenly life will transcend our preset categories; there, death will be no more and we will simply be "children of God" enjoying an angelic existence. Our God is not God of the dead but of the living, a truth Jesus came to proclaim by his life, death and most of all through his resurrection from the dead.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 4, 2019:

Romans 11:29-36 + Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 5, 2019:

Romans 12:5-16b + Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 6, 2019:

Romans 13:8-10 + Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 7, 2019:

Romans 14:7-12 + Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 8, 2019:

Romans 15:14-21 + Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 9, 2019:

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
+ 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
+ John 2:13-22

Sunday, November 10, 2019:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
+ 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5
+ Luke 20:27-38

Gospel Reflection Questions...

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

1. When you encounter Christ in the Sacraments, in your fellow human beings, in community, might you get a taste of eternity? If God is love, when you experience real love, might you get a taste of the risen life?
2. The Sadducees thought that this present life was the standard for eternity. What does Pope Francis say God has in store for us that turns the Sadducees' way of looking at eternity on its head?

This is why Jesus affirms: "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to Him" (Luke 20:38). And the most important tie is with Jesus: He is the Alliance, he is the Life and the Resurrection, because with his crucified love he defeated death. In Jesus, the Pope said, God gives us eternal life: He gives it to everyone, and everyone, thanks to Him, can hope to live a life even more real than this one. The life that God has in store for us is not simply a better version of this one: it goes beyond our imagination, because God continually surprises us with his love and mercy.

*Pope Francis: death is behind us, in front of us
God of the living, Nov. 10, 2013*





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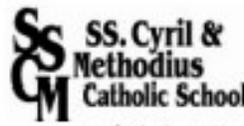


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