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NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39

Come and pray with us!

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29, 2023

We celebrate Eucharist

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are livestreamed on Facebook.

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick,
their families and caregivers:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
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Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, October 29, 9AM Masses

Mon. Philip Celi
Tue. Clorita E. Galvin



Wednesday, November 1, All Saints' Day Masses

9:00 AM Dominick Follo Jr. (living)
5:00 PM Jaclyn Losquadro (living)

Thursday, November 2, All Souls' Day Masses

9:00 AM All Souls' Mass Remembrances
7:00 PM All Souls' Mass Remembrances

Saturday, November 4, 5PM Mass

Grace & Eugene DeCristofaro, Margaret & Joseph Grecco, Teresa Dragotta, Margaret Maher

Sunday, November 5, 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John F. Vierling Sr.
9:30 AM Virginia Buccellato, Richard Zak, Albina Sangemino, Angela Fabbriatore, Benilde Franzini
11:30 AM Joseph Santamaria

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please call 631-265-2200 x122.

THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER

by Father Michael

This is the classic conclusion to any one of a number of fairy tales. It is a neat summary to conclude what was often an epic story. Inevitably, along the way there was some heartache and sadness. There was probably some drama and danger as well. Perhaps there was even a battle with a dragon or a giant. But in the end, all conflict is resolved and the prince and princess move ahead in a now seemingly perfect world.

I use this as an introduction to today's scripture readings. We are not quite at the end of the liturgical year (there are still four weeks to go), nor have we completed reading Matthew's gospel. However, there is a bit of summary statement made in today's passage. We hear about the two great commandments: love your God, and love your neighbor. This is a succinct summary of everything that precedes it.

Matthew's gospel is an amazing journey. It begins with a dramatic opening address that says this story will only make sense if you are willing to look at life through a different set of lenses. To hear "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," seems not a logical proclamation. We have to make a shift in our attitude and realize we are called to live life in a different way. There are a few miracle stories along the way, which are always nice to hear. But most of Matthew's gospel is a series of challenging teachings. When it comes to forgiveness, it's not three times but seventy-seven times. When it comes to God's mercy, it's not balanced pay for all, but rather the one who worked one hour gets the same as the one who worked ten. When it comes to images of God's kingdom, it's not a mighty fortress but rather like a mustard seed or measure of yeast. Can we be a people who embrace this unique perspective in life which often stands in contrast to the way most of life unfolds? Can we live our lives through the lens of love?

There is a great difference between a fairy tale and the message of our Lord. In a fairy tale, although we might get caught up in some emotions, we are essentially spectators watching the story from a safe distance. When it comes to the gospel, we cannot be spectators. We need to be on the front line, hearing the stories and allowing them to become a model for our lives. We can't just walk away trusting that everyone will live happily, but rather we need to embrace a difficult commandment to be people of love. Can these simple commandments become a foundation for our lives? Can they guide us in our actions and allow us to give witness to our belief in the Lord? There is real promise for happiness, but it will only be found in our commitment and sacrifice to live out God's commandment of love.

Don't forget the All Soul's Mass on Thursday at 7:00 PM. It is a beautiful way to remember all our loved ones who have died.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 28th	5PM
• K OF C RAFFLES	Atrium
Sunday, October 29th	All Masses
• K OF C RAFFLES	Atrium
Monday, October 30th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atrium
• MYSTICISM	7PM Chapel
Tuesday, October 31st	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, November 1st	9 AM & 5 PM
• ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES	Worship Area
• BE ATTITUDES	7PM Atrium, Chapel
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)</i>	
Thursday, November 2nd	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• BE ATTITUDES	1:30PM Atrium, Chapel
• MASS OF REMEMBRANCE	7PM Worship Area
Saturday, November 4th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, November 5th	9:30 AM
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area



Banns of Marriage First Time

Tunde Csibi & Richard Russo

Scripture Readings for November 5, 2023



- + Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
- + 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
- + Matthew 23:1-12

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, November 4th/5th

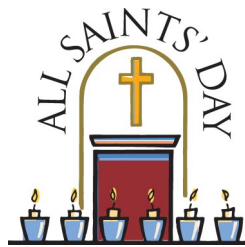


5:00 PM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
9:30 AM	Fr. Frank
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank

The Bread and Wine for the week October 29th-November 4th have been donated in loving memory of Michelle Tomitz and Daniel M. Tortora by Louise and Michael Tortora and family.



All Saints' Day



All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of obligation, is Wednesday, November 1st. Masses for All Saints' Day will be Wednesday at 9AM and 5PM. The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.

Altar Server Training

Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?



ALTAR SERVERS

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the two training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held November 9th and 16th beginning at 4 PM.

Please call the Parish Office to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Souls' Mass of Remembrance

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance. This year our Liturgy will be celebrated on the

Feast of All Souls

**Thursday, November 2nd,
at 7:00 PM
in the Worship Center**



**All are welcome to join us for this special Mass
which celebrates your loved one's place in the
Communion of Saints.**



Following the All Souls' Mass of Remembrance, there will be a meeting of the Holy Cross Adult Choir. Past members and new members are welcome. We will be setting up the rehearsal schedule for the Christmas Masses. Join us!

Mystics and Mysticism

Come and join us tomorrow, Monday, October 30, in the Chapel from 7-9 PM. This month our presentation will be on **Julian of Norwich**, a British Mystic who lived in the 14th century.

All are welcome! Bring a friend!

If you are a new member to the group, please register below.

Given by Kathleen Reid, MA



I am interested in attending the discussion on October 30 from 7-9 PM on the female mystic, **Julian of Norwich**.

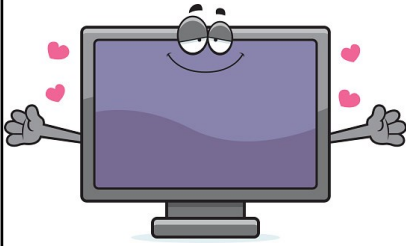
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PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

HCTV Ministry



The HCTV Ministry that runs the slides at the weekend Masses, is looking ahead to **Christmastime**. Because December 24th lands on the Fourth Sunday in Advent this year, they are going to need a lot of extra help running the slides at the Masses.



From Saturday, December 23rd, to Monday, Christmas Day, there will be ten Masses to cover. If you are a regular parishioner, high school student, or even a college student home for the holidays, please consider helping.

Please call **Wendy at 631-724-0930** if interested. Training included. *Thank you!*



Holiday Wreath & Centerpiece Fundraiser



Pre Order by November 12th \$35.00 Each

Pick up December 2nd and 3rd at Masses

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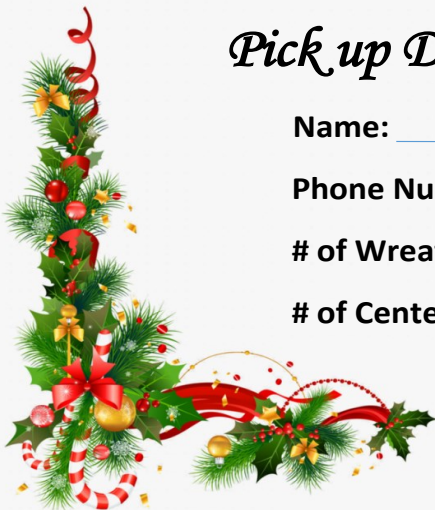
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PARISH OUTREACH

Monetary Donations in Support of the Outreach Thanksgiving Project

Cash, Check or Supermarket Gift Cards are greatly appreciated to help defray the expenses of our Thanksgiving Basket Program. You can mark your envelope "Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Outreach office. We thank you for your continuing support of our Outreach ministry.

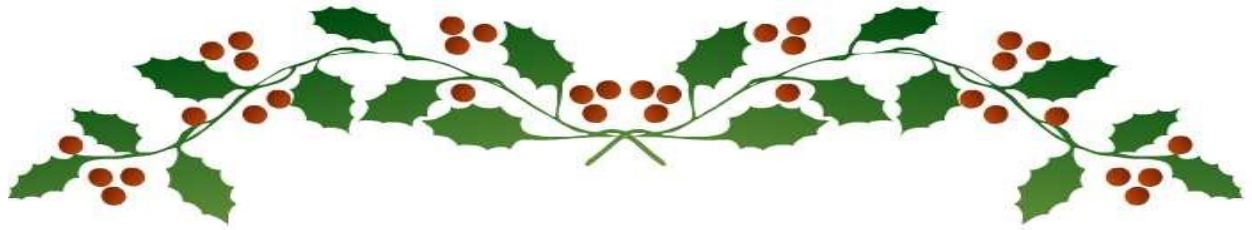
Thank you to everyone who signed up to create a Thanksgiving basket for one of our Outreach families. Once again, our volunteers outnumbered our need. Thank you!! We hope you will give us a chance next year to assign you a basket.

If you were assigned a basket for our Thanksgiving Basket Project, please pick up your supermarket gift cards after all Masses this weekend. Please look for the Outreach Table in the Atrium where you can pick up your shopping list and your gift cards.

REMINDER: Completed Baskets are due Sunday, November 12th, from 3pm-5pm. Our families will be picking up baskets on Monday in the morning and throughout the day. Please make every effort to have your basket here on the 12th. Thank you!



PARISH OUTREACH



Holiday Bereavement Support Group

For those who are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like taking the color out of your world at any time of the year, yet during a holiday those grieving often experience a more intense sense of loss.

This Bereavement Group will consist of those handling the passing of a spouse, either a wife or husband.

We will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.
The dates are as follows:

November 8th and November 15th

If interested, please register by calling Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext.113, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted by the Facilitator of the group.

We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this time. You may be able to put the rainbow back in your life.



PARISH OUTREACH



Adopt a Grandparent Ministry

Do you know a senior who is homebound or a senior who would like some interaction with young people?

Our **Adopt a Grandparent Ministry** will connect Faith Formation classes with a senior and share cards, pictures, and crafts throughout the year.

The idea is to help build a relationship between the students and the "grandparents" and connect our seniors to the parish community.

If you are interested in joining our "grandparent" team or know someone who may be interested, please call Outreach at 631 - 265-2200 ext. 113.



LITURGY FOLKS.....

Can you think about Lent at this time of the year? Well, if you are able to look ahead, we have a very interesting theme we are pondering for Holy Cross' Lent of 2024. The Liturgy Committee is always looking for other interested folks to join the bandwagon of visioning and planning. If you would like to assist, please join us for our next meeting on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL.** We have one favor to better prepare—please RSVP by completing the form below and leaving it in the basket on the table outside the Parish Office.

Yes, I will attend the November 7th meeting with the Liturgy Committee.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Email _____



LITURGY BYTES

More October Saints

The shrine of the North American Martyrs, also known as the shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, is located in Auriesville, New York. This was erected to honor the Jesuits who were killed there. Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church.



Isaac was a man of learning and culture, teaching literature in France. He gave that up to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636 he and his companions landed in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly at war with the Iroquois, and early on Isaac was captured and imprisoned by the Iroquois for thirteen months. His letters reveal how he and his companions were led from village to village, being beaten and tortured. They were made to watch as their Huron friends were killed. They somehow escaped and soon he returned to France. Later on, he offered his services to be a missionary and set out for Iroquois country because a peace treaty had been signed and he was hopeful it would be observed. The Mohawks captured him and beheaded him on October 18th. Jean de Lalande and Rene Goupil, both Jesuit missionaries, were tortured and killed like Isaac. Other notable names who tried to convert the Indians and their families, that you may have read about in the history books, are Jean de Brebeuf, Gabriel Lalemant, Fr. Charles Garnier, and Fr. Noel Chabanel. These eight Jesuit martyrs of North America were canonized by the Church in 1930. The Church in North America certainly rose from the efforts of the above martyrs. Their ministry shows their depth of faith and strong desire to bring Christ to people even in the face of death.

Take a field trip and visit the shrine and the beautiful grounds in Auriesville, near Albany, New York.

Have a blessed, saintly and healthy week ahead!~~~*Michele Hall*

PARISH NEWS

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **November 4th/5th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Potatoes
- Rice
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Meals in a Can
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Canned Chicken



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

Help Wanted!

Our **Consolation Ministry** is in need of bakers to make a cake occasionally and deliver it to the home of a bereaved parishioner. If interested, please call Jude at ext. 116.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9:30 Mass on November 5th.

Women's Prayer

We will not have Women's Prayer on November 2nd, but all women are encouraged to attend the **Mass of Remembrance at 7 PM.**

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour for the Sanctity of all Human Life will be held Saturday, November 4th, from 3:45-4:45 PM. Join us!



Knights of Columbus

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If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Please visit our table before or after all Masses the weekend of October 28th and 29th. Also, check out the Holy Cross website holycrossrc.org for Knights of Columbus upcoming events!

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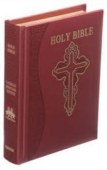
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