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John 3:15

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

8:30 A.M. Rose Rech
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Christina Mele

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st - All Saints Day

8:00 A.M. Rose, Robert & William Rech

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND – All Souls Day

8:00 A.M. ALL SOULS
7:30 P.M. Special Memorial Mass

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

8:00 A.M. Sister Martinette

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

8:00 A.M. Isa DeMasi

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

9:00A.M. James Ziedi

5:00 P.M. Marie Sciattara

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

8:30 A.M. Andrew Hudak
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Rose Rogan

SCRIPTURES:

November 7th – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: ELIJAH ASKED A WIDOW FOR A CUP OF WATER AND A PIECE OF BREAD. SHE TOLD HIM SHE WAS ALMOST OUT OF FLOUR, AND THAT SHE AND HER SON WOULD SOON STARVE. ELIJAH TOLD HER NOT TO BE AFRAID, AS GOD HAD TOLD HIM THE JAR OF FLOUR WOULD NOT GO EMPTY, AND SHE AND HER SON HAD PLENTY TO EAT.

(1 KINGS 17: 10-16)

SECOND READING: THE HIGH PRIESTS ENTERED THE SANCTUARY EACH YEAR AND OFFERED SACRIFICE, BUT NOT A SACRIFICE OF THEIR OWN BLOOD. JUST AS PEOPLE DIE ONCE AND ARE JUDGED, CHRIST WAS OFFERED UP ONCE FOR THE SINS OF MANY.

GOSPEL: JESUS EXPRESSED DISGUST OVER THE HYPOCRISY OF SOME OF THE SCRIBES FOR WANTING SPECIAL TREATMENT FROM THE PEOPLE. HE WATCHED THE WEALTHY PUT LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE COLLECTION BOX, BUT EXPLAINED THAT WHAT THEY GAVE WAS SURPLUS WEALTH, AND NOT A REAL SACRIFICE. HE TOLD THEM THE BIGGEST DONATION WAS A SMALL AMOUNT FROM A WIDOW, BECAUSE SHE HAD GIVEN UP THE ONLY MONEY THAT SHE HAD TO LIVE ON.

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- October 31st

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength.

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. Please note- offering is still \$15. We also have Intentions for the Living & Healing Mass Cards available for weekdays.

RCIA meets Monday, November 1st at 6pm in the Church Hall.



BAPTISMS are performed the first Sunday of each month. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the rectory Mon-Fri -973-663-0211.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Please call the Rectory 973-663-0211. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for us to issue references, letters, recommendations, etc. If you change your address, please notify the Rectory before moving. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Pre-K – Grade 5
Sunday, October 31st Pre-K – 5 – 8:45-10:15 classes
Sunday, November 7th Pre-K – 5 – 8:45-10:15 classes
MIDDLE SCHOOL – GRADES 6-8
Sunday, November 7th - 6:30-8PM classes
HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10
Sunday, November 7th - 6:30-8PM classes
NO Middle School or High School CLASSES OCTOBER 31ST
Ashley Farms Fundraiser extended to November 12th



RELIGIOUS ED HALLOWEEN PARTY – UNFORTUNATELY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Please remember in prayer those who are ill: Fr. John Cusack, Rev. John Klein, Rev. Richard Kilcomons, Anne Nichols, William Hymen, Kathie Papasso, Jaclyn Lawler, Gerry Lopato, Henry Milkewicz, Ty Gonabe, Agnes Paulovitz, Jo Ellen Jacek, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. We pray for the deceased: Marilyn Beyel, Severo Castro, Ines Mina, Lawrence Foca, Anne Kilcomons, Joan Gebhardt, & all who have died from COVID-19.



ALTAR FLOWERS – If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honor of an occasion e.g. wedding anniversary, birthday, please call Patricia at the Rectory 973/663-0211. \$65-\$85.

“The Eucharist in Scripture” meets Wed., November 3rd at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

PARISH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
We are looking for singers to join us Christmas Eve for Carols (10:00pm) & Mass (10:30pm). All voice parts. Adults, Young Adults & High School. Contact: Therese Butler, Director of Music musicministry.olsos@gmail.com
Three ways to rehearse: Wednesday Afternoons from 1:00 - 2:00; Thursday Evenings from 7:45 - 8:45; or Independent Online At Your Own Pace- email or facebook required so that Therese can send you links for you to rehearse on your own. Last 2 rehearsals will be on Wednesday Dec. 22nd -1 to 2, & Thursday, Dec. 23- 7:30 to 9:00. All expected to attend 1 of these 2 last rehearsals.

ALL SOULS DAY
NOTE: Tuesday, November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls, a special liturgy is planned to honor our deceased loved ones. Please plan to join us at 7:30 PM for this very special remembrance of our loved ones. The BOOK of REMEMBRANCE is located on the altar for recording your loved ones names. Those who received letters please call the Rectory ASAP to let us know if you are coming to this liturgy.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2022? Call the rectory 973-663-0211 to arrange your wedding at Star of the Sea.

Monday, November 1st – All Saints Day—is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. 8AM Mass will be celebrated as usual.

NOTE: We ask that all parishioners attending mass please be on time. It is a disruption to the celebration of the Eucharist when you come in late. We are aware that sometimes circumstances may cause lateness, but habitual tardiness can be corrected. Thank you.

A SYNOD FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Many years ago, in September 1965 as the Second Vatican Council was coming to a close, Pope Paul VI reinstated the forum of the Synod as a component entity in the Catholic Church. Vatican Council II was convened to bring the bishops of the world together to help the Church address its needs in the modern world.

Over four years, meeting between September and early December each year, it produced 16 documents or decrees expressing the teaching of the Church on many issues, from understanding the Church itself to the role of Liturgy, to the role of Scripture and the place of Ecumenism in our Church.

The collaboration which produced the Council documents would need to be continued but in a different format. It was unrealistic to try to convene the bishops of the church to help refine Catholic teaching. However, a Synod of Bishops which would represent the entire world would help formulate teaching on issues as they arose.

Each diocese would conduct hearings and listening sessions, to elicit the concerns of the faithful. Certain topics would be addressed, the information collected, analyzed and sent to Rome. Each country would nominate 2-3 bishops to attend the Synod in Rome and produce a new document and teaching. The last Synod was on the family. Over these 56 years fifteen synods have been held.

The process for the Sixteenth Synod in our diocese began with a special Mass at St. John's Cathedral with Bishop Kevin Sweeney on October 24th. Each parish chose two representative's to attend. I chose Susan Sacino, Rosary Altar Society President, and Mike O'Rourke, Deputy Grand Knight of our local Knights of Columbus Council 5114 to represent our parish.

This coming Synod will focus on Communion, Participation, and Mission. We are a Missionary Church; each member is to witness to his or her faith in the everyday world. I will keep you informed in the coming months as the process of this Synod unfolds. Let us continue to pray for its success.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Chris*




The Knights would like to thank everyone who supported our most recent blood drive, food drive, mentally handicapped drive and our dine and donate. It is due to your support that we can help our parish and community. If anyone has even a few hours a year to help us and would like to find out more, please contact Kevin @ 973-570-7795. Thank you.

OLSOS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY's November meeting will take place **Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30PM** in Church Hall. Topics: upcoming Christmas Party, gifts for Birth Haven, and winter fundraisers. **All women of the parish are invited to join us in praying the rosary.**



2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal - "Let Your Light Shine"
 The Diocesan Ministries is a genuine lifeline to many people and that is why every gift matters! Please help people in need and our own parish by making a gift today! *For your convenience, you can make an on-line gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org*

FOOD PANTRY
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-12PM, 1:30-3:30PM. Please call 973-663-0211 for an appointment time. Coordinator is Toni Tarighi.
We are in need of: Yogurt, Pasta SAUCE (only), COFFEE, peanut butter, Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, crackers, cookies, canned fruits, jell-o & pudding, SPAM, oatmeal packets, mayo, ketchup, Chef Boy-ar-dee pastas, milk, butter, orange juice, TP, paper towels & Hair conditioner.
NO expired items accepted. **NOTE:** Monetary donations for Shoprite cards are still being accepted. **Thank you to those who have been supporting our food pantry, especially the Bolcars, the Kimbles, and the CHOIR- who contributed to the pantry in memory of Severo Castro.**



Church to be Closed for Two Weeks

The summer of 2021 was one of lots of rain and high humidity. These conditions have lead to problems in our church. We discovered evidence of mold in the sanctuary area on the two walls, left and right of the altar. The Remediation of this area does not present a major problem. However, we also discovered evidence of mold on the ceiling in a number of areas, especially on the high beams. This will present a difficult problem and will be difficult to remediate.

I have met with representatives of ServPro on three occasions and work should begin on this project this week. The present timeline is for work to begin on November 3rd and be completed by November 17th.

This means that weekend Masses on Nov. 6,7, and Nov. 13, 14, will be held in the gym. Entrance will be through the parish center doors and you can park in the Lower parking area, nearer to Briggs School. We are fortunate that we have the gym available for Mass and the space is big enough for our congregation.


Many items may need to be moved out of the church, kneelers, chairs, hymnals, etc., and we hope to do this after the All Souls Mass on November 2nd at 7:30 PM. We will stay with the regular mass schedule, Sat. 5PM, Sunday- 8:30, 10:30, and 12 Noon. During this time there will be NO access to the church area itself.

We will simplify the music for mass and adjust some other aspects of the Mass as well.

Let us pray that this project will be completed as scheduled and that we can return to church again on November 20, 21st weekend.

Fr. Chris

SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 6th
Turn your clocks BACK 1 hour to return to Eastern Standard Time. One extra hour of sleep! If you forget-- you will be an hour **early** for Sunday Mass!



HOLY HUMOR

On a beautiful Sunday morning Fr. Jones called his associate pastor asking him to celebrate Mass for him as he wasn't feeling well. Fr. Jones then got his golf clubs, drove 50 miles away so as not to be spotted by any of his flock and set up at the 1st tee. St. Peter said to God, "You're not seriously letting him get away with this?" God said, "Patience, Peter." Fr. Jones swung and hit a 220 yard hole-in-one! St. Peter looked at God and said, "Why would you let him do that?" God looked at Peter and said, "Who is he going to tell?"



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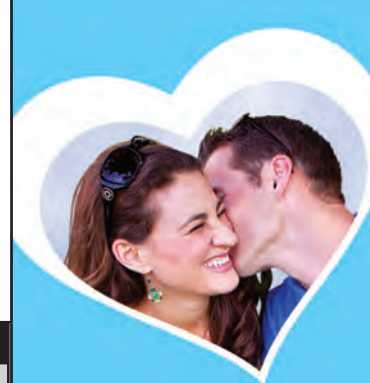


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