13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CONDITIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

“And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:38
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday:
4:00 pm Our Lady of Hope (Confessions 3-3:30)
6:00 pm Chapel of the Assumption (summer schedule)

Sunday:
9:00 am St. Ann’s (Confessions 8-8:45)
11:00 am Our Lady of Hope

Weekdays:
9:00 am Our Lady of Hope (Monday—Friday except Wednesday)
6:00 pm St. Ann’s (Wednesday)

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Ann’s: Sun. 10:15am-6pm; OLH: Mon. 8am-Tue. 11:00pm, Wed. 8am-10pm, Thu. 8am-Fri. 6pm; and before Masses. Devotions: The Holy Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, 30 minutes before all Masses.

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Additional Sacramental Celebrations:

Reconciliation and Penance (Confession)
The sacrament of God’s loving mercy, healing and sanctification: Mon.-Fri. (except Wed.) 8:00-8:30 am (Our Lady of Hope) & after Mass
Wed., 5:00-6:00, 6:30-7:00 pm (St. Ann’s, before & after Mass)
Fri., 3:00-5:45 pm (Our Lady of Hope)
Sat. 3:00-3:30 pm (Our Lady of Hope)
Sun., (St. Ann’s) 8:00-8:50 am, 3:00-5:30 pm
(Also available after weekday Masses and by appointment)

Baptism
Usually scheduled for midday on Sundays. Please see Father to schedule an appointment for a simple preparation program.

Matrimony
Couples wishing to celebrate this sacrament are kindly asked to see Father after Mass at least six months prior to the proposed date so that initial interviews & sacramental preparations can be made.

Anointing of the Sick
Please see Father after Mass if you are expecting to undergo surgery or are seriously ill so that we might gently & prayerfully celebrate this sacrament of God’s healing.

Holy Orders & Consecrated Life
If you would like to discern a priestly or religious vocation, please call Father’s residence. Also see: www.AlbanyVocations.org

Welcome to all new parishioners & visitors!
We wish you every blessing in the Lord!
Visit our website at: www.olhstann.org

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PASTORAL REFLECTION

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:37-39)

What does it mean to love father or mother more than Jesus, or to love son or daughter more than Him? And why do we have to be worthy of Him? Isn’t salvation based on God’s mercy, not on our insufficient worthiness?

Regarding the first question, sometimes the Lord Jesus calls a son or daughter to take up his/her cross and follow Him in a way that one’s parents will not support. One man described how he used to have a prestigious and well-paying bank job, but he felt hollow and unfulfilled. When he finally understood that God was calling him to become a priest, his father found it very difficult to accept his son’s calling from God.

But the call to take up one’s cross and follow Jesus is given to every Christian, not just priests, nuns, and monks. Perhaps a pregnant young woman feels pressured to have an abortion because she fears that her parents will be angry, or a father doesn’t bring his children to Mass because he prioritizes their love for sports over his own love for God; and each one of us is tempted to value the worldly admiration of others over the eternal and true love of God. If we desire eternal life with God our Father, we need to seek Him above all things and live completely for God in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:11), Who Who calls us out of sin’s darkness and makes us worthy by filling us with His wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

St. Ronald R. James

“Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light.” (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, n. 1725)


OUR ADORERS’ TESTIMONIES

“In a typical working family, day to day tasks can easily become the focus of each day. Life is a whirlwind of meetings, sporting events, meals, etc. Even this one hour of time, alone with the Lord, helps me to stop, take a breath and remember why I am blessed with this busy life. It allows me the time I need to quietly pray.”

ADORATION RE-STARTING IN THE CHURCH

Our Lady of Hope, Whitehall

Adorers Needed: Fridays 5-6:00 a.m. & 5-6:00 p.m.
Starting August: Fridays Noon-1:00 p.m.
For more information contact: Nancy Gordon at 499-2620 or AdoreHisMercy@gmail.com

Adorers needed at St. Ann’s: Sundays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Commit to every week, once a month, or as a substitute.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all those to Our Lady of Hope and St. Ann’s Church. To those of you who are joining us after an absence or for the first time, we are truly glad to see you. We hope that you will consider being a permanent part of our parish family. We hope you enjoy your visit and look forward to seeing you again. From all of us, WELCOME HOME!!!

WEEKLY ADORATION QUOTATION

“By a beautiful paradox of Divine love, God makes His Cross the very means of our salvation and our life. We have slain Him; we have nailed Him there and crucified Him; but the Love in His eternal heart could not be extinguished. He willed to give us the very life we slew; to give us the very Food we destroyed; to nourish us with the very Bread we buried, and the very Blood we poured forth. H e made our very crime into a happy fault; He turned a Crucifixion into a Redemption; a Consecration into a Communion; a death into Life Everlasting.” - from Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen’s This is the Mass

WEEKLY CONFESSION QUOTATION

“Go to your confessor; open your heart to him; display to him all the recesses of your soul; take the advice that he will give you with the utmost humility and simplicity. For God, Who has an infinite love for obedience, frequently renders profitable the counsels we take from others, but especially from those who are the guides of our souls.” - St. Francis de Sales

Please see front cover for times of healing.
**This coming Saturday, July 4, First Saturday Mass and Devotions (at O.L. of Hope)**

8:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions, 8:30 Rosary, 9:00 Mass, then Exposition, 15 minutes meditation, Benediction (Blessing) with the Blessed Sacrament.

**Devotion of the Five First Saturdays**

The following explains Our Lady's request regarding Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays of the Month. For those who do so, Our Lady promised to obtain, "at the hour of death, the graces necessary for salvation."

1. Do the following with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
2. Confess (within 8-21 days) and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace).
3. Recite five decades of the Rosary.
4. "Keep company" with the Blessed Virgin Mother during 15 minutes of meditation on mysteries of the Rosary.

**Why five Saturdays?**

The Lord Jesus explained to Sr. Lucia that it was because of five kinds of offenses or blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely, (1) against her Immaculate Conception, (2) against her perpetual virginity, (3) against her divine and spiritual maternity, (4) the rejection and dishonoring of her images, and (5) the neglect of implanting in the hearts of children a knowledge and love of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. These Communions of reparation also help us to internalize a spirit of reparation the entire month, not just on the first Saturday.

**Weeky Scripture Passage**

"It is he (Jesus) who is our peace." Ephesians 2:14

**Both Parishes Unlocked Daily**

Our Lady of Hope and St. Ann's are unlocked daily from 7 in the morning to 8 at night. Stop in and spend a few moments with our Lord Jesus waiting in the tabernacle for your visit, and pray for our world.

**Please Pray!**

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**First Martyrs of the Church of Rome**  
**Saint of the Day for June 30**

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the “Apostle of the Gentiles” (Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D.

There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city “caused by the certain Chrestus” [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius’ death in 54 A.D. Paul’s letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their “hatred of the human race.” Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.

Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31.

**Reflection**

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.
**JUNE PRAYER LIST**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS:**

- Cathy Aiken, Sandy Aiken, Betty Aldrich, Ryan Bakenever, Logan Blanchard, Ian Boule, Paul Boule, Terry Boule, Rosa V Cervantes, Marita DeGraff, Helen Donaldson, Rev. Robert Donnelly, Dennis Downs, Orion Antoine Durant, Richard Foran, Angela Foster, Antonette Frandino, Robert Gendron, Rose Gordon, Lori Granger, David & Katie Jarvis (& unborn twins), Stacy Jones, Andrew Krzys, Jay Lloyd, Carol Marx, Heather McGee, Kym Huntington McLean, Nicole Moser, Anne Dunbar Nichols, James Parrott, Gracelyn Pippo, Kevin Porter, Bobby Putorti Jr., Mike Sexton, Jeff Sparks, Patricia Sparks, Dennis Swartz, Reynaldo Torres, Rachel Traver, Connie Trevellyan, Jo Twyman, John Ward, Christine Gaylor Williams, and Jack Woodward

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- Francis Norton by Robert & Jane Mowatt

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The following donations were made this week to the OLH Memorial Fund:

For Maxine St. Claire by Ray & Marilyn Conlon

Memorial donations are given in memory of loved ones who have died to keep them in our prayers and to help the needs of our church. Every First Friday morning Mass is offered for them.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

If we are ever unable to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion (either because we are physically unable to be at Mass or are spiritually not in a state of grace), we can ask the Lord to make a "spiritual communion" such as the following:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

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“He has risen.”
Matt 28:6

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