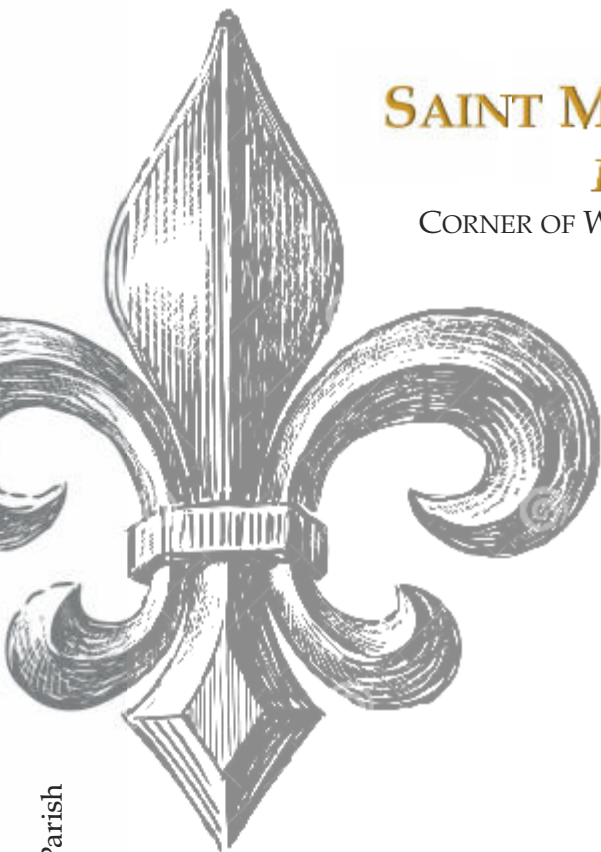


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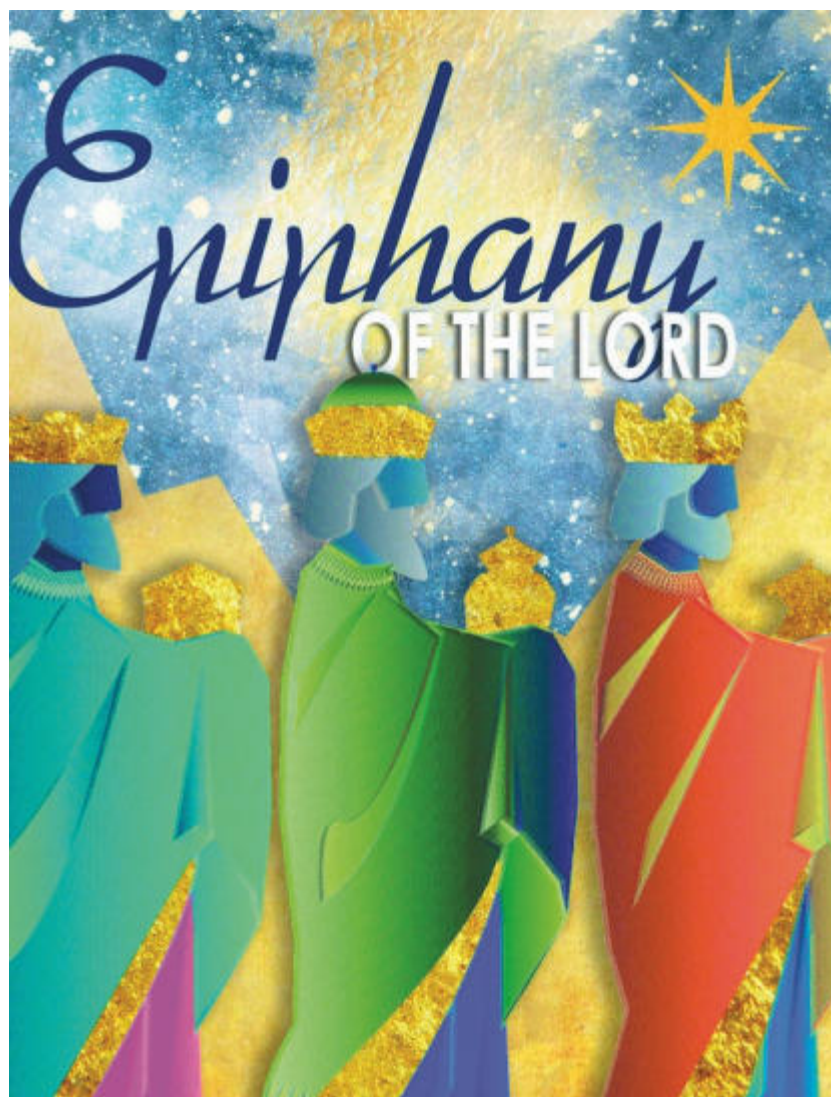
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*Students of Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta, welcome! We encourage you to participate and volunteer in all liturgical and service ministries while you are among us*



## THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

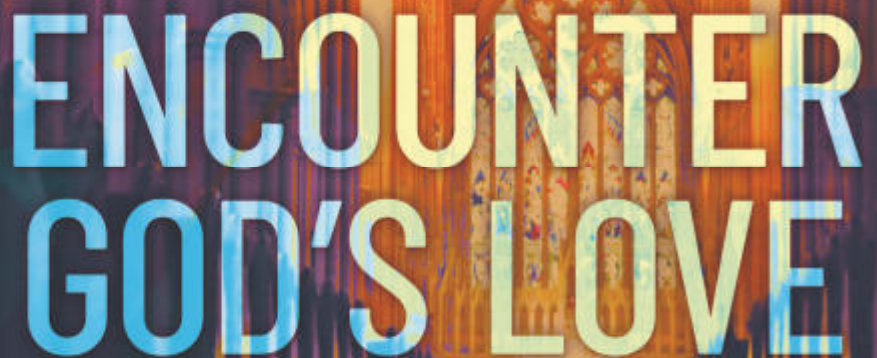
## WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE



### FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light  
has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
(Is 60:1)



### PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
(Ps 72)



### SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in  
other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by  
the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members  
of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ  
Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



### GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage."  
(Mt 2:2)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



January 1, 2022—January 9, 2022

SATURDAY 1 January 2022
10:00 am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Pro Populo

SUNDAY 2 January 2022
8:30 am & 10:30 am Epiphany of the Lord
Pro Populo

MONDAY 3 January 2022
8:30 am Dominick Falcone
By Joe & Mary Ann Hartmann

FRIDAY 7 January 2022
8:30 am Antonia & Andrew Angellotti
By Aida Gallucci

SATURDAY 8 January 2022
10:00 am Pro Populo

SUNDAY 9 January 2022
10:30 am Baptism of the Lord
Pro Populo

Spiritual Direction

The role of the Catholic Spiritual Director is to assist an individual on their personal path of spiritual growth. A spiritual director listens and offers insight to assist an individual to discern the unique way God is calling them to live a life of faith in Jesus Christ and to recognize the promptings and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

For people seeking such spiritual companionship and discernment, contact:

Spiritual Director, Cindy Korb,
Website: www.cindykorb.com; Email: listeningpresence518@gmail.com; Phone: 607.267.0539

Spiritual Director, Diane DeDominicis,
Email addresses: Diane@SMCCOneonta.org or pondsideretrievers@gmail.com

The Consultation Center of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, offers information about spiritual direction on their website which includes a listing of trained spiritual directors.

Website: www.consultationcenteralbany.org See the upper menu under Spiritual Direction.

Prayer corner.....

We ask that you remember in your prayers, the following persons who are ill: Mary Antonucci, Michelle Lee, Kathleen Genzardi, Anna Spencer, Marlies Kneis, Norrie Beken, Ana Vendemmia, Sharon Wilsey O'Donnell, Linda Burch, Alberto Marcos and Victor Chicorelli

We pray for the men and women of our parish and community who are serving in the military.

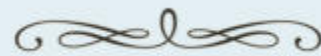
We remember in prayer all priests of the Albany Diocese.

Let us remember those who have died, especially the members of our families and parish community.

(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, and then removed unless notified by family-thank you)

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Stewardship Report

Our total Parish Budget for the year.....\$605,673.00
Less projected Other Income.....\$253,673.00
(this includes investment income, grants, other donations)
Amount needed from collections (annually)....\$352,000.00
Needed from the collection weekly.....\$6,769.23

Collection for December 18 & 19, 2021.....\$ 8,937.00
Christmas Flowers for December 18-19, 2021....\$1,241.00
Christmas Gifts for December 18-19,2021.....\$3,130.00
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***Homelessness is not a choice, but  
rather a journey that many find  
themselves in. -Asa Don Brown***

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**Tell others** -- friends, family, and organizations that you belong to -- about homelessness and this project.

**Shop for items on our wish list:** We ask for all individually portioned food items. Only non-refrigerated items please. Items may be dropped off at Oneonta Warming Station (189 Chestnut Street, Oneonta) any day starting November 1st between 5:00 and 9:00 pm or mornings between 7:00 and 8:00 am. Items can also be dropped off at Catholic Charities during business hours and should be clearly marked "Warming Station".

**Key items on our WISH LIST:** Bottled water, Cup of Soup, Mac and cheese, beef stew, fruit cups, applesauce, granola bars, Pop Tarts, trail mix, chips, nuts, raisins, bulk coffee, sugar packets, hot chocolate packets, plastic utensils, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, hot cups, napkins....

**Questions? Want a copy of the "wish list"?** Contact Catholic Charities at (607) 432-0061

**Follow us on Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/oneontawarmingstation/>  
Or contact Mel Sperti at 607-432-3920 ext. 202 for more information on this project.

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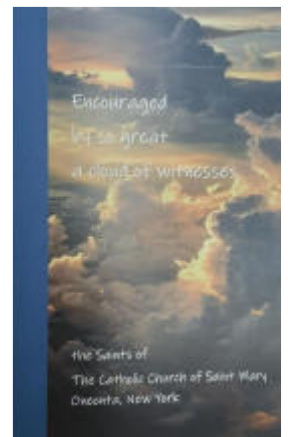
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**National Prayer Vigil for Life** – Thursday, Jan. 20 –  
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You will find at the entrances of the church and on the back tables a new booklet entitled ***Encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses***. This is a companion booklet to ***A Self-Guided Tour. Encouraged***, taking its title from the Letter to the Hebrews, guides you to all the images of the saints in our church. Written for a parent, grandparent or guardian to walk around with their children, thus accessible to everyone, ***Encouraged*** tells the stories of the saints in the stained glass, statuary & paintings / icons.

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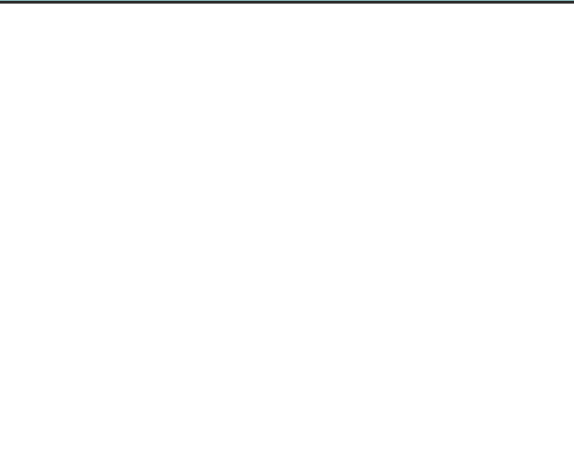
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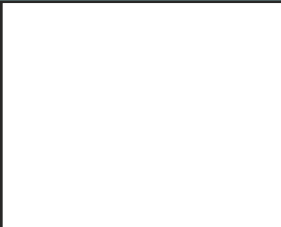
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