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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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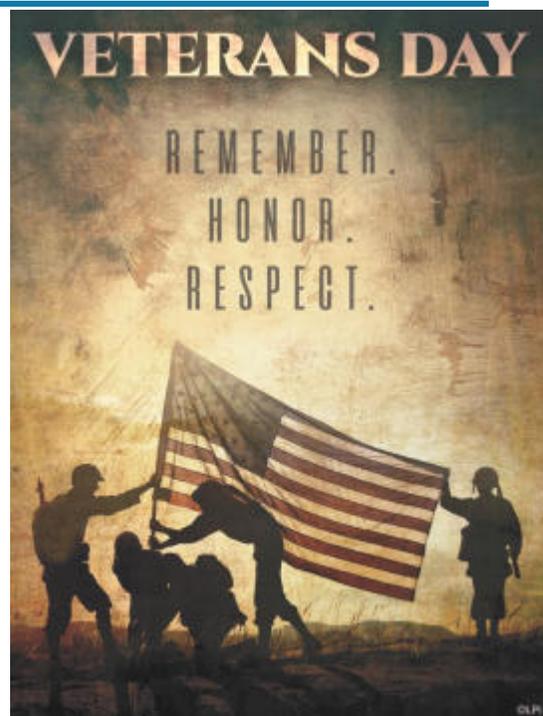
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Mondays & Fridays,

8:30am – 12 noon and 12:30 – 2:30pm.

Tuesdays working from home.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: Vigil 4pm

Sunday: 11am

Monday, Tuesday &
Friday 8am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3pm or
anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM:

For information, please contact the Rectory at 440-232-8166 during office hours.

MARRIAGES:

Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

(PRIESTHOOD/
DIACONATE): For information please contact the Diocese at 216-696-6525.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

Please call Rectory office.

REGISTRATION: If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, “But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn’t love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don’t forget that there are many children, many men and women who haven’t got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts.”

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Saturday, November 6

3:00 p.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. Louie & Kathy DeFrancesco

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, November 7

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM—9:15 a.m. Sue & Shelly Thorsby

OLH—11:00 a.m. John Gajda

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Monday, November 8

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, November 9

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, November 10

8:00 a.m. Nancy Jo Tomak

Thursday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Dennis Mrklas

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Mahoney

Saturday, November 13

3:00 p.m. Confession

4:00p.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of Horvath Family

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, November 14

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM—9:15 a.m. Andrew Zolata & Family

OLH—11:00 a.m. Robert Koutnik



We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family & friends of the recently deceased —

Harriet Lubinski

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

2021 & 2022 MASS INTENTIONS

There are still many Mass intentions available in our 2021 Mass Book. We are taking Mass Intentions for the 2022 Mass Book. To book intentions for someone who is ill, deceased, etc., please call or stop in either parish office during office hours. The offering for a Mass intention is only \$10.

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Jim Waple, Virginia Vitale, Daniel Baran, Berta Ugucini, Carmen Whaley, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizzsak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Laverne Krempasky, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, Daisy Darus, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Maria Spears, Frank Richnavsky, Eileen Salupo, Jim Gersmeyer, Shirley Manning, Anthony Sava, Dolores Hustack, Thomas Wagner, Florence Cartellone, Rosalie Skocaj, Jim Tench, George Klem, Eleanor Phillips, Special Intention, Mary Ann Seebauer, Joanne Kamm, Clara Rizzo, Madeline Scarfo, Mary Ann Friedman, Lenore Nipper and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world...



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul blue envelope so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

Our pantry is not only here for the surrounding community, but for our own parishioners. If you are in need, please call the parish and leave a message on our St. Vincent de Paul Society voicemail. All calls and information will remain confidential.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

October 30 & 31, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$3,652.00
Envelopes used	119
*October Online Giving	\$1,570.00
Comfort the Needy	\$75.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$215.00
<i>*October Online Giving includes Special Collections.</i>	

Special Collections

CCHD-\$10; Faith & Values-\$100; Extra Expenses-\$30; All Saints Day-\$229.

MASS COUNT

OLH: 4pm—68; 11am—90; Total—158
STM: 4pm—94; 9:15am—98; Total—192

Thank you for your generosity!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,
 Last Tuesday, November 2nd we celebrated All Souls Day where the orations and readings for the Funeral Mass were prayed. Thanks to all those parishioners who gave "All Souls Day Cards" to the office with the names of loved ones on them. At both Churches there is a single purple candle on a table behind a basket with the names of loved ones we want to remember. The purple candle reminds us of the need to do penance for ourselves and for the souls in Purgatory. The entire month of November is "All Souls Month" when we pray for the poor souls in purgatory. How a soul will be purified is really unknown to us, and God could purify a soul anyway he sees fit. Purification could happen in an instant or take much longer. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says the following concerning Purgatory: *"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The Church gives the name 'Purgatory' to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned"* (CCC 1030-1031).



The images of our souls being purified by fire come from Scripture. 1 Peter says: *"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ"* (1Pet 1:7). First Corinthians says: *"If someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire"* (1Cor 3:15). Belief in a process of purification after death has continued to mature, and the emphasis is no longer on a physical agent (such as fire) of purgation or punishment, nor on a particular physical place and time. Purgatory is thought of as a positive process after death by which a person comes to a perfect understanding of oneself as they prepare to meet God face-to-face. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

Have a blessed week!
 Father Joe

FOOD COLLECTION

Our Food Collection is this weekend, November 6th & 7th at the church. If you are unable to bring your food donation to the church, you can continue to drop it off at the rectory. *(When bringing food items, please check the expiration dates—we cannot use expired items.)* We always appreciate your generosity and so do the people we serve.



You can help a neighbor have a Thanksgiving Dinner for their family. Members of our St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to give Thanksgiving dinners to families in need again this year. We are asking for your help in providing a turkey or two. If you cannot do that, we would like to ask for gift cards or monetary gifts and we will do the shopping for the turkeys and the rest of the dinner foods. The gift cards or monetary gifts can be dropped in the collection basket, through the mail box at the rectory office or by mail. Please make your checkout to St. Vincent de Paul Society and mark the check and envelope "Turkey Dinner". **Drop-off for turkeys only: Food Pantry at Our Lady of Hope on Monday, November 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m..**

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, November 14th, at 2:30 PM in St. Monica Church in Garfield Hts. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
FREE MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office at 3:00 p.m. at six Cemetery offices and Virtually at 5:00 p.m. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The **November 21st** topics are "Thanks-Giving Grief" and "Preparing for the Holidays". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

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