



OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

Mission Statement

Under the protection of Our Lady of Refuge and guided by the Holy Spirit, our parish family is dedicated to the propagation and deepening of our faith, rooted in the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and Tradition of the Catholic Church. As stewards of the Father's gifts, we strive to reflect the love of Christ through the support of our parish and in our outreach and service to others.

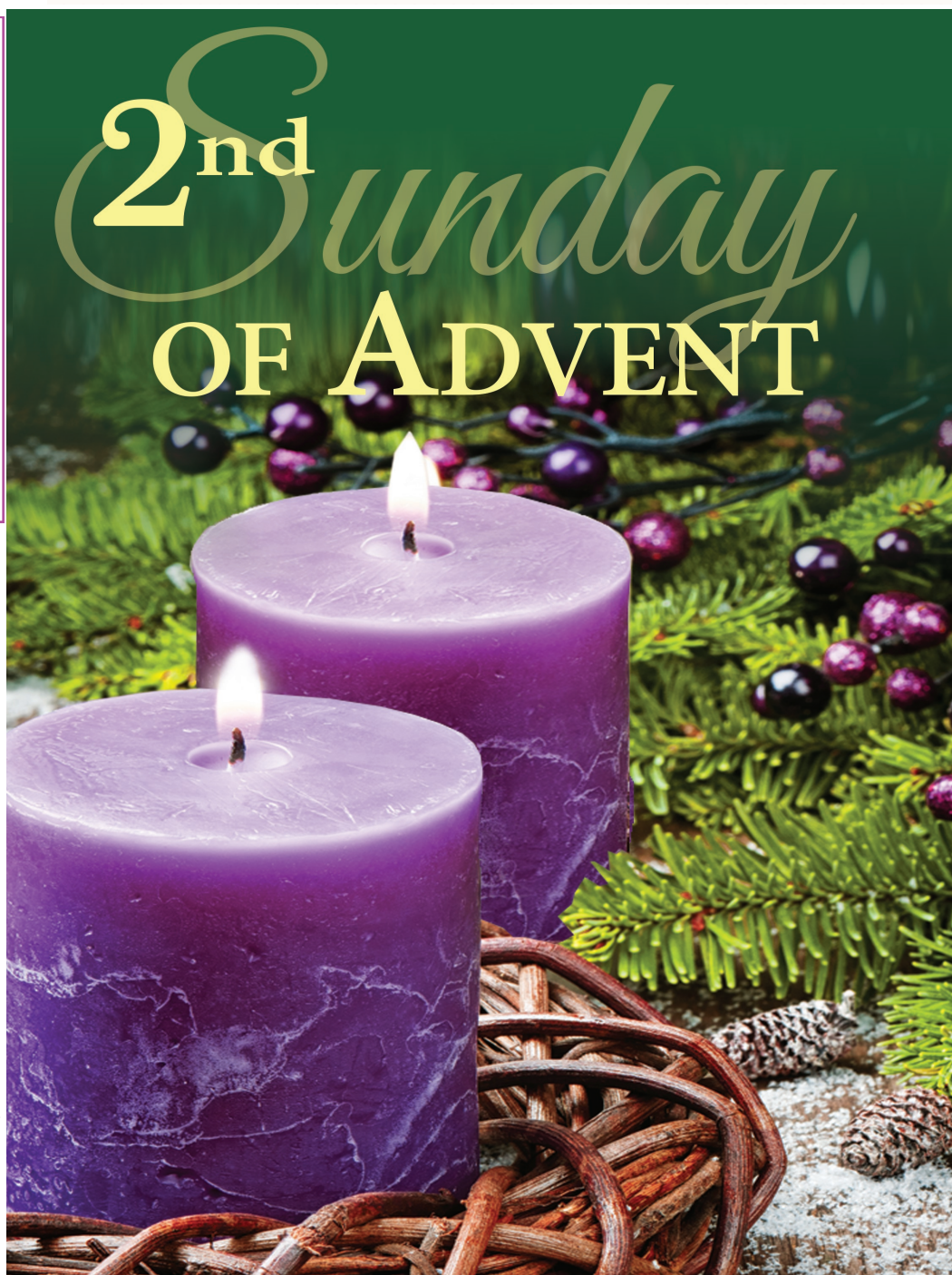
Sacrament of Reconciliation Individual Rite

9:00am Monday Dec. 9th
8:45am Friday, Dec. 13th
3:30pm Saturday, Dec. 14th
7:00pm Monday, Dec. 16th
3:30pm Saturday, Dec. 21st
9:00am Monday, Dec. 23rd

Communal Penance Service
7:30pm Wednesday, Dec. 18

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection this Weekend

Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you for supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious. God Bless.



READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS SCHEDULE			Dec 9 - 17, 2019	
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intention	Altar Servers	Presider/Lectors
Mon. Dec. 9 8:00am	Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12	We pray for Boleslaw Wiess (deceased) requested by the Borowicz Family	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Tues. Dec. 10 8:00am	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	We pray for Paul Bishop (living) requested by his wife	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Wed. Dec. 11 8:15am	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	We pray for Amalia Karcz (deceased)	School Children	Msgr. McEnhill
Thurs. Dec. 12	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38	We pray for Vocations to Religiously & Priestly Life	Adult Server	Fr. Nowak
Fri. Dec. 13	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	We pray for Salvatore & Theresa Cassar (deceased) requested by Roseanne Attard	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Sat. Dec. 14 5:00pm	See Sunday Readings	We pray for Amy Montgomery (deceased) requested by James & Celeste Montgomery	To be assigned	Fr. Brooks J. Siberski P. Seif
Sun. Dec. 15 8:00am	Is 35:1-6a 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11	We pray for Ronald Minor (deceased)	To be assigned	Fr. Nowak P. Smorra G. Frank
9:30am		We pray for Lutzian Borowicz (deceased) requested by the Borowicz Family ~ We pray for Steve Majercik (deceased) requested by Jim & Jean Majercik ~ We pray for Kathy Pless (deceased) requested by the Mirowski Family	To be assigned	Msgr. McEnhill T. Klimmek J. Zubalik
11:30am		We pray for Ken Law (deceased) requested by the Family	To be assigned	Msgr. McEnhill I. Bashi L. Koci
Mon. Dec. 16 8:00am	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27	We pray for Richard Najor (deceased) requested by Juliet Najor ~ We pray for the soul of Fidal Rosel (deceased) requested by the Marzan Family	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Tues. Dec. 17 8:00am	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	We pray for Nancy J. Huhn (deceased) requested by Robert Huhn	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
ALTAR CARE TEAM 1: Laura Parry, Gwen Valovick, Ann Bashi, Carol Ruedisueli				

Prayer to Our Lady Immaculate

Most holy Virgin, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His Mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on the wretched who implore thy powerful patronage. The wicked serpent, against whom was hurled the first curse, continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy children of Eve. Do thou, then, O Blessed Mother, our queen and advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of the enemy, receive the prayers which, united with thee in our single heart, we implore thee to present at the throne of God, that we may never fall into the snares which are laid out for us, and may all arrive at the port of salvation; and, in so many dangers, may the Church and Christian society sing once again the hymn of deliverance and of victory and of peace. Amen.

WORSHIP

Lisa Marie Blanek 248.418.7212 ext. 1114
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Reception for Monsignor McEnhill

Please mark your calendars for another opportunity to experience this honor of our pastor becoming Monsignor McEnhill. On December 14th and 15th we will have a reception for Monsignor in the Social Hall following all the Masses. We are putting together a power point to share the videos and photos our parishioners have sent in to be displayed on the projector screen.

You will also see a huge banner in his honor to be covered with your blessings. Each of you is invited to fill out a sticker that will be placed on the banner and displayed throughout the weekend of December 14th and 15th. These stickers are available at our Hospitality Center or see me, Lisa Marie. You may also leave a message via my email that I can write out for you in case you have already traveled south or are homebound. We do miss you by the way! My email is lblank@olorcc.org. Thank you in advance for participating!!

Parish Council Night - All Welcome!!
Tuesday, December 10th at 7 PM in the Social Hall

Parish Council Night is an opportunity for all to come and hear what is happening in our Church and school. You will hear directly from our Pastor, Monsignor McEnhill, and reports from all the Commissions, Parent's Club, Youth Group, Evangelization, and our Vicariate. We have representatives that make monthly phone calls asking you, "How are we doing?" They provide your anonymous responses to these phone calls at this gathering.

Please don't miss this opportunity to be informed about your Parish Community and School!

Calling All Families and Friends to Help Decorate Our Church for Christmas

Every year we have wonderful participation throughout our décor days. Perhaps you would like to join us? We will begin our decorating for Christmas on Monday December 23rd. If you are a morning person, please join us at 9:30 – 11:30 AM following the 8 AM Mass. Then, for those that work or would like a later time, we will begin again at 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Thank you for considering this opportunity. Call me, Lisa Marie, at 248-418-7212 or email me at lblank@olorcc.org with any questions or concerns.

Attention

Please be aware you may encounter individuals on our campus requesting financial assistance. There is always some sad story to go along with the request. These scenarios tug at our heart strings, and as loving Christians, we feel called to help. But things are not always what they seem. In fact, panhandling is one of the ways that humans target other individuals looking to make a buck. Per Archdiocesan advice, under no circumstances should our parishioners or guests give money, gas card, or other cash-like items to those soliciting in our parking lot or on parish grounds. There are processes in place to help those truly in need without being taken advantage of. If the incident is during normal business hours, the individual should be directed to the Parish Office. On the weekends, care packages are available in the Ushers' Room at church. The care packages contain items such as a bottle of water; a protein bar or other snack; and a list of resources, including our St. Vincent de Paul conference contact information. We have a very giving parish family, but there are more appropriate ways to help those in need. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Paula Dawson 248-682-4099 dcs@olorcc.org

Christmas Giving Tree

This is the last weekend to return your Giving Tree gifts, as all gifts need to be sorted, packed and ready for delivery or pick-up. We are asking that after you have returned your gift to replace the tag with a white star found in the basket under the tree. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

THANK YOU ***Food Drive - Thank You***
*Thank you for all the food donations to our food pantry. Your generous donations make it possible to help those who are struggling to feed their families. Thank you to **Mary Mager** for sorting and packing the bags as needed.*

Thanksgiving Baskets pick-up

On Monday November 25th, Christian Service distributed 15 Thanksgiving food baskets. Thanks you all for your generous donations to the Harvest Wagon. Your donation helps us to give needy families a Thanksgiving meal complete with a turkey, pie, and a \$25.00 Meijer gift card. Thank you to **Cora Armitage, Kathy Dodge** and **Laura Parry** for helping to distribute the baskets.

Quilting Ministry

Our next meeting (December 19th) will be a special one. We will be presenting the completed quilts and coordinating pillowcases to Sanctum House.

Sanctum House (www.sanctumhouse.org) ministers to women who are survivors of human trafficking. We give these quilts with our prayers and hope these women find solace and warmth from these soft, pretty quilts. We hope that in our own small way, these quilts help the survivors heal and recognize how special they are—they are daughters of God!

Next Meeting: **Thursday, December 19th**

10am-2pm

Parish Office

Bring: Sewing Machine, Extension cord, Sewing supplies

We have an iron/ironing board set up. All skill levels are welcome. Any questions contact Jane Cwiek (248) 892-4219

**Crossroads Thank You**

Thank you to all who participated with the Crossroads Soup Kitchen. We served nearly 500 meals, the event was flawless and the meal was delicious. Looking forward to next year.



Unleash the Gospel – Living and Sharing the Good News **Sunday, December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent** **Advent with Mary, Star of the new Evangelization**

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – “A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.” (Isaiah 11:1)

Meditate on how fortunate we are, that as adopted children of God through baptism, we are part of God's family tree with Mary as our Mother. Ask Mary today to intercede for us so that we can be worthy children of God, growing in his wisdom and grace as we go about our work as joyful missionary disciples.

Monday, December 9, 2019 - “Hail full of grace! The Lord is with you.”

(Luke 1:28) Honor Mary, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, with your heartfelt prayers of thanksgiving for her being conceived without original sin. Say the prayer on the miraculous medal: “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – “It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost.” (Matthew 18:14) “Mary, like the good Shepherd in today's Gospel, cares for us deeply and tenderly. She does not want us to stray from God and be lost. She said yes to the angel at the time of the Annunciation so that she could be part of God's plan of salvation. Say the Hail Mary throughout the day asking for Mary's intercession and protection especially for the lost sheep.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – “You will find rest.” (Matthew 11:29)

Say yes to a time of rest and silence today to refresh the Spirit within you. Ask Mary, the spouse of the Holy Spirit, to lead you to a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit so that all your actions may be guided and empowered by the Spirit. Come Holy Spirit.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – “Do not be afraid.” (Luke 1:30)

When Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531, She said to him: “Do not be grieved or disturbed by anything. Am I not here, I, who am your Mother?” Mary will help us in times of fear or distress to say this prayer: “Lord, I trust in you, please calm my fears”. Always take your troubles to Jesus through Mary.

Friday, December 13, 2019 – “I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go.” (Isaiah 48:18)

Mary is God's perfect student. She is the listener who “pondered all these things in her heart”. Ask Mary's intercession for all God's people so that they may listen to the message of salvation and walk where God leads them.

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - “So will the Son of Man suffer.” (Mt. 17: 12)

Mary is the Mother of Sorrows as a sword pierced her heart as she beheld the sufferings of her beloved Son. Accept your sufferings and offer them to Mary to take to Jesus for the redemption of others. Say the Memorare throughout the day.

Pray. Encounter. Grow. Witness.

PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS

These men have answered Jesus' invitation to “Come Follow Me.” Please take a Seminarian's prayer card (located in the Narthex) and pray for him so that he may continue in his journey toward priesthood.

“They abandoned their nets and followed him.” Mark 1:18

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Terra Sancta Pilgrimages with Franciscan friar Fr. Alex Kratz will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **April 20-May 4, 2020**. This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians. Cost is \$4,299 (all expenses included, round trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). \$500 deposit due at registration. **Orientation Meeting is February 9** at St. Joseph Chapel our headquarters (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48331). Next pilgrimage: November 30-December 14, 2020. For information, contact Fr. Alex: (313) 7727-9784 or abunallex@yahoo.com.

Why Be Registered?

Are you registered at Our Lady of Refuge parish? Sometimes, people attend Mass at this parish for several years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of Our Lady of Refuge community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, Faith Formation registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or Confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

If you would like to register in the parish, please see Msgr. McEnhill, our pastor, after Mass on any weekend. He will meet with you and give you a welcome packet to fill out, it only takes a few moments. We welcome you to our parish family!

Archdiocese of Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others—no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney Generals' Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Nov 30/Dec 1, 2019
 Offertory: \$13,717.00
 Children's offertory: \$89.00
 Online Giving: \$2,575.00
 Total: \$16,381.00
 Weekly Budget: \$13,300.00
 Actual YTD: \$285,103.00
 YTD Budget: \$305,900.00
 Difference: **(-\$20,797.00)**

ONLINE GIVING

Simplify your life try our Online Giving! Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. You can also use any of the major credit cards, American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Go to www.olorcc.org to get started.



Jeff Adrean
 Gary DeBrincat
 Tadd Downs
 Louise Hall
 Nancy Seeley
 Mark Wagener
 Ginny Wilking

Kellie Anna
 Gordon DeBrincat
 Mary Grile
 Lou Lawrence
 Rosemary Mirabito
 Darlene Panian



"Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palm of your hand; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love and comfort to all the service men and women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
Clare Brinkman	Coast Guard
Ernesto Castro	Marines
Daniel Culbertson	Navy
Michelle Culliver	Army
Kristal Denina	Marines
Steven Dinverno	Army
Joshua Hartley	Air Force
Cody Henderson	Army
Katherine Opie	Army

Please contact Laura Parry at 248 681-8029 to add or remove a name.

- A. To add a person to the bulletin/board Military listing please provide:
 1. First and Last Name
 2. Current rank
 3. Branch of Service
- B. As the contact for the service member (not for publication) please provide:
 - 1 Your Name
 - 2 Your phone number or e-mail address
 - 3 A current address for the service member.

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PASTOR Msgr. Gerald A. McEnhill

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays 8:00am
 Except Wednesday on School Days at 8:15am
 HOLY DAYS 8:15 a.m. during school, otherwise
 8:00am, 5:00pm & 7:00pm
 HOLIDAYS 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

BAPTISMS (By appointment)
 2nd Sunday of the Month 1:00pm
 (subject to change)

MARRIAGES Six Months Notice By Appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Meet with Monsignor McEnhill after Mass

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 248-418-7212
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 248-682-0920 ext. 1111

Carol Bishop, Parish Secretary
 248-682-0920 ext. 1100

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Bob Pyles, Principal
 Debbie Richards, School Secretary

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