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Beautiful Eucharist

*"As I learned about **the Mass** with new ears and a new heart, my mind revealed in the beauty, truth, and goodness of it all. While I had received Jesus thousands of times in the Eucharist in my first 18 years of life, my eyes were opened to this beautiful covenant relationship where Jesus was the Bridegroom, and I was His bride. I learned that every Mass is a wedding feast, a foretaste of the eternal wedding feast in Heaven and that the Eucharist is where we become one flesh with God, our Beloved."*



"While the first years of my life were spent in ignorance of this glorious reality, I know I will spend the rest of my life pondering, learning, and savoring the Mass and being in complete awe and gratitude that I get to participate in this covenant of love. " Jackie Francois Angel in Matthew Kelly's Beautiful Eucharist

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Seeking Member Nominations



As last week's Parish Update mentioned, a renewed model for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is being implemented. The detailed **Fundamental Principles and**

Guidelines governing the PPC may be found [HERE](#) and on our website (*from the home screen, select **About** and **Parish Pastoral Council***).

PPC Candidate Nomination Process is Open through December 15, 2023! Effective now, parishioners may nominate fellow parishioners or themselves to serve in the PPC. As you consider potential candidates or yourself in this capacity, please familiarize yourself with the Foundational Principles and Guidelines governing the PPC, i.e., Membership, Qualifications, Responsibilities, etc.; then prayerfully consider those you wish to nominate.

To nominate a parishioner for the PPC, please visit the Parish Pastoral Council page on our website [HERE](#) to submit a nomination form. Those nominated will be contacted and asked to submit an application to be considered for Parish Pastoral Council Membership. The Parish Pastoral Council will prayerfully review and consider all nominee applications and present recommendations to our Pastor, Fr. Paddy. Fr. Paddy will make the final decision and extend the invitation to those selected for the upcoming term.

Let us ask for the Holy Spirit to guide our parish community and those in any way involved in this process of seeking, inviting, listening, and discerning a response to service in this valuable leadership body of our parish.

Q Shares Some Exciting News!



Save the Date Now: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 7:30 PM

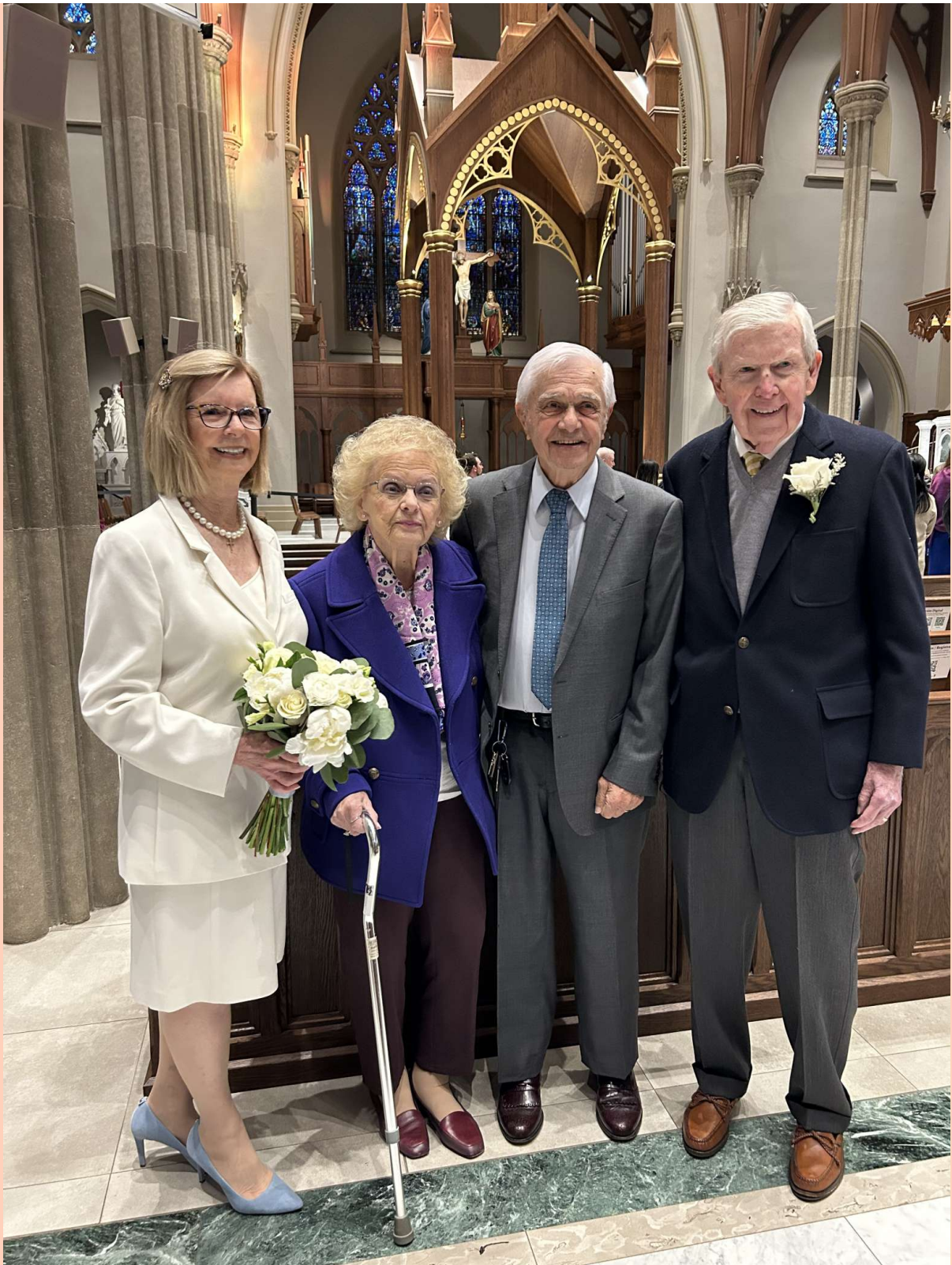
Anticipating a Sacramental Journey...

At the 6 pm Mass, Father Paddy blessed **Page & Alex**, who celebrated their engagement this past Sunday. In his homily, Fr. Paddy referenced various circumstances where we might find ourselves anticipating, and as he blessed Page & Alex, he asked us to pray for them as they prepare for and anticipate a new and fruitful sacramental life in Christ as husband and wife.



... and witnessing its beauty through the years!

Earlier that same afternoon, a special Silver and Gold Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral, where Bishop Kevin blessed and celebrated 70 couples in the diocese who marked special milestone wedding anniversaries.



Among them were our very own **Joan & Frank Clemente (70 years)**, **Margie & Bob Sullivan (60 years)**, **JoAnn & David Hartman (50)**, and **Ann & Joe Bono (25 years)**!



Congratulations to all, and special thanks for their powerful witness to the blessings of this life-giving sacramental journey!

Order for Christian Initiation for Adults: Welcome!

We are excited to welcome two candidates to the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), **Brandon Koth and Greta Unrath**. The Rite of Welcome for Brandon and Greta was celebrated at the 11:30 am Mass this past Sunday.



Brandon is an Air Force veteran who was baptized in the Lutheran faith and married to Caroline, who is Catholic. They welcomed their son, Bennett, in March. Greta is a Baptized Catholic who is engaged to be married next year to Bryan, a practicing Catholic. She is seeking to continue her Sacramental journey in the Church as she seeks to grow a closer relationship with God.

Caroline and Bryan are accompanying Brandon and Greta in the formation process, which Claire and Jim Matlon facilitate. They meet regularly following the 11:30 am Mass on selected Sunday mornings. Both Greta and Brandon will receive their Sacraments at the next Easter Vigil. Let's keep their journey of formation in our prayers!

A Grace-Filled Time!

This past Saturday afternoon, as part of the recently formed **Daughters of Grace** ministry, new mom **Jessika Caruso** led this beautiful cross-generational group in a special time of Rosary prayer. Moms and kids then headed to the park for some fun time!



Join us for the next Daughters of Grace event, a Spa for the Soul session on the Beatitudes, this Saturday at 8:30 am. All women are welcome, and you don't have to have attended a previous session!

- Olders, youngers, and in-betweeners
- Working, stay-at-home, and retired
- Introverts, extroverts, and other-verts
- Jesus-lovers, Jesus-seekers, and even Jesus-avoiders

Turkey Drive: Thanks!

Thanks to all who supported the **Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**. A total of 112 turkeys were collected, plus \$343, in support of the Thanksgiving celebrations of those in need right here in Morris County.



Shoutout to our Men's Ministry members who stood out in the cold receiving donations!



Feast Days in Honor of Mary

By Diane Byrne & Maria Cascio

This past Sunday, we continued discovering more things about our Blessed Mother. Paola Hall and Maria Cascio spoke on some of the *Feast Days in Honor of Mary*. Paola mentioned that our Mother Mary is so special that there is a feast day for her, every day of the year, somewhere in the world.

Paola also mentioned that we celebrate 19 major and optional feast days honoring the Blessed Mother in the United States. She focused on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, celebrated on January 1st, and the Feast of the Assumption, celebrated on August 15th.



Maria spoke about the December 8th feast day called the Immaculate Conception. This day reminds us that Mary was so unique that her soul did not have original sin because she was destined to be the mother of Jesus.



Paola and Maria gave many ideas for celebrating Mary on her feast days and every day. Some included attending Mass, praying the rosary, watching a movie about her, and even having vanilla cupcakes or ice cream in her honor.

Family Faith: Mass Transit Conversations

(Comments reflect previous Sundays' celebrations)

What was one new insight the homily gave you?

"All you need is love! Love God and your neighbor."

Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

"The Deacon said Taylor Swift, the Beatles, and Ed Sheeran!"

"Q played music at Mass again today."

"Sometimes my parents say no because they love me."

"We should give everything we have to God like Jesus did."

"It's about sacrifices."

"We have to give everything to Jesus since He gave everything to us."

"To spend 15-30 seconds in silence as a family."

"You will always fear what we don't understand."

"Love is not just a feeling; it is an action. You show love through actions."

"Our voices were the music today, and we sang the 'Thanks be to God' in harmony."

"We talked about the hard things Mary has gone through."

"We started receiving the blood."

"The bowl with the ribbon around it and the tiny candle."

"People in the front were lined up because they help the church."

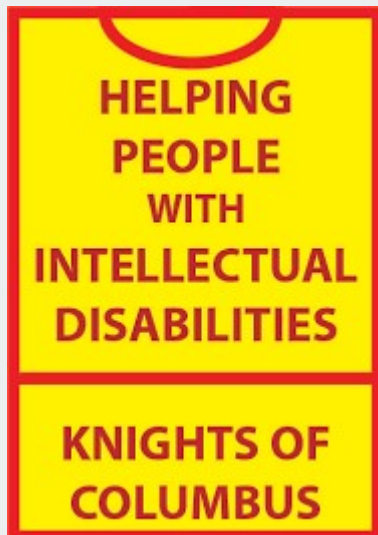
"Q gave more Q-tips teaching about songs dedicated to Mary."

"My uncle came!"

"At the beginning of Mass, they told us about the seven sorrows of Mary."

An Opportunity to help!

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus will be collecting monetary donations as part of the **Intellectual Challenged Drive** after the Masses **this weekend, November 18th and 19th.**



The money collected will support organizations that help children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities, including PG Chambers School, Allegro School, The Rose House, and Employment Horizons. We appreciate the past support of the generous parishioners of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church and want to thank you in advance for your support this year!

This week's Mass
& Lamp Intentions

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Announcements

Memories that share our story...

Widows Circle Planning



Angel Tree Set-Up!



Family Mass







6 pm Mass Contemporary Worship



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