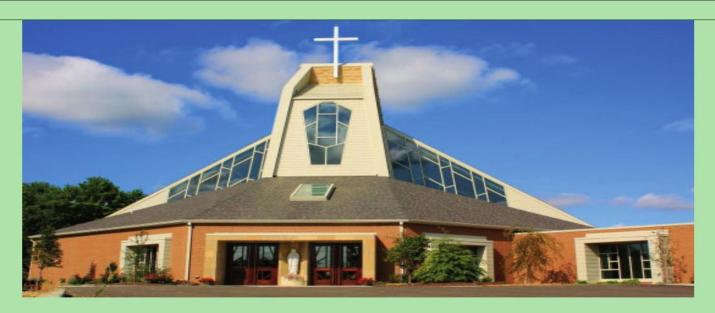
September 10, 2023 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Matthew 18:20



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil......4:30pm Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am (Chapel) Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday...... 3:30-4:00pm

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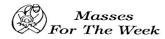
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm



Monday, September 11 (Chapel)

9:00am - Paul Wakefield - Bob & Marcia Frabotta

Tuesday, September 12 (Chapel)

9:00am - Don Seabold Sr. - Family

Wednesday, September 13 (Church)

6:30pm - Rose Smith - Family

Thursday, September 14 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL SOULS

Friday, September 15 (Chapel)

9:00am - Catherine & Henry Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Saturday, September 16

4:30pm - Michelle Smith - Dave & Ruth Cordy

Sunday, September 17

8:30am - Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - Catherine Buckland - Daryl Buckland

Pray for the Sick: Tina Abshire, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Richard & Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, lames Kwiatek, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Elise Martin, Hannah Haas Martin, Christopher Miller & Family, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, George & Margaret Murray, Rhonda Norman, John O'Connor, Ron O'Hearn, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Mary Ross, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Rick Tylicki, Dick & Nancy Webber, Ezra Weller, Daniel White, Pat Wittine, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at <u>info@olapgrafton.org</u> to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at **www.olapgrafton.org**. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-

10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-

19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk

6:20-26

Thursday Nm 21:4b-9: Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8,

11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7;

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-

12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at **jblaz@olqpgrafton.org** by the following dates:

Sunday September 17 by 5:00pm Monday, September 11 Sunday September 24 by 5:00pm Monday, September 18

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

I recently read the following: There's a sign posted on the fence along a rural highway. Beyond the fence is a ranch house in the distance; further down, beyond the house, lies a valley with a grove of trees nestled next to a small stream. The sign indicates that property owners must be churchgoing people. It says: "PRAYER is the best way to meet the Lord." Underneath that line, it says: "TRESPASSING is the faster!"

Although meant to bring humor, that sign could also be a warning regarding how one views God. Is your spiritual life based on the fear that if you do not do certain things, you will not meet the Lord in heaven? Do you live your faith life out of a belief that the goal of life is heaven? Or is your spiritual life based on responding to God's love and seeking to draw closer to God? Do you live your faith life out of a belief that God is most important and the goal of life? And that prayer is to deepen one's relationship with God because the worst thing that could happen to is not be with God?

There are many opportunities to deepen your relationship with God in the weeks ahead. <u>This Wednesday there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u>. Spending quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament where you look at Jesus and he looks at you, is a great way of drawing closer to the Lord.

Beginning September 27 there is a 3-part series on the Mass. The Eucharist is the greatest prayer experience of God where we come together as a community and are fed by God's Word and His Body and Blood. This video series will help to deepen ones understanding of the Mass and in doing so deepen one's participation so that more perfect praise and worship is offered to God.

For those seeking to become Catholic the <u>RCIA will be starting up on Monday, September 25th</u>. Through the RCIA process one is brought into deeper understanding of God and God's call to draw closer to him. This year we are structuring the sessions in order to also assist those who are Catholic to draw closer to God. If you are seeking to become Catholic or wish to deepen your faith, please contact me or Elizabeth.

This weekend we recognize those couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2023.

Congratulations to: **Greg & Edie Dore Robert & Gloria Krajeski**

Ken & Marti Shifferly Ted & Maria Thomas

---Fr. John



ALTAR SERVERS

There will be training for any youth 4th grade or older as well as adults who wish to become a server at Mass. The training class will begin **Saturday, September 9 at 10:00am** and continue for 3 weeks. Please contact Fr John or the parish office if interested.



DO YOU KNOW?

How about deepening your understanding of the Eucharist as a part of the Eucharistic Revival? We are offering a 3-part series "Forming our Liturgical Lives: The Meaning of Living out the Eucharist." Beginning Wednesdays (Oct 4 and 11) we will be showing a short video (less than 30 minutes) followed by a discussion on the meaning of the Mass. Bishop Michael Woost, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland in conjunction with the Worship office of the Diocese, brings this video series to parishes to renew us in our worship and in living out the divine life of Christ. We will be meeting in the Gathering Area at 7:00pm, following 6:30pm Mass for one hour. This one hour will enrich your life and your participation at Mass.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY PIG RAFFLE

Winning ticket to be drawn at the Holy Name Society Kielbasa Dinner on Saturday November 11th. Winner to be notified if not present.

1 ticket for \$10 3 tickets for \$25

Half a Pig to include: Ham, Pork Chops, Loin Roast, Boston Butt, Picnic Roast, Spareribs, Bacon, Sausage All Custom Cut



Wedding Banns

III - Zachary Geyser & Amy McGinnis

Diocese of Cleveland Marriage & Family Ministry – Red Bird Ministry (pregnancy, baby, child loss) workshops September 23, 2023

Red Bird Ministries will also host a retreat at St. Bridget Kildare Parish, Parma, on Saturday, September 23 for couples and individuals grieving pregnancy loss or the loss of a child. Special thanks to Catholic Cemeteries for sponsoring the workbooks for the couples. The materials are easily adaptable for individuals grieving the loss of a pregnancy, baby, or child.

Registration for both events can be found at https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/events

CALENDAR CLUB

Congratulations to our August winner - Julie Gauvreau!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Not My Problem

Ever notice how people today like to ignore the evil in the world? People will witness a mugging and not bother to call the police. We see television stories of children starving in poor countries and say, "Not my problem." The readings for this Sunday challenge this attitude.

As a prophet, Ezekiel is to proclaim God's word of repentance to the wicked. The Lord tells Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked if he refuses to warn against the evil they are doing.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes how his disciples should confront the sinner. His words teach us something about our duty to the sinner. First, he tells us that sin *is* our problem, and when we see it we need to take the initiative to stop it. Second, he tells us we need not feel alone in this duty. When the sinner refuses to listen, we bring in help. In fact, this command is meant for the whole church. Third, he tells us to be persistent; don't give up on someone too easily.

So what about that line about treating the sinner who refuses to listen as a Gentile or tax collector? On the one hand, the sinner should be excluded from the church, excommunicated, if he doesn't repent. On the other hand, Jesus never rejected tax collectors (like Matthew himself, who wrote this Gospel) or Gentiles. He said he came to call sinners, to save them. He loves sinners. And that is the reason we are to confront them—not to punish them, but to love them. As we see in the second reading, "love is the fulfillment of the law."

That is why the Gospel ends with Jesus' words about disciples praying together. When we think we cannot make a sinner repent, we remember that only God can do that. We can pray for sinners, including ourselves, and ask God to renew them in the Spirit. For God never forces a person to repent. God invites with love, especially the love Jesus showed by dying on the cross. May we all learn to fight evil with love!

--Tom Schmidt

SUICIDE PREVENTION/AWARENESS MONTH

September is Suicide Prevention/Awareness Month. The Ministry of Comfort & Healing will have a table in the Gathering Area after all masses this weekend to support this national crisis. Please stop by to browse the many resources made available to all.

DIGNITY OF LIFE

Dignity of Life is threatened in Ohio. A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of life. Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot. Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

Copies of the prayer "Protect Them Both; Prayer to Defeat Ohio's Abortion Amendment" are in the Gathering Area. Please take one and pray it daily.

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers at: www.pray54ohio.org

HOLY NAME SOCIETY SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE Sept 16/17 & 23/24

Bring your donations of new men's socks, underwear in any size for the homeless and needy or if you prefer cash donations to be used to purchase socks and underwear to Our Lady Queen of Peace. Proceeds of the Drive Recipient: Elyria Hospitality Center Sponsored by the Cleveland Diocesan Holy Name Society.

Order of M Christian Initiation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John or Elizabeth Miketo for information on the RCIA process. The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults is a process of growing in awareness of God's call in one's life and the teachings of the Catholic Church which form one in responding to God's call.



ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Wednesday, September 13 from 2:30-6:30 in the church**. This private, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can change your day and life. This month in addition to your prayer intentions please keep the safety of students and teachers in your prayers as they return to school. And to pray that the abortion amendment is defeated in November. This is a huge opportunity to reverse the culture of death in our society by voting no on this amendment in order to protect women and un-



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday, September 14th is the first powerful lesson of "Philippians-Life in Christ"

from the **FORMED LECTIO series**. Please meet with us at **7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Session 1 will cover "Paul and the Philippians" on page 3 of the study guide. Study guides are free, and available at the Church Office or at the Study. You do not need a computer to attend the sessions and you can join us at any time. Please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary Wednesday Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

Thursday Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday Saints Cornelius, Pop and Cyprian Bishop;

Martyrs

LADY'S GUILD

We invite all ladies of the parish to join us for our 1st meeting after the summer break. The meeting is **Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm. in the parish hall**. Refreshments will be provided by the officers. We look forward to seeing you.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen



PROTECT THEM BOTH PRAYER TO DEFEAT OHIO'S ABORTION AMENDMENT

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST - CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY

Over the past few weeks, there has been a lot of preliminary work going on with several of the committee members and Fr. John. As we head into the 9th month of our journey, we are continuing towards the goal of 2.5million. At next weekend's masses, you will be hearing from a committee member regarding where we are in the campaign and where we, as a Parish community, go from here.

Again, we thank everyone who has pledged and/or donated to the campaign. Our prayers continue for those who have yet to give. At this time, our thermometer is at 81.4%

--Colleen Dawson - Campaign Communications



OPEN THE DOOR

To pray is nothing more involved than to open the door, giving Jesus access to our needs and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them.

O. Hallesby

FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

We celebrate and honor the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th. Mary is bestowed this title to recognize the challenges and pain she felt in her Earthly life. I feel this Feast offers a nice reminder that along with the goodness of life, there is also sorrow. May we honor our sorrows, reach out when they become to much, and embrace the glories and wonder of life that abounds around us.

PSR! Have you been mulling over helping our children learn about their faith on Sunday mornings? We are still in need of a middle grade Catechist. If the Holy Spirit has guided your eye this way, reach out to Elizabeth for more information.

Joyful Disciples! Come join the Joyful Disciples this **Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:00pm in the** Hall!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you love to sing and have fun? The Music Ministry is kicking off the 2023-2024 season!

The Music Ministry is a great way to:

- Worship God through song
- ♦ Serve the Parish Community
- Meet great people
- ♦ Have fun!

Practices are on **Monday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** and start on Monday, September 11th.

For more information, call Deb at 440-865-9387



THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	Goal	Difference
Sunday, Sept 2/3:	\$9,664.50		
E-Giving:	\$2,497.20		
Total:	\$12,161.70	\$12,551.00	(\$389.30)
YTD:	\$119,228.45	\$125,510.00	(\$6,281.55)



Sunday, September 10

9:00am - Holy Name Pancake Breakfast 11:00am - 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Monday, September 11

7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg.

Tuesday, September 12

Wednesday, September 13

9:30am - Ministry of Care mtg. 2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration 7:00pm - Joyful Disciples

Thursday, September 14

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00pm - Scripture Study

Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16

Holy Name Society - Sock & Underwear Drive 10:00am - Altar Server Training-Part 2

10:00am - Food Pantry

Sunday, September 17

Holy Name Society - Sock & Underwear Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 16/17 & 23/24 Holy Name Sock & Underwear Drive
- September 21 Community Meal
- September 27 Living Out the Eucharist Series



HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday - September 10, 2023 9:00am - 12:30pm

WHERE: Our Lady Queen of Peace Hall

WHAT: Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage

Coffee, Orange Juice & Milk

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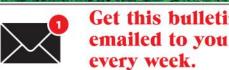


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