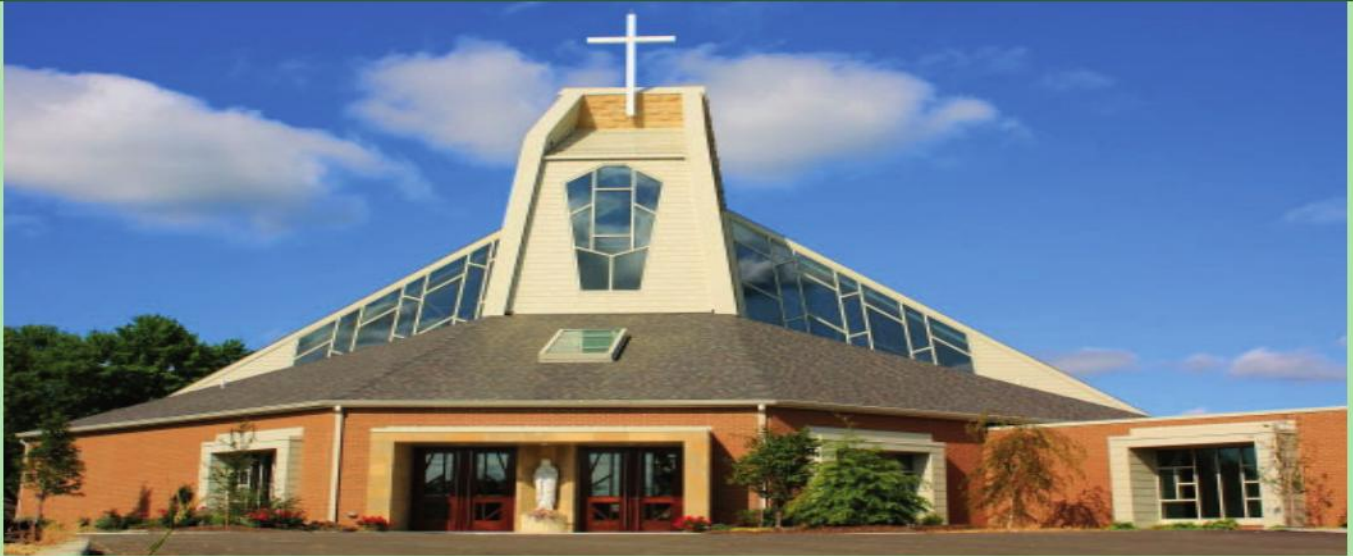


October 8, 2023 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.” - Philippians 4: 6-9



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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

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800s and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.

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



*Masses
For The Week*

Monday, October 9 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, October 10 (Chapel)

9:00am - Timothy Grealis - Family

Wednesday, October 11 (Church)

6:30pm - Catherine Buckland - Daryl Buckland

Thursday, October 12 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, October 13 (Chapel)

9:00am - Joanne Pasadyn - John & Nancy Finley

Saturday, October 14

4:30pm - Connie Pijor - Dolores Popiez

Sunday, October 15

8:30am - Donald L. Wolf - Ken & Marti Shifferly

11:00am - Richard & Rose Smith - Children

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:28-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15. 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

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.olqpgraston.org. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday October 15 by 5:00pm Monday, October 9

Sunday October 22 by 5:00pm Monday, October 16

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

I had a second-grade student ask me quietly if I ever had a bad day. Yes, I responded, as if she thought that I was exempt from bad days. We all have bad days. Unfortunately, at times there can be more bad days than good days. We are reminded in the 2nd reading today from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:6-9), "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petitions, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." In addition to prayer of petition for help, Paul also includes thanksgiving. When we are having a bad day, when we are anxious, it can be hard to remember to be thankful for what we do have. If you have not found peace, then maybe what Paul writes will direct you to the peace you long for.

When you are dealing with physical health issues, it can be easy to become anxious. There are so many unknowns. Next weekend, there will be an opportunity to receive the Anointing of the Sick following each Mass. In addition to those who are in need of physical healing, the Sacrament is also intended for those who are in need of emotional or spiritual healing. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick reminds us of God's healing presence which will "guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

I'm trying something different this year due to not having a Liturgy Committee, and that is having a meeting for anyone who would like to help plan for the Advent and Christmas Seasons here at the parish. On **Wednesday, Oct 25 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Area** of the Church, we will meet to plan how the liturgies during the Advent Season and Christmas Season will look. The focus will primarily be on the weekend Mass. There is an extra challenge this year as Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, so we lose a week of the season. How can we not lose the entire feel and message of Advent in this shortened year? Come with ideas.

Remember to set aside time on **Wednesday, October 18 between 2:30 and 6:30pm** to spend in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. And to set aside **Monday, October 23 at 6:30pm to pray the rosary as a parish at the Living Rosary.** In both of these prayer experiences, please keep in your prayers the strengthening of our respect for all life and for the defeat of the Abortion Amendment.

---Fr. John



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Gospel Reflection will meet on **Saturday, October 12 at 10:00am in the parish hall.** As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year the Gospel readings will become focused on the end times. These readings are to be encouraging and hopeful but can be difficult to understand and interpret in this way. That is why spending time on these readings will assist in your experience of prayer and worship at Mass. Everyone is welcome and there is no absolute interpretation, but rather a reflection upon what you hear God saying in these readings. We will be reading the Gospels for the 28th – 31st Sundays in Ordinary Time.

ADORATION

Adoration will be **Wednesday, October 18 from 2:30-6:30pm in the church.** In addition to your own prayer request, please use this quiet time of prayer to pray for the defeat of the abortion amendment.



DO YOU KNOW?

How about deepening your understanding of the Eucharist as a part of the Eucharistic Revival? We are concluding our 3-part series "*Forming our Liturgical Lives: The Meaning of Living out the Eucharist.*" Join us for the 3rd session **this Wednesday, October 11**, where we will be showing another short video (approx. 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

OUR LADY'S GUILD & HOLY NAME SOCIETY BINGO NIGHT!!

Wednesday - October 11

Hall opens at 6:00pm
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

50/50 / Pull -Tabs
Food & Drink Available



HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOOTBALL RAFFLE

\$10 Raffle Ticket for the chance to see...

Cleveland Browns

Vs.

Pittsburgh Steelers

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 1:00pm

4 Club Seats

Section 305 Row 15 Seats 19-22

Winning Ticket to be drawn on November 11th at the Men's Night Out Kielbasa Dinner

Winner need not be present to win



Twenty -Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Where are the Grapes?

Jesus' parable is a little different from the one in the first reading. Isaiah has the vineyard under good and faithful care, but still it produces wild grapes. In the Gospel, the vineyard presumably had a good harvest, but the workers refuse to give any of the grapes to the landowner. The question for us is, which parable is about me?

Do I ignore all that God does to help me be a good disciple? Am I too busy to take time to pray or read the Bible? Do I hold onto grudges instead of forgiving and releasing them? Do I only go to church when someone drags me there, or only at Christmas and Easter? (If that were true, I probably would not be reading this bulletin.) Do I decline the invitations to go on a retreat? Am I afraid to share my faith with someone who needs encouragement? If any of these are true, I might be like the vineyard in the first reading, producing no fruit despite all the opportunities God has given me.

Or we may be the other side of the coin. We had our children baptized when they were babies, sent them to the parish school or religion classes. We went to church every Sunday and took them with us. We gave them as good an example as we could, teaching them to love others and be generous with what they have. Yet they grew up and drifted away from the faith. Then we have to remember how patient God is with us, God's people who don't always produce the fruits of faith. The Gospel is a little more difficult to relate to. The tenants in the parable refer to those who mistreated or killed the prophets sent by God or the people who would have Jesus crucified. Yet the kingdom of God is still being proclaimed in spite of them. God is patient with them. Look what happened to Saul, who persecuted many Christians before he became one himself. In our second reading he tells us to follow his example as he follows Christ. Then, he says, the peace of God will be with us, too (Philippians 4:6-9

--Tom Schmidt

CALENDAR CLUB

Congratulations to our September winner **Dennis & Teri Wilfong!** Hope everyone has a great October, be safe out there!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

November 3, 2023
Bishop Edward Malesic

The First Friday Forum meets at the Spitzer Conference Center at Lorain County Community College on the 1st Friday of the month for lunch at 11:30am followed by a speaker at 12:00noon. We are finished and out the door at 1:00pm. Join Fr. John at OLQP's table of 8. Cost is \$23 per person and it would show our support to the Forum. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a place at the parish table. **Reservations are due Monday, October 30th at 12:00 noon.**

SYMPATHY to the family of **Daniel Deeks** who passed away recently.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.


IN  SYMPATHY

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs & Saint John Leonardi, Priest
Saturday	Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

HEALING RETREAT 2023 Bethesda House of Mercy

Women suffering after an abortion are invited to a confidential, private healing retreat at Loyola Retreat House, just north of Canton. October 20-22, 2023. Encounter the mercy of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer, and scripture. For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email at reachout@bethesdahouseofmercy.org

Order of 
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.



REGISTER TO VOTE October 10th - Last day to Register October 11 - Early Voting Starts

Our Catholic faith tells us that God places no condition on the value of human life from conception until natural death. Therefore, the Catholic Church cannot be silent when vulnerable women and preborn children are threatened by an amendment that...

- Puts women at risk by endangering medical and safety standards
 - Allows painful, late-term abortions by not setting any clear limits on abortion
- Threatens parental rights by challenging notification requirements when minors seek abortions or other reproductive interventions

Register to vote or update your information by October 10th at www.voteohio.gov

Jesus calls us to stand up for "the least of these" in our society, including preborn children and vulnerable women. Catholics must protect both women and children by **Voting No on Issue 1.**



PRAY

Seven days without prayer
makes one weak.
--Allen E. Bartlett

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Thursday, October 12th is the third powerful lesson of "Philippians-Life in Christ" from the **FORMED LECTIO series**. Please meet with us at **7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Session 3 will cover "Friendship in Christ" on page 35 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.

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

TOGETHER 
LET US PRAY ...

respect life

month

OCTOBER 2023



CARING FOR LOVED ONES

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

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

RESPECT LIFE

Respect Life and Life will respect you.
Love Life and Love will shower Blessings on you.
--Rajneesh

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!



FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

This week in PSR our students are going to the Chapel to learn about and pray the Rosary. Ask them about it, maybe pray a Decade (10 Hail Mary's) together, asking Mary to guard and guide us all as we grow.

Thursday, October 12th is Blessed Carlo Acutis' Feast Day. He is an Italian teenager awaiting one more miracle before he is declared a Saint. The Diocese of Cleveland has an Eucharistic Miracles Display, which is a traveling museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006). From now until October 21st, it is on display at St. Columbkille Church in Parma and from November 5 to 18 it will be at St. Joseph in Amherst. More information is posted on our website under Faith Formation.

Reminder, **next Sunday, 10/15 there will be NO PSR.** Schools have a long weekend, so enjoy this family time! Perhaps, you can take some time to incorporate praying a decade of the Rosary or learning more about Blessed Carlo Acutis!

\$50,000 CHALLENGE

The need for space, increased parish activities and community outreach are some of the reasons we've shared regarding our capital campaign. Would you like another reason? How about 50,000 of them? A generous parishioner will match any new donation to the *Continuing Our Journey* campaign up to \$50,000. This is a great opportunity to double your donation without doubling the amount you are giving! Currently the campaign is at \$2,041,238 and growing. By joining those who have already given, we can reach our goal of \$2.5M through your generous support and prayers.



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>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, S/O 30/1:	\$9,400.50		
E-Giving:	\$3,490.90		
Total:	\$12,891.40	\$12,551.00	\$340.40
YTD:	\$169,874.87	\$175,714.00	(\$5,839.13)



Sunday, October 8

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

7:00pm - Grafton/Midview Hot Stove Mtg.

Monday, October 9

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, October 10

Wednesday, October 11

7:00pm - Living Out the Eucharist Series

7:00pm - Ministry of Comfort & Healing Mtg.

Bingo -Parish Hall

Thursday, October 12

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm - Scripture Study

Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

10:00am - Gospel Reflection

After Mass - Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 15

Coming Events



Mark your Calendars! CHILI COOK OFF

OLQP's 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off (Formerly Fall Festival) will be held **Friday, October 27th from 6 PM to 8:30 PM!**

Join us as a community for a Chili Cook Off! Hot dogs from the Holy Name Society, French Fries from the Knights of Columbus, and delicious desserts from our Ladies Guild! Bring the kids to Trunk ~ or Treat from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM! See you there!

Sign Ups for the Chili Cook off and Trunk ~or~Treat participants will take place after Mass this weekend and next! Have any questions? Stop by the table or call the office for more details! You can also sign up by calling the office or emailing Elizabeth: emiketo@olqpgrafton.org!

See you there!



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