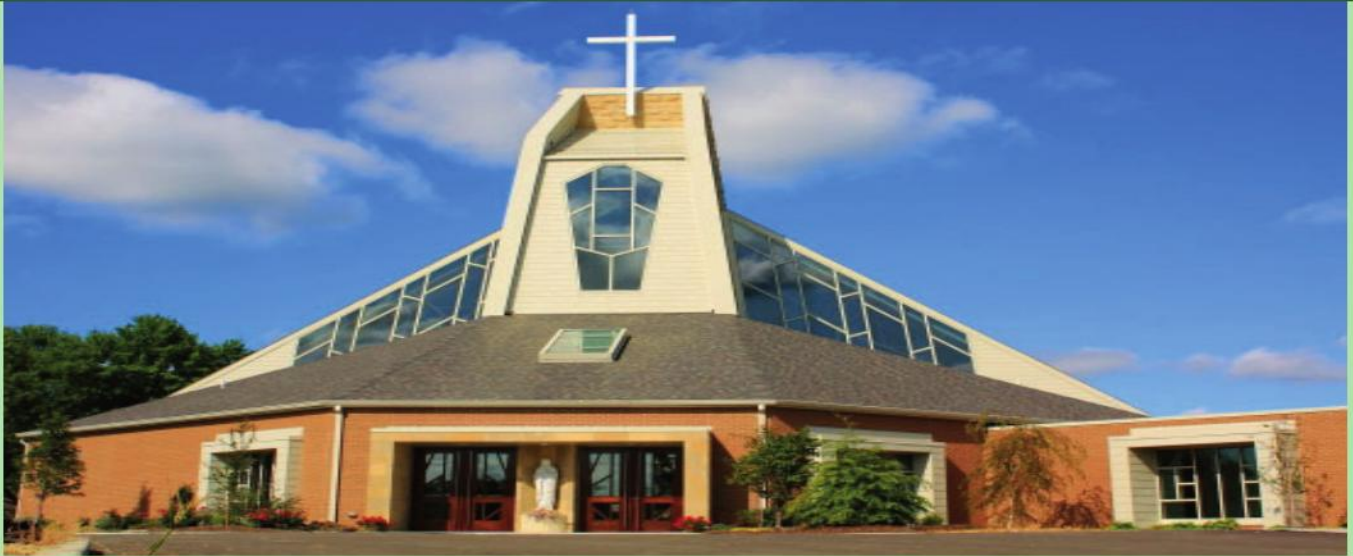


November 12, 2023 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

- Matthew 24:42



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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, November 13 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 14 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Wednesday, November 15 - (Church)

6:30pm - NO MASS

Thursday, November 16 - (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Friday, November 17 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Saturday, November 18

4:30pm - Mary Stillwell - Long Family

Sunday, November 19

8:30am - Robert & Dorothy Deasy- Charlie & Linda
Avarello

11:00am - Donald L. Wolfe - Ken & Marti Shifferly

Pray for the Sick: Tina Abshire, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Marcie Grealis, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Bob & Joyce Lark, 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, Philip Myers, 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 info@olqpgraffton.org 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.olqpgraffton.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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Monday

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday November 19 by 5:00pm Monday, November 13
Sunday November 26 by 12:00pm Wednesday, Nov. 15

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

Continuing from last week's discussion on the Funeral Liturgies, in addition to the Funeral Mass there is the Vigil and Related Rites and Prayers. The most common being what we call the Wake Service. Usually at the funeral home, this provides an opportunity to join together to pray with family and those gathered during the visitation. As with all aspects of the funeral this provides the family with a means to grieve within the context of prayer. Besides praying for the deceased, it offers comfort to the grieving. There is the option of having a visitation or viewing in the Gathering Area of the church. It can be an hour or so prior to the Funeral Mass or it can be the day before as well as the morning of.

A funeral home service in place of a Mass at the church is sometimes chosen. In these cases, the service consists of a modified Liturgy of the Word with scripture readings followed by a reflection, prayers of petition and final commendation. Also, you can have a Funeral in the church outside of Mass. In this case there is the opening procession with the casket or urn followed by the Liturgy of the Word. There would be no Eucharist and the service would conclude with the final commendation.

Regarding the burial, it does not have to be in a Catholic cemetery. However, the body or ashes do need to be buried in a dignified manner. The ashes are not to be scattered or divided into individual containers to be passed out. The reason is to preserve the dignity of the body as it was the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The parish community plays an important role when a member of the parish dies. As members of the Body of Christ, we grieve when a member of the Body of Christ dies, and we seek to support the family and friends in their grief. That is why we try to have liturgical ministers present for all funerals. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir members and Altar Servers add to the participation when it is difficult to fully participate when grieving. Also, Funeral Masses are always open to anyone to come and pray and support the family. If you are a liturgical minister and are available during the day please consider offering your time and ministry to this very important time in the life of a family.

And if you have questions or would like to talk about these options, please contact me. Regarding Last Rites, which is the Anointing of the Sick at the point of dying, please call sooner than later to have me come to anoint them. It brings them great comfort when they are still conscious and aware that we are praying with the dying. Of course sometimes the person takes a turn quickly but I would recommend that you contact me early on in the diagnosis so that I can bring the sacrament and help during the process of dying.

Please continue to remember our loved ones who have died in your prayers as well as those listed in the parish book of the dead.

---Fr. John



THANKSGIVING MASS

The **Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am in the church.** You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for our Helping Hands food pantry. During the regular offertory time, you will be invited to bring your item to the steps of the altar. As you do so it will be a clearer sign of you offering your gifts, as well as the offering of your entire self to God who has blessed you.

PRO ORANTIBUS DAY

On Tuesday, November 21, the Church will celebrate *Pro Orantibus Day* ("For Those Who Pray"). The faithful around the world are encouraged to develop their own way of commemorating the day and honoring cloistered women and men religious, at Mass and in other special ways, such as by offering up their prayers, by making visits to monasteries and cloistered convents, by sending cards or letters to contemplative religious, and by coordinating school or catechetical activities. For more information visit www.cloisteredlife.com

#weGIVECATHOLIC

SAVE THE DATE! November 28, 2023

On **Tuesday, November 28th**, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving, 200+ participating Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, Catholic Charities programs/sites and Catholic nonprofits come together as one community. Our Lady Queen of Peace will be participating. Donations can be made by going to our website at www.olqpgrafton.org beginning on **Tuesday, November 14**. Thank-you!

CALENDAR CLUB

Congratulations to our October Winner
Ron O'Hearn!

CHRISTMAS COLORING & DRAWING CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christ" coloring and drawing contest for our younger parishioners. Members of the K of C will be making the coloring/drawing sheets available in the gathering area after all masses on the weekend of November 18th and 19th. All entries will be due December 3rd at a collection box in the gathering area. Prizes will be awarded for each age group. This is a great chance to help focus our youth on the real reason for celebrating Christmas!



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Sunday - December 10, 2023

TIME: 12:00noon to 2:00pm

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: Sunday - November 26, 2023

AGES: Birth through age 10

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS ONLY

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A GIFT

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Getting To Know You

At the end of today's Gospel, when the foolish virgins return from the quick shop with the oil, they are locked out of the wedding. The groom answers their pleas, not with a question, "Why weren't you ready?" but with the statement, "I don't know you" (Mt 25:12). Now that sounds kind of odd, if the bridegroom represents the LORD, because God knows everything, and everybody. In Matthew's Gospel, this phrase seems to imply that "because you made no effort to know me, I don't know you." In other words, the oil in the parable stands for knowing the LORD. Or at least making an effort to know him.

So what am I doing to get to know Jesus? One way to know someone is to act like them. Actors who portray a real person try to watch videos of that person to see how they talk, walk, relate to people, what kind of posture they have, how they dress, etc. We can act like Jesus by following his example of care for the poor and the sick, forgiving people who have done wrong, teaching people about God's love, feeding the hungry, and giving God the credit for what we do.

Another way to get to know someone is to talk to them. The more we pray, the more we get close to Jesus. We can praise God for Creation, we can thank God for all the giving (and forgiving!) We can ask for help for those we love and for God's strength in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9). But we don't get to know someone if we do all the talking. Our prayer can include time to be quiet and listen to the LORD. We also listen to God by reading God's words in the Bible. And God can speak to some people in art, song, or poetry. The advice and wisdom of friends and relatives can also be God speaking to us. Hopefully, we can all find ways of getting to know the Lord, so that God can "recognize" us as friends.

--Tom Schmidt



PRAYER

Trouble & perplexity drive me to prayer and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.

--Philip Melancthen

MASS COORDINATOR TRAINING

Training for new Mass Coordinators will be on **Tuesday November 14th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Area**. You must already be an Eucharistic Minister to participate.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Bonnie Scallon at (440) 309- 0094.



LADY'S GUILD

Just a reminder, our meeting date is earlier this month. We will meet on **Monday, November 13 at 7:00pm in the parish hall**. We look forward to seeing all of you.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

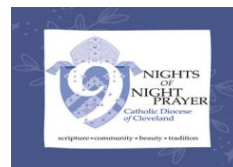
"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. "He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him without tiring; welcome him without reserve; love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!"

--St. John Paul II

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Friday	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday	Dedication of the Churches of Peter & Paul; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

HOMEBOUND? If you or someone you know would like to receive communion please contact the parish office 440-926-2364. Also, if you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to take communion to the homebound and those in local facilities and/or the hospital, please contact the office as well.



9 NIGHTS OF PRAYER

Join us!

The faithful are being invited to participate in nine opportunities to pray the night prayer of the Church at nine different parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. Our Lady Queen of Peace is hosting this upcoming session.

"Nine Nights of Night Prayer" will take place on **nine consecutive evenings from November 30th thru December 8th**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Doors open at 8 pm and Night Prayer begins at 8:15 pm. If you are interested in helping host, please contact Elizabeth in the office.

To celebrate and honor, Mary, there will be an Ice Cream Social following Night Prayer on 12/8.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY - FLOWER DECORATIONS

In preparation for Christmas, ALL gravesite flowers and decorations must be removed by the end of the day on **Sunday, November 19th**. The cemetery clean-up will take place on Monday, November 20th.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Church traditionally observes the month of November as a special time to remember the faithfully departed.

NOVEMBER MASSES: During the month of November, we will be remembering at all the Masses those who are listed in the parish Book of the Dead. You may add the names of loved ones who have died to the book and they will be included in the petitions at each Mass.

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



PRAYING IS PREPARING

Have you ever known anyone who just seems to ooze hospitality? This person just happens to have a charger if you need one, or an extra sweatshirt or jacket when you are chilled. Maybe \$20 for gas or food gets slipped in your pocket or added to your Venmo. A smile might greet you on an especially bad day or an offer to lend a hand when you are just about to drop the immense load you've managed to carry for much too long.

These are the things that come to mind while reading from the book of Wisdom this morning. A person who is able to reach out to another person on the day's journey no matter the situation. A graceful peace often accompanies this individual even when their own life is busy, and yet there is an intentional welcoming and shared response to those they encounter.

The Psalm, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord" continues this theme of reaching out. It is a prayer to see God in daily life as well as in eternal life. Being able to see the Lord in the everyday situations of my life is the building block of my faith in Him. As a child I wasn't able to verbalize that it was God's breath or touch I was seeing in a meal on the table or my Mom or Dad's smile. I could recognize when these things were missing and sometimes made it really hard to stay focused or believe that things would be resolved. I wasn't aware that I needed to thank the Lord for providing for me as my parents took care of my needs. I wasn't really aware that having loving and caring parents was itself a tremendous blessing and witness of love and faithfulness.

Today's parable of ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom can seem harsh. Five women turn up their lamps to light the way and accompany the bridegroom into the wedding celebration. The five who were not prepared came back with oil to find the door to the festivities locked. The awareness of what is needed in the moment comes through the faithful practice of God's way of life and is developed by wisdom and grace.

Lord, thank you ahead of time for the grace to ask about and know your Way. Help me to recognize and acknowledge the wisdom shared by those who are an example to me. Allow me to be a witness and light for others. Amen.

--By Beth Price



FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

PSR is back in person for these next two weeks before Thanksgiving. Spend some time together talking about the Eucharist.

"The Eucharist...is the gift of the real presence of Jesus the Redeemer, in the bread which is his body given up for us, in the wine which is his blood poured out for all."
--Saint John Paul II

Looking forward to Advent, we are hoping to partner with Main Street Grafton's Old-Fashioned Christmas and provide volunteers to run the Living Nativity. It is an attendee favorite. We are in need of a parent volunteer to run this event. Please let Elizabeth know by Tuesday, November 14th if you are able to participate. If no parent volunteers are available, we will not be able to participate in this great tradition.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: At the 8:30am Mass this weekend, those candidates in the RCIA will be presented publicly for the first time before the Church to declare their intentions to become members of the Church through the initiation sacraments. And it is the first time the Church publicly consents and welcomes these candidates into the preparation for Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep the following catechumens in your prayers in the months ahead as they prepare to become full initiated into the Catholic Church:

Owen Arms, Chelsea Loera, Anthony Loera, Adriana Loera, Ryan Wissell : Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation

Emily Nagy: Profession of Faith, Eucharist, and Confirmation



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, Nov 4/5:	\$7,949.50		
E-Giving:	\$3,076.10		
Total:	\$11,025.60	\$12,551.00	(\$1,525.40)
YTD:	\$227,666.87	\$238,469.00	(\$10,802.13)



The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 12

8:30am - Rite of Acceptance Mass

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

Monday, November 13

7:00pm - RCIA

7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg.

7:00pm - Lady's Guild Mtg.

Tuesday, November 14

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm - Community Meal

Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

11:00am-12:00pm - Food Pantry

Sunday, November 19

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
November 28 - "Giving Tuesday"
November 30 - 9 Nights of Prayer begins
December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent
December 6 - Adoration
December 8 - Immaculate Conception

\$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 \$2,106,909 and growing. By joining those who have already given, we can reach our goal of \$2.5M through your generous support and prayers.

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