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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 19, 2023

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Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

Clergy

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Join Us For Mass

Sunday Masses | Saturday Vigil- 5:00 PM Church

Sunday- 8:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 AM Church

Confessions- Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

Holy Days- 9:15 AM | 7:30 PM Church



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Throughout each year, working with the parish finance committee, we meet regularly to make sure we are on track to meet our financial obligations while we are being good stewards with the money you so generously entrust to the parish. The past few years have been especially challenging with the rampant inflation we all have experienced – and sometimes I can get a little anxious thinking about how everything will work out financially for the parish.

I am reminded through scripture, however, to “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

I will often reference scripture from Paul’s letter to the Philippians when I’m writing to you. It stems from the “partnership” Paul had with the people of Philippi. Paul’s partnership with the church at Philippi was a reciprocal relationship. They knew him and he knew them. As your parish priest – that is how I feel about you – and we can ask each other for help when we need it.

I recently had to ask you for help, I made a financial appeal to you – our parishioners, for \$125,000 to close some gaps we have in our operating budget. I am happy to report that the appeal was a success as we were able to exceed that goal by \$15,000! Your generous and sacrificial response resulted in an appeal total of \$140,000!

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, I would like to thank all of our parishioners who contributed to the Parish Appeal. Your sacrificial gifts will enable the partnership to continue in support of the ministry and mission of the parish.

Please be assured of my daily prayers for you and please remember me in yours.

Peace and all good,

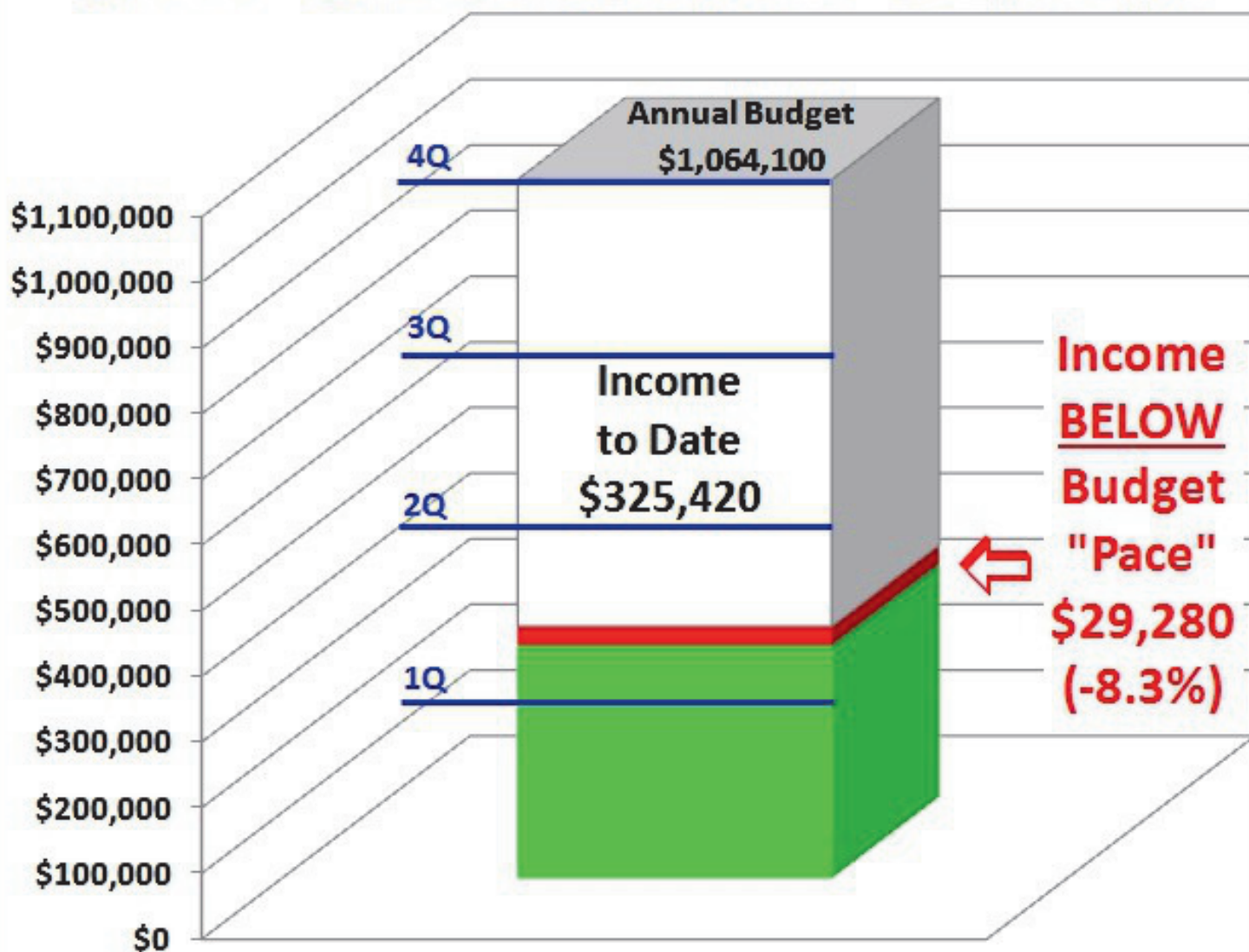
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OLM MONTHLY FINANCIAL "SNAP SHOT"

(July 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023)

Based on the annual budget of \$1,064,100 to operate OLM, the total collections of \$325,420 for the first **4 months** of our fiscal year are **BELOW** budget "pace" by \$29,280 or 8.3%. Based on this, the Finance Committee is hopeful that the **Annual Parish Appeal** (Oct 1st - Nov 1st) and parishioner generosity (which has helped tremendously in past years) will continue or increase overall parish income before the end of this year.

Second Collections for the Month of October, 2023

All Saints Day and All Souls'	\$1,962.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$2,085.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,324.00

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 19 *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Anne Marie Romero
r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley
10:00 AM Martina Schmalz Palmer
r/o Mom & Dad
11:30 AM Larry Scarinzi
r/o Alison Morrison

Monday, November 20

9:15 AM Walter Matthews *3rd Anniversary*
r/o Gail & Lee Waddell

Tuesday, November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:15 AM Carol M. Carroll *1st Anniversary*
r/o Greg & Sue Kelble

Wednesday, November 22 *St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

9:15 AM Johann Jousen
r/o Joan Temple

Thursday, November 23 *Thanksgiving Day; St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*

9:15 AM In Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24 *St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

9:15 AM Deborah Sepesi *4th Anniversary*
r/o The Sepesi Family

Saturday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; BVM*

9:15 AM Ruth Smalley
r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley

5:00 PM Joseph Kelleher
r/o O'Reilly Family

Sunday, November 26 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00 AM Gert & Mark Carroll
r/o The Carroll Family

10:00 AM Raymond McCue
r/o Jeanette Falcone

11:30 AM Carol Nogan
r/o The Nogan Family

Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel
burns this week in loving memory of

Betty Kosinski

at the request of
Walter & Elizabeth Ryder



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:

Rainer Tegge

Husband of Mariann, Father of Jonathan and Nicole Scott, and Father-in-Law of William Scott

Charles "Charlie" Cua

Husband of Azucena, Father of Carter, Walter, Dexter, Chester and Melissa Spinelli

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized



Josephine Felicia Beck

Daughter of Daniel and Kara

November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.



The Knights of Columbus Annual Family Food Collection for Thanksgiving to benefit our sister Parish, Most Holy Name of Jesus, Perth Amboy, NJ -

Please bring your food to the lower level of the Church or the Parish Office.

For a list of food needed please visit our website:
www.olmwarren.org/knights-of-columbus



**OLM's Women's Ministry
Invites You to Join Us for Our
Women's Advent Day of
Reflection "Journey to
Bethlehem"**

Saint of the Day | Sunday, November 19, 2023

Saint Agnes of Assisi



Saturday, December 2nd

9:15 AM Mass at the Chapel

10:00 AM-2:15 PM

For more information and to register please visit our
website: www.olmwarren.org/womens-ministry

This event is FREE

Scripture Readings For the Week of November 19, 2023

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

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134,
150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday | Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and
Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-
28

Thursday | Memorial of Saint Clement I, Pope and Mar-
tyr; St Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Austin Pro,
Priest & Martyr

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday | Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest
and Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11d-12a, 12cd;
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday | Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26,
28; Mt 25:31-46

Born Caterina Offreducia, Agnes was the younger sister of Saint Clare, and her first follower. When Caterina left home two weeks after Clare's departure, their family attempted to bring her back by force. They tried to drag her out of the monastery, but her body suddenly became so heavy that several knights could not budge it. Her uncle Monaldo tried to strike her but was temporarily paralyzed. The knights then left Caterina and Clare in peace. Saint Francis himself gave Clare's sister the name Agnes, because she was gentle like a young lamb.

Agnes matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances that characterized the Poor Ladies' lives at San Damiano. In 1221, a group of Benedictine nuns in Monticelli near Florence asked to become Poor Ladies. Saint Clare sent Agnes to become abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a rather sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano. After establishing other monasteries of Poor Ladies in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253, as Clare lay dying.

Three months later Agnes followed Clare in death, and was canonized in 1753.

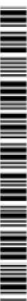
Reflection

God must love irony; the world is so full of it. In 1212, many in Assisi surely felt that Clare and Agnes were wasting their lives and were turning their backs on the world. In reality, their lives were tremendously life-giving, and the world has been enriched by the example of these poor contemplatives.

Source: www.franciscanmedia.org

From the Office of Faith Formation

On Saturday, November 4th, 55 students and catechists from our Faith Formation program attended a diocesan-wide event held at Immaculata High School in Somerville. The “You’re Amazing” Hard As Nails Ministry Breakthrough Event with Justin Fatica, was an active and dynamic encounter for students to experience a breakthrough to (re)ignite their relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church.



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