

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last November 20th the Township of West Orange Council held a meeting at the Township Council Chambers. I was interested especially on one of the items in the agenda, which was the Application of West Orange Wellness, LLC, who applied to the Township of West Orange for a local license for the Operation of a Cannabis Business at 26 South Valley Road just two houses away from our Parish Center where we held our recreational activities for our young people including Fridays Youth Center, basketball practices, indoor soccer tournaments, and our catechetical instructions, parish events and our social outreach such as the soup kitchen and ESL Program for adults. I attended the meeting to voice my concerns and disapproval of this matter. At the meeting, the applicants and their lawyers were there requesting final approval. One of our parishioners was there at the beginning of the meeting, but he left early due to other commitments. After the lawyers in favor of the application spoke, I raised my hand to voice my concerns and disapproval, I was straightforward. I questioned the safeguards for schools, places of worship and recreational centers in this matter. It was my first time at a meeting of this nature, I was naturally nervous, I do not have any training in laws, but what gave me courage to stand there and show my concerns was my genuine love for the young and the community. We already have a liquor store and now a place to get marijuana, it seems that the message is, “come here to get drunk and high”. I was told this week by a West Orange neighbor that unfortunately the application was already accepted by the town and now they are updating the property to do their business. I was mad, disappointed, confused, worry... I brought all those feelings to Our Lord in prayer. After praying, a phrase came to me, “you have lost a battle, but not the war.” I came with the conclusion that It is not my war; it is our war! A war against evil and all his lies, and we will win the war only if we allow God to guide us. What to do now? I believe that we must organize a Team in the parish to come up with goals and action steps to raise awareness on the dangers of using drugs and alcohol. For those who are interested in being part of this Team, please contact me to have a meeting. Let us be more involved in the lives of our young people and in the happenings of our community, as St. John Bosco said, “It is not enough to love the young, they must know that they are loved”.

Fr. Miguel.



From the Soup Kitchen

Thank you so much for your donations to our soup kitchen. As winter gets colder, more people come and the need of basic items increases.

Beef and chicken broth, coffee, sugar, powder milk, tomato sauce, pasta, rice, bread.
Bring donations next time you come to mass or to the office during the week.

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 10, 2023

DEC. 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30 p.m. Grace Vella
 7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Antonino & Jair Caceda
 9:00 a.m. Pierre Croisiere
 10:30 a.m. Harold Sattan
 12:00 p.m. Cristobal Elias Perez (1st Anniv.)
 Jair Caceda's Birthday

DEC. 11: MONDAY, ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass of Healing for Joseph Cofran
 7:00 p.m. Almas en Purgatorio
 Ramon Martinez

DEC. 12: TUESDAY, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

9:00 a.m. Juliet Rogan
 7:00 p.m. Guadalupe Morales

DEC. 13: WEDNESDAY, SAINT LUCY

9:00 a.m. Stephanie Darrow
 7:00 p.m. Good health for Felipe Caguana, Maria Transito
 Pichisaca & Luis Yunga

DEC. 14: THURSDAY, SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

9:00 a.m. Henriette Saint Jean
 7:00 p.m. Segundo Quito

DEC. 15 : FRIDAY, ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass of support for the family of Joseph Cofran
 7:00 p.m. For the Parish

DEC. 16: SATURDAY, ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Gregory L. Dillon (10th Anniversary)
 5:30 p.m. Jim Walsh
 7:00 p.m. Jorge Valdiviezo Flores (1st. Anniv.)
 Cepriana Nuñez (45th Anniv.)
 Special Intention for Angel Lliguicota & Elsa
 Garcia

DEC. 17: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Louise & Eugene Codey
 10:30 a.m. Milagros (Mila) Dionisio
 12:00 p.m. For the Parish & Lidia Polita Zavala

CANDLES

ALTAR CANDLES will burn this week in memory of all deceased members of the parish.

SANCTUARY CANDLES will burn this week as a Special Intention for the sick.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

- **REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$5,825.00**
- **BUILDING FUND.....\$1,688.00**
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.....\$50.00**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

***How dear is Our Lady of the Valley to your heart?
 Please consider remembering her in your Will.***

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th - Family Mass @ 5:30 pm
 Midnight Bilingual Mass @ 10 pm
 December 25th - English Mass @ 9 am
 Bilingual Mass @ 12 pm
 Spanish Mass @ 7 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

January 1, 2024 - English Mass @ 9 am
 Spanish Mass @ 7 pm

PRAYER REQUEST CORNER

For the recently deceased: Yves Fanfan, Juliet Rogan, Stephanie Darrow.

For those who are ill: Kate & Theresa Bamford, Victor Cirello, Pauline Wahlers, Edward Lightner, Al Robinson, Alena & Todd Galante, Angelina Killane-Sims, Martha Strong, The Thompson Family, Charmaine Coleman, The Romano Family, Frances Kinsella, Llewellyn Ramos, Fran Steiner, Jason Illing, Christi Lynn & Scott Nichols, Tyler Wille, Rosemarie Arloro, Chastity White, Rita Lavery, Christy Harnish, Khadijah Harden, Trinity Causey, Pacita Ong, Giana Kingsland, Tina Galante, Melissa, Terrance Durant, Jack McDonald, Anthony Yodeci, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Patricia Russo, Betty & Vincent Battista, Robert Kren, Frank Capron, Catherine Trezza, Natalie Thomas, Barbara Mirsky, Kathy Snell, Sr. Joan O'Connor, James Schoenig, Paula Ferraro, Lula Revuelta, James Davis Jr., Laura Spero, Michael Guerrieri, Valda Wright, The Loraw Family, John Gruchacz, Larry Donahue, Howard Casey, Brennan Family, Pope Francis, Marty Veniero, Maria Del Carmen Martinez Reynoso, Mindy Holley, Saul Zhunio, Elizabeth Martoe, Phyllis Racavich, Natalie Floth, James Williams, Betty Anderson, Fr. John Nazzaro, Terrence Witter, The Dela Cruz Family, Louis Mariano, Debbie Romano, Jennifer Beyor, Jean Barrateau.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **WEDNESDAYS** - Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm.
2. **SOUP KITCHEN** - the staff of the soup kitchen is in need of the following food items: chicken and beef broth, coffee, sugar, powdered milk and pasta.
3. **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** - this weekend Dec. 9 - 10 the second collection will be taken up for retired religious. Please be as generous as you can.
4. **GIVING TREE** - please return all gifts for the giving tree with the original tag attached by **next Sunday, December 17th.**

The People of God called to form
the Christian Community of

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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Ms. Alessia Santoro, Music Director

Mr. Antonio Fernandez, Spanish Choir

Ms. Irene Gruchacz, Sacristan

Mrs. Cristina Pamaar, Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Conducted By:

The Salesians of St. John Bosco

Lay Ministers and Catechists

Parish Council and Trustees

The Eucharist

Saturday Evening 5:30 pm
(Spanish Mass) 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, and 10:30 am
(Spanish Mass) 12:00 pm

Weekdays 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Holy Days 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions

Saturday 9:30 am

Christian Initiation

Baptisms will be celebrated on the third Saturday of the month. Call the Rectory Office to arrange a meeting for more information. **Los bautizos son el tercer sabado del mes. Llame a la oficina para mas informacion.**

Penance

Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Wednesday 7:30 pm

By Appointment anytime at the Rectory.

Marriage

It is required that every couple contact the parish priests to make arrangements for the proper preparations. An appointment must be made **ONE YEAR** before the wedding.

Religious Education Oratory Program

Saturday Classes: 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Communion Calls

The Priests and Eucharistic Ministers will bring Communion to any homebound parishioners. It is the responsibility of the family to contact the Rectory.

Anointing the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing is available for those of advanced age or anyone who is seriously ill. Please contact the parish priests.

Parish Policy

Every Catholic family or individual living within the parish boundaries must be registered. All address changes must be reported to the Rectory. You must be registered for Baptism, Marriage and Religious Education.