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Castle Point Campus

Suggested gifts for the veterans during the Holidays:

- Liquid soap – No bar soap
- Walkman – CD
- Body Wash
- Headphones
- Socks – Ankle/Workman
- Portable CD Players
- Shaving Cream
- CD – Big Band, Country, Salsa
- Calling Cards
- Soft Listening.....
- Razors
- 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's
- Nail care clippers/ Emory Board
- T-Shirts...all sizes
- Shampoo
- Combs
- Flashlights
- Calendars
- Wheelchair Cup Holders
- Sweatshirts ... all sizes
- Front zipper sweatshirts .. all sizes
- Sweatpants ... all sizes
- Flannel shirts ... all sizes
- Deodorant spray
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Efferdent

Holiday Window Cling Decorations
Hanging Ceiling Holiday Decorations

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November 2021

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sacred Heart Church

Rev. Carl D. Johnson, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Happiness

As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve Him, and so come to the happiness of paradise" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1720). The happiness the world offers doesn't last, but the happiness God offers is forever.

Nurture faith

Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education. To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding spiritual reading. (Hint: ask a priest for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.

Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for you is unique. *"Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way"* (Psalm 37:7).

Prepare for an amazing truth

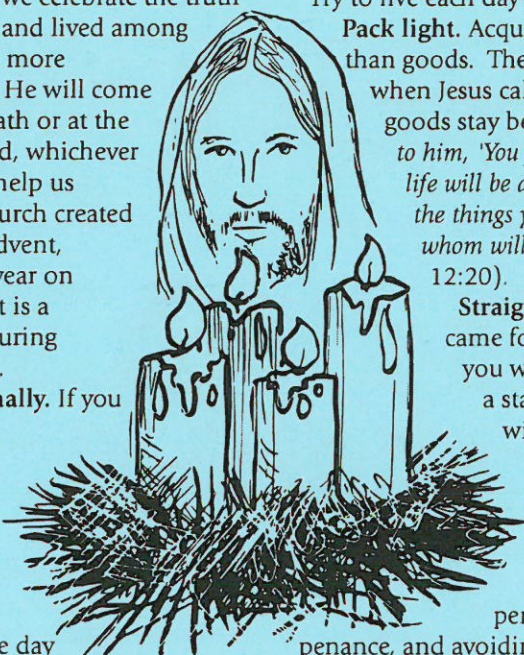
At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

Live intentionally. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior.

Try to live each day that way.

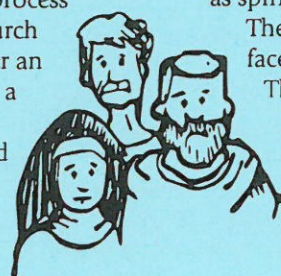
Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. *"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'"* (Luke 12:20).

Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime. The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us



Why do Catholics honor saints?

as spiritual guides to lead us to God. The saints were real people who faced problems similar to our own. They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials, and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.

Thankfulness is good for the health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

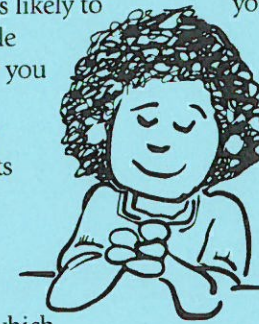
Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which

you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your possessions. Keep only what you need.



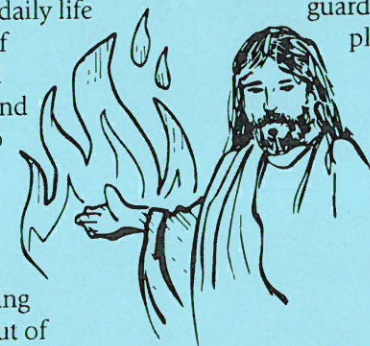
from Scripture

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people living

in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.



Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready

for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

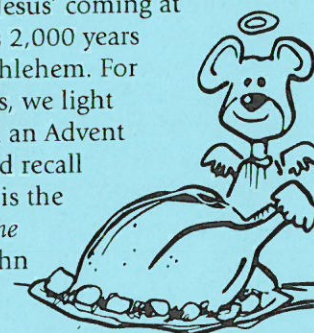
Feasts & Celebrations

November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, she married at the age of 14. Her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent her life caring for the poor.

November 21 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 22 – St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith.

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12).



Q & A Is our belief in Purgatory rooted in the Bible?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish leader Judas Maccabee required his soldiers to offer prayers and sacrifices for dead comrades who died wearing "magic" amulets in service of pagan gods – a serious violation of the covenant. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"*

(Maccabees 12:42). By offering prayers on their behalf after their death, Judas Maccabee demonstrated his faith that the prayers could still benefit the dead.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that won't be forgiven in this life or in the next (Matthew 12:32). We conclude that other sins are forgiven in the next life.

If we die in God's friendship but still have attachment to venial sin, purification will be necessary. It is difficult to see a beautiful landscape through a dirty window. To enjoy the view, the window must be cleaned. Likewise, Purgatory cleans us up so we can enjoy the view, in this case, the beatific vision of God.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 14, 2021

"You are my inheritance, O Lord!"

(Psalm 16)

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we are reminded that one day Jesus will return in glory as the world comes to an earth-shattering conclusion. As frightening as the warnings are in today's readings, they are accompanied by assurances that God remains with us. Always. Indeed, soon we will be reminded that Emmanuel means "God is with us." Jesus – Emmanuel – will return in glory at the end of time. Let us pray in thanksgiving today for God's abiding presence with us here on earth.

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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>November 14</b>        | <b>Thursday</b>                          | <b>November 18</b>                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:00 A.M.       | Rose Adamski Gorman †     | 8:00 A.M.                                | All Souls Novena of Masses †                         |
| 11:00 A.M.       | Reverend Father Richard † | <b>Friday</b>                            | <b>November 19</b>                                   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>November 15</b>        | 8:00 A.M.                                | All Souls Novena of Masses †                         |
| No Mass          |                           | <b>Saturday</b>                          | <b>November 20</b>                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>November 16</b>        | 8:00 A.M.                                | No Mass at Presentation because of 40 Hours Devotion |
| 8:00 A.M.        | Marie Adolphe †           | <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday November 21</b> |                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>November 17</b>        | 5:00 P.M.                                | Glenn Newell †                                       |
| 8:00 A.M.        | Capt. Willy Dempsey†      |                                          |                                                      |

\*\*\*\*\* Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory \*\*\*\*\*

### **COLLECTIONS**

|                                                                       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| First Collection - October 31 <sup>st</sup> /November 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$4,090.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair                                                  | \$1,437.00 |
| Kid's Pantry                                                          | \$ 710.00  |
| First Collection – November 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>          | \$5,705.00 |
| Donation                                                              | \$ 130.00  |

*The second collection this weekend is for Covenant House.*

*As always, your generosity is appreciated most prayerfully.*

### **RENEW AND REBUILD PARISH SUMMARY (10/29/21)**

**Goal \$273,000.00 - Pledge \$256,564.00 - Paid \$151,114.09**

### **\*\*\*\*\* HONORING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY \*\*\*\*\***

On November 11th we celebrated Veterans Day....a day in which we honored our veterans, both living and deceased. In addition, we continue to honor our vets who are residents at Castle Point V.A. Hospital in Wappingers Falls by collection hygiene care and other personal needed items. A list of acceptable items is enclosed in the bulletin and is also available on the bulletin boards. Containers are available at both churches. Thank you in advance for honoring our heroes who have sacrificed so much for us.

We continue to thank and pray for the men and women of our Parish who are on active duty in the Armed Forces: Stephanie Drinka, Joy Palmer, Aidan Lancer, Kevin Rose, Henry Loughlin and Dr. Joshua Quick.

### **THE 20 WEEK CLUB!**

Club Nine Week # 1 winner is Mary Scileppi. **Congratulations Mary!!!** There is a winner of \$50 each week. Your ticket of \$50 gives you 22 chances to win. As of November 8th, there are four numbers available. Elaine Longendyke or Gloria Meschi will be happy to put your name on one or more! **Thanks and good luck!**

## **40 HOURS DEVOTION AT PRESENTATION (Nov. 19-21)**

We are honored that the **Ulster Deanery Respect Life Committee** has asked our parish to revive the venerable devotion of **forty consecutive hours of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at Presentation Church from **Friday, November 19 at 4 p.m. (Solemn Exposition) to Christ the King Sunday, November 21 at 9 a.m. (Solemn Benediction)**. The theme will be to support the *Dobbs* challenge at the U.S. Supreme Court by the State of Mississippi to the wicked *Roe v. Wade* ruling (1973) that imposed legal abortion across America. Oral argument before the Justices shall begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>. ***Your sacrifice of one hour of your time in prayer and adoration before the Lord would be most appreciated in Heaven and on Earth!***

So that we can have **at least** two adorers per hour, kindly register via the sign-in sheets at Presentation or Sacred Heart Churches. ***The more, the better!*** For more information, contact Lorraine Cranston (P.B.V.M.) at 845/331-3911, Barbara Venditti (S.Ht.) at 845/331-2163, Cecilia Olivares (S.Ht.) at 954/993-5583, or Fr. Arthur Rojas at 845/331-0053 or [presentationsacredheart@presentationsacredheart.org](mailto:presentationsacredheart@presentationsacredheart.org)

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### **PRO LIFE UPDATE**

The Ulster Deanery Respect Life Committee will place its Annual Respect Life Signature Ad in the Kingston Sunday Freeman on January 16, 2022. This will remind our community that over the past 49 years more than 62 million babies have lost their lives through legalized abortions. We need to make this a successful witness for life.

It is more important that ever to keep the tragedy of abortion before the public and let our community know that hundreds of pro-life advocates stand with those who join the *March for Life* in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 21, 2022.

This year, the names will be collected on the weekends of November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. A donation of \$2.00 for each line is requested in order to offset the cost of the ad. Please sign your name and **'be a witness for life'**.

The Ulster Deanery Respect Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church, 1017 Keator Avenue, Rosendale NY - 845 658-3117. If anyone needs a ride, please contact the rectory at Presentation Church 331-0053.

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will convene for its next meeting on Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 PM at St. Leo's Hall which is located next to the Rectory. Congratulations to our new Parish Councilors: Dr. John Cranston, James Burke, Esq., Mr. Gary Burke, Mr. James O'Connell.

AS LEAVES FALL OUTSIDE, FLOWERS BLOOM AT OUR CHURCHES

The natural flowers at Sacred Heart for the month of November were donated by a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous, in memory of the deceased members of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Sacred Heart Parish.

We receive with prayerful gratitude not only the generosity of this unnamed parishioner but also the kindness of time and talent of parishioners such as Cecilia Olivares, Maria Silva and Arlene Post who have undertaken in recent months to bring more life and warmth to the sanctuaries of both churches by arranging real flowers donated to our parish by kind-hearted parishioners and other persons. Also, we recall with thanks the dedication for years of Carlotta Riker with the artificial flowers previously arranged at Presentation Church.

If you wish to donate real flowers to either or both churches, kindly contact Father Rojas. If you are donating flowers or funds toward them with an intention in mind, then we may acknowledge that intention either in the announcements before Sunday Mass or in the bulletin as determined by Father Rojas. Thanks again for your present and future cooperation.





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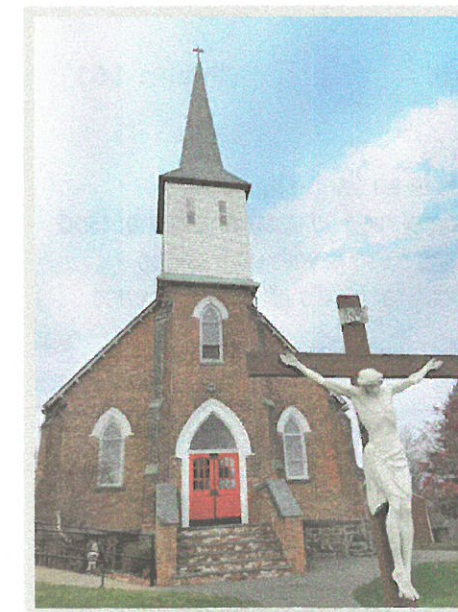


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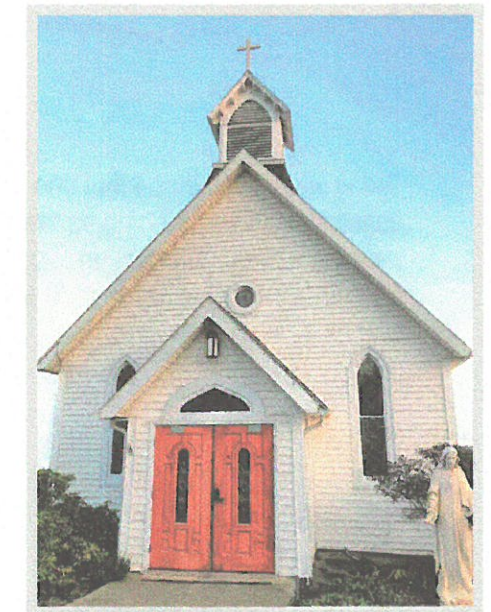
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Tuesday, Wednesday,
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Presentation
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