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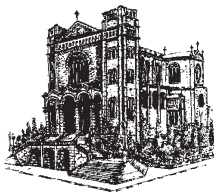


Monthly Messenger

Seek God's PEACE

Remembering September 11th





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MASSES:

Saturday – (Lower Church), 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m., (English) & 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday (Lower Church) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 11:45 a.m. (Chinese) 2:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)
Sunday – (Upper Church - Spanish) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Weekdays – 8:45 a.m., 12:10 P.M., 7:00 p.m. Tues, Wed, Thurs (Spanish)
Holy Days – (Eve of) 6:15 p.m. (English); 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)
8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are administered in Spanish on the 3rd Saturday of the month and in English on the 4th Saturday of the Month. To register for the required classes and interview, come to the Rectory office.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m., 12:45 P.M. & 6:45 p.m.
Saturday – 12:45 p.m. & 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

MARRIAGES:

Please make reservations at least 8 MONTHS in advance and before engaging your reception hall. Only parishioners who live within the parish boundaries may be married at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

In any danger of death or serious illness, please call the rectory promptly.
Phone 718-492-9200.

DEVOTIONS:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:

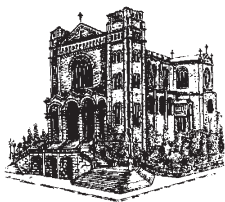
Wednesday – after 8:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses.
Spanish Novena & Mass 6:45 p.m. (Lower Church)

First Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 12:10 P.M. Mass until 7:00 P.M. Healing Mass -- 7:30 p.m. on First Friday

First Saturday: The Fatima Rosary is recited 12:45 p.m.

RECTORY HOURS:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The office will close on Legal Holidays at 2:00 p.m. **Urgent sick calls any hour.**



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MISAS:

Sábado - (Iglesia de Abajo) 8:45 a.m. & 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m. (en Ingles), & 7:00 p.m. (en Español)
Domingo - (Iglesia de Abajo) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:45 (Chínesa), 2:00 p.m. (Vietnamita)
Domingo - (Iglesia de Arriba en Español) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Durante la Semana - 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Martes, Miercoles & Jueves (en Español)
Días de Guardar - (Vísperas) 6:15, 7:30 p.m. (en Español)
Día de La Fiesta - 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Español)

SACRAMENTOS:

BAUTISMO:

Los Bautizos serán en Español el 3er Sábado de cada mes, y en Ingles el 4to Sábado de cada mes.
Para las clases y entrevista requisitas favor de registrarse en la Oficina de la Rectoría.

RECONCILIACION (CONFESIONES):

Miércoles - 9:30 a.m., 12:45 & 6:45 p.m.
Sábado - 12:45 p.m. & 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

MATRIMONIO:

Favor de hacer reservaciones en la Iglesia, por los menos OCHO MESES de antemano, antes de alquilar el salón de recepción.

SACRAMENTO DE LOS ENFERMOS:

En caso de emergencia, llamen 492-9200 a cualquier hora.

DEVOCIONES:

Novena a la Virgen del Perpetuo Socorro:

Miércoles - Después de la misa de las 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
Misa y Devoción en Español a las 6:45 p.m. (Iglesia de Abajo)

Primer Viernes: Exposición del Santísimo después de la misa de las 12:10 hasta las 7:00 p.m. Misa de Curación - 7:30 p.m. (Iglesia de Abajo).

Primer Sábado: El Rosario en honor a la Virgen de Fátima se reza a las 12:45 p.m.

HORAS DE OFICINA:

Lunes a Sabado 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Domingo: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
La oficina va a estar cerrada los días feriados a las 2:00 p.m.



From the Pastor's Desk

September – October, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLPH,

Greetings and Blessings on this brisk autumn day!
Here's an autumn poem to delight you:

Fall, leaves, fall by Emily Bronte

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

There is sort of a contradiction in our experience of fall: as Emily Brontë writes, the leaves fall, the flowers die away, the night lengthens, snow will replace the rose – all signs of nature's annual "dying." Yet after the summer vacation our parish comes to life during these autumn months.

This year the parish has renovated what used to be the Science Building of the High School, which over the past several years has been the Metropolitan Learning Center. This will now be the *Faith Formation Center "St. Clement Hofbauer, C.Ss.R."* The Religious Education classes will take place there, along with RCIA in English, Spanish and Chinese. Baptism classes for parents and godparents, Pastoral Council and Hispanic Council meetings, and much more will be happening in this Center. Please continue to pray for our parish community as we serve the People of God in OLPH.

Pope Francis has convoked the *Synod – 2021 to 2023: Communion, Participation, Mission*. The Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome two years from now. In the meantime the faithful of the church around the world, in parishes and dioceses, are invited to gather and to reflect on our experience as the People of God *walking together* to bring Jesus' mission to our world today. Pray with the whole church that the Holy Spirit guide the church as we celebrate the Synod – 2021 – 2023.

Flu season is here, and COVID is far from over. May we courageously and prudently get vaccinated for our own health and that of those around us. May Mary, our Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us and our families.

Your brother in Christ the Redeemer,

Fr. James Gilmour, C.S.R.

Pastor



Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Septiembre y Octubre del 2021

Amados Parroquianos y Amigos de N. S. del Perpetuo Socorro,

¡Saludos y bendiciones en este día otoñal fresco y soleado! Un poema otoñal para deleitarnos:

“El Otoño se acerca” por Ángel González

El otoño se acerca con muy poco ruido:
apagadas cigarras, unos grillos apenas,
defienden el reducto
de un verano obstinado en perpetuarse,
cuya suntuosa cola aún brilla hacia el oeste.

Se diría que aquí no pasa nada,
pero un silencio súbito ilumina el prodigio:
ha pasado
un ángel
que se llamaba luz, o fuego, o vida.

Y lo perdimos para siempre.

Hay una cierta contradicción en nuestra experiencia de otoño, estación que señala “el morir anual” de la naturaleza: Las hojas cambian de color y caen, las noches se alargan, la nieve caerá donde

florecieron las rosas. Sin embargo, después de las vacaciones de verano nuestra parroquia vuelve a la vida durante los meses de otoño.

Este año la parroquia ha renovado lo que antes era el Edificio de Ciencias de la Secundaria de NSPS, últimamente Metropolitan Learning Center. Ahora será *el Centro de Formación en la Fe “San Clemente Hofbauer, C.Ss.R.”* Las clases de Educación Religiosa se realizarán allí, como también RICA en español, inglés y chino. Las clases de padres y padrinos para el bautismo, reuniones del Consejo Pastoral y del Consejo Hispano, entre otros, también. Recen por nuestra comunidad parroquial para que podamos servir al Pueblo de Dios en N.S.P.S.

El Papa Francisco ha convocado a la Iglesia al *Sínodo – 2021-2023: Comunión, Participación, Misión*. El Sínodo de Obispos se realizará en Roma dentro de dos años. Mientras tanto los fieles en las parroquias y diócesis alrededor del mundo se reunirán para reflexionar sobre nuestra experiencia como Pueblo de Dios *caminando juntos* para llevar adelante la misión de Jesús en nuestro mundo de hoy. Oren por la iglesia para que el Espíritu Santo guíe la iglesia al celebrar el Sínodo – 2021-2023.

Estamos en la temporada de influenza y gripe, y todavía corre por ahí el COVID. Con valentía y prudencia vamos a vacunarnos para nuestra salud propia y la de las personas en nuestro alrededor. Que María, nuestra Madre del Perpetuo Socorro, ruegue por nosotros y por nuestros familiares.

Su hermano en Cristo Redentor,
Padre Santiago Gilmour, C.Ss.R.

Párroco



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DAY OF PRAYER



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

One of the most moving days that I have ever had in my forty-six years of priesthood was as a chaplain at Ground Zero. The Archdiocese of New York arranged to have priests present every day for many months at Ground Zero as the recovery of the victims was being done by so many countless volunteers. Like so many other people throughout the world, I wanted to do something that might help others cope with the suffering of this great

tragedy. So, I found myself going to a large hotel in New York to be briefed by firefighters on what to expect at the site of the terror attacks. We were instructed on how to use a gas mask. Then, we were driven to downtown Manhattan to be present to the recovery workers who faced such an overwhelmingly sad task: the recovery of the broken bodies of almost 3000 victims. As we passed 12th Street, there was a group of people who stood on the corner and cheered in support for those going in and out of Ground Zero. This simple act of clapping was their way of offering support to those involved in the recovery efforts.

I was taken to a temporary morgue and my day began. Throughout the day, the covered remains of victims were brought to this room by the rescue workers. I was so very impressed with the deep reverence that the people had as they brought the dead to the morgue. Even though some had been doing this work for days and weeks, they always showed great respect for the broken bodies that they had found.

One of the firefighters would then say, "Hats off!" And then he would turn to me and say "Father." I would lead the group of recovery workers in prayer over the remains. I did this for eight

hours, probably more than a hundred times. I have often thought about those prayers. What was the purpose of them? I surely was praying for eternal life for those for whom some part of their remains had been found. They could never have imagined that as they awoke that day that it would be their last day on earth. I was conscious of the families of the victims. They were in great pain at the violent loss of loved ones. I remembered them in prayer. However, I think the prayer was very much for the rescue workers. It was my hope that the prayer would bring them comfort and strength in their grim task. I sought to remind them they were doing something very sacred: comforting the sorrowing and burying the dead, both corporal works of mercy. I suppose the prayer was also to give me comfort in ministry at a place that had faced hate with a great response of love.

On a dusty wall at Ground Zero, I noticed that someone had written with their fingers: In God we trust. I found God so very present that day in the loving care that was provided for the deceased of the Twin Towers. God is good.

Father Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R.



SACRED STUFF

On the final night of every parish mission that Fr. Pat Woods and myself have conducted, we offer a blessing of all religious articles. We ask the people not only to bring their sacramentals like rosaries, crucifixes, medals, and holy pictures for a blessing but also to bring any keepsakes, heirlooms or ornaments that are precious and special to themselves or their family. We believed that not only were sacramental objects holy but also sentimental objects were holy as well. In the prologue of St. John's gospel we read, "Through him all things were made and apart from him nothing came to be." So the imprints, the fingerprints of God smear not only human beings but all of creation - every piece of his creation.

So the people come to the final service armed with family portraits, keepsakes, even a Christmas ornament or two. One man brought a baseball cap to be blessed. He considered it holy and special because his son wore it while he was going through chemo therapy for brain cancer. The folks held up all sorts of cherished items and we traveled down the aisle sprinkling them with holy water. We blessed the sacred sacramentals along with the many secular sacramentals.

All of us possess items and objects that have a sentimental value to us – a ring, a memorial card, a photo, a rose petal, a knickknack. Many items or objects on display in our rooms, in our home or stored in a treasure chest or in a trunk hidden in the attic are relational, we cherish them and hold on to them because they connect us to a special time or place or person in our life. Each is precious and priceless because they connect us to someone or something we love. To anyone else it is just a ring, a figurine, a piece of clothing, a greeting card, a faded piece of yellow stationery with words scribbled on it. But to us it's a memory, a symbol of an important time in our history, a reminder of someone we love, of someone who loves us.

People tease me about all the odds and ends in my room and office. There are pictures on the walls, dozens of tiny framed photos on my bookcase shelves. "Look at all that junk – all that clutter – all that stuff!" they say. Yet to me it is not junk, not stuff. Every tiny framed photo, every figurine, every sun catcher on the window came to me as a gift. They are living reminders of the people who gifted me. I place them here or there to remind me of people I love. Each item, each object is special; each souvenir speaks of love. In displaying them I am symbolically finding a place in my life for the ones who gave them. They are "viva memoria" - living memories. When I look at them, I see the gift giver. They are not sacramentals as such. Still they are holy objects – secular, ordinary sacramentals - sacred stuff.

There is a famous hymn entitled Holy Ground with the words "This is Holy Ground. We're standing on Holy Ground. For the Lord is present and where he is holy." These words are reminiscent of the story of Moses coming upon

the burning bush in the Bible. He looks at the bush on fire yet not being consumed and he hears the words, “Come no closer. Take off your sandals for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

We all look on special places as holy – the Holy Land, the Vatican, Lourdes, the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, Ground Zero in Manhattan. I believe that holy ground is just about everywhere. This earth, every part of it is holy because it was created by God and because Jesus once walked upon it. So Holy Ground is all over the place.

The womb of Mary of Nazareth was holy – the very place where the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Christ, Divinity itself lived in for 9 months; where God was nurtured, grew and became the human Jesus. Her womb was the very place where the Word of God became flesh and became one of us. And because God became one of us in Jesus – because he walked this earth, breathed our air, ate our food, sweated under our sun and slept beneath our stars – all the earth became forever holy. Every bit of creation – plants, animals, rocks, rivers, valleys, mountains and hills and PEOPLE especially are holy. We live and move about on Holy Ground. God's fingerprints are all over the place.

Any person, place, thing or object that connects us to God is holy. Any item that connects us to people we love is also holy. You see a picture of an elderly couple on my desk. I see my mother and father and feel again their love for me. You see a large framed print of Ebbets Field on my wall. I don't see a lithograph of a ball park. I see my deceased classmate, lifelong friend and Redemptorist confrere who gave it to me on a past birthday with the words, “Happy birthday to the guy who took me to my first Dodger game.” You see an enlarged photo of a sea gull about to land on a sandy beach. I see a dear friend who died suddenly while sitting on a beach chair at South Sunken Meadow beach in Cape Cod. Cape Cod Bay was the last thing he saw here on earth before he gazed on the face of God.

When people drop into my office at Christmas time they “Ooh and Ahh” at my display of over 75 Santa Clauses on the table by the door. Each Santa, each St. Nick came to me as a gift from friends through the years. You see red and white figurines, some tall, some chubby, some traditional, some humorous, some fancy statues and statuettes but I see all the faces of the friends who gifted them to me.

I am not a junk collector nor a squirrel or a pack rat who cannot throw anything out. I am surrounded on all sides – to the left and right – front and back - with secular sacramentals, holy heirlooms, symbols and reminders of love.

There is a story or a memory behind every item in my room or on my walls. I can tell you who gifted me with each item and when I received

them. I don't see a rubberized statuette of 4 Irish leprechauns hugging each other on top of my CD player. I see my 4 uncles in Ireland who formed a singing group to play in the local pub in Drumkeerin. They called themselves "The Lough Allens."

There's the tiny lighthouse, the stuffed bear and columns of framed photos on the shelves of my bookcases. I see the people they represent. I don't go out to shop for meaningless mementoes to enshrine on my window sills. I find a home somewhere in my life for the tiny trinkets of memories. It is not just a cigar box decorated in white wrapping paper that rests behind me. It is a box labeled Saints for All Occasions that contain memorial and prayer cards of the folks I knew and loved who are now not only in glory but also right here in my life.

My office has often been mistaken for a gift shop. People often ask me, "How are you going to move all this stuff if you got transferred?" Either it all comes with me or I will gift each item to others as they were gifted to me. It is not just stuff. It is sacred stuff. Religious reminders to me each day that I have been blessed and loved by many people through the years. Many have passed on to God but before they died they littered my life with memories. They are with God, yes, but they are also on my walls, on my window sill, on my desk, over on the table by the door and most of all, they live in my memory and in my heart.

There is a gift shop in our retreat house that is packed with all kinds of sacramentals, holy objects, placards and books. I guess you could call my place a gift shop too. It is packed with secular sacramentals that are just as holy. They are not for sale but if you stop in to visit and see something you like, then help yourself. Every gift we receive is meant to be given away, so be my guest. What you see might look worthless to you but as far as for me, they are all precious, priceless, holy objects, secular sacramentals. It is all love disguised.

I'm sure you have a treasure chest of sentimental reminders in your life. They contain memories to be cherished. They do not mean much to anyone else, but you know they are irreplaceable – beyond price. Hang on to them. Look at them often. Hold them in your hands and remember. Let each cherished memory that comes in the disguise of a wedding picture, an engagement ring, a flannel shirt, a first communion picture, an old prayer book or a faded greeting card remind you of how you were blessed and loved.

St. Paul tells us, "All things were created through him and for him." (Col.1:16) In him everything continues in being. From the beginning of creation and especially through the Incarnation of Jesus, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in every part of the natural world. So cherish your sacred stuff. Take off your shoes. You are standing on Holy Ground and are holding the holy as well.

Fr. John Mc Gowan, C.Ss.R



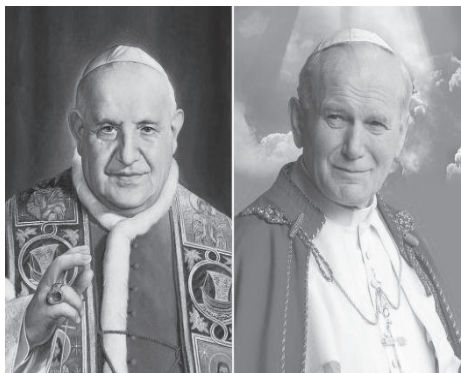
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels September 29

The name Michael signifies “Who is like to God,” and was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in Heaven against Satan and his followers. St. Michael the Archangel, whose feast is observed September 29th, is one of the three principal angels venerated by the Church – Michael, Gabriel, Raphael. Holy Scripture describes him as “one of the chief princes,” and as leader of the forces of Heaven in their triumph over the powers of Hell. He has been especially honored and invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called “the Archangel,” the Greek Fathers as well as many theologians place him over all the angels, making him the Prince of the Seraphim.

On this same day, September 29th, the Church honors not only St. Michael the Archangel, but St. Gabriel. When the fullness of time had come, Gabriel was sent as a messenger for the Most High God. It was to the Temple of Jerusalem while Zachary stood at the altar of incense, to tell him that his wife Elizabeth would bring forth a son, who was to be called John, and who would prepare the way of the Lord. Six months later the great Archangel again appeared. He bore the greatest message that God ever sent to earth. Standing before the Blessed Virgin Mary, this great Archangel of God trembled with reverence as he offered her the unspeakable honor of becoming the Mother of the Eternal Word. Upon her consent, “The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.”

Gabriel rightly bears the beautiful name, “the strength of God.” In each work that manifests the power and glory of the Eternal, Gabriel is employed as messenger. He foretold the advent of the Savior and the time of His coming; he announced the birth of His Precursor, and was present at the solemn moment when the Word was made Flesh.

St. Raphael first appeared in Holy Scripture in the Book of Tobias, when he called himself “Azarias” and in human form became the traveling companion of the younger Tobias on his journey to the country of the Medes, east of Ninive. When they returned, the Angel made himself known to the younger Tobias and his parents: “I am the Angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the throne of God.” Holy Scripture gives the names of only three of the seven archangels: Michael, Gabriel, (*the Power of God*) and Raphael (*God hath healed*).



New Feast Days

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — From the moment Pope Francis said, "We declare and define Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II to be saints" and "they are to be venerated as such by the whole church," their October feast days automatically could be celebrated at Masses around the world.

Beginning October 2014, Pope St. John XXIII's feast day is October 11, to coincide with the date he convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

Pope St. John Paul II's feast day is October 22 to coincide with the date of the inauguration of his pontificate in 1978.

The following are two prayers that can be recited in honor of the two Saints. There is no official translation

Prayer to St. John Paul II

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

Prayer to St. John XXIII

Dear Pope John,

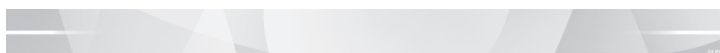
Your simplicity and meekness carried the scent of God and sparked in people's hearts the desire for goodness. You spoke often of the beauty of the family gathered around the table to share bread and faith: pray for us that once again true families would live in our homes.

With outstretched hands you sowed hope, and you taught us to listen for God's footsteps as he prepares a new humanity: help us have a healthy optimism of defeating evil with good.

You loved the world with its light and darkness, and you believed that peace is possible: help us be instruments of peace at home and in our communities.

With paternal gentleness you gave all children a caress: you moved the world and reminded us that hands have been given to us not for striking, but for embracing and drying tears.

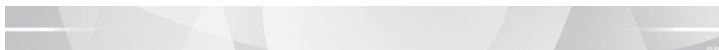
Pray for us so that we do not limit ourselves to cursing the darkness but that we bring the light, bringing Jesus everywhere and always praying to Mary. Amen.



Blessed Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R. **Feast Day – October 5**

In beatifying Francis Xavier Seelos, the Church once more teaches us that the Christian life is not meant to be lived as a heavy burden, in sadness or in a dark asceticism. The life of Father Seelos itself shows us that holiness is a journey of faith to be undertaken with enthusiasm and serenity. This is so because Christians live in the certainty that Jesus Christ, through his Paschal Mystery, has already redeemed humanity and all of human history.

Perhaps Francis Seelos's heroic virtue gives its greatest witness not only in his pastoral zeal and union with the Lord, but also in the pleasant disposition and cheerful attitude with which he undertook all his pastoral duties. Such an approach to ministry may have a special appeal today with the high burnout rate among clergy and the increasing demands of pastoral ministry in the face of fewer pastoral agents. Moreover, such a pleasant outlook on the life that God gives us may be especially appealing to anyone who feels the stress of today's fast-paced lifestyle, whether as a homemaker, parent, student, corporate executive, or combinations thereof!



St. Gerard Majella, C.Ss.R. **Feast Day – October 16th**

There may be a deeper reason yet why, two centuries after his passing, St. Gerard is invoked in so many quarters. It has been observed that in the long history of the Church, when a particular vice becomes widespread, God brings into the spotlight some saint to contradict it by the spectacular practice of the opposite virtue. Today it could well be that God trains His spotlight on St. Gerard Majella to contradict an age that has lost trust in God's providence. For one of today's most vicious and concerted attacks is that which seeks to set at naught the eternal law of marriage and family.

The whole life of St. Gerard Majella is a crying challenge to this brash campaign of Contraception, its scornful pity of large families, its stylish leaflets so slick with well-bred reasons for avoiding the burden of another child. Trust in God's Providence was St. Gerard's dominant virtue. His favorite expression, God will provide, hurls a ringing contradiction to all the smug arguments for birth control.

Thousands, from every walk of life, have laid their problems before this humble lay-brother and through his intercession have received relief and grace. Your problem may not be his next miracle, but he will not fail you. He is the patron of mothers, brothers and all others.

52nd International Eucharistic Congress In Budapest, Hungary September 2021

Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco invited the whole Church to reflect on the theme of the International Eucharistic Congress: “All my springs are in You” during the homily at the opening Mass for the occasion. He noted that the Eucharist “goes beyond all loneliness, all distance and all indifference.” Pope Francis celebrated the closing Mass of the Congress on September 12.

In his homily the Holy Father quoted from St. Mark’s Gospel (Mark 8:29) when Jesus asked his disciples at Caesarea, Philippi “Who do you say that I am?” The Pontiff marked it as a turning point for the disciples in following their Master. Though the disciples knew Jesus, and they were very close to him, still they were thinking otherwise. Their decisive step was still missing. The step that leads from admiring Jesus to following Jesus.” – said the Head of the Catholic Church adding: “Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: “Who am I – in fact – for you? Pope Francis points out that this question does not expect a definite answer out of the catechism, rather it expects a personal response that can be given through our life, and that renews us as disciples. He outlined the three steps that we all, the people of our day, can take similar to the disciples: Proclaiming Jesus, discerning with Jesus, and following Jesus.

1. Proclaiming Jesus

Peter answered Jesus’ question: “You are the Messiah.” Surprisingly Jesus “charged them not to tell anyone about this.” But why this strict prohibition? As to the Holy Father, there was a good reason for that: if we call Jesus Christ the Messiah, it is correct, however incomplete. “There is always the risk of proclaiming a false Messiah, one of human origin, and not from God.” – said the Pontiff and added: From that moment on, Jesus gradually reveals his real “paschal” identity that we can discover in the Eucharist. He explains that the summit of his mission is the glory of the resurrection, but only after the abasement of the crucifixion. In other words, it would be revealed in the wisdom of God, which, as St. Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians “it is not of this age or of the rulers of this age.” The Holy Father emphasized that Jesus demanded silence as to his identity as the Messiah, but did not do it as for the cross that was awaiting him. In fact, - as the evangelist notes – Jesus began to teach

“openly” that “the Son of man must suffer a lot that the elders, the chief priests and the scribes would reject him, and the Son of man would be killed, and rise again after three days.” – said the Pontiff in his homily.

Pope Francis outlined that these shocking words of Jesus bewildered the people. “We would like to have a powerful Messiah instead of a crucified servant. The Eucharist is here to remind us who God is.” – he stated, adding that he does not make these reminders with pure words, but “in a concrete way, showing us God as a broken bread, a love that was crucified and bestowed. He also underlined that God always remains there “in the simplicity of the bread, ready to be broken, distributed and eaten, as a gifted love. Christ became a servant to save us. He died for us to give us life.”

2. Discerning with Jesus

At the beginning of his homily Pope Francis led us to the second step by showing Peter’s reaction to Jesus’ question. It was a typically human reaction: as soon as the cross, the prospect of pain appears, the man rebels. Peter is scandalized by his Master’s words and tries to dissuade him from following this path. “The Cross has never been fashionable, neither in the past, nor nowadays. At the same time it brings an inner healing.” – outlined the Holy Father expressing that: “standing before the Crucifixion, a fruitful interior struggle is experienced, resulting in a conflict between ‘thinking as God does’ and ‘thinking as humans do’. As for the differences between the two, Pope Francis explains it as on the one hand we have God’s way of thinking, which is the humble love. “God’s way is very far from any kind of pressure, ostentation and triumphalism. God’s way always aims to look for the good of others, even at the point of self-sacrifice. While on the other hand there is our human way of thinking, the logic of the material world that is attached to honor and privileges, and is grasping for prestige and success. Here it matters a lot who has power, what attracts the most attention of people and who can get more benefits.”

“As it happened to Peter, it can also happen to us that we take aside the Lord into a corner of our heart, while continuing to think of ourselves as a religious and respectable person. We are going further on our own way without letting ourselves be affected by Jesus’ logic.” said the Pontiff, saying that for him Jesus remains at our side in this inner struggle of ours, since “he wants us, like the Apostles, to

take His side.” He also outlined that the difference is not between who is religious and who is not, but rather in the ultimate difference between the true God and the God of ‘self’.” How far the God is, quietly reigning on the cross, from the false god, whom we want to reign with power in order to silence our enemies! How different Christ is, presenting himself with love alone, from all the powerful and winning messiahs worshipped by the world. Jesus expects us to purify our religiosity before his cross, before the Eucharist. Pope Francis called attention to the importance of the Eucharistic Adoration. “Let us make time for Adoration, let us allow Jesus, the Living Bread to heal us from our closeness, to open us up for sharing, to liberate us from our own rigidity and self-concern, and from the paralyzing slavery of defending our own image, and to inspire us to follow him wherever he wants us to be.”

3. Walking behind Jesus

“Get behind me, Satan” – commands Jesus, as he admonishes Peter – quoted the Holy Father, adding that besides the Lord’s commands there is He, the Lord himself helping Peter with his grace to fulfill his request. Peter accepts the grace and takes a step back – reminded the Pontiff and outlined that the Christian journey begins with a stepping back, enabling us to find freedom by not needing to be at the center of everything. He recalled that Peter realized that the center is not his Jesus, but the real Jesus. “Though he keeps falling sometimes, but in passing from forgiveness to forgiveness, he comes to see more and more clearly the face of God, thereby passing from an empty admiration for Christ to an authentic imitation of Christ.” – explains the Holy father of the first Pope’s spiritual development.

Going behind Jesus means that we go ahead on our life path with Jesus’ own trust, knowing that we are beloved children of God and we are passing in the footsteps of the Master, who came to serve and not to be served – emphasized Pope Francis. Following the footsteps of Jesus means that each day we step to encounter our brothers and sisters. The Eucharist insists that we do so, to realize that we are one Body that is broken for the sake of others.” Referring the Holy Father to the Holy Sacrament, invited the faithful to let themselves be transformed by Jesus through the Eucharist, to let themselves be changed by this meeting as it has transformed the great and courageous Saints. He recalled here in particular Saint Stephen and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. He asked the faithful never be satisfied

with the little: “never resign ourselves to a faith based only on ritual and repletion, but be far more open to the scandalous newness of the crucified and risen God, who gave his life to the world as broken bread. In this way, we will live a joyful life, and bring joy to others.” – promised the Archbishop of Rome.

Concluding his homily, Pope Francis also invited the people to take this International Eucharistic Congress as a starting point, the beginning of a journey in the footsteps of Jesus, to always look ahead, to welcome God’s grace to transform us, and to ask ourselves each day the Lord’s question: Who do you say that I am? - concluded his homily Pope Francis.



September • Initiative

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3rd Grade	Joshua Munguia	8th Grade	Jennifer Seweryn

MARRIAGES

July 28

Qiaoling Zheng & Yanping Chen

July 31

Juan A Guzman-Rodriguez & Arcadia Campos-Guzman

August 14

Daniel Salustio Esteban & Alma Delia Garcia-Liberato

Valentin Santos-Garcia & Rocio Nexticapan-Rosas

September 4

Mauro Mendieta-Ahuactzin & Irene Mendieta-Escobar

September 8

Liang Zhou & Tingting Wu

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Maria Ferrer	September 9	Hector Vera	October 8
William Wade	September 13	Nazaria Kennedy	October 15
		Martina Machada	October 20

BAPTISMS

July 17

John Eli Meza, Naomi Danae Roldan,
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July 31

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August 15

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Oliver Benjamin Aguilar, Mikayla Karly Huanga-Cajamarca,
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September 18

Amaya Selene Martinez-Tobon, Sara Victoria Olivares-Orea,
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Mia Patricio-Lopez, Jefferson Andres Sajar-Yac,
Walter Michael Sajar-Yac, Dayami Yatzil Villafuerte-Aguilar

September 25

Jasmine Elise Guillen, Zayn Alexander Lopez,
Logan Benjamin Naupazi, Eloy Jesus Rosas, Jr.



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Wednesday, September 1

8:45 Purgatorian Society

12:10 +Thomas, Julia, AnnMarie,
Kevin Costello and
Rev. John Costello, C.Ss.R

7:00 (SP)

Thursday, September 2

8:45 Purgatorian Society

12:10

7:00 (SP) +Sipriano de los Santos
Cano

Friday, September 3

8:45 Antoinette Calio special
intention

Purgatorian Society

12:10 Thanksgiving to God for
blessings received

Saturday, September 4

8:45 +Brian Skelly
Purgatorian Society

12:10 ++Jeremiah Daly (birthday)

5:00 +Anna Curreri

7:00 (SP) Acción de Gracias al
Divino Niño
+Casia Medina Vargas
+Jose Aurelio y Santos
+Ulises D. Castro

Sunday, September 5

8:00 For the People of the Parish

8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio

10:00 +Caroline Lew

10:00 (SP) Acción de Gracias a Dios
y a las Almas benditas
Acción de Gracias al Divino
Niño

Acción de Gracias a la Divina
Misericordia

+María Brigiga Vargas

Por el cumpleaños de Marianita
Romero

Por la Salud de Paulina y
Bartola Costanedo

Anastacio & Ramona Perez

+Mauricio Tepizila Santos

12:30 (SP) En acción de gracias al
Santísimo Sacramento por los
favores recibidas

2:00 (V) +Giuse Tran Tri Tin
+Teresa Trinh Thi Tuyent
Lgt Tri Chink Xiv special
intention

+Vicent Ngan Dang Tran

+Joseph Nguyen Van Song

Special Intention Xin le Family
Special Intention Chi Hao

+Gerald N. Schiraldi

Monday, September 6

8:45 +Michael & +Mary Lynch
Purgatorian Society

12:10 +Dorothy Morosi & Family

Tuesday, September 7

- 8:45 Mary Sammon
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Richard Shaughnessy,
+Eugene Maguire, +Tom
Gillian
- 7:00 (SP) +Maria CamposMerino

Wednesday, September 8

- 8:45 +John Ward, Sr.
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 Antoinette Calio special
intention
- 7:00 (SP) +Mirtelina Garcia

Thursday, September 9

- 8:45 +Judith Thomson
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Richard Patrick Shaughnessy
(1st anniversary)
Kelly Healy birthday
- 7:00 (SP) Veronica Smith -
cumpleaños

Friday, September 10

- 8:45 +Matthew Vega
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Cecilia Fezza

Saturday, September 11

- 8:45 Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Anna and +Michael Scully
- 5:00 +Desi Kelly
- 7:00 (SP) +Néstor Meza
En Acción de gracias al
Divino Nino Jesús
+Graciela Lanzo

Sunday, September 12

- 8:00 +Gloria Butler (birthday)
- 8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
Por la salud de Christopher
Policanpo Guttierrez

- 10:00 +Jose Miguel Reyes Adorno
- 10:00 (SP) +Normando Valerio
Por la salud de Esmeralda y
Santiago Torrez-Rivera
- 12:30 (SP) Por su cumpleaños 3 Bebe
David Alvarado
- 2:00 (V) +Giuse Vo An Khuong
+Phero Nguyen Van Loi
+Giuse Va Maria
+Vicent Tran Van Quang
+Giuse Tran Tri Tin
+Daminh Pham Van Tho
+Phero & Ong ba cha Me

Monday, September 13

- 8:45 For the People of the Parish
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 Special Intention of Josephine
Johns

Tuesday, September 14

- 8:45 +Kathleen Kenny Tobin
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Anthony Mitchell
- 7:00 (SP) +Aracely Aviles Hidalgo

Wednesday, September 15

- 8:45 +Salvatore T. Calio
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +James & Nora Collins
- 7:00 (SP) +Gerardo Antonio
Fernandez

Thursday, September 16

- 8:45 Arthur R. Whatt, C.Ss.R.
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +John Albert Hernandez
- 7:00 (SP) +Sipriano de los Santos
Cano

Friday, September 17

- 8:45 Special Intention of
Antoinette Calio
Purgatorian Society

12:10 Emmanuel Fuentes
Dawn Fuentes

Saturday, September 18

8:45 Anton Hemm
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Thanksgiving to God for
blessings received
5:00 +Anthony G. Serullo
7:00 (SP)

Sunday, September 19

8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 +Santo Niño Group
10:00 (SP) +Por el cumpleaños de
Elia Tlaxcaltitla
12:30 (SP) Accion de gracias a la
Virgen de la Altagracia
+Geraldo N. Schiraldi
2:00 (V) +Geraldo N. Schiraldi
+Giuse Tran Tri Tin
+John Nguyen

Monday, September 20

8:45 +Maura & Antonio Pelayo
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Gerald Bagnall

Tuesday, September 21

8:45 +Gerardo N. Schiraldi
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Eugene Reilly
7:00 (SP) Pro-Vida
+Ricardo Angel Hernandez
Cortes

Wednesday, September 22

8:45 +Joseph DePinto
Purgatorian Society

12:10 +Edward & +Philip
McGarrity
7:00 (SP) +Jose Ramon Antigua

Thursday, September 23

8:45 +Guy Renzi
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Deceased members of the
Harnett Family & Lavelle
Family
7:00 (SP) +Sipriano de los Sanos
Cano

Friday, September 24

8:45 +William O'Connell
Purgatorian Society
12:10 James Maddalena

Saturday, September 25

8:45 Por los Almos Benditas
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Thanksgiving to OLP
5:00 +Bella Proscia Anniversary
7:00 (SP) +Pedro Antonio Rincón
Acción de gracias al Señor de
la Misericordia

Sunday, September 26

8:00 +Joan O-Dea
For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por Las Almas Benditas
del Purgatorio
Por el cumpleanos del defunto
+Telesforo Perez Estrada
10:00 +May & Jack Gallagher
10:00 (SP) +Ana A. Tavares Pérez
+German Jiménez
+Rosa Nilda Rivas
+Yolanda Persio y +Celia
Pena Flores
+Fermina, Marino y Fermina Pena
+Birma Ramírez

12:30 (SP) +Dario Antonio Diaz
2:00 (V) +Giuse Vo An Khuong

Monday, September 27

8:45 For the People of the Parish
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Patrick & Margaret Woods

Tuesday, September 28

8:45 +Geraldo N. Schiraldi
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Francis Collis (anniversary)
7:00 (SP) +Derek Emanuel Trucios

Wednesday, September 29

8:45 +Muriel, Jerry Philbin
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Idanes Lourdes Rodriguez
7:00 (SP) +Fransisca Jerez

Thursday, September 30

8:45 Special Intention of Luca &
Isabella Zoche
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Special Intention of Jaime
Sadlowski
Efrem, Condida, Agustin
Salazar
7:00 (SP) Por los almas benditas en
Purgatorio

Friday, October 1

8:45 +William Rivera, Jr.
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Benjamin Brosnan, Sr.

Saturday, October 2

8:45 +Dorothy Balut
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Jack Hennigan
5:00 Thanksgiving to OLPH
7:00 (SP)

Sunday, October 3

8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 +Mary Sammon
10:00 (SP) Acción de gracias a Dios
y las almas benditas
12:30 (SP) +Dario Antonio Diaz
2:00 (V) +Teresa Trinh Thi Tuyet
+Giuse Tran Tri Tin
+Vicent Ngan Dang Tran
+Gerald N. Schiraldi

Monday, October 4

8:45 +Christopher Serrano
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Dorothy Morosi & Family

Tuesday, October 5

8:45 +Margaret & Patrick Woods
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Christopher Serrano
7:00 (SP) En accion de gracias a la
Divino Misericordia

Wednesday, .October 6

8:45 +Michael & +Mary Lynch
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Thomas, Julia, AnnMarie,
Kevin and Rev. John
Costello, C.Ss.R
7:00 (SP) +Doris Lozada Gallardo

Thursday, October 7

8:45 +Brian Skelly
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Reilly-White Family
7:00 (SP) +Manuel Andrade

Friday, October 8

8:45 Antoinette Calio special
intention
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Barbara, +Janet, +John Kane

Saturday, October 9

8:45 +James Maddalena
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Cecilia Fezze
5:00 +Raymond F. McLaughlin
7:00 (SP)

Sunday, October 10

8:00 +Marcelina Ruiz
For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 +Mildred & Eugene Jacob
10:00 (SP)
12:30 (SP) +Annino Coppola (1 yr)
2:00 (V) +Giuse Tran Tri Tin

Monday, October 11

8:45 +Ruel R. Hontiveros, Sr.
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Geraldo N. Schiraldi

Tuesday, October 12

8:45 +Jose Grullion
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Antoinette Calio special
intention
7:00 (SP) +Normando Valerio

Wednesday, October 13

8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Edward & +Philip
McGarritty
7:00 (SP) +Maria Soto Ruiz

Thursday, October 14

8:45 Irene Hampton Get Well
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Geraldo N. Schiraldi
7:00 (SP) +Gerardo Antonio
Fernandez

Friday, October 15

8:45 Thanksgiving to OLPH

Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Emma Soto (anniversary)

Saturday, October 16

8:45 +Patrick J. O'Connell
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Phillip Proscia
5:00 +Agnes McLoughlin & Sr.
Geraldine Woods, C.S.J.
7:00 (SP) +Nestor Meza

Sunday, October 17

8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 +Henry Lavelle (anniversary)
10:00 (SP) +Milady Gutierrez
12:30 (SP) +Bolívar Cevallos
2:00 (V) +Geraldo N. Schiraldi
+Vicent Tran Van Quang
+John Nguyen

Monday, October 18

8:45 +Chris Hoban
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Mary Brosnan

Tuesday, October 19

8:45 +Carmen Echeandia
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Paul Coriaty
7:00 (SP) +Juan y Paulina Soto

Wednesday, October 20

8:45 +Dolores O'Neill
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Kim Nottage
7:00 (SP) +Josefina Montesinos

Thursday, October 21

8:45 In thanksgiving to the Holy
Trinity and for blessings
received

Purgatorian Society

12:10 +Margaret Reilly
7:00 (SP) +Adolfo Sanchez
Torralba

Friday, October 22

8:45 +Mary and John Kearns
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Catherine Lavin Coker

Saturday, October 23

8:45 Por el cumpleaños #15 Daysi
Hernandez
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Bagnall Family
5:00 +Rosaleen Logan
7:00 (SP) +Agustina Corría
+José Ramón Antigua
+Fernando Trejo, Jr.
+Cabino Martínez Vega

Sunday, October 24

8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por Las Almas Benditas
del Purgatorio
10:00 Santo Niño Group
10:00 (SP) +Ana A. Tavarez Perez
+Andrea Luna Coyotl
+Rosa Nilda Rivas
12:30 (SP) ++Rosa Amores (por los 6
meses de fallecida)
2:00 (V) +Giuse Vo An Khuong

Monday, October 25

8:45 +Diego Uriel Benito
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Salvatore T. Calio\

Tuesday, October 26

8:45 +Irene & Thomas Dunn
For the People of the Parish
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Geraldo N. Schiraldo
7:00 (SP) ProVida

Wednesday, October 27

8:45 +Lulia Marchera
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Valeria Fabiankovic
7:00 (SP) +Mercedes Alarcon

Thursday, October 28

8:45 +Idanes Lourdes Rodriguez
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Thanksgiving to Fredericque
Francisque
7:00 (SP) +Derek Emanuel Trucios

Friday, October 29

8:45 +Francisca Jerez
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Geraldo N. Schiraldi

Saturday, October 30

8:45 +Francisca Matos
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Amanda Orrala y+Yenny
Criollo
5:00 +Susan Burgess
7:00 (SP)

Sunday, October 31

8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 Por Los Almas Benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 Special Intention of Luca &
Isabella Zoche
10:00 (SP) +Ana A. Tavarez Perez
12:30 (SP) +Maria Felix Morales y
Maria Luisa Aguilar
2:00 (V) +Gerald N. Schiraldi

Monday, November 1

8:45 +Ellie Hefferman
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Michael Caforio

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Sat. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Santo Nombre

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Ana Concepción

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Zoila Naranjo

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David Jaramillo

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Andrés Reinoso
347-760-5613

Circle of Friends

552 59th Street – Notre Dame Hall
Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sr. Lucille Aliperti, CSJ

Knights of Columbus

Brooklyn Council #60
5901 6th Avenue, Room 4
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm.
Ben LaSpina – 347-782-8036

Ladies Auxiliary of the Basilica

Eileen McConeghy

Catholic War Veterans

Pro-Life Committee

Al-Anon

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM
5901 6th Avenue
Sundays, 7:00 PM
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Fridays 6 PM & 8 PM
5901 6th Avenue
Saturdays 12:30 - 2:30 PM
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Tuesdays 6 PM (Ladies only)
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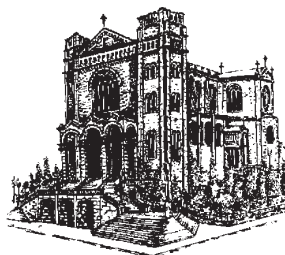
SPORTS:

O.L.P.H. Soccer League

Kevin Henneman – 718-614-4460
Martin Brennan – 718-836-4178

**Swimming Teams – Boys & Girls
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OLPH / St. Andrew
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Christmas Wreaths



Beginning Sunday, November 7, we will be selling Christmas Wreaths to hang on the fences around the entire church block. Wreaths are only \$40 and you can have your family's names put on the wreath, or in memory of a loved one. You can either mail in a check with this form to: OLPH Christmas Wreaths, 526 59th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220, or come to the Rectory Office. If you have any questions, you can email OLPHDebbie@gmail.com

Purchased by:

Name(s) to be written on wreath:

Amount enclosed: \$

If you do not live in the area, and would like a picture of the wreath with the name tag on it, please include your cell phone number or email address (*this information will only be used to send your photo*).
