

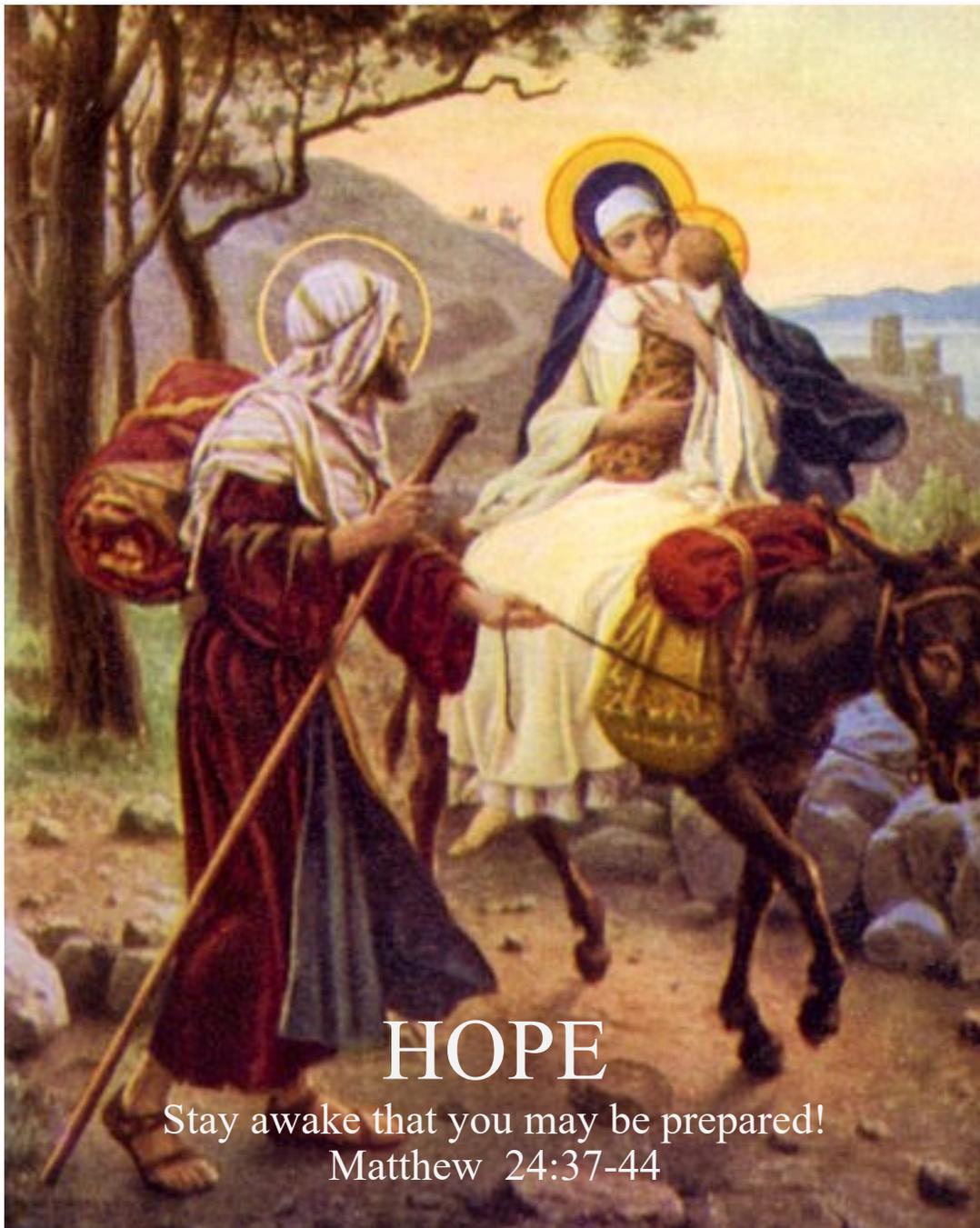


# *St. Columbanus Parish*

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## *ADVENT Week 1*

*Fr. Francis J. Samoylo, Pastor*  
November 27, 2022



# HOPE

Stay awake that you may be prepared!

Matthew 24:37-44

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY ~ November 27**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Antonia Pepe  
 8:00 a.m. John Grappone  
 10:00 a.m. Robert Kelly  
 11:00 a.m. Patrick D. Pacio and Frani Rice  
 12:00 noon For Our Parish & Parishioners

**MONDAY ~ November 28**

THE 9:00 a.m. Mary Roche

**TUESDAY ~ November 29**

9:00 a.m. John "Vinny" McKenna

**WEDNESDAY ~ November 30**

*St. Andrew, Apostle*

9:00 a.m. Debbie Liebert

**THURSDAY ~ December 1**

9:00 a.m. Domenico Aversa

**FRIDAY ~ December 2**

9:00 a.m. Ronald Powe

**SATURDAY ~ December 3**

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:30 a.m. Mary Jelenek  
 5:00 p.m. Ronald Powe

**WINE and HOST MEMORIAL**

A donation of \$25 for the hosts and wine offered at Mass may be given as a memorial to a loved one. Please call or stop by the rectory if you would like to honor your loved ones in this holy manner.

**BURNING of the TABERNACLE CANDLE**

A donation of \$25 will provide for the weeklong burning of the tabernacle candle in memory of loved ones. Please call or stop by the rectory if you would like to honor your loved ones in this holy manner.

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

1st Reading: The Lord will gather all nations into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God. (Isaiah 2:1-5) -Year C

Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9) -Year C

2nd Reading: Our salvation is nearer. (Romans 13:11-14) -Year C

Alleluia: Show us, Lord, your love; And grant us your salvation. -Year C

Gospel: Stay awake, that you may be prepared! (Matthew 24:37-44) -Year C

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

*Names of the sick are listed for six months from the date of the initial request. Contact the rectory to add someone.*

Ann Marie & Patricia Barber, Annamaria DeScisciolo, Thelma Doebbler, Justin Fedele, Chace Fromwiller, Robert Gillick, Kevin Hayden, Matthew Hempel, Alex Hetsko, Courtney A. Irwin, Diane Kelly, Mauva Kelly, Maureen Kemple, Colleen Kennedy, Kevin Kolosky, Vincent McKenna, Leah Meenaghan, Corazaon Mendoza, Valentino Mendoza, Eva O'Hagan Murphy, Vivian Pabon, Fr. Frank Samoylo, Pete Samoylo, Mary Sellazzo, John Simunek, Theresa "Terry" Simunek, Matthew TosoLini, Brigid Velluzzi

Pray for a return of Catholic values and virtues.

Prudence	Faith
Justice	Hope
Fortitude	Charity
Temperance	

## ~PASTOR'S NOTES~

November 27, 2022

As we come to the beginning of a new church year today with the First Sunday of Advent, we should seek to renew our own spiritual and devotional life. Besides the liturgy, as I mentioned last week, another way is to foster the devotions of our youth or maybe, never experienced or knew about at all. Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STD, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Indian Land, SC wrote the following article for *Crisis Magazine*:



Our Lady of the Scapular

< There was a time when the life of a Catholic Christian was full of beautiful and meaningful devotions and sacramentals, such as May Processions, the Miraculous Medal Novena, and the Brown Scapular. In the post-conciliar period, however, such devotionals faded away.

Many believers thought that Vatican II had called for such a displacement, but that is not the case. The sacramentals were lost in spite of Vatican II. The history is helpful, especially as the devotions and sacramentals are zealously finding their way back into the hearts of the faithful and into Christian homes and parishes.

Let's briefly summarize the history and identify the sources of confusion.

The life of the Christian faithful consists of many different facets. Each facet has been drawn from the life of Jesus Christ and from the culture of the Church through the ages. Of the many aspects of the Christian way of life, the preeminent action of believers is the worship of the living and true God.

**The Lord Jesus was a man of worship.** He showed us how to worship the Father, and He entrusted His Eucharistic Sacrifice to us. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is the summit and source of everything we do. Nothing compares, or even comes close, to the Holy Mass.

The Christian way of life, and the paramount importance of the Holy Mass, was emphasized and stressed throughout the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

Vatican II highlighted the sacred liturgy and called on pastors to teach the faithful how to consciously and actively participate in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Such involvement was to happen through extensive catechesis and a deepening of the spiritual life.

The Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, explained it this way:

*Pastors of souls must therefore realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required than the mere observation of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects. (#11)*

**The post-conciliar reality, however, severely missed the mark.** The call of Vatican II was misinterpreted at best, or expropriated at worst. In many places, catechesis was replaced by experimentation and popular ideologies, and the work of the spiritual life was eclipsed by an odd type of ecclesial activism. The spiritual work that was called for was inverted and instead became a type of thoughtless, banal involvement in the sacred liturgy, which lacked depth or understanding. To the Church's great loss, the task of learning the meaning and richness of the sacred liturgy was ignored. "Doing stuff" trumped everything else, and the faithful were left without the real instruction called for by Vatican II.

In this peculiar movement, other aspects of the Christian way of life were also dragged into a similar type of supposed reform. In particular, this included the Church's pious traditions.

The pious traditions are beloved expressions of faith, such as processions, scapulars, novenas, litanies, the Rosary, chaplets, and especially Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

In *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Second Vatican Council acknowledged the importance of such pious traditions: "Popular devotions of the Christian people are to be highly commended...Devotions proper to individual Churches also have a special dignity..." (#13).

In light of the call for greater catechesis and a more intentional living out of the Christian way of life, however, Vatican II did give some guidance for pious traditions:

*But these devotions should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the*  
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*sacred liturgy, are in some fashion derived from it, and lead the people to it, since, in fact, the liturgy by its very nature far surpasses any of them. (#13)*

It must be stressed that Vatican II never directed or intended for pious traditions to disappear. The council's instruction is clear: namely, pastors are to place the Church's devotions within the grace of the sacred liturgy, show the connection between the liturgy and pious traditions, avoid a misplacement of devotions over the sacred liturgy, and seek to prevent any sense of superstition. This was the catechetical and spiritual work called for by Vatican II.

**And, as with the sacred liturgy, the reality was far different from the summons.** In many places, the pious traditions were discarded, mocked, and stripped from the life of parishes. The spiritual sensitivities of the faithful suffered spiritual violence as popular and cherished pious traditions were ridiculed and abruptly thrown out. Parishes that once had rich and abundant devotional lives were ravaged and found lacking in any prayer or devotional opportunity beyond the Mass (with such Masses themselves assaulted with experimentation that neglected the interior life and the call to teach the faithful about the sacred liturgy).

An example of such loss among the pious traditions was the beloved Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The scapular was once the pious tradition of First Holy Communion, July Scapular Masses, and devotional declarations of love for the Lord Jesus and Our Lady. The simple cords holding two pieces of wool cloth were revered and seen as an expression of a disciple's love for Jesus through Mary. In the pseudo-reform, that falsely claimed the name of Vatican II, the scapular was ridiculed and treated as yesterday's trash. It was one of many pious traditions that suffered at the hands of false reformers.

The Brown Scapular, however, is back. It is eagerly welcomed back by older Catholics and joyfully embraced by a younger generation of believers. The pious traditions are experiencing a revival as faith is deepening and the real work of Vatican II is being done. And so, let the Church draw closer to the Lord Jesus, revere His gift of the Holy Mass, and revive our culture as we sing "Bring Flowers of the Fairest," conduct our 40 Hours Devotion, pray our Miraculous Medal Novenas, and happily wear our Brown Scapulars. This is the Catholic Christian way of life. This is what it means to fully live as a member of the Church. >

Pray the Rosary Daily!  
In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
Fr. Frank Samoylo

### **St. Joseph's Seminary Annual Advent/Christmas Concert**

Join us for a holiday tradition of song and fellowship!

Saturday, December 3, at 4pm

Sunday, December 4, at 4pm

Tickets—children 12 and under \$15, adults \$35 (general seating) / \$50 (preferred seating)

Tickets include hot buffet reception following the concert.

Purchase tickets at: [sjsconcert.evenbrite.com](https://sjsconcert.evenbrite.com) or call (914) 968-6200 x8201

### **CRECHE**

**Our manger display on Oregon Road has been a Christmas beacon for the community for many years; designed and assembled by hand, by our Knights of Columbus Council. Please take a moment to stop by and see the Creche. Continue a family tradition or start a new one by beginning Advent season with the lighting of the Creche. May the Lord watch over and sustain St. Columbanus Parish.**

### **Christmas Flowers**

Envelopes are available in the vestibules of both churches to make a monetary offering in memory of loved ones. These offerings will be used to defray the cost of decorating St. Columbanus and North American martyrs. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket or return to the rectory.

## NOCTURNAL ADORATION

On Friday, December 2nd, St. Columbanus Parish will hold a Nocturnal Adoration starting at **8 pm on Friday** evening to **8 am Saturday** morning.  
Won't you spend one hour with the Lord?

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.”

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

June Ramos: (845) 736-3197

Elvira Mendoza: (845) 803—6282

What a wonderful way to begin the joyous Advent Season, spending an hour in the Lord's presence. What a great family tradition to continue or start, beginning the Advent season with whatever time you can spare in Adoration. St. Columbanus, besides First Friday, also offers Adoration every Monday from 7-8 pm. Consider having your family spend some time in the Lord's presence in preparation for the celebration of his coming on Christmas Day.



### What is Adoration?

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is fully present in the Eucharist in body, blood, soul and divinity. Adoration is a quiet prayer time to contemplate this and show our devotion to God. The Eucharist is put in Monstrance atop the altar and parishioners are welcome to come and sit before the Lord in silent prayer.



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## CONFESSION

As a reminder, St. Columbanus offers confession on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. You do not need an appointment. Please feel free to stop by and receive the comfort and strength this sacrament provides.

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Please welcome the following families who recently joined the Parish:

**M/M Ryan**

**M/M Coyle**

May the Lord watch over them and guide them in their faith.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOMEBOUND CALLS**

The priests and Deacon of our parish are pleased to take the Sacrament of the Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. If you know of someone who would like to be added to their visitor's list, please contact the rectory at (914) 737-4705.

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar in monstrance after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, **December 2nd**, where it will be on the altar for adoration until 12:00 p.m. We ask parishioners to stop by and spend time before the Body of our Lord to demonstrate our devotion to him.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**

will be on Sat., Dec 3rd from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM in the School. 381 North Highland Ave., Ossining, N.Y. Please join us.

Vendors wanted ~\$80 for an 8 foot table in the gym / cafeteria. If you are interested in receiving an application, please contact Dana Heavey at [Dana8101@outlook.com](mailto:Dana8101@outlook.com) or call (914) 382-4675.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

Next week, we will have a second collection for **Fuel.**

Please be as generous as your means allow.

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

This Holy Day of Obligation falls on Thursday, December 8th this year. Mass times are as follows:

6:00 p.m. Vigil on Wednesday  
 7:30 a.m. St. Columbanus  
 11:00 a.m. North American Martyrs  
 12:00 p.m. St. Columbanus  
 7:00 p.m. St. Columbanus

There will be a collection.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us for Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Church library (use the back entrance and go down the stairs).

**Flocknote** is a parish communication tool, which lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message. Only important information is communicated via this channel so you will not be inundated with emails or texts. You can unsubscribe any time.

Sign up at: <https://columbanus.flocknote.com>  
 Or go to the parish website at click on the sheep icon.



Parish Giving



**Saint Columbanus Parish (St. Columbanus Church  
 & North American Martyrs Mission Church)**

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**North American  
Martyrs  
MISSION Church**

55 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam  
Valley, NY

**Mass Time:**  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



**THIS WEEKS EVENTS**

- Sunday ~ No Religious Ed. 10:00 a.m. (G 1-5); then 12 noon Mass  
~ Choir Practice 11:30 am
- Monday ~ No Religious Ed. (G 6-8)  
~ Adoration 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday ~ Bible Study 5:30 p.m.  
~ RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday ~ Legion of Mary 6:30 p.m.  
~ Choir Practice 7pm
- Friday ~ First Friday Adoration 10am-12pm  
~ Nocturnal Adoration 8pm—8am
- Saturday ~ Religious Ed. 9:00 a.m. (G 2-5), 9:30 a.m. (G 1)  
~ Altar Boy Practice  
~ Confession 4:00—4:45 p.m.

**REMINDERS for Sponsors and More**

- Parishioner:** You should register to be a parishioner under your own name at 18 years of age, whether or not you live with your parents/guardians.
- Sponsors:** You must be a registered parishioner, under your own name for at least 6 months in order to request a sponsor form for Baptism or Confirmation. The only exceptions are 14-17 year olds, who should be registered under their parents.
- Marriage:** You must begin the preparation process at least 6 months prior to your wedding date; and be a registered parishioner.
- Baptism:** Parents must be registered parishioners. There is a mandatory baptism class. God-parents need sponsor eligibility forms. Call the rectory to initiate all requests.