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NOVEMBER 20, 2016
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MISSION STATEMENT FOR OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION PARISH

We, the Joyful Family of God, united in our Catholic Faith, seek to model our patroness, Our Lady of Consolation, by bringing love and comfort to all, teaching God's Children in His ways by word and sacrament, and keeping the vibrant love of Jesus present in our world.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses
8:30 am – Monday through Friday (OLC)
Rosary following Mass on Friday

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (OLC)
Confessions immediately after Mass

Sunday
8:00 am (OLC)
9:30 am (St. Malachy)
11:00 am (SPC)
6:30 pm Spanish Mass (OLC)
Holy Days-8:30 am & 7:00 pm (OLC)
No Vigil Mass

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:00 pm Kurt Pendyck req. by Bria family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 am Mike Pelet req. by Patty Conner
9:30 am Carly Imbierowicz req. by your loving family & friends
11:00 am Diane Vendetti req. by Rohrer family
6:30 pm Spanish Mass

DAILY MASS 8:30 AM

Monday Special Intention req. by Reis family
Tuesday Bonnie Bird req. by Norman & Jean Moulder
Wednesday Tillie Manley req. by Randy & Donna Ross
Thursday Paula Smith req. by Lamb/McErlane
Friday Chick Fischer req. by Nancy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:00 pm Kevin Snow req. by Mom, Dad & family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 am Ronald Galluppi req. by Ken & Donna Martin
9:30 am Happy Birthday, Father John req. by Bart & Barb Tuttle
11:00 am Paula Smith req. by James & Robin McErlane
6:30 pm Spanish Mass

If you would like a Mass card or would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the rectory at 610-857-3510.

New Parishioners

We welcome and encourage you to register as soon as possible after moving into the parish.
Please contact the rectory to register.
610-857-3510

Confessions

Saturday after 5:00 pm Mass

Religious Education

Please contact Janice Dagney-610-857-0511
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Rite of Christian initiation (RCIA)

The process through which adults and children - join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.
For additional information please contact the rectory.

Marriages

Couples planning to be married are required to notify the rectory no less than six months prior to the marriage.

Baptism Meetings

Required for first time parents
1st Sunday of the month.
Register by calling Janice Dagney –610-857-0511

Baptisms

To schedule a baptism and for available dates and times, please call the rectory.

Anointing of the sick

If you foresee a surgery or procedure, contact the rectory to make arrangements to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion before your hospital visit.

Communion to the homebound

For those unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, arrangements can be made to receive Holy Communion weekly by an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact the rectory.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, which requires the attention of a priest, please contact the rectory at any time.
Follow the instructions on how to contact a priest.
Please notify the rectory, so that the priests are aware of the situation and can assist as appropriate.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Please call the rectory to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

500 Club

We have our winners!

November 12, 2016

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Drawings began on Saturday, May 7, and will continue for 52 weeks. Winners will be contacted ASAP by their ticket seller and will be noted in our bulletin.

Thanksgiving help needed

When: Thanksgiving Morning

Where: Schneider Parish Center

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

The PCCO will be having it's annual morning of fellowship when the community comes together to provide hot turkey meals to those in need on Thanksgiving.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up/clean up, preparing take-out containers and delivering the meals. Donations of cooked and deboned turkeys are also needed.

Please, let us know of anyone who is in need of a dinner this Thanksgiving.

For additional information or questions, please contact Diane Sager at 484-354-6719 or diane.sager@comcast.net

Thank you for helping our community!

November 13, 2016

Weekly Offertory	$6,328
Electonic Giving for October	$7,964
Legacy for October	$23,438

Our Legacy Commitment Update

Halleluiah! And praise to God (and an anonymous donor)! Last fiscal year we made payments totaling $100,000 towards our principal loan balance. At the end of our fiscal year on June 30, 2016, our balance stood at $110,000.

Since June 30, we received contributions of $35,000 towards our next payment.

Recently, a parishioner asked how much we needed to make our next payment and then proceeded to write the church a check!

Subsequently, a payment was mailed to the Archdiocese for $50,000 so our loan balance now stands at $60,000!

In less than 3 years, we have paid off $425,000! Thank you for your generous donations and for supporting *Our legacy Commitment!*

With a final push we can be mortgage free very soon, so let's start to plan for a very long overdue mortgage burning party!! Hallelujah!!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday-November 20
8:00 am Mass (OLC)
9:30 am Mass (St. Malachy)
9:30-10:30 am Café`-The Wild Goose Project (SPC)
9:15-10:45 am RCIA (SPC)
11:00 am Mass (SPC)
11:00 am Little Blessings & Children's Church (SPC)
6:30 pm Spanish Mass (OLC)

Monday-November 21
6:00 pm-Zumba (OLC-hall)
7:00 pm-AA Meeting (SPC-conference room)
7:00 pm– Divine Mercy & Rosary (OLC)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (OLC-hall)

Tuesday-November 22
6:30 pm-Yoga (OLC- hall)
6:30-8:00 pm-LTJV (SPC)

Wednesday– November 23
7:00 pm-ELC-PTO meeting (SPC)
7:00 pm-Voices of Praise Choir (OLC)

Thursday-November 24
9:00 am-10:00am-PCCO-Morning of fellowship and preparing & delivering Thanksgiving meals at the SPC

Friday-November 25

Saturday-November 26

RCIA

Are you someone who was baptized a Catholic but never received the Sacrament of First Communion and/or Confirmation?
Are you someone who has a family member or friend who is a Catholic and is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith?
Are you someone who was baptized in a non-Catholic Christian faith and are now interested in converting to Catholicism?
Are you someone who was never baptized and would like to be a member of our Catholic Church?
If you are an adult (18 years or older) and you answered "Yes" to any one of these questions, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you.
The RCIA is a faith journey in which you deepen your relationship with God and make friendships with other candidates and team members through bible study, faith sharing, and learning about the teachings of the Catholic Church.
Adults are then fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.
If you are interested in participating in RCIA for this coming year, classes begin **Sunday, October 9, from 9:15-10:45pm at the SPC.**
For more information, please contact Janice Dagney at 610-857-0511 or the rectory-610-857-3510.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

To purchase a C.O.A.L (chance of a lifetime) tickets please contact Tom Henderson- 610-304-6546 or Albert Bryson-484-925-7535. Tickets will not be sold after next weekend November 26/27.
We are collecting donations for Veterans at the Coatesville VA Medical Center. The following items are always needed: sweat pants (open leg & elastic waist) denture cream, body wash, t-shirts, underwear, socks, woman's undergarments and hoodies/jackets. Items can be place in the red containers at the back of each worship site.
Coming soon: The annual Christmas Crab Cake Sale.

OLC-ELC

This week our preschoolers will celebrate Thanksgiving! All classes will dismiss at 11:30 am on Wednesday, November 23. There will be no afternoon programs on this day. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's annual Craft Fair a success!

The proceeds from the Craft Fair will benefit OLC-ELC and our Scholarship Fund.

CAFÉ

The **C**atholic **A**dult **F**aith **E**nrichment (CAFÉ) team is presenting an Advent Scripture Study on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm in Classroom 1 at the SPC beginning November 22.

This is a great way to review and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass, and give you time to prepare spiritually for the beautiful feast of Christmas.

We are using the "Opening the Word" program from the web site FORMED.org. If you are not able to join us you can participate in this study at home using the free account that is available to you through our parish subscription.

There is no charge for this class and registration is not required. There is an optional prayer journal which you can purchase for approximately $4.00, or we can send the document to you via email to view or print at your convenience.

For more information please email olccafeteam@gmail.com or call Paul Harkins at 610-466-7494 or Sue Brown at 610-857-2026.

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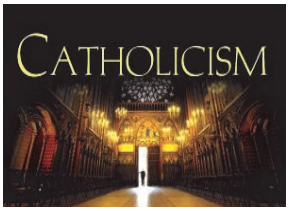

The strange and dangerous words of Jesus of Nazareth set up a drama that will culminate in a surprising battle between two kings, and in the wake of this conflict, an empire will be defeated—and the world will be changed.

Join Bishop Barron as he addresses some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus Christ and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome.

BREAKING BREAD

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the October breaking bread fundraiser at Rocco and Anna's Italian Restaurant.

We raised $700 for our parish!

A huge "Thank You" to Rocco and Anna and the Pirozzi family for their generosity and participation in this very successful fundraiser.

The next Breaking Bread event will be scheduled after Christmas. However, you don't want to miss our soup and chili fellowship night at the Schneider Parish Center on January 8, 2017. Mark this date on your calendar!

November 20, 2016– Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Good Housekeeping" magazine once had a unique "lock" on the idea of guarantees. But nowadays, there are many consumer watchdogs out there, in print or on the web, that offer guarantees that the products they endorse are worthy of our purchase. How we wish there were such for all the other aspects of human life not found in shops and stores. Take friendship for example. What a mysterious reality!

One we can't live without. How they begin; how they develop; how they last, often for many years and perhaps a lifetime. All of it marvelous and life-giving, even though it can be tested and fail.

Elevate friendship to love, and the stakes are higher that we will lack full understanding as much as we experience. But the element of risk is present there too. And so on, to things like marriage and fidelity to priestly or religious vows. These intangible realities don't come with consumer labels, and any personal investment we make in them is built mostly on trust of a kind not given to tangibles.

That brings me to admire the man we have come to know as the "good thief." Some Christian bodies have named him "Dismas." He wasn't looking for guarantees that Good Friday afternoon as he hung on a cross next to Christ. But oh, did he get one! Wouldn't you or I be thrilled to hear Jesus say to us "This day you shall be with Me in paradise?"

That guarantee was brought on, remember, by the thief's brave and faith -filled request made of Jesus: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." Faith indeed. For what did the man see with his weary eyes? Not much of a king. His "throne" was nothing but a replica of his own vertical deathbed: a crudely cut, rough barked tree pole with an equally rough cross piece. Granted, there was that parchment ordered by Pilate that declared Jesus a king of the Jewish nation. But no unusual signs of royalty. A crown made of spiny thorns instead of shiny gold? A scepter made of nails? Yet the guilty man somehow recognized the guiltless. And so he pleads "Remember me."

Beside an impulse of the Holy Spirit we can only guess at, where did that request originate? Had the thief heard Jesus preach one time? Perhaps as he stood still somewhere holding a bag of loot? Or had he heard the rumors about Jesus? We'll likely never know. But we do know faith, especially faith through darkness, which we often have in our lives.

So, is it brash for us to look for guarantees in our prayers? I don't believe so. Just be careful about staying faithful if we don't get what we ask for. One guarantee we do have: God hears us. Especially if we truly have carried, and continue to carry, whatever cross that life has given us day after day, year by year, with little or no complaint. Or not tried to get out from under it with sly tricks, and forgetting consequences.

For many days, an old farmer had been plowing with an ox and a mule together and working them pretty hard. The ox said to the mule one day, "Let's play sick today and rest a little while." But the old mule said, "No, we need to get the work done, for the season is short."

But the ox played sick, and the farmer brought him fresh hay and corn and made him comfortable. When the mule came in from plowing, the ox asked how he made out. "We didn't get as much done, but we made it all right," answered the mule. Then the ox asked, "What did the old man say about me?" "Nothing", said the mule. The next day the ox, thinking he had a good thing going, played sick again. When the mule came in again very tired, the ox asked, "How did it go?" The mule said, "All right, I guess, but we didn't get much done." Then the ox also asked, "What did the old man say about me?" "Nothing to me," was the reply, "but he did stop and have a long talk with the butcher."

First Reading: II Samuel 5:1-3

David's treaty with the elders of Israel makes him the king of both the northern and southern tribes.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

After exhorting his readers to thank God, Paul quotes what is most likely an early Christian hymn, beginning with the words "He is the image…" Christ's kingdom, for St. Paul, is one of light that delivers us from the darkness.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Ironically, "the rulers" in their taunts of the crucified Jesus actually pronounce the words of the Christian faith about Him. The so-called "good thief" can be said to have "stolen" heaven simply by asking for it in faith.

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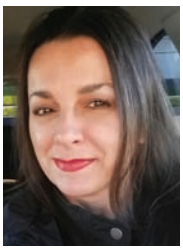

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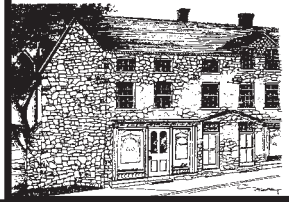

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