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September 21, 2025

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Saturday: 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.

Weekday Mass

Monday - Saturday

8:00 A.M.

Last Tuesday of the

Month 7:00 P.M.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear OLP Family,

I am out for a Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic and Italy. I will be back on 28th September evening. I will resume my weekly column on my return, but before leaving, I had prepared the spiritual enrichment that you can read in these pages. I will be keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers, especially as I pass through the Jubilee Holy Doors in Rome. Please pray for me and the rest of the pilgrims too.

*Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal*



Waddling ducks

Søren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, once told about a make-believe country where only ducks lived. On Sunday morning all the ducks came into Church, waddled down the aisle, waddled into their pews and squatted. Then the duck minister came in, took his place behind the pulpit, opened the Duck Bible and read, "Ducks! You have wings, and with wings you can fly like eagles. You can soar into the skies! Ducks! You have wings!" All the ducks yelled, "Amen!" and then they all waddled home. [Jim Burns, *Radically Committed* (Dallas: Word Publishing, 1991).] No one flew or even tried. Friends, there's just too much truth to that little fable. Using the parable of a rascal manager in today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to see that it is time for the children of light to quit waddling. It's time for us to soar by wisely using our God-given talents and blessings for the welfare of others, thus glorifying God and becoming eligible for our eternal reward. May we be the people that Jesus praises because we saw something that needed to be done and we did it.

We need to act wisely, trusting in the power and assistance of God. Today's parable gives us some practical advice. We are urged to stride into the future with confidence -- not in ourselves or our abilities, but in the power and grace of God. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. At our disposal we have Hope in God's justice, Faith in God's assistance, and trust in God's grace. We have the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the Spirit-guided Church to direct us. These are the best possible resources; we need to use them in such a way that it will be said of us, "And the master commended them because they *acted so wisely.*"

Crooked stockbroker and financial planner

Claude Locket, of Orleans, Massachusetts, showed such charm and inspired such trust as a stockbroker and financial planner that dozens of retired persons and elderly widows invested their life savings with him. The thirty-four-year-old seemed to be the model of professionalism. Suddenly, in December, 1991, Locket disappeared. At first, foul play was suspected, but then it was learned that \$1.7 million was missing from client accounts. Then Locket's van, with stubs for plane tickets to Paris, was discovered in the parking area of Kennedy Airport in New York. Embezzlement and larceny charges were brought against Locket, but he could not be found. Meanwhile, Locket's elderly clients were left with big losses. Most who had invested through Locket were living on fixed incomes or modest pensions. On February 21, 1992, "Prime Suspect," a nationally syndicated television show that airs fugitive cases, described Locket's case. Two callers from Los Angeles telephoned to report that a man fitting Locket's description was living in their area. Locket was arrested. None of the money was found. When Los Angeles Detective Carl Holmstrom asked Locket why he stole \$1.7 million from clients, the fugitive broker showed no remorse. His only comment? "Everybody does it." [Dr. William P. Barker, *Tarbell's* (Elgin, Illinois: David C. Cook Church Ministries, 1994).]

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the story of such a con artist. Jesus does not want us to imitate that con artist but to use his shrewdness to plan wisely our long-term future with God. Then it will be said of us, "And the master commended them because they acted so wisely."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ Sept. 21

No Activities

MONDAY ~ Sept. 22

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ Sept 23

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ Sept 24

4:30-5:45pm Religious Ed. Classes Grades 1-4 ~ Parish Center

7:00-8:15pm Religious Ed. Classes Grades 5-7 I.I. ~ Parish Center

8:00 pm KOC Officers Mtg. ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ Sept. 25

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Church

FRIDAY Sept. 26

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ Sept. 27

11:00 am Confession ~ Church

4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ Sept. 28

11:00am Continental Breakfast with Parishioner ~ Parish Hall

1:00pm Baptism ~ Church



September 21, 2025, Hymns

Blue Book # 294 City of God

Breaking Bread #425 Christians, Let us

Love One Another

Breaking Bread #619 Whatsoever You Do

Breaking Bread #518 Christ, Be Our Light

PARISH ORGANIZATION & MINISTRIES

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the month. Contact Angela Chundak at 732-221-0977

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the Parish Office. Baptism are held on the 4th Sunday of every other month.

BLUE ARMY DEVOTIONS: Tuesday at 7:00pm

CHOIR: Meets in the Church every Thursday at 7:00pm

COLUMBIETTES #9199: 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Alan Nygard 732-986-3199.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9199: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday at 8:30am

PRE-CANA MINISTRY: 2nd Saturday of March & 3rd Saturday Of October. Contact the Parish Office.

FOCUS: Contact Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: All persons seeking instruction or more information about membership in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to call the parish office.

ROSARY: 1st Sunday of every month at 9:30am sharp before the 10:00am Mass and 1st Saturday of the Month following 8:00am Mass.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY: meets as scheduled

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

September 21, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Zenobio & Haydee Aguirre from The Aguirre Family

10:00 am

+ John Potts from Nancy, & John Joseph Potts

12:00 Noon

+ Fructuoso Cielo Ho from Maria Raymundo

September 22, Monday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Michael Brady from Family

September 23, Tuesday St. Pius

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

September 24, Wednesday Weekday

8:00 am

+ John T. Pavlik from Bill Loux

September 25, Thursday Weekday

8:00 am

+ MaryLou Koppin from Franklin

September 26, Friday Weekday

8:00 am

+Tony Colantuono from The Dekonski Family

September 27, Saturday St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 am

+ Anthony Zaleski from Nancy Gaid

5:15 pm

+ Richard DeRollo from Carol & Ron

September 28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Linda Keller from Patty

10:00 am

+ Michael Marchitto from the Jeszowicz & Wesley Families

12:00 Noon

+ Mary & Joseph Lyons from Family

STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 14, 2025

Online Giving \$ 3,023.50
Mission Cooperative \$ 903.00
Mail In \$ 698.00
Weekly Offertory \$ 4,710.00

Total \$ 9,334.50

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for remembering your parish with your continued financial support is essential and much appreciated by our parish community.

2026 Massbook will open on Monday **September 22, 2025.**

The suggested stipend for Mass is \$10.00.

Ministry Schedule for September 27/28

5:15 p. m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko, Julia Dischler

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Roseanne Brady, Martin Verendia, Alan Nygard

Reader: Tom Bednar

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Shingola, Joan Deyak, Maria Frey

Reader: Annalise Dantes

Altar Server: Alexis Nwinyi

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Heelan, Kathy Kazary, Angela Chundak

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro



Candle
In Memory of
Margaret (Peggy) Burke
From
Friend MaryAnn Sheridan

Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller, Danielle Maglies, Francis Lee, Dotty Karnowski, Anna Verrico, Rolando Rey, Christine Mary Brown, Donna Ferrara, Lonie Ebarle, Julia Forsythe, Joanne M., Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo, Lisa Sabo, Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Peter Rutkowski, Renata Wisnik, Bishop Bootkoski, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky, Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Evelyn Prince, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Michael Miller, Marie Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Norma Izzo, Shelly Greene

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Paul Coleman, Gloria Rodriguez, Eleanor Both, Marian Zelesnik, David Mirabella, Theodore Urlton, Lucio J. Cerreta Jr., Cathleen Baptista, Wayne Borg, Lois Wiuff, Robert Bertekap, Barbara Coyle, Paciencia Aviso, Renee Soto, Maria Couto, Michael O'Hara, Anthony Sclafani, Bart Miller, Hans Hadman, Ralph Baez, Maria Lopes, Sandra Husko, John Gonyo



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MaryLou Koppin
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SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Did you hear about the painter who was hospitalized? Reports say it was due to too many strokes.

Child: I think we need a new teacher. Mom: Why's that? Child: Our teacher doesn't know anything! She keeps asking us for the answers...



Estate Planning: Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father would die, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune. One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars." Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and a week later she became his stepmother. Who is better at estate planning... crooked men or crooked women?



MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Marriage is not 50-50. Divorce is 50-50. Marriage has to be 100-100. It isn't dividing everything in half, but giving everything you've got."

PARENTING TUNE-UP

School is in full swing for most families. Even if your child is too young for school remember this maxim: It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters. This applies to parents and children too.

Shrewd farmer and the crooked lawyer

There was a story in the newspaper about a young lawyer who was called in from the big city to represent a large railroad company that was being sued by a farmer. It seems that the farmer's prize cow was missing from a field through which the railroad passed, and the farmer was suing for the value of the cow. Before the case was to be tried, the lawyer cornered the farmer and convinced him to settle out of court for half of what he originally wanted. The farmer signed the necessary papers and then accepted the check. The young lawyer could not resist gloating a bit about his success. He said to the farmer, "You know, I couldn't have won this case if it had gone to trial. The engineer was asleep and the fireman was in the caboose when the train passed through your farm that morning. I didn't have a single witness to put on the stand!" With a wry smile, the old farmer replied, "Well, I tell you young feller, I was a little worried about winning that case myself because that cow came home this morning." Both the farmer and the lawyer could have related to a shrewd crook Jesus told us about in today's gospel.

We need to be faithful in little things of life: Often we get so caught up in our work that we ignore the little things of life. But let us not ignore these little matters -- things like dropping someone an encouraging note or extending people a simple, "Thank you." Similarly, we ought to take time out of our workday to help others in small things. As Saint John Chrysostom said, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing." We may not be able to reach millions of people all over the world by satellite as famous talk show hosts or televangelists do. But in our own part of the world we can faithfully do little things to point people toward Jesus. Our future opportunities in the eternal service of God largely depend on our stewardship in handling the little opportunities we have had on earth. As St. Teresa of Calcutta (Blessed Mother Teresa, canonized September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis), used to recommend, "Do little things with great love."

PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE...WITH GOD...?

Those who are going to retire ask two questions: 1) "How much money will I need to retire comfortably?" 2) "Will I be able to die with dignity?" The Presidential Commission on Retirement in the U.S. informs us that we will need about seventy percent of our present income to live about as we live today. If the present lifestyle costs us about \$50,000, we are going to need about \$35,000 to retire comfortably. According to PCR there are three resources for our income of the future: a) Social Security, b) the retirement program from our place of employment, and c) our savings account. But everybody knows that in the not so distant future, Social Security benefits will be reduced because there will not be a sufficient number of workers in the workforce to pay for the huge number of previously retired people still alive. In addition, seventy percent of the people working in America do not have a pension program through their employer. Besides, Americans in general are notoriously poor savers, and, hence, most of them have not saved enough money to pay the bills of their future retirement. So can we be sure that when the end of our life comes we are not going to end up in bankruptcy and poverty? Are we making plans for our long-term future? How is our investment program doing? Today's Gospel asks the same question: Are we really wise in planning for our long-term future with God? Are we as wise in storing up for ourselves treasures in heaven for our eternal retirement as we are in gathering treasures on earth for our retirement here?

**Knights of Columbus Continental
Breakfast**

Sunday September 28, 2025

Parish Hall (Cafeteria)

Time: 11:00am

**Share and enjoy your Sunday with your
fellow parishioners**



**Blood Drive
Our Lady Of Peace Social
Concerns Ministry**

**Sunday, October 5, 2025
8:30 am—1:30pm**



**Parish Center Gymnasium
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Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)

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Robert Butvilla

BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel of Luke

When: Thursdays

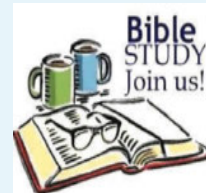
Time: 9:00am

Where: Parish Center

Oct. 2 till Nov. 20, 2025

Call Frank Heelen at

732-215-2105 to reserve your spot.



October 4, 2025

12:00pm

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the Church and the School**

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and
love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.*

You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE

16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck
and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put
before God? Giving money to support the Church and
other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass
every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving
money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It
increases our dependence on God and our trust that God
will provide all that we need.



**Mass for Life & NJ March for
Life Bus Trip**

NJ Bishops' Mass for Life Thursday,

September 25, 2025 9:30 AM

**Cathedral of St. Mary of the
Assumption,**

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton

The NJ Rally & March for Life will follow at 125
West State Street in Trenton. Rally is 11:00 AM and
the March begins at 12:00 Noon Bus Trip is \$20 per
passenger. Bus will leave the St. John Neumann
Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway at
7:15 AM and Mass will begin at the Cathedral in
Trenton at 9:30 AM. After Mass, everyone will walk
a short way to the Rally and March.

The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 PM and will
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