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CATHOLIC CHURCH

*For many
are called,
but few
are chosen.*

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October 11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"My God will fully supply whatever
you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19***

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 5:15pm

Sunday | 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday | 4:00pm

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear OLP Family,

Every year, all the priests of our Diocese attend a convocation - a time for prayer, enrichment, fellowship and relaxation. There will be presentations by a guest speaker. The convocation this year is on 13, 14 and 15 October. That means we will not be having the 8AM Mass this Wednesday and Thursday. Instead, there will be a Communion/Prayer Service. The Mass intention will be fulfilled by me as I will be concelebrating the Mass with all the priests on those days.

Many of you know that I was away for a trip to Scandinavia, visiting Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Iceland with a group of 38 people from various US States. Thanks to Fr. Dawid Malik, our priest in residence, who took care of the Masses in my absence, with Fr. Justin Akkara CMI helping on Sunday.

This trip was a combination of sightseeing and pilgrimage. While sightseeing, I was more interested to know about the Catholic Church in these countries. Missionaries like St. Ansgar brought the Catholic faith to Scandinavia between the 9th and 12th centuries. Kingdoms like Denmark, Norway, and Sweden built vibrant medieval dioceses. Until the Protestant reformation in the 16th century, Catholicism blossomed in the Nordic countries. The heroic lives and martyrdoms of the Nordic saints - King Olaf of Norway, King Erik of Sweden, King Knut of Denmark and Bishop Henrik of Finland - all bear witness to this.

In the 1520s and 1530s, Scandinavian kings broke ties with Rome and established state Lutheran churches, making Catholicism illegal or heavily restricted for centuries. Catholic practices were suppressed, in conjunction with the establishment of Evangelical Lutheran state churches. Today, though the society is dominated by Lutheran Christianity, church membership generally is more about cultural heritage than worshipping God. When we prayed the rosary and other prayers in the bus, the local driver was very impressed and remarked that it was very rare to hear such prayers in that culture!

Though Catholicism is a minority there, the good news is that the Scandinavian countries are experiencing a quiet growth and revival in Catholicism, primarily driven by immigration from Catholic regions and a small but steady number of native converts who were raised in secular or Lutheran backgrounds. Many are young people or intellectuals seeking tradition, structure, and moral clarity in these heavily secularized countries. At Oslo, the capital of Norway, I noticed that the Cathedral of St. Olaf was overflowing with Catholics attending the Sunday Mass. I was surprised that they had seven Masses on a Sunday in various languages: Croatian, Polish, Tagalog, Spanish, Vietnamese and English.

It was a privilege and honor for me to offer Mass at the following churches during this pilgrimage: St. Eric's Cathedral, Stockholm, Sweden; St. Anne's Church, St. Ansgar's Church and the Sacred Heart Church (all in Copenhagen, Denmark); St. Olaf Cathedral in Oslo, Norway; and Christ the King Cathedral of Reykjavik in Iceland. I certainly prayed for you, my dear parishioners of OLP, thanking God for your faith in Jesus Christ and for your commitment to our parish. May God continue to bless us all.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal
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Mass Intentions

October 11, Sunday 9:00am

+Marie Gironde from Joan & Rich Fetzner
+Holy Name Altar Rosary Society

11:00am

+Bernice Barone from Friends
+Eleanor Egan from Michael

October 12, Monday 8:00am

+Special Intentions for Omer Ovedraogo
from Family

October 13, Tuesday 8:00am

+Edward Norton from Susan Norton

October 14, Wednesday 8:00am

+Mary & Lester White
from Frank & Anne Heelan

October 15, Thursday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

October 16, Friday 8:00am

+James Buscino from Jeannie Delaney

October 17, Saturday 5:15pm

+Evelyn Codd from Delores Celentano
+George J. Quattrone from Dolores

October 18, Sunday 9:00am

+Special Intentions for Norma Izzo
+Adelma Tan Adelma from Hiroshi & Elizabeth

11:00am

Deceased Members of the Oasan Family
from Lani Sotelo

****Please excuse the error in last week's
bulletin – October 4, Sunday 11:00am Mass
intention was for**

AUNT VONNIE & UNCLE JOE FROM FAMILY



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



Sunday - October 11, 2026

8:30 am Holy Name Altar Rosary to pray the Rosary
in Church - ALL ARE WELCOME

9:00am - 12:00pm Holy Name Altar Rosary MTG -
Regina Caeli Room

Monday - October 12, 2026

Parish Office Closed

8:30am Novena - Church

Tuesday - October 13, 2026

5:30pm: 9:30pm Scouts - Parish Center

7:00pm Blue Army Devotion - Church

7:00pm-9:00pm NJ State Council of Columbiettes -
Parish Center

Wednesday - October 14, 2026

8:00am Communion Service - Church

4:30pm-5:45pm Religious Ed Gr 1-4 Parish Ctr

7:00pm-8:15pm Religious Ed Gr 5-8, II Parish Ctr

Thursday - October 15, 2026

8:00am Communion Service - Church

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday - October 17, 2026

8:00am-6:00pm PRE-Cana - Parish Hall

12:00pm - Memorial Mass

1:30pm - Memorial Mass

4:00pm Confessions - Church



Columbiettes Open House



Thursday, October 22, 2026 • 7PM

Regina Caeli Room • Parish Center

Come see what we're all about!

For more information contact

Marianne Harris at 732-261-2190

Join The Columbiettes!



This Week's Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning our altar this week are offered
in loving memory of George J. Quattrone. May his
memory continue to be a blessing, and may he rest
in the peace of Christ.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 17th & 18th 2026

Saturday, 5:15pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko, Karen
Senatore, Barbara Balog

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Delgado Family

Sunday, 9:00am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Bednar,
Roseanne Brady, Kenneth Egan

Reader: Thomas Diegnan

Altar Server: Brienne Szylar

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Ronak Bantleman, Maria
Frey, Angela Chundak

Reader: Frank Heelan

Altar Server: Sienna Santos

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Gratitude is popular as a meal or night time prayer. That's good - but feeling grateful is not the end of the story. Act on it! Make a deal with your child. Each of you think of a person that did something you were grateful for and promise to tell the person.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

The King's invitation was rejected, in today's gospel. Have you experienced rejection from your spouse? The pain is great. But that is the same pain your spouse feels when you too may have rejected your spouse. Tell your spouse: "I know how you felt when I said"



Week of October 4, 2026

Weekly Offering.....	\$5,326.00
Fall Clean-Up.....	\$812.00
Mail-In.....	\$743.00
Online giving.....	\$2,411.50
Total.....	\$9,292.50

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DID YOU SIGN UP FOR FALL INTO FAITH?

Bible sharing in small groups has been a blessing to many participants. One participant shared: "I appreciate going through Scripture with others because the perspective gained from a larger group brings rich growth." Another participant shared: "It's been great! We have grown spiritually, our relationships within the group have grown greatly, and I'm challenged by the Word of God. We'll go for it next session!" Here at Our Lady of Peace, our FALL INTO FAITH Bible Sharing Groups begin this week! There is still time to join! Please pick up and complete a registration form in church.

WE PRAY:

For those who are sick, or in nursing homes and hospitals

Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Peter Ruttowski, Renata Wisnik, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sariska, Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Marie Burke, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Shelly Greene, Deba Ambrosi, Michael L., Wendy Sneec, Catherine Miller, Tano Camarillo, Elizabeth Saver, Joan Quinn, Marien Zondlo, Wilson Aguirre, William Riggio, Zairis D. Peña, Augie Elio, Bill Herring, Elaine Cerreta

For those who have passed to Eternity

Arlene Stec, Angela Canales, Jennifer DeSantis, Angela Sossa, Louise Sutch, Thomas Katchisin, Patrick Kennedy, Anna Verrico, Jonathan Lopez, Rosario Arvisu, William Mahoney, Mario Rosario, Michael Wytanis, Norma Nebus, John Sarisky, Janice Cucchiera, Byju Thomas, Ruth Manieri, Christine M. Mellas

For all those who are serving in the Military

FILL THE HOUSE WITH SICK PEOPLE?

The venerable servant of God, Canon Cottolengo, when but a boy of five years, was measuring with a cord one room after another. His mother, rather confused, asked him what he was trying to do. "Dear mother," was the reply, "I want to see how many beds can be placed in this house: when I am grown up I should like to fill the whole house with sick people." A tear of emotion glistened in his mother's eyes. In 1832 he founded at Turin the 'Little Asylum of Divine Providence', and today it is world famous. It shelters 5000 men and embraces within its precincts a church, a number of houses, terraces and courtyards. [Joseph Aloysius Krebs How to Comfort the Sick (New York: Benziger, 1898) in Kelly Library, University of Toronto; see Google, USA Archives] –

Like Canon Cottolengo, there are some who respond to God's call with passion and reach out to others to realize God's vision for the human race. But there are many who, like the invited guests in the parable (Mt 22:5), are complacent in their response to the Lord's invitation. The "good and bad" (v. 10), in the parable constitute the mixed memberships of the Church: the sinners and the righteous. The people in the highways and the byways stand for the sinners and the Gentiles, who never expected an invitation into the Kingdom. God's invitation includes an offer of the correct dress for the feast, namely, the robe of Christ's righteousness of which Paul speaks in Philippians 3:7-11. Since this parable was directed to the chief priests and elders, Jesus contrasts their rigid observance of the law with the open-hearted generosity expressed by the king: "Invite everyone you find." This is obviously more than a story about a king and a banquet. It is the story of Salvation History in which God sent prophets and Christian evangelists with Good News. The first-invited are now rejected, but strangers are accepted. In other words, the Gentiles have replaced the Jews who refused to respond to Yahweh's call. This was the way that first-century Christians looked at the Jewish rejection of Jesus.

EASY TO MISLEAD and EASY TO BE MISLEAD!

Huey Long was a very colorful Louisiana politician who had hopes of running for the presidency in 1936. He began as an unschooled farm boy and ended up in the governor's mansion, one of the most popular politicians in the history of the state. Long was born in the central part of Louisiana, and when he first campaigned for governor, he was given some advice about the voters in the New Orleans area. "South Louisiana is different from the northern part of the state," he was told. "We have a lot of Catholic voters down here." Long nodded knowingly and went out to make his speech. It began, "When I was a boy, I'd get up at six every Sunday morning, hitch our old horse up to the buggy, and take my Catholic grandparents to Mass. I'd bring them home and then take my Baptist grandparents to Church." The speech was a rousing success. Afterward, a New Orleans political boss said, "Huey, you've been holding out on us. We didn't know you had Catholic grandparents." Huey looked at him slyly and said, "We didn't even have a horse!" ***Often truth is sacrificed for political convenience! Don't let anybody mislead you. Around the banquet table of God there won't be Baptists, or Catholics, or Methodists. There won't even be a head table reserved for the very saintly. There will only be sinners for whom Christ died. That includes you and me. Everyone is invited.***

☺ SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY ☺

On their 40th wedding anniversary and during the banquet celebrating it, Tom was asked to give his friends a brief account of the benefits of a marriage of such long duration..."Tell us Tom, just what is it you have learned from all those wonderful years with your wife?" Tom responds, "Well, I've learned that marriage is the best teacher of all. It teaches you loyalty, forbearance, meekness, self-restraint, forgiveness –and a great many other qualities you wouldn't have needed if you had stayed single." ☺

Starving after hours of driving nonstop, my husband and I pulled over at a truck stop. While he gassed up the car, I went into the restaurant and placed our order to go. After writing it all down, the girl behind the register asked, "Will that be all for you?" "No," I replied a bit defensively. "Some of it's for my husband." ☺

Q: Which dessert is perfect for eating in bed? A: A sheet cake. ☺

Q: What do you mean you are on a seafood diet? A: I see food and I eat it. ☺

WHO HAS TIME FOR GOD!

There is not enough time. Particularly is that true for today's wives and mothers. A study by Bryn Mawr College over fifty years ago stated that women then devoted more than eighty hours a week to cleaning the house, cooking meals, and taking care of the children. Did things get better? You know the answer to that. Another study twenty-five years later reported that full-time housewives spent more hours doing laundry in the 1970s than they did in the 1920s, despite all the new washing machines, dryers, detergents, and bleaches. The main change was that the family had acquired more clothing and now had even higher expectations about cleanliness and grooming. In the 1990's few women could even afford to dream of devoting full time to their families. The situation is not much different even today! Thus, the extraordinary demands of running a home are added to running an office or a classroom or a business. *Many men have the same problem. A University of Michigan study found that one-third of all physicians in the United States are so busy working that they are two years behind the breakthroughs in their own field. That's scary.*

Who has time for God's banquet? Christians are invited to the endless joy of the Heavenly banquet. If, in our preoccupation with temporary pleasures and duties, we refuse this invitation, our greatest pain after our death will be the realization of the precious things we have forfeited.

OVERCOMING REJECTION!

A girl named Kristi Yamaguchi was born to a young couple whose parents had emigrated to the U.S. from Japan in the early twentieth century. Unfortunately, one of her feet was twisted. Her parents tried to heal her by means of physical therapy. To strengthen her legs further they enrolled her in an ice-skating class. Kristi had to get up at four a.m. on school days to do her practice in the ice rink before she went to school. This helped her to develop into a world-class figure-skater. Believe it or not, in 1992 Kristi won the gold medal for the United States in women's figure-skating at the XVI Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, 1992. Kristi thus became one of the several examples of *"the stone rejected by the builders"* becoming a *"cornerstone"* of the U.S. Women's Olympic team. Kristi is very passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of children. In 1996, Kristi established the *Always Dream Foundation* whose mission is to encourage, support and embrace the hopes and dreams of children. today's Gospel, the invitation is to all – irrespective of one's weakness or failures

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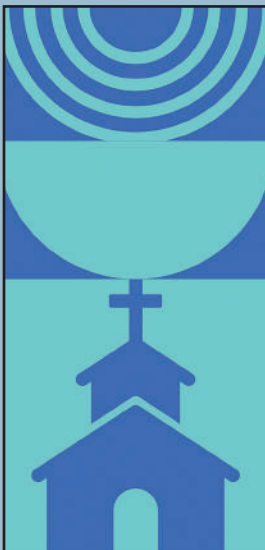
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