

Pastor's Notes



I pray that the chill autumn air ushered in by November is warming your hearts and families, as we once again witness the wondrous transformation of the colors of Fall! The new statue of the Blessed Mother embracing the Christ Child will soon be placed on a pedestal in front of the Church on Willis Avenue, at the southern part of our property. The plaque on the base will be dedicated to Irene Krause, who lived all of her 96 years of life in Mineola. Even though she never married, Irene always had a profound love for Corpus Christi, the Eucharist and Mary; truly her family in faith. As I write this on All Saints Day, may Irene be lifted up by the choirs of angels, into that sacred place in paradise for all eternity!

I'm so glad to see so many people making use of the new wheel-chair ramp at the main entrance of the church. Our gratitude goes out to Dominic Lopes of our Portuguese community, who did so much of the planning and overseeing the construction/landscaping. Your generosity in our once-a-year fall fundraiser will go towards paying for the entire project. So turn in those raffle tickets with your donations to hopefully win \$1,500/\$1,000/\$500 on Sunday 26th of November, the solemnity of Christ the King!!





**BLESSING BAGS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH**



Actual Blessing Bag

Help **BLESS** our Parish Outreach guests' tables with your generous offerings.

This Thanksgiving please
Adopt a Family
and pick up a Blessing Bag with an attached shopping list.

Fill the bag and return it to the Church or Outreach Office by

Sunday, 11/18/23

***Outreach hours: Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM**

Updated Nov. 6, 2023

Liturgical Minister Training- Fall 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., Sept. 23 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Sat., Sept. 30 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
(Please arrive by 8:30 am for either training)

Training in ENGLISH:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Suffolk: Tuesday, Oct. 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.
Nassau: Wednesday, Nov. 29 – St. Paul the Apostle/Brookville – Lower Hall; 7 – 10 pm
You may register for only one training each evening.

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open at 6:30 pm

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B**
Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:
Tuesday, Oct. 24 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 – 9:30 pm.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



God bless all our valiant veterans who have served our country for the cause of freedom throughout the world. Also pray for God’s protection over all our active duty military personnel who continue their faithful service to our Nation.



Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023

9:30 AM Gr. 5, 6, IC-3 (Fitz.Hall)

10:00 AM Class Mass

Friday, Nov. 17, 2023

5:00 PM Pageant Practice (church)

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023

9:30 AM Gr. 1, 2, IC-2 (Fitz. Hall)

10:00 M Class Mass



On Sunday, November 5th, our 3rd and 4th graders in the Religious Education Program attended their monthly Class Mass following "Twenty Minutes with the Director" and their safety lesson.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023

Junior Lectors 10:00 AM Mass

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023

Matthew Hargrove and Luigi Sartori

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023

Brendan Ludwig and Nicole Henriques

Gabriel Wasserman and Lily Wasserman

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS SALE

Court Immaculata #444 Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be selling Christmas car magnets and Advent calendars at all the masses on the weekends of November 12-13 and December 1-2. The magnets will cost \$5.00 and the calendars \$3.00. Please support our fundraising efforts. We support several charities and give scholarships to our Religious Education students.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



The Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, November 20th in Fitzgerald Hall Meeting Room at 6:30 PM. Please use the side door entrance. During the Rosary Weekend in October, we distributed 1000 pocket prayer cards and gave out 100 rosaries. New members are always welcome. The Rosary Mass this month is on November 25th at 5:00PM. For further information, please call 516 456 8823.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The monthly meeting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry is on Tuesday, November the 14th at 3:30 PM. If you are unable to attend, please call for pickup on/or before the 16th. The November 28th meeting is cancelled with regrets. Prayer Shawls are distributed to Corpus Christi's own Outreach for the homebound. Baby blankets are donated to Momma's House located at St. Rocco's in Glen Cove, and to Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadows. Hats and scarves are donated to churches, such as St. Francis of Assisi in NYC for the homeless.



New Members are always welcome. As we meet in a private home, please call 516 456 8823 for directions.

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on St. JOSEPH - Part III
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verses

JOSEPH
The Man of Faith
Gospel of Matthew 1: 18-25

The Annunciation to Joseph

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



2023**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*

A Special Thank you to our veterans this month for protecting our freedom by serving our country. May God bless you and your family.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Project Veterans Independence

This Veterans Day honor a veteran and show gratitude for their service by supporting programs that help them and their families.



"I was out of the service, out of a family, out of a job and out of a home. Catholic Charities found me and helped me to not only find a place to live - but they helped me to turn my life around."

- Charles, honorably discharged US Veteran

Charles spent 17 years deployed at military bases throughout the world. Returning home after an incident involving nerve gas, he began struggling with debilitating bouts of anxiety and depression.

His circumstances worsened and he couldn't maintain a steady job. Charles moved in with his mother, but within a year she died and his childhood home went into foreclosure.

Catholic Charities' *Project Veterans' Independence*, which guides homeless veterans into permanent housing so they can live independently and have access to support networks that get them back on their feet, reached out and helped Charles.

Your Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal help to make this possible!

Corpus Christi Parish

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT
LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**



**REMEMBER TO BRING
IN THOSE BABY
BOTTLES!**

Recently, Corpus Christie Parish
kicked-off their Baby Bottle Campaign
to benefit the Life Center.

**THE WEEKEND TO BRING THOSE
FILLED BABY BOTTLES IN IS:**

November 4th & 5th

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer
to make a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** for all those we serve.

(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

*May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a
preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity
to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!*



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Christine Englund, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liry, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivorichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

Outreach Pantry needs the following:

Cereal Fruit Juice, Macaroni & Cheese, Bathroom Tissue, Canned Tuna, Syrup, Tea Sugar, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Oatmeal, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Snacks, Pasta (all types) Cooking Oil Rice Peanut butter Canned Soup Canned Vegetables Paper Towels Soap



If you are struggling and in need of help with food, clothing or finances please call 516-746-1223.

FALL RAFFLE

The Fall is the traditional time for our once-a-year parish fund-raiser, by way of the four raffle tickets we sent to each home. They are \$25 each, which will go toward the final stages of getting our school building back in great shape for the good of all our children and young people. There will be three cash prizes (\$1,500, \$1,000, \$500) to be drawn at a reception in Fitzgerald Hall on Sunday 26 November at 12:30 PM, following the 11:30 AM Mass. Please return the raffle ticket stubs and donations to the rectory by mail, in person, or in the collection baskets. If you need additional tickets, you can pick them up from the rectory.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18-19, 2023

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Give your heart to your spouse."

Proverbs 31:10-12: "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls, Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life." Give your heart to your spouse. Give your spouse good things. Love your spouse always. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: January 21-23, 2024 and February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 631-486-8607 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

Español

XXXII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



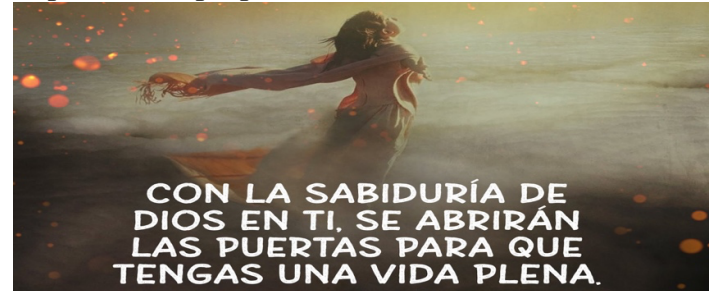
EVANGELIO DE SAN MATEO 25, 1-13

En aquel tiempo Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta parábola: *“El Reino de los cielos es semejante a diez jóvenes, que tomando sus lámparas, salieron al encuentro del esposo. Cinco de ellas eran descuidadas y cinco, previsoras. Las descuidadas llevaron sus lámparas, pero no llevaron aceite para llenarlas de nuevo; las previsoras, en cambio, llevaron cada una un frasco de aceite junto con su lámpara. Como el esposo tardaba, les entró sueño a todas y se durmieron. A medianoche se oyó un grito: Ya viene el esposo! Salgan a su encuentro! Se levantaron entonces todas aquellas jóvenes y se pusieron a preparar sus lámparas, y las descuidadas dijeron a las previsoras: Denos un poco de su aceite, porque nuestras lámparas se están apagando. Las previsoras les contestaron: No, porque no va a alcanzar para ustedes y para nosotras. Vayan mejor a donde lo venden y cómprenlo. Mientras aquéllas iban a comprarlo, llegó el esposo, y las que estaban listas entraron con él al banquete de bodas y se cerró la puerta. Más tarde llegaron las otras jóvenes y dijeron: Señor, señor, ábrenos. Pero él les respondió: Yo les aseguro que no las conozco. Estén, pues, preparados, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora”.*



En los tiempos de las primeras comunidades, cuando Pablo escribió la carta a los tesalonicenses, se creía en el final de los tiempos conocidos, en la venida inminente de Jesucristo (la parusía) que acabaría con las persecuciones, la muerte del mal, pero este acontecimiento no llegaba. Cercano el final del año

litúrgico, la Palabra de Dios nos invita a reflexionar sobre la actitud que debemos mantener hasta el final de nuestra vida y a obrar en consecuencia. La comunidad a lo que S. Mateo dirige su evangelio vivía preocupado porque mucho de ellos habían muerto, el retraso de la segunda venida del Señor se los hacía larga y esto los causaba una gran inquietud. El Evangelista los invita con una nueva parábola, como nos invita nosotros, a estar en vela, porque ciertamente el Señor llegará, aunque no sepamos el día ni la hora. El novio representa a Jesús y es la figura central del evangelio; las jóvenes que esperan al novio se identifican con todos los cristianos. La tardanza del novio representa el espacio de tiempos entre la primera y la segunda venida del Señor. La entrada de las cinco jóvenes prudentes en la fiesta describe la salvación de las que estaban preparadas, y el rechazo de las cinco insensatas, que no estaban preparadas, describe el juicio y el rechazo final. Insensatos son los que oyen la Palabra de Dios, pero no la cumplen; prudentes, los que la escuchan y la practican. La parábola debe hacernos reflexionar. Que venga pronto o tarde el Señor no importa, sí importa vivir preparados.



La primera lectura nos presenta la sabiduría, don gratuito e incondicional de Dios para el hombre. Al hombre le queda estar atento, vigilante y disponible para acoger, en cada instante, la vida y la salvación que Dios le ofrece.



En la segunda lectura, Pablo asegura a los cristianos de Tesalónica que Cristo vendrá.

Português

DOMINGO XXXII DO TEMPO COMUM



EVANGELHO DE SÃO MATEUS 23, 25, 1-13

Naquele tempo, disse Jesus aos seus discípulos a seguinte parábola: *“O reino dos Céus pode comparar-se a dez virgens, que tomando as suas lâmpadas, foram ao encontro do esposo. Cinco eram insensatas e cinco eram prudentes. As insensatas, ao tomarem as suas lâmpadas, não levaram azeite consigo, enquanto as prudentes, com as lâmpadas, levaram azeite nas almotolias. Como o esposo se demorava, começaram todas a dormir e adormeceram. No meio da noite ouviu-se um brado: Aí vem o esposo; ide ao seu encontro. Então as virgens levantaram-se todas e começaram a preparar as lâmpadas. As insensatas disseram às prudentes: Dai-nos do vosso azeite, que as nossas lâmpadas estão a apagar-se. Mas as prudentes responderam: Talvez não chegue para nós e para vós. Ide antes comprá-lo aos vendedores. Mas, enquanto foram comprá-lo, chegou o esposo. As que estavam preparadas entraram com ele para o banquete nupcial; e a porta fechou-se. Mais tarde, chegaram também as outras virgens e disseram: Senhor, abre-nos a porta. Mas ele respondeu: Em verdade vos digo.: Não vos conheço. Portanto, vigiai, porque não sabeis o dia nem a hora”.*



A parábola das dez virgens era uma parábola do Reino. O Reino de Deus é, aqui comparado com o banquete de casamento. As dez jovens, representam a totalidade do Povo de Deus, que espera ansiosamente a chegada do messias (o noivo). Uma

parte desse Povo (as jovens prudentes) está preparada e, quando o messias finalmente aparece, pode entrar a fazer parte da comunidade do Reino; outra parte (as jovens insensatas) não está preparada e não pode entrar na comunidade do Reino. A parábola do Evangelho nos ensina que o cristianismo implica numa sabedoria, e que a insensatez se opõe a ele. Em que consistia a insensatez das virgens da parábola? Em pensar que outros nos podem substituir na vida cristã, na busca de Deus. As virgens eram insensatas porque pensavam que a conversão a Cristo e a preparação para se apresentar diante de Deus podiam ser feitas à última hora. Pensavam que podiam viver sem se preocupar com Deus, com o Evangelho, com a fé e as boas obras, e que no fim, na hora do encontro com Cristo, tudo se arranjará.



Na primeira leitura a Bíblia fala de sabedoria e refere-se, sobretudo, à arte de orientar bem a própria vida. A sabedoria é um dom gratuito e incondicional de Deus para o homem. Ao homem resta estar atento, vigilante e disponível para acolher, em cada instante, a vida e a salvação que Deus lhe oferece.



Nas primeiras comunidades cristãs tinha-se difundido a convicção de que Jesus voltaria rapidamente para levar consigo os discípulos e introduzi-los no Reino do Pai. Também Paulo partilhava esta ideia.

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