

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021 *Luke 21:1-4*
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 8:30am Anthony Catalano
 12:10pm Mass of Thanksgiving
 Kathleen C. Burke
 Mr & Mrs James LoBello & Family (L)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 *Luke 21:5-11*
St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
 8:30am Sr. Marie Murphy, O. P.
 12:10pm Private Intention

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021 *Luke 21:12-19*
St. Andrew Dung-Lac (Priest) & Companions, Martyrs
 12:10pm Private Intention
 7:30pm Private Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 *Mass of Thanksgiving*
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
 9:00am Maria Pura Palec & Romulo Palec, Sr.
 Petronila Valerio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021 *Luke 21:29-33*
 8:30am Private Intention
 12:10pm Juan Rodriguez
 Peter Pultorak & Family, Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021 *Luke 21:34-36*
 8:30am Private Intention
 5:00pm Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary
 Joan Fitzgerald
 Benjy Margulies (15th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021 *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*
First Sunday of Advent
 7:45am Anna & Michael Apollo
 Eileen Paladino
 9:00am Kevin L. Herron
 Myron Martinetion
 Marilyn LeDu
 Peter Rumore
 Thomas Masino
 Immacolata Masini
 11:00am Ida & Phil Andrieno
 Frank Faraci & Mary Faraci
 Josephine Sciarrino
 1:00pm Milagros Valentin

Next Sunday's Liturgy-Nov. 28

Readings for First Sunday of Advent
1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 The days are coming when the promises of God will be fulfilled.
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 God's friendship is available to those who wait on the divine presence.
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Continue to conduct yourselves in anticipation of the coming of Jesus.
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Some will die of fright, and others will see redemption at hand when the Son of Man comes.
FOCUS: In this graced Advent time, prepare for Jesus' coming.
 Advent is a season of preparation. It is easy to lose Advent in the swirl of Christmas lights and decorations. In this time of anticipation as we consider Christ's incarnation – his coming in the flesh – we also await his return in glory. Be ready: *stand erect and raise your heads*. Prepare your hearts to receive him. Don't miss the grace of Advent.

Music for First Sunday of Advent

Entrance Song: #20 O Come O Come Emmanuel
Presentation of the Gifts: #581 Soon and Very Soon
Communion Song: #44 Ready the Way
Concluding Song: #598 Christ Be Our Light
Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 25 (24):1-3
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Communion Antiphon: Psalm 85 (84):13

HNM Facebook & Website

Our parish community invites you to follow us at [facebook.com/VSNYUSA](https://www.facebook.com/VSNYUSA). Click LIKE and share with family and friends. Also, see our website at www.hnom.org.

Presider Schedule for Masses

Saturday, November 27
 5:00 pm Fr. David Regan
Sunday, November 28
 7:45 am Fr. Edmund Ani
 9:00 am Fr. Edmund Ani
 11:00 am Fr. David Regan
 1:00 pm Fr. Jose Tenas

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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 21, 2021



The celebration of the Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent development. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, to remind Catholics (and the world, generally) that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Universe, both as God and as Man.

Pius XI announced the feast in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, which was delivered on December 11, 1925. At the end of the encyclical, he declared that he expected three "blessings" to flow from the celebration of the feast:

First; that "men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state".

Secondly; that "Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honor and obedience to Christ".

Thirdly; that "The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal."



The meaning behind the Advent calendar remains steeped in religious themes. More than just a count-down, marking the days of Advent serves as a time of spiritual reflection and preparation. Advent is a season of waiting, calling to mind the longing and anticipation of God's people who, for centuries, awaited the coming Messiah.

Counting down the days of Advent can help us consider what it must have been like waiting for the promised Messiah, generation after generation. It gives us an opportunity to lament the reason we needed a savior to come in the first place—our sin—and also to remember God's past faithfulness to us. On this side of the cross, we know that Israel's long season of expectation culminated in the birth of Jesus Christ. Likewise, our yearly season of Advent culminates in the celebration of Christmas; but first we walk through a season in which we *prepare* for the feast.

In addition to commemorating God's faithfulness in the past, keeping Advent also helps us look ahead with hopeful anticipation. Advent puts us in the habit of watching and waiting, which is a helpful practice because Christians still live in a state of anticipation: We are waiting for Christ's return. By looking back at His first Advent, we prepare ourselves to live in joyful expectation of His second Advent. By keeping these themes in mind, something as simple as an Advent calendar can help ready our hearts to celebrate the gift of God's Son.

Fr. Regan



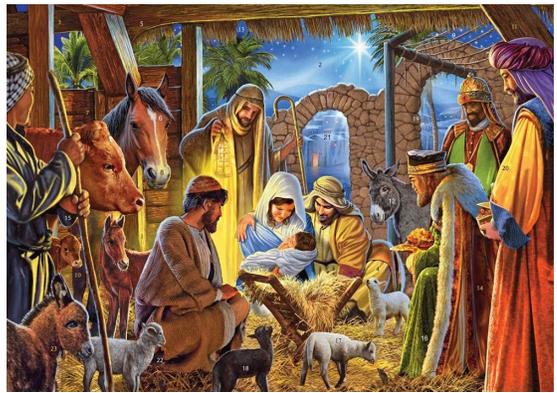
La celebración de la Fiesta de Cristo Rey es un desarrollo relativamente reciente. Fue establecido por el Papa Pío XI en 1925, para recordar a los católicos (y al mundo en general) que Jesucristo es el Señor del Universo, tanto como Dios como Hombre.

Pío XI anunció la fiesta en su encíclica *Quas Primas*, que fue entregada el 11 de diciembre de 1925. Al final de la encíclica, declaró que esperaba que fluyeran tres "bendiciones" de la celebración de la fiesta:

primero; que "los hombres sin duda recordaran que la Iglesia, fundada por Cristo como sociedad perfecta, tiene un derecho natural e inalienable a la perfecta libertad e inmunidad frente al poder del Estado"

segundo lugar; que "las naciones recordaran con la celebración anual de esta fiesta que no sólo los particulares, sino también los gobernantes y príncipes están obligados a honrar y obedecer públicamente a Cristo"

tercer lugar; que "los fieles, además, al meditar sobre estas verdades, obtendrán mucha fuerza y valor, que les permitirá formar su vida según el verdadero ideal cristiano".



El significado detrás del calendario de Adviento permanece impregnado de temas religiosos. Más que una cuenta regresiva; marcar los días de Adviento sirve como un tiempo de reflexión y preparación espiritual.

El Adviento es un tiempo de espera, que recuerda el anhelo y la anticipación del pueblo de Dios que, durante siglos, esperó la venida del Mesías.

Contar los días de Adviento puede ayudarnos a considerar cómo debe haber sido esperar al Mesías prometido, generación tras generación. Nos da la oportunidad de lamentar la razón por la que necesitábamos que viniera un salvador en primer lugar, nuestro pecado, y también de recordar la fidelidad pasada de Dios hacia nosotros. De este lado de la cruz, sabemos que la larga temporada de expectativa de Israel culminó con el nacimiento de Jesucristo. Asimismo, nuestra temporada anual de Adviento culmina con la celebración de la Navidad; pero primero atravesamos una temporada en la que nos *preparamos* para la fiesta.

Además de conmemorar la fidelidad de Dios en el pasado, guardar el Adviento también nos ayuda a mirar hacia adelante con esperanza. El Adviento nos pone en el hábito de mirar y esperar, lo cual es una práctica útil porque los cristianos todavía viven en un estado de anticipación: estamos esperando el regreso de Cristo. Al mirar hacia atrás en su primer advenimiento, nos preparamos para vivir en la gozosa expectativa de su segundo advenimiento. Al tener estos temas en mente, algo tan simple como un calendario de Adviento puede ayudar a preparar nuestro corazón para celebrar el regalo del Hijo de Dios.

P. Regan

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

~ a brother & sister ~

Present a Night of Recollection

A Night of Song.....Night of Inspiration..... Night of Reflection

Holy Name of Mary RCC

55 E Jamaica Ave, Valley Stream

(516) 825-1450

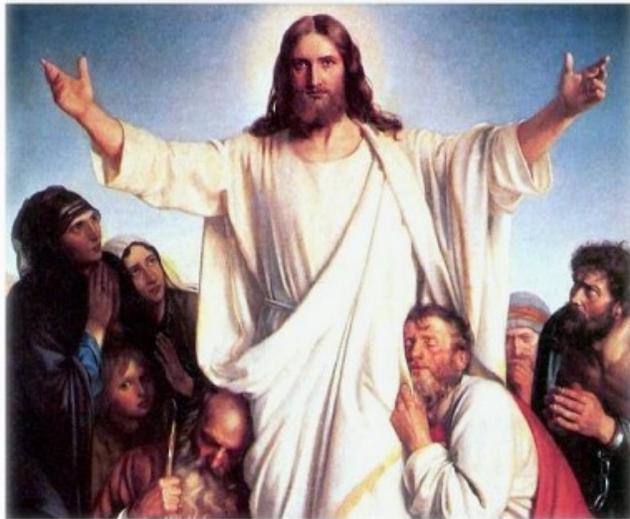
Monday, December 6, 2021

at 7:30 p.m.

~ free will offering ~



TOPIC: DIVINE PROVIDENCE



This outstanding program is supported by scripture, song and personal reflection and is designed to comfort and inspire those facing struggles of any kind. If you've ever wondered: "Where is God in this struggle?" "Why is God allowing this to happen?" or "How can God love me if...?" Have you, or your loved ones, experienced some of these fears in the challenges of everyday life, in particular over these past 2 years? Then this evening is for YOU!

You will have an opportunity to participate in a symbolic offering of your fears and losses and have them prayed over. Come and refresh your soul and rejuvenate your spirit knowing that God's Divine Providence is at work every day in your life and He is with us and guiding us through all things in our lives.

Father Charles and Laurie have united their gifts to praise God and minister to His people in a very special way. They have been singing for the Lord since childhood, and together they have touched the hearts of thousands with their meditative and inspirational music. In addition to producing 13 albums, a DVD and music video, Father Charles and Laurie co-hosted their own TV show on Telecare, now Catholic Faith Network (CFN), for 20 years. They have sung at countless venues in the U.S., as well as abroad, and their benefit concerts have raised \$443,000 for charity to date. This beautiful Night of Recollection on Monday, December 6, 2021 is **guaranteed to be most uplifting!** It is our hope that through this experience you will come to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way, leading you to serve the Lord with gladness. Bring a friend!



HOLY NAME OF MARY SCHOOL *News*

90 S. Grove Street, Valley Stream, NY - (516) 825-4009

Website: www.hnomschool.org - Facebook/Instagram: [hnomschoolvalleystream](https://www.facebook.com/hnomschoolvalleystream)

November 14, 2021

LITERACY NIGHT 2021

“Holy Name of Mary School is Batty about Books!” On Wednesday, October 27th the students in grades Pre-K – 2 were invited back to school for a night of reading, crafting and snacking. The goal of Literacy Night is to foster a love of reading in each student. The books, crafts, snacks and decorations were Halloween themed. Our Early Childhood teachers did an outstanding job presenting the books and crafts to our young students. Literacy Night was such a huge success we have decided to schedule one in the spring for grades 3 – 5!

NOCHE DE LITERATURA 2021

“Holy Name of Mary esta Loco por Libros!” El miercoles 27 de octubre, los estudiante en los grados Pre-K al 2 fueron invitados a formar parte de una noche de lectura, manualidades, y refrigerios. La meta de la Noche de Literatura es fomentar un amor a la literatura en cada estudiante. Los libros, manualidades, refrigerios y decoraciones fueron con la temática de Halloween. Nuestras maestras del area Edad Temprana hicieron un trabajo extraordinario al presenter los libros y manualidades a nuestros estudiantes pequeños. La Noche de Lectura fué un éxito tán enorme que hemos decidido agendar uno para la primavera para los grados 3 al 5!



Private and virtual tours can be arranged by calling the school office at (516) 825 - 4009.

Se pueden organizar recorridos privados y virtuales llamando a la oficina de la escuela al (516) 825-4009.

Thanksgiving Day, November 25
9:00 AM Mass

Giving thanks to the Lord is a wonderful way to begin your Thanksgiving Day! Join us as we come together to give thanks to God for the many gifts & blessings we have received.

As we have done every Thanksgiving, you are invited to bring donations of food to help restock our food pantry. Your donations are always appreciated!

The Priests and Parish Staff wish everyone a very Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving! The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday.



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord,

thank You for this special day when we bow our heads in thanksgiving and consider our many blessings. We thank You for our health and our homes, and the beauty all around us. We thank You for answering our prayers and for knowing what we need before we even ask. Most of all, we thank You for surrounding us with the gifts of family and friends- for their laughter, trust and love. Please bless those who can't be with us yet remain close to our hearts and continue to bless and protect us all.

This is our loving prayer to You on this Thanksgiving Day!

Amen.



TEST YOUR THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

Answers on page 7

1. Who was the chief of the Indian tribe who were invited to the Thanksgiving feast?
 a. Geronimo b. Massasoit c. Pontiac d. Tucumseh
2. What was the name of the Indian tribe at the Thanksgiving feast?
 a. Cherokee b. Chippewa c. Wampanoag d. Apache
3. What is the meaning of cornucopia?
 a. God of corn b. Horn of plenty c. Plenty of corn d. Corn harvest
4. The first giant balloon to ever take part in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade was ____?
 a. Mickey Mouse b. Betty Boop c. Felix the cat d. Spiderman
5. What was the name of the ship that transported the Pilgrims?
 a. Santa Maria b. Pinta c. Mayflower d. Mina
6. Who was the captain of the Pilgrim ship?
 a. Christopher Columbus b. William Adams c. Francis Drake d. Christopher Jones
7. What was the original names for the Pilgrims? A. Parisans b. Puritans c. Colonists
8. What is the name of a baby turkey? a. Chick b. Poults c. Tommies d. Pups
9. How many days was the first Thanksgiving in 1621, believed to have lasted? a. 2 b. 3 c. 5 d. 7
10. Which of the following utensils was not available to the Pilgrims to eat their meal with?
 a. spoons b. forks c. knives
11. Which president is believed to be the first to pardon a turkey and start the annual tradition?
 a. Harry S. Truman b. Franklin D. Roosevelt c. Ronald Reagan d. George W. Bush
12. The first Thanksgiving football game was started in 1934 by which team?
 A. Cleveland Browns b. Green Bay Packers c. Detroit Lions d. New York Giants





Next Sunday, November 28th,
is the *First Sunday of Advent*.

All children are invited to attend
the 11am Mass and sit on the steps
of the Altar during the homily.

Each child will receive an
Advent Calendar!

VALLEY STREAM RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

The Valley Stream Religious Council invites all to a Thanksgiving Service, "The Spirit of Gratitude", an Interfaith program of music and words, on Thursday, November 18th, from 7pm to 8:15pm. Join ZOOM for virtual meeting. For more information and ZOOM link, call 631-258-3571.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

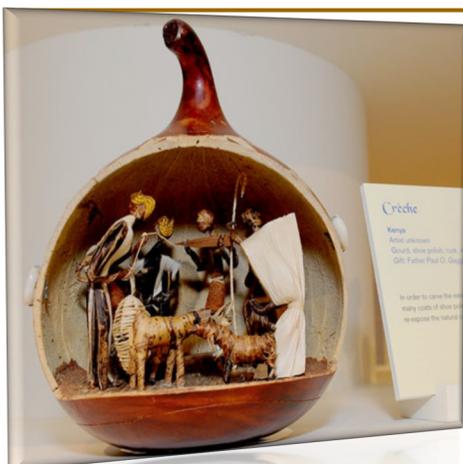
This weekend, there is a special Diocesan collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Este fin de semana, hay una colecta diocesana especial para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Más de 43 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven en la pobreza. Esta colección apoya programas para capacitar a las personas para que identifiquen y aborden los obstáculos que enfrentan mientras trabajan para lograr un cambio permanente y positivo en sus comunidades. Obtenga más información sobre CCHD en www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Students from the 8th grade HNM Religious Education program are participating in a Toy & Gift Drive as a community service project, to benefit the children of the INN. If you wish to donate new, unused toys, please drop them off at State Farm, 157 Dubois Ave., NOT in the Church or Religious Ed Office. Drive ends on December 5, 2021. For more information, email; GiftDriveforTheInn2021@gmail.com.

Answers to "Test Your Thanksgiving Trivia"

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| 1. B | 5. C | 9. B |
| 2. C | 6. D | 10. B |
| 3. B | 7. B | 11. A |
| 4. C | 8. C | 12. C |



The Nativity Story: Art of the Creche

Bus Trip to the Michael McGivney Pilgrim Center, New Haven, Ct.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

\$40 pp, includes bus, tour, and a boxed lunch

Annual Christmas tradition of showcasing the Art of the Nativity. This exhibit shares many examples of how the Nativity has been depicted in art from around the world, demonstrating the global impact of Christ's birth.

Seating limited to 40. Bus leaves at 9am, returns 4pm. To reserve a seat, or for more info, call Mark Daley at: 516-284-9129 or email: daleym212@gmail.com.

Please fill out this form if you wish to reserve a seat and return it to the Parish Office with payment by next weekend. Checks can be made payable to Holy Name of Mary Parish.

NAME: _____ # of People: _____ Phone #: _____



A Covid Christmas

In the past, our parish has collected collects gifts for people in need in our community. These gifts were carefully sorted and distributed by a huge number of Volunteers in the weeks before Christmas. Those who received the gifts were always so very grateful and we were humbled by their expressions of THANKS.

This year again, because of COVID, we needed to make a change in our Christmas Gifts Program. Since we cannot maintain social distancing and other safety precautions in the sorting and distribution process, we decided to request gift cards from our parishioners. These gift cards will be given to our clients in time for them to shop for Christmas.

Though GIFT CARDS may not seem very personal, they allow for a safe distribution and our clients will be able to make choices that will be the best for them.

We hope that many of our parishioners will consider helping us by getting **GIFT CARDS** in **ANY DENOMINATION**. The most helpful stores are Target, Walmart, Old Navy and the Children's Place.

If you wish to participate in our gift program, please do the following:

1. Purchase the gift cards
2. Put them in an envelope or a box and write PARISH OUTREACH on the front
3. Return them to:
 - Parish Outreach, Monday – Friday from 10am-5pm.
 - the Parish Rectory Office
 - the box in front of the "CRY ROOM"



*****Please do not leave loose gift cards anywhere around the church! For more information, please call, the Parish Outreach Office at 516-825-0177.**

Msgr. Mulligan Memorial



Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Gerard P. Cornet
Love, Gina Cornet

There are many available dates to remember a loved one with the Msgr. Mulligan Memorial of **Bread & Wine, Candles, or Flowers**. These intentions begin on a Sunday and end on the following Saturday. Your loved one will be remembered at every Mass throughout the week. Please stop in at the Parish Office if you would like to schedule your special intention.

Bread & Wine or Candles = \$50.00; Flowers = \$125.00

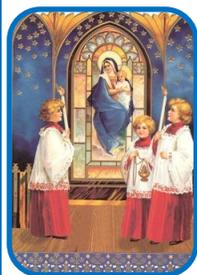
Financial Information

Weekly budget amount to meet parish expenses	\$13,882
Weekly offering of November 14, 2021	\$10,090
Faith Direct (average of weekly donation)	\$ 1,922
TOTAL of weekly offering & Faith Direct	\$12,012
Deficit	\$ 1,870

Thank you for your support of our parish!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

It is a great honor and privilege to serve at the Altar of our Lord and therefore your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve the priests and deacons, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ. As an Altar Server, you are involved in the holiest and most sacred event in our tradition of Catholic worship. Other than priests and deacons, no one else is allowed to so closely play a part in the preparation of the Eucharist. During the Mass, our Savior becomes truly present on the altar. It is a great mystery, but it lives at the core of our faith. It is important as an Altar Server, to be attentive and sensitive to the presence of God while performing your ministry around the altar.



If you are interested in this special ministry, please contact Mr. Mark Daley at 516-284-9129 or email at: daley212@gmail.com.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



"Can you not spare one hour for me?"
 You are invited to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following the 12:10pm Mass, until 6pm. and every Saturday from 7pm - 8pm.

**Prepare ye the way
of the Lord**

Would you like to pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners during the Advent Season? Together, we can create a prayerful gift for the Lord.

Join us as we pray the Rosary via Zoom on the following dates:

Monday, November 29 at 7:30pm
Thursday, December 9 at 7:30pm
Monday, December 13 at 7:30pm
Monday, December 20 at 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 245 533 5589
Passcode: Rosary

HNM School Registration

Join in the Spirit at Holy Name of Mary School, an AdvancEd Accredited School. To register your child for Nursery (full day, age 3), Pre-K (full day, age 4), Kindergarten (full day, age 5) or Grade 1 through 8, contact our School Office to make an appointment at 516-825-4009, or visit www.hnomschool.org for registration materials and details. Before and after school care is available for all registered students. Follow Holy Name of Mary School on Instagram and Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

Banns of Marriage

Third Time:

*Kevin Leung (Non-Catholic)
& Kristina London (HNM)*

Remember in Prayer

All Those Who Are Sick

Father of Goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need...

Anthony F. Chirico, Stefan D'Angelo
Fernando Davadilla, William Facibene
Anthony Ippolito, Rebecca Kissmer
Kevin Lynch, Nial Pace, Lucy Teijmul

(Names will remain on the sick list for **four weeks only**. If you would like to have the name listed again, please notify the Parish Office.)

All Those Who Have Died

May God grant them eternal happiness and peace
Richard Brennan, David Bulger, John P. McCadden
Anthony Joseph Michael Marra, Peter Ryan

EM Schedule

Saturday, November 27, 2021

5:00pm
HOST } J. Menzies, J. Marracello

Sunday, November 28, 2021

7:45am
HOST } J. Davide, J. Danisi

9:00am
HOST } M. Tobar, P. Raad

11:00am
HOST } L. Gangemi, M. Alexis



Baptism Schedule

Baptisms in English are scheduled on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 3pm. Baptisms in Spanish are scheduled on the second Saturday of every month at 12 noon. Please call the Parish Office for available dates. Baby's birth certificate and signed sponsor forms will be required.

St. Vincent de Paul Message



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to families, providing in food, for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

Pantry Needs: Paper towel, toilet tissue, pasta sauce, juice, evaporated milk, canned meats, tuna, soup, canned pasta, laundry detergent, soap, toothpaste

Please remember the poor boxes as you leave Church today. These generous offerings help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assist families in need in our own parish. Thank you!



If you and your family recently moved to Valley Stream and wish to become registered parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church, (or maybe you attend Mass regularly and have never registered), please visit the Parish Office to fill out a short registration form. Using our envelope system is the only way to have all your donations recorded.

Loose checks are not recorded, they must be placed in your registered parishioner envelope.

Growing in FAITH™



Meditations

Happiness

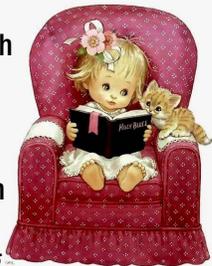
As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve Him, and so come to the happiness of paradise" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1720). The happiness the world offers doesn't last, but the happiness God offers is forever.



Nurture faith

Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education.

To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding Spiritual reading. (Hint: ask a priest for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.



Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for you is unique. *"Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way."* (Psalm 37:7)

Prepare for an amazing truth

At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first.

To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

Live intentionally.

If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior. Try to live each day that way.

Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. *"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of*



you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Luke 12:20).

Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him.

Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime.

The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!

Why do Catholics Do That ?

Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us as spiritual guides to lead us to

Why do Catholics Honor Saints?

God. The saints were real people who faced problems similar to our own. They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials, and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.



Thankfulness is good for the health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.



Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious.

Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your possessions.

Keep only what you need.

from **Scripture**

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people living in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, she married at the age of 14. Her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent her life caring for the poor.

November 21 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 22 – St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith.

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12).

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Is our belief in Purgatory rooted in the Bible?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish leader Judas Maccabee required his soldiers to offer prayers and sacrifices for dead comrades who died wearing "magic" amulets in service of pagan gods – a serious violation of the covenant. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"*, (Maccabees 12:42). By offering prayers on their behalf after their death, Judas Maccabee demonstrated his faith that the prayers could still benefit the dead.



In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that won't be forgiven in this life or in the next (Matthew 12:32). We conclude that other sins are forgiven in the next life.

If we die in God's friendship but still have attachment to venial sin, purification will be necessary. It is difficult to see a beautiful landscape through a dirty window. To enjoy the view, the window must be cleaned. Likewise, Purgatory cleans us up so we can enjoy the view, in this case, the beatific vision of God.

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