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Parish Office Hours

Monday — Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm
Closed Friday and Saturday

Mass & Devotions

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Weekdays: 9:00am
Rosary: Monday – Friday: 8:30am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday - Friday: 9:30 am
First Saturday: 11:00am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Penance

The sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated on Saturdays from 3:45pm-4:45pm. You may call the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of the priests.

Baptism

Baptisms are typically held twice a month at 1:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to set a date. Selection of godparents should be made after speaking with one of the priests or deacons.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for your wedding at least six months in advance. No date can be set until the couple meets with a member of the clergy.

Parish Outreach Hours

Food Pantry

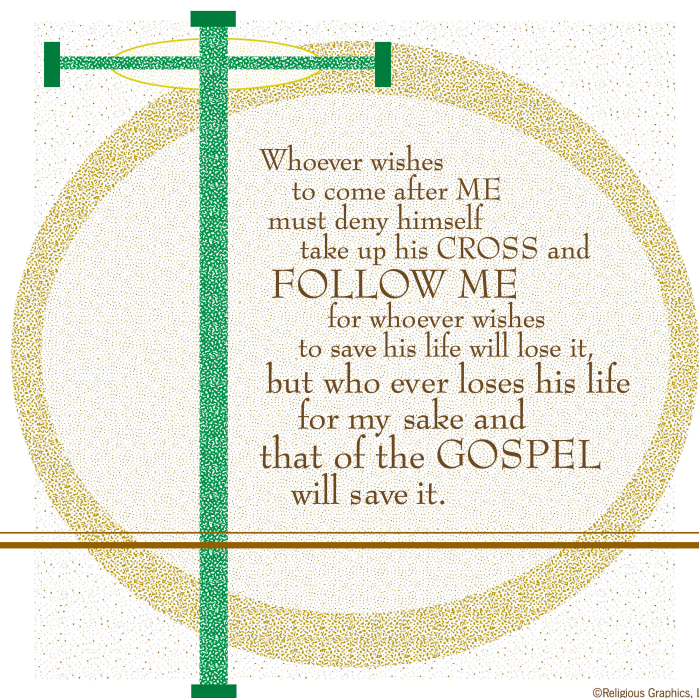
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

Thrift Shop/Barn

Monday — Thursday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Friday: 10:00am-2:00pm
Donations accepted Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-3:00pm
and Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm. Please refer to our website for a list of items that can be donated.

Stewardship Supper

The Thursday evening dinner is served between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. All are welcome.



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Sunday, September 15, 2024
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One Parishioner's Journey to the National Eucharistic Congress Part 6

To the Ends of the Earth

I can't believe it's the last day! Is it really over! No, there are still a few hours left. I packed up my car and went to get gas. I pulled into the parking lot and headed to the Lucas Oil Stadium. I arrived at the stadium and met up with my companions from the Diocese. I sat down with them, the Family Rosary Across America was ending and we waited for the last three speakers before Mass started at 10:00 am. Our emcees all came out and Montse reminded us that we need to remember that our Blessed Mother Mary was the first to begin the Eucharistic journey. First by carrying Jesus in her womb, then by watching Him grow up, then by walking with Him throughout His ministry, and then following Him to Calvary. She reminded us that Mary is the model of an Eucharistic Missionary. Montse then shared how Father Josh told corny jokes and she was going to tell one now. She asked everyone if they knew of Father Spitzer, a scientist. She once asked Father Spitzer, "What if there are aliens out there in the Universe?" Father Spitzer answered saying, "If there are aliens in space there is only one thing you should do. Bring them to Christ. the King of the universe!" Then she introduced the first speaker, Colonel Mike Hopkins, a NASA astronaut. Colonel Hopkins began by telling us about his first Mission to the Space Station. He was on board the rocket ready to blast off! He knew that his wife and sons were watching about a mile away and he had his 2 cosmonaut crewmates, for whom he had great respect. The most important item that he had was close to his heart in a pix. The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. He went on to tell about his conversion to Catholicism. He went on 2 missions to space and at each one he brought the Eucharist with him and received Communion while in space. He said that this helped him to not be afraid and to trust in God to keep him safe or bring him home. He also said that the Good News of Jesus Christ needs to be shared beyond the ends of the Earth. He showed us a clip of the view that he saw when he was in space. The stars were bright and the sky had every shade of blue you could think of. It was absolutely gorgeous. He ended by saying that he was on a mission to help children get STEM programs in school and learn about how faith and science can work together. He wanted to tell about his experience in space and how the Eucharist helped him. Colonel Hopkins said, "He went to space to further God's will." He was inspiring! Go to Relevant Radio to hear the whole talk. The next speaker up was none other than Chris Stefanick. He spoke about Eucharistic courage. He reminded us that we have the best news and we need to share it. He spoke of how we have a purpose from our God and we need to realize that God wants to be with us and love us. When we stray, God doesn't just let us go, he waits for us with open arms. God says that He wants us to come back to Him in confession, to come receive Him in Communion. He just wants us to come home to Him. We live out God's love for us at every Eucharistic Celebration. Our deepest questions are answered by the Eucharist: "Do I matter?" God's answer: "The Body of Christ." "Is anybody noticing me?" The Body of Christ." "Does my woundedness take away my worth?" "The Body of Christ." "What is my net worth?" "The Body of Christ." Every gesture needs a response. This week is not just a nice time away from our family or worries. We cannot go back home from this the same, we need to respond to what we have experienced. We need to go out with confidence and preach the love of Jesus to all! He also made reference to the election in November. This was before Joe Biden decided that he wasn't going to run. Chris said, "The ruler of our hearts' name isn't Don or Joe, it's Jesus Christ!" He also said that we have to give voice to the truth of our faith and sometimes that can be awkward. But if we don't speak we could be missing an opportunity to bring a soul to Jesus. "When God opens a door. We need to open our mouths and speak the truth." Live a life of joy! Especially when things are not great. He looked at the life of St. Paul while he was in prison in Rome. He wrote "Rejoice again I say rejoice!" Even though he was in chains he had great joy! When the earthquake came and his chains were broken he didn't run away because he was already free in his heart! We must be the same way. Rejoice in all circumstances. Be a saint in the making. Pretend to be a saint, do all the things that the Saints did and see what happens. He also said something that I had heard before, don't pray small. Ask God for more because he can make it happen.

1. We need to go out and preach the Good News of Jesus Christ in confidence!
2. We need to go and be joyful even in the midst of tragedy!
3. We need to go and start our journey to become saints!

This is the response to this radical experience that we had these past 4 days! One thing that Chris ended with is the fact the first 2/3 of God's name tells us what we really need to do. Go!!!

One of things that I didn't mention throughout this Congress is how all the pilgrims reacted to the homeless in the streets of Indianapolis. As in any big city you will find homeless people in the area. Every time we went from the Convention Center to Lucas Oil Stadium we encountered homeless people. The religious sisters present would give the homeless people rosaries and stop to pray with them. As I walked I also noticed that all the homeless people had stacks of take-home boxes from the local restaurants. The homeless did not go hungry while we were there. My hope is that the people of the city will continue to treat the homeless people with respect and care after we leave.

The last speaker before Mass started was Mother Adela Galindo. She had us give a round of applause to Our Blessed Mother, because she was the first Eucharistic missionary for her Son, Jesus. She reminded us that the Congress was ending, but not really. This ending would lead to a new beginning. This ending would lead us to a "new chapter in our lives and a new chapter in the Church!" We will be sent out to be "Marian Missionaries of the Eucharist with a new zeal!"

"Our Lady was opened to God's Word and gave flesh to that Word in her Most Holy womb and in her heart. She was a Woman of the Word in the most profound way..."(Shout out to my WOW ladies.) When Mother Adela said "that only love could have made the choices that Mary had to make." I felt a new understanding well up within me about how great Our Blessed Mother really is! Imagine having to make the choices that she had to make. It is mind boggling and yet she made them without hesitation. Her love of God and trust in His word made her perfect!

When we receive the Eucharist we must do it with an open heart, so that we can receive the love and graces that Jesus wants to give us and then we must go out and share that love and those graces with the world. Our faith demands it. We are called to be missionaries, to go to the ends of the earth and bring people to Jesus. She went on to say that the Visitation was the first time that Mary went out as a Eucharistic missionary, because she went to see Elizabeth with the Word of God in her womb and had to travel a long time in arduous territories that were dangerous. She basically had traversed the ends of the earth to get to Elizabeth.

Mother Adela also reminded us "that what we have freely received, we must freely give." This wasn't just a nice retreat for 5 days that made us feel better. These five days convicted us, healed us, gave us "hope for a future" (Jeremiah 29:11), and was getting us ready to go out and be Eucharistic Missionaries. Our Lady asks us to use our voice to be Eucharistic missionaries and to spread the love of God to all those around us. Our "Amen" is likened to the Blessed Mother's "Fiat". Our Amen is our response to God's grace and love in our lives, that needs to be poured out to everyone we meet! More praise and worship music played and our emcees were on the stage that was being transformed for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Father Josh prayed over us as we were going to be sent forth to make disciples to the ends of the earth.

Then came the Mass! The stadium transformed with the dove representing the Holy Spirit on the center panel behind the altar. It was a reverent, beautiful space to celebrate Mass! What came next was a bit overwhelming and definitely a "WOW" factor. All the concelebrants came out from the tunnels on the floor of the stadium by the 100's. Deacons, seminarians, all denominations of Catholic priests, 200 bishops, and 4 cardinals. It was an incredible sight to see! As the bishops revered the altar there was a sense of wonder and awe present in the room! This procession took about 30 minutes till all were in their places but boy oh boy did it have an impact! At least it had an impact on me!

Mass went on as all Masses do. That's one of things that I have come to love about Mass. Even if you are in a foreign country and don't understand the language, Mass transcends the language barrier because you always know what is coming next. In any language or culture the order of the Mass is the same.

The Liturgy of the Word ended with a homily from the celebrant Cardinal Luis Tagle. He was the delegate for Pope Francis, who couldn't be there with us. Cardinal Tagle represented the Holy Father well. His homily was filled with appreciation from Pope Francis, it was filled with practical advice and most important with humor and a sense of hope! He started by saying the simple phrase "Good morning" in many languages. People who heard their language spoken cheered. Then Cardinal Tagle told us that he asked the Holy Father what message he wanted to convey to the people present at the NEC, and he replied, "Eucharistic conversion" and then the Pope told him to behave himself. Just like a Dad! We all laughed, that was probably not meant for just Cardinal Tagle, if you get my meaning. His first point, Jesus was sent to be human like us and to give his flesh for the life of the world. He has a profound sense of mission to fulfill the will of His Father in heaven. He is sent to be a gift for others, not to keep it for Himself.

I don't know about you but for me there have been times when I want Jesus all for myself. I don't want to share Him with the world. This Congress has helped me to realize that when you receive a gift as great as the gift that God has given us, we need to share it with others! Not only share it but live it in a radical way! I have said it before but it bears repeating, "I don't want to be a lukewarm Catholic!" I want to be someone with zeal and a missionary spirit, that goes out and lives a Eucharistic life and helps others to come to Jesus.

He went on to say that if we see the world in terms of success, profit, and achievement we miss out on the giftedness of each other. We all come into the world with God given gifts and talents. Do we recognize these gifts in ourselves? In others? We need to see the giftedness of each other and use those gifts to bring about positive change and assist our broken world! Don't hide your light under a bushel basket, put it on a stand for the world to see! When talking about giftedness, Cardinal Tagle called out different groups. First he spoke to husbands and wives. He said, "What do you see in each other? A gift or a problem." "Children, what do you see in your parents? A gift or an ATM card/" Parents, what do you see in your children? A gift or a burden." "Deacons and priests, what do you see in your bishops?" Then he said he was sorry and went on with his list. You get the picture though don't you. If we don't recognize the giftedness in each other we can become cynical and lose our zeal to go out into the world as Eucharistic missionaries. Cardinal Tagle posed a difficult question to all present. He referred to John 6 when the disciples were listening to Jesus tell them that they must eat His Flesh and drink His Blood or they would not have life within them. The saying was hard for people to believe and they left and went back to their former way of life. The question he posed was, "Could it be that we are making it hard for people to come to the Lord?" Are we giving people proper liturgy, catechetics, and sharing the life giving Good News of Jesus Christ!" This is an important point, because we have to look at all the people that we come across. Do we look at the poor, the infirmed, the homeless, and those on the fringe with the love of Christ? Do we welcome them into our Churches and help them to know the love that God has for them? This homily was meant to not only give us the resources to go out , but to take a long look at ourselves and answer the hard questions. The last point is do we believe and give ourselves completely to Jesus. When Jesus asked His apostles if they wanted to leave also Peter said, "Master, to whom shall we go. You have the words of everlasting life and we have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God!" The Cardinal said that if we answer "yes" as Peter did, we cannot make these empty words. We are compelled to go out and be a light in the world. To end his homily Cardinal Talge told a story about a woman in a parish where he once served. She was at the church all the time. She would be there when the doors opened and wouldn't leave until everything was cleaned up and the doors were locked. One day he thanked her for her dedication to the Church. She said to him in reply that she loved being there and didn't like being with her family. She wished that every day was Sunday. You could imagine the silence in the stadium at this statement. He then said to us when the priest or deacon says, "Go" at the end of Mass we should GO! Go out into the world and give the world what we received at Mass that day! GO! Next was the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There had to be 50,000/55,000 people ready to receive the Eucharist at this Mass. A flood of priests carrying ciborium started moving up the stairs from the floor to reach the people in the nosebleed seats in the stadium. The floor section had priests at every opening and the Eucharistic Meal was served. We went down to the floor and received Communion. What an experience being with so many and a feeling of trust, love and admiration for our Lord, Jesus and each other. In God's goodness we received yet again a glimpse of heaven on that Sunday morning. When Mass was over people including myself were reluctant to leave. It was time to go and spread the Good News. So we went back out into the world. Back home, back to our communities, back to our families; and it is good that we are here! I got into my car and prepared for the journey home to New York. Again it was a smooth ride without incident. Satan, you were defeated by Christ crucified and resurrected, and as long as I hold onto my Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist and in my life, I have nothing to fear from you!

So when I began these reflections I asked a question, "What is a Eucharistic Missionary?" Wrong question! The real question is "Who is a Eucharistic Missionary?" The answer to that question is not a hard one. The answer is you and I are Eucharistic Missionaries! We are called to Go out into the world and bring people to Christ. We need to shed our selfishness and put on the garb of selflessness! We are called to poverty, chastity and obedience! We are called to live lives of love for our God and each other! We are called to give what we have freely been given! We are called to GO! So what are we waiting for? Go tell the Good News to the ends of the Earth!!!!

******We are so thankful for Fran sharing her journey with all of us!! God bless her always!******

Parish Outreach Ministry

“Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.”

Al-Anon Meetings

At Al-Anon Family Group meetings, the friends and family members of problem drinkers share their experiences and learn how to apply the principles of the Al-Anon program to your individual situations. Our parish offers meetings every Tuesday from 10am to 11:30am.



Welcome Friends Free Curbside Meal Program

Monday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church
127 Barnum Avenue, Port Jeff Village

Tuesday: 1:00 – 1:30 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
390 Patchogue Rd. (Rt. 112), Port Jeff Station

Wednesday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

Thursday: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Doors Open at 4pm Sit Down Only between
4:30pm and 5:30pm

St. Gerard Majella Church

Friday: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

Food Pantry Needs

Cat Food
Dog Food
Canned Tuna
Raisins
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Granola Bars
Soup
Rice
Canola Oil
Flour
Juice
Shelf Stable Milk

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827
American Red Cross - LI: 516-747-3500
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE
Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200
Conexión Linea de Crisis (M-F: 5-10 PM) 631-751-7423V
Victims Information Bureau (Advocacy, Counseling): 631-360-3606
Women's Services (Town of Brookhaven): 631-698-2074

Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of September 16 – September 22

Monday, September 16 (Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian)

9:00am Christina & Vincent Marino

Tuesday, September 17

9:00am Noreen & Dennis Doohan

Wednesday, September 18

9:00am Fr. R. Michael Reid, the Intentions of
Luke John Carusillo

Thursday, September 19

9:00am Michael August DuBritz

Friday, September 20 (Sts. Tae-gon & Ha-sang)

9:00am Vincent Arroyo

Saturday, September 21 (Feast of St. Matthew)

5:00pm Marie Luizzi, Antonio Dias, Donna Scipione,
Maria Esteves Salgado, Manuel Luys Dias

Fr. Greg

Sunday, September 22

8:00am Deb Sorci

10:00am The Intentions of St. Gerard's Children's Choir

12:00pm Jessica Ippolito

Fr. Vitus

Fr. Greg

Fr. Greg



Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,632.00

Prayers for the Sick

All the sick and residents of Atria, St. Joseph's Village Woodhaven Adult Home & Nursing Home & Jefferson's Ferry, Luke John Carusillo, Sandy Barrios, LouEllen Klints, Arline Guma, Charles Ricottone, Ted Claesen, Connie Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, Barbara Klein-Croner, Barbara & Pat Consorte, Erin Whitehead, Alexa Mastando, Michael Bruton, Jack Grob, Gerard Healy, Donna DiBiagio, Denise Shaw, Thomas Foley, Brenda Fort, Guiliana Roccisano, Robert Mutschler, Barbara Riley, Kathy Dailey, Genevieve Eannuzzi, Alexa Mastando, Debbie Esposito Arpino, Leonardo Alfuentes, Bonnie Forbes, Jeanette Prossi, Cody Family, Philip Spucci, Debra Hamera, Dennis Myles, Baby Camden Miller, Nilda Menendez, Drew Flynn, Baby Julianni, Samantha Brandt, Katie Ankner, Joan Francavilla, Anthony Paletto, Jaclyn Lin, Michael Fucito, Nancy Mulvihill, Angel Rivera, Roger Russell, Paul Csorba, Judith Montesuco, Joe DiPrima, Barbara Lambert, John MacKinnon, Tony Loiacone, Mario Cappilieri, Santino, Vincent Ricottone, Dale Beck, Marie Bilbao, Patricia Murray.

Weekly Memorials

Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly donated in honor of:

Angie Kosinski



Our Bread and Wine has been lovingly donated in honor of:

Angie Kosinski



We pray for all recently deceased, may they find eternal rest and joy.



Please stop by our Prayer Corner near Reception to borrow books and CDs on many Catholic topics to deepen your faith formation and spiritual life.



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We are an organization of women from all backgrounds united by our Catholic Faith, the love of family, our country, and our commitment to helping others. If you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at 631-473-2900.

Our Parish Mission Statement: Formed by God’s word and nourished at the Eucharist, we strive to be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ by handing on the Catholic faith to our families and community and serving those in need.

OCIA Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult thinking of becoming part of the Catholic community and completing your sacraments? Contact Deacon Frank at deaconfrank@stgmajella.org or 631-473-2900.

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[YouTube Channel-St. Gerard Majella Parish](https://YouTube.com/St.GerardMajellaParish)

**WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER YOUR FAMILY
WITH OUR PARISH**

Are you new to our parish? Have you been participating in our parish but never registered? Do you need to update your contact information or add a family member?

Both registration or family update forms are available in our church office 631-473-2900 or on our website: www.stgmajella.org



Breaking Open the Word

Reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel before you come to Mass can bring so much more meaning to your experience of the Liturgy. Here's the Gospel for next Sunday. How does this Gospel touch your life?

September 22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Reflection Questions

- What preconceptions do you think the disciples might have had about Jesus that made it hard for them to understand his words in v31?
- Does it surprise you that the disciples soon after hearing about Jesus' impending death were arguing among themselves about who among them was the greatest? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Jesus makes a specific statement about welcoming children? What is it about our willingness welcoming children, that might reveal our willingness to be a genuine servant?
- What might you do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others?
- Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that God does not care how popular we are. There is only one thing that is important in God's view of us: Have we served others generously with love?

Religious Education 2024/2025

Forms were due on August 1st but there is still time to turn them in! Classes start the week of September 23rd.

Registration Forms for the 2024/2025 Year are available on our website and in the Parish Office.

****Please either mail or drop off the completed forms to our office. Do not email them.****

Students must register EVERY YEAR. Religious Education Registration Form for 2024-2025 Page 2 must be signed. Health History Form-A new form is required EVERY YEAR. Tuition can be paid by cash or check by mail or in person. Credit card payments can only be made online at www.stgmajella.org Be sure to include the child's full name in the information box. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and holy rest of you Summer!

God bless, Patty

Happy Birthday Jackie!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our extraordinary Parish secretary, Jackie, a very joy-filled Birthday. We are so blessed by all her hard work and dedication in the parish. She makes sure each day run smoothly!

God bless her in this new year of her life!

happy
birthday

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets, big or small, on Saturday, Oct. 5th at 12pm on the Great Lawn for a special blessing. Our beloved mascot Leo will be there to greet his fellow 4-legged parishioners! "So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And **God saw that it was good.**" (Gen 1:21)

Here are the Luck of the Draw Winners for September:

Week of 9/2/2024: \$50 - Dennis Cruz, Sr.
\$25 - Robert Miller
\$25 - Nancy Muluihill

Week of 9/9/2024: \$50 - Kathy Garibaldi
\$25 - Patricia Daniels
\$25 - Katthleen Donnelly

Week of 9/16/2024: \$50 - Mary O'Reilly
\$25 - Nancy Muluihill
\$25 - William Skoll

Week of 9/23/2024: \$50 - Joseph Cresitelli
\$25 - Katherine Diaz
\$25 - Ted Nienburg

The Grand Prize Winner of \$1000 is Jerry West

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SPEAKER: DR. MARY HEALY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2024
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12:30 Doors Open / Registration Begins

1:30 Dr. Healy's Talk #1

2:45 Break / Refreshments / Eucharistic Adoration

3:15 Dr. Healy's Talk #2

5:00 Dinner

6:30 Praise & Worship

7:00 Healing Service

Admission \$125

Seminarians - No cost

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Opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession

Opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration in Crypt Chapel

**We welcome Long Island ministries & benefactors who are able to contribute to the high cost of this event to sponsor those who cannot afford it.



Dr. Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a best-selling author and international speaker. She is a general editor of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture and author of two of its volumes, *The Gospel of Mark and Hebrews*. Her other books include *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook* and *Healing*. Dr. Healy serves the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity as a member of the Pentecostal-Catholic International Dialogue. She is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is a consultant to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacrament.

Registration QR Code:



This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. We are so thankful for the catechists in our parish community!

A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

A CATECHIST'S PRAYER

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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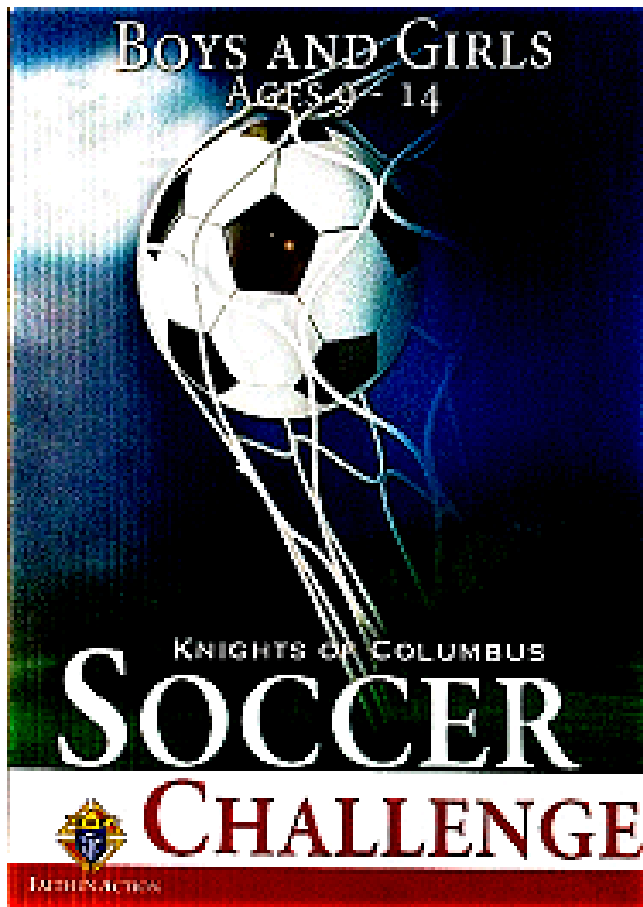


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Tuesday, October 8th
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Questions? Contact: Bill at carrierowj@gmail.com



Proposal 1: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State

On November 5, faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity once again to exercise their sacred right to vote. Pope Francis has reminded us that as thoughtful Catholics, we must participate in the public square for the sake of the common good. Every Catholic is called to do the work of properly informing his or her conscience and voting for candidates and policies that will best advance the natural law, the protection of human rights, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of all life, and the teachings of Christ and His Church. It is a presidential election year, and there are important votes to be cast for Congress and the state Legislature as well. Importantly, in New York, like several other states, there is also a critical referendum on the ballot.

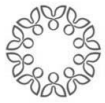
Educating oneself will be especially important in the case of Proposal 1, sometimes referred to as the "Equal Rights Amendment." The title suggests a noble cause, as all children of God should be treated equally under the law. However, this proposed amendment to the state Constitution is broadly written and could have dangerous consequences if enacted, which is why we oppose it and urge you to vote no. The measure would, effectively, permanently legalize abortion without restriction and up until the moment of birth in New York. Aside from being redundant in a state that already has stripped away all abortion limitations, the amendment would render impossible any change to the law if the hearts and minds of New Yorkers were ever to shift toward protecting the child in the womb.

The amendment's sweeping language and inclusion of "age" as a protected class could also lead to parents' rights being stripped away. Courts could decide that parents have no authority over their minor children on important matters and permit children to make destructive and permanent decisions on their own which they could well live to regret, including but not limited to so-called "gender affirming" treatments and surgeries. The relationship between parents and their children is sacred. Parents must be able to support and guide their children in accord with the natural law, without interference from the government or courts, which would be reaching beyond their competency.

Proposal 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing that could lead to darkness for many New York families. This amendment disregards the lives of unborn and struggling children in the name of political agendas. It could have dangerous consequences for these children and their parents. As they look to make their voices heard in the public square, faithful Catholics should consider these consequences and vote no. Likewise, they should thoughtfully vote their informed conscience up and down the ballot so that we might usher in change for good.

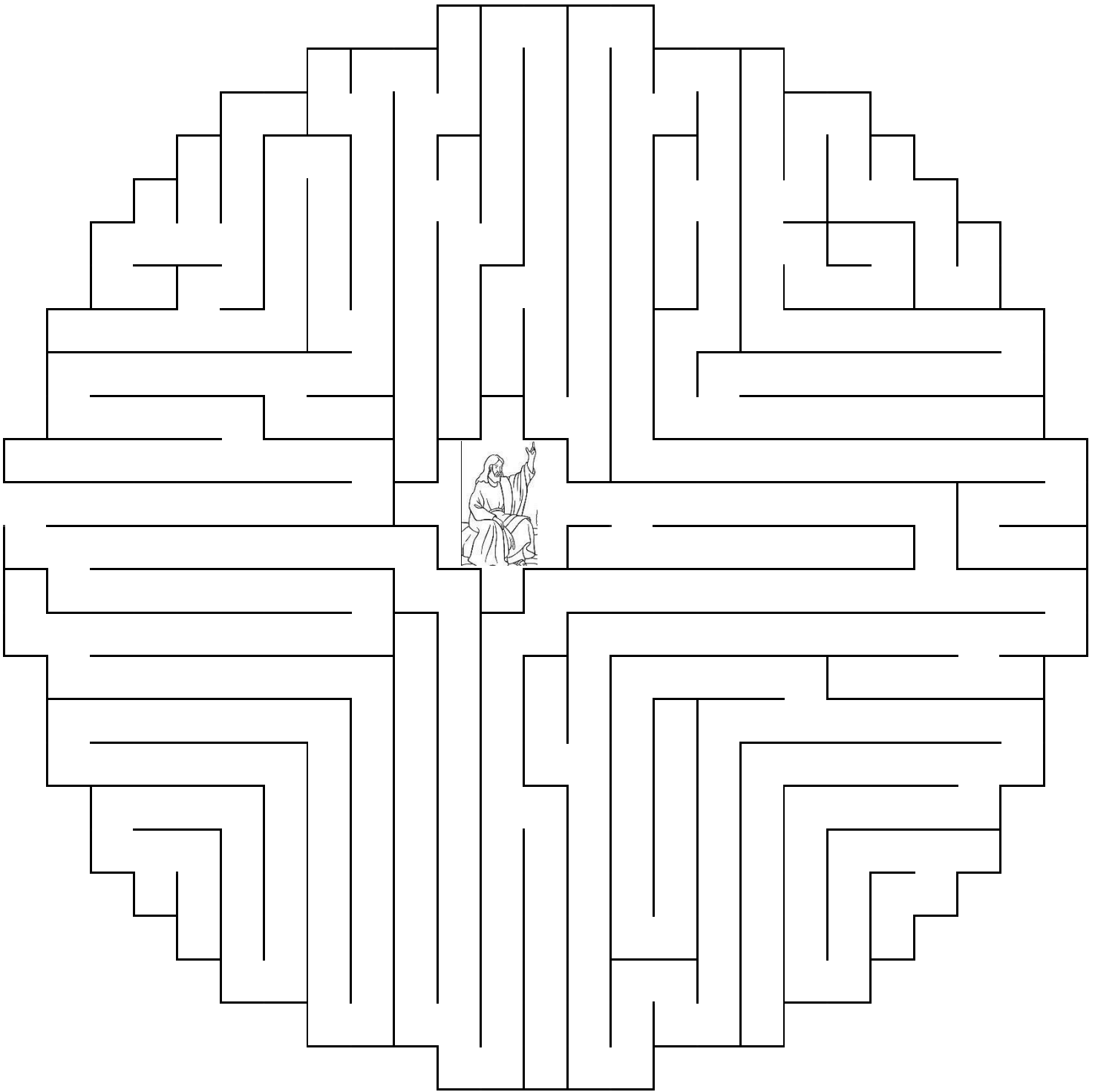
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