

19 January 2025
II Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
II Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM; 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 20 Jan. St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr/St. Sebastian, Soldier, Martyr
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 21 Jan. St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8 AM For: Cynthia Newman+
Req: William Newman
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & Newborn

Wed. 22 Jan. **US DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE
UNBORN CHILDREN**
7 PM St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
For: Rebecca Vanderhoof (L.)
Req: Adam Vanderhoof

Thu. 23 Jan. ST. MARIANNE COPE, Virgin, Religious, Mother of the Outcast
8 AM For: Danielle Giordano (L.)
Req: The Anderson Family

Fri. 24 Jan. St. Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
8 AM For: Crescent Amodeo+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Dostie

Sat. 25 Jan. Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Marion Bracken+
Req: Frances McCauley

Sun. 26 Jan. III Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
III Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional Calendar)
8 AM For: Christopher Pilger (L.)
Req: His Mother
9:30 AM For: Crescent Amodeo+
Req: The Rosary Society of OLGCC
11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To all who helped with, dined on, and supported our fabulous fish fry this past Friday evening. You will never have a fish fry taste like that again! Of course, we owe it all to our master fisherman, chef and organizer, Rich Zimmerman. God bless him, for his willingness to put this on for us. As you know, the benefit of this effort will be to defray the balance we owed on last year's HOPE Appeal assessment. God bless you all.

MON. 20 JANUARY 11 AM PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN UTICA

Please join us in beseeching Our Lady to continue to change minds and hearts about the sanctity of human life. In November when we were there, there were more honks and thumbs up for us than any other time when we have been there! So, your presence is making a difference. We pray the 15 decade Holy Rosary, and are done by noon.

TUE. 21 JANUARY RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CLASS

Jr. High School: 7 PM Adult Ed: 8 PM We are exploring the Holy Mass.

CATECHETICAL REVIEWS FOR FIRST COMMUNION: WEEKEND OF 25-26 JANUARY.

Please bring your child to the sacristy following Mass that weekend for their second Catechetical Review.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2024

If you would like a statement of your donations to Our Lady of Good Counsel for the past year, please write "Statement please" on your envelope, and we will send you the statement.

CONFIRMATION

If any adult has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please let Father know so that we can include you in the Class to be confirmed this spring. Confirmation will be conferred by the Bishop at a Church in Rome, N.Y. with candidates from regional parishes.

RING, RING

Have you lost a ring lately? We have a ring in the sacristy which looks like it might be the "real thing". If you have lost one, come and describe what yours looked like and reclaim it if it is yours.

"Though God, in order to make our faith more meritorious, has veiled the objects of faith in darkness and secrecy, He has at the same time given us so clear and convincing evidence of their truth, that not to believe them would argue not merely a lack of sense, but sheer madness and impiety." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori. (St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, 1696-1787, earned a double doctorate in canon and civil law at the age of 16!!! He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, more commonly known as the Redemptorists, at the age of 36. He is the Church's foremost moral theologian, and is one of the Doctors of the Church.)

As a new Trump Presidency Begins

As Catholic Americans, we pray for our nation and our elected officials, that God will bestow on our President and other government officials His grace and wisdom to lead our nation in truth, justice, prosperity and peace.

Recently, a perceptive article appeared on LifeSiteNews, written by Dr. Martin Grichting, a Swiss priest and canon lawyer, which pointed out some of the crucial situations that are in need of attention by our newly-elected leaders.

The author refers to the autobiography of Vice-President-elect J D Vance, *Hillbilly Elegy* (2016). In it, “he paints a terrifying picture of North American society: economic decline, social and family neglect, divorce and serial partnerships, unemployment, a lack of religious perspective, drug and medication abuse, crime, and the misuse of state social programs.”

Vance's mother was a drug addict and a promiscuous woman. He describes his family situation as follows, “I had a biological half-brother and a half-sister who I never saw because my biological father had given me up for adoption. I had two step-siblings or very many, depending on whether I limited the count to the offspring of my mother's current husband or not.... Depending on how I counted, I probably had about a dozen step-siblings.... The only thing I ultimately learned from all this is that you can't rely on anyone.”

Raised by his grandparents in a Protestant faith which was devoid of content and de-institutionalized, it offered little support to a teenager. The biblical fundamentalism and narrow-minded moralism, along with end-time fantasies did little to lead him to faith in the Christian God. Finally, in 2019, Vance took the step of converting to the Catholic Church because he saw it as the only refuge in a sea of family neglect, disorientation, wokeism, drugs and capitalist greed.

Vance gave the story of his conversion the title, “How I Joined the Resistance”.

What ought to impress us as Catholics at this point in time, is that what Vance describes of his family life, is true of so many families in our time. So many lives have been wounded, crippled or ruined by the social breakdown of the family and the loss of religious faith or morality. Vance used the God-given grace to recognize that Catholic Church is the only voice in the world that insists upon the indissoluble bond of matrimony as the foundation, the anchor and last resort of this chaos.

The author of the article points out that recent positions taken by the Catholic Church have weakened her stance on this vital issue, and that by doing so, the Church is caving into the secular culture. He points to such things as the loosening of the marriage annulment process, which comes dangerously close to “Catholic divorce”, to the opening of the Holy Eucharist to divorced and remarried individuals, and to the blessing of same-sex couples. These are not developments which will attract those who are drowning in the swamp of secular society. JD Vance was blessed to recognize in the Catholic Church his lifeline to a life of freedom from the wreckage of sin. We pray that the Church may confirm her commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ in order to offer more of the confused and broken souls of this generation, the light of His Truth, Goodness and Love.