21 January 2024 III Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar) III 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. 6:30-7:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM
THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
Mon. 22 Jan. US Day of Prayer & Penance for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
8 AM St. Vincent of Saragossa, Dcn., M, Pt. Of vintners
For: The Preborn and the Newborn
Tue. 23 Jan. ST. MARIANNE COPE, Virgin, Religious
8 AM For: Patricia Johnson+
Req: Anne Johnson
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn
Wed. 24 Jan. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor, Ptn.of Catholic Press
7 PM For: John Carvelli+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof
Thu. 25 Jan. Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
8 AM For: Heather Regina Hank+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kraeger
Fri. 26 Jan. Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
8 AM For: Kathleen Bracken+
Req: Frances McAuley
Sat. 27 Jan. St. Angela Merici, Virgin, Foundress
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Stuart Lohr (L.)
Req: The Bakers
Sun. 28 Jan. IV Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
Septuagesima Sunday
8 AM For: Deceased of the George Dorsey Family
Req: Mr. & Mrs. William Glover
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: Jacqueline Ray Burke+
Req: Renee Kelly

## **COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY**

We hope you will join us and let us get to know you, and you can get to know us!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TUE. 23 JAN.**

Jr. High: 7 PM Sr. High, Adults 8 PM At the Rectory

# CATECHETICAL REVIEW: FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Will be conducted next Sunday, 28 January after each Mass. Please be sure your son/daughter comes to the sacristy after Mass to be examined on their knowledge of the Catechism.

## GAME NIGHT: SAT. 6 FEB. 6 PM RECTORY

You won't want to miss our version of Mardi Gras by attending our OLGCC game night! We play board games, enjoy some delicious snack food and have fun!

#### **OPEN HOURS OF ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

CHAPEL 121 St. Joseph Pl., Oneida, NY. Sun. 9-10 AM (thru mid-April): 10 AM-11 AM Thu. 4-5 AM: 7-8 PM Fri. 2 AM-3 AM; 4 PM-5 PM Sat. 7-8 AM; 1 PM-2PM; 2 PM-3PM

Please call the van Lieshouts at 315 361 1801 or 315 761 1394 if you would like to take one of these hours.

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing: however, it is anything but! Our world is in desparate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him Face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image." (Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration.

"Curiously enough, it is a fear of how grace will change and improve them that keeps many souls away from God. They want God to take them as they are and let them stay that way. They want Him to take away their love of riches, but not their riches, to purge them of the disgust of sin, but not of the pleasure of sin." (Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen).

#### **TWO SIGNIFICANT DATES THIS WEEK**

On Monday, 22 January, the Chur ch in the United States observes the Day of Prayer and Penance for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. This of course, was the date of the US Supreme Court decision in 1972 which legalized the killing of unborn children in the US. That same Supreme Court overturned that ruling in 2022, returning the question of abortion to the states to determine the fate of the unborn. In New York, it has been announced that the "right to an abortion" will be put up for referendum on the ballot in November 2024, to see if New Yorkers want abortion protected in our state's constitution. So, our focus as pro-life citizens now must be on our state, which given its liberal leaning, is apt to endorse such a proposal.

Please fast, make sacrifices and COME TO HOLY MASS ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY for the intention that New Yorkers will not pass a referendum to include abortion in the state's constitution. Gov. Hochul has already invited women who cannot get abortions in their native states to come to New York, where she, charm school graduate that she is, has promised they can butcher their babies on our soil. This supposedly "Catholic " lady has made our dear state the Abortion Capital of America. What a distinction! Take up the arms of the Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and so many other devotions to foil her designs.

On Tue. 23 January, we celebrate the feast of our home-grown Saint: St. Marianne Cope (Mother Marianne). She was born Barbara Koob in Germany and immigrated to the United States with her family when she was 2 years old, settling in Utica, NY. There she was raised and cared for her parents in their old age, until she could enter the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse in her early 20's. She soon took on leadership roles in the Order, founding St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse as the Mother General of the Order.

In 1883, Mother Marianne and six other Sisters of St. Francis bravely journeyed across the US by railway and boat to the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii), to care for victims of leprosy, now known as Hanson's disease. These poor unfortunate people were isolated from their families and society on the island of Molokai, where they were all but abandoned to let the disease run its lethal course. Mother Marianne was the only Religious Superior, out of all those contacted in the US, who was willing to send, and even go herself, to serve these poor people. For that reason, she is called "The Mother of the Outcast". She dies in 1918, having spent 35 years in Hawaii, never having returned to America. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI and her relics now repose in the Cathedral of Honolulu.