

21 November 2021
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (New Calendar)
XXIV & Last Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55PM/ 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 Nov. ST. CECELIA, Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of musicians
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 23 Nov. ST. CLEMENT I, Pope, Martyr
8 AM For: Margaret Boyles+ (Ann.)
Req: Susanne Dunne
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & Newborn

Wed. 24 Nov. ST. ANDREW DONG-LAC & COMPS.
7 PM For: The Schultz Family
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kraeger

Thu. 25 Nov. St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
9 AM **THANKSGIVING DAY**
For: The All Souls' Day Intentions

Fri. 26 Nov. St. Sylvester, Abbot
7 PM For: Robert McCauley+
Req: Frances McCauley

Sat. 27 Nov. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
8 AM For: Special Intentions

4 PM For: Lorraine Buehner+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Pete Bender

Sun. 28 Nov. I Sunday of Advent (Both Calendars)
8 AM For: Deceased of the George Dorsey Family
Req: Martha Glover
9:30 AM For: Ashley Comstock+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. G. Zambito
11 AM For: Parishioners of OLGCC

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK:

There will be no class for the Jr. High school or the Sr. High School/Adult groups this Tuesday evening.

There are, of course, no Grade school classes this Thursday.

MON. 22 NOVEMBER: DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE SCOTUS DOBBS vs. JACKSON'S WOMENS HEALTH ORG. CASE

Please join pro-life Americans all across the land on this day in begging God to give the Supreme Court justices the courage and the conscience to defend innocent life from those who kill and destroy it. We are asked to offer our prayers and fasting on the 22nd of each month between now and June, when the Court's decision will probably be rendered.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

Please come to Holy Mass at 9 AM on Thanksgiving Day to offer the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving to God our Lord for His mercies, blessings and gifts to you. If you are going to be away, have a safe trip and a beautiful Thanksgiving.

COFFEE & DONUTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY.

OUR WALK-A-THON FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

was another rousing success! Our walkers raised \$2731 toward the cost of the bus for the March for Life. Congratulations to Cindy and Stephen van Lieshout who raised pledges of \$830, the highest of anyone else this year. God bless everyone who walked, donated or got pledges for this year's Walk-a-Thon.

LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP LUCIA THU. 2 DEC.

6:30 PM at St. Patrick's Church in Oneida. As part of the Synodal process taking place throughout the Church, everyone is welcome to attend and express their thoughts, reactions and questions to the Bishop.

FOR YOUR PLANNING

The March for Life 2022 will take place on **Fri. 21 January 2022.**

We will leave on the evening of Thur. 20 January, returning around midnight on Fri. 21 January.

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

At their seminannual meeting this past week, the Bishops of the United States voted to approve, by a vote of 228-8 with 3 abstentions, a teaching document on the great Mystery of Faith, the most blessed Eucharist.

This document had been hotly debated prior to its issuance, due to the question of whether or not Catholic politicians who vote for immoral practices such as abortion, same-sex marriage, or transgender rights ought to be prohibited from receiving, as Canon 915 of the Code of Canon Law makes perfectly clear.

So, the Bishops have issued *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. It is their response to their solemn duty to protect the Blessed Sacrament from sacrilege, to care for the souls entrusted to them, and to prevent any scandal from disturbing the faithful.

I have only read through the document very quickly, due to time constraints, since it was only posted on the USCCB website yesterday. The document does contain some very good passages. I was particularly happy to see the emphasis placed on the sacrificial nature of the Holy Eucharist. There are very moving and theologically profound sections on the meaning of Holy Communion, and on the effects of the Holy Eucharist.

The Bishops are planning a Eucharistic revival throughout the country, to culminate in 2024. I am sure that we will all become very well acquainted with this new pastoral letter in the meantime.

As to the question of the hour, regarding pro-abortion politicians receiving, all that I could find in the document was a section (#47) which said that it was the obligation of the local Bishop to help his flock determine whether or not they were worthy of the great Sacrament of love. So, I would say, the Bishops bunted on this one. Perhaps it was the reported words of Pope Francis to Joe Biden, "You are a good Catholic" and "Keep receiving Holy Communion" that gave the Bishops pause rather than lowering their croziers on the heads of the baby-killing pols. Perhaps it was when, a week ago, the Vatican News Service brought the disgraced Cardinal Mahony out of retirement to lecture the American Bishops on how to handle these questions.

All I could think of is the contrast with St. Ambrose of Milan, who in 390, barred the entrance of the Emperor Theodosius to the Cathedral, because he had ordered the massacre of innocent citizens as a retaliation for the murder of one of his generals. Now there was a Bishop!!!!