

JUN 18, 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM NANCIE

Commencement

My fellow disciples, this is a day filled with so many celebrations! First and foremost, we remember and honor our fathers and all who have fathered us with love. Thank you! We also celebrate the many graduates in our midst—grade school, high school, university, and the many other educational platforms. Thank you for your persistence and hard work. You shall all be changemakers in this church and this world!

Finally, a personal commencement. For 17 years I have been graced to be a part of the community and parish staff of OLOL. I have healed, grown, and known so much joy with and in you. I've walked with you in praying, learning, celebrating, and grieving. The past six years have been especially joy filled and tender. I never really imagined that I would be asked to serve as a pastor, nor did most of you imagine you'd be shepherded by a woman! We have grown and figured this out together. How fabulous!

I will miss all of you. I will miss praying with you, laughing, crying, and just knowing your stories of life and of faith in that mix. I am so very grateful for all the kindness and support that has been shown to me—you make this ministry of pastoring a true blessing. As I have been saying goodbye I know an ache in my heart. Today's ache is deeper. Your show of love brings me to my knees. God is good and present in **you**. Remember always—**you** are the **church**!

Please know that you all remain in my prayers. I ask that you keep Tom and I in yours as well. You will always be our community, our people.

And now we all commence into a new time of growth. God be with you, my friends!

With blessing,
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Love One Another Campaign Update

OLOL has been abundantly blessed by the generosity of our parishioners who have donated to the archdiocesan Love One Another Capital Campaign (LOA). Since we began the campaign last fall, we have received 2 distributions from the donations sent to the LOA Trust. If you remember, 60 % of the total funds received are returned to Our Lady of Lourdes towards the parish needs identified in our case statement. These distributions were over \$125,000 to date which can now be put into action on the Mission and Ministry needs. We are in the process of updating the A/V technology in church by replacing the sound board and projectors. Through a grant received from the Knights of Columbus we are also able to update the camera at the same time saving additional installation costs.

Though God's guidance and unconditional love, we remain a vibrant faith community due in great part to your commitment, love and generosity. Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT

Director of Liturgical Ministries

OLOL is looking for a full-time director of liturgical ministries. The full time director of liturgical ministries, together with the parish director and director of music ministries, form the core team responsible for the prayer and worship life of the of the parish community. This person serves as a staff resource in support of the parish director, preparing ritual details for the prayer and worship opportunities in the parish and preparing both clergy and lay members to lead the parish community in prayer. Come share your thoughts and ideas with us as we vision for the new year of shared ministry. The position begins on July 1, 2023. For more information, go to the OLOL Employment webpage at ololmke.org/employment/.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest."

Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: June 20 and July 18

Most needed items: bottled juice, condensed soup, canned meats, and spaghetti sauce . Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. Your support for the pantry is **greatly** appreciated. Our pantry guests have increased by 40%. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day)

Hall of Honor

Reception for Nancie

8:00 am Liturgy

Church

10:30 am Liturgy

Church



Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth Day)

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10



Tuesday, June 20

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 7

3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7

Wednesday, June 21

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6

9:00 am BAAM Leadership Rm 3

9:30 am Liturgy Church

10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall BC

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Rm 3

6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612 Hall A

Thursday, June 22

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 7

12:00 pm Women's Grief Gp. Hall C

Friday, June 23—Office Closed

Saturday, June 24

Hall of Honor

5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

Sunday, June 25

Hall of Honor

8:00 am Liturgy

Church

10:30 am Liturgy

Church

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Purposefulness

Purposefulness is being aware that each of us is here for a reason. We value our lives by discovering the part we are uniquely meant to play. We discern our intention and focus on it mindfully. We invest our full enthusiasm into even the simplest job. In the flow of our lives, there are many turns and unexpected events. Within it all, there are lessons to be learned and gifts to receive. Purposefulness is trusting the journey.

What a powerful Gospel today. The apostles are called and Jesus gives them clear instructions as to their mission. What an honor and commitment they faced! Do you ever wish your call was as direct. Maybe, it was! More good stories to share. Are you always listening?

SPOTLIGHT

The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession?" Our world is dominated by things, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like they possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

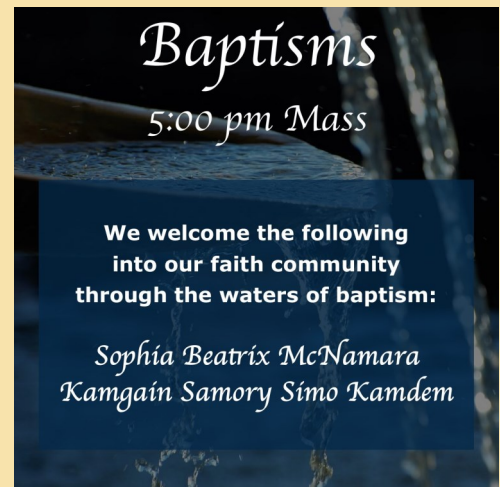
It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

FORMATION

Are you ready to receive your sacraments of initiation?

Whether you are a high school student thinking of confirmation or an adult who is considering the sacraments, you are welcome to explore your faith here! For more information on our high school confirmation program or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact Maggie Russell.



DISCIPLESHIP

Abundant Harvest

Throughout Scripture, we are commanded to love one another (John 13:34), to serve each other humbly in love (Gal. 5:13), and to work together as one body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12). At no point in Scripture are we commanded to only accept, love, and welcome those who look, behave, or think the same way that we do.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to love God and all people in their current context. And according to that context, we value women, we value racial justice, we value equity, and we value our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters because they are all worthy of love.

All people have a right to feel loved. They have a right to belong. We should never be discriminated against for our differences. We should be celebrated!

WORSHIP

This week is the first day of summer!

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and

fill me with

gentle compassion for all your people.

Author Unknown

And as you travel this summer...

Here is a handy web page for accessing Catholic Masses as you travel this summer: <https://masstimes.org/>

Scripture Readings for June 24/25

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10:13 | Psalm 69 | Romans 5:12-15 | Matthew 10:26-33

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