March 10, 2024

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday Mornings 7:45 & 10:00 AM

#### **DAILY MASS**

Labor Day through Memorial Day Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday – Saturday 8:00 AM

Tuesday 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS



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Saturdays 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

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**BAPTISMS** Celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Pre-Baptismal classes are held on the last Sunday of the month. For more information please visit the Baptism page of the Parish Website and contact the Faith Formation office at dre@olg1.org or call 215-757-5530

**WEDDINGS** Congratulations! Call 215-757-7700 to make an appointment with one of the priests to set a date and begin the required six-month preparation period.

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION** Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Or are you interested in volunteering with the RCIA? Please contact Chris Flack at 215-757-5530 or dre@olg1.org

Welcome, OLG parishioners!
We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners
and to any guests visiting us this week.
Our Lady of Grace, pray for us.

#### ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~

#### Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reflection on the evil of not paying attention to God's prophets compels the Israelites to endure a 70 year exile in Babylon.

#### Reading II: Ephesians 2: 4-10

St. Paul tells Christians that they can be identified with Christ in that they too will be enthroned with Him in heaven.

#### The Gospel: John 3: 14-21

The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus continues with a discussion about God sending His only Son to earth to bring light and love to the world.

# Weekly AS Intentions

March 11, Monday 8:00AM Tara Lessard

r/o Family

MARCH 12, TUESDAY

9:00AM Gillespie Family

r/o Family

March 13, WEDNESDAY 8:00AM Joan DiDonato

r/o Nichole Bobst

March 14, Thursday

8:00AM Albert M. Glackens

r/o Christopher Glackens

March 15, Friday

8:00AM Joseph M. Seborowski

r/o Wife, Kathleen

MARCH 16, SATURDAY

8:00AM Eileen Maziarz

r/o Ryan Family

4:00PM Joseph Sowa

r/o Family

MARCH 17, SUNDAY

7:45AM Lvg. & Dec'd Members of OLG

10:00AM John Cahill

r/o Wife & Children

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Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

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#### ~ From the Pastor's Desk ~

Dear Friends,

"God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." The eternal life given to us came at a great cost. The Father offers His Son, in love. Jesus offers Himself, in love. Our Lenten journey many ways reflects the movement from death to life, from sin to mercy. "For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

Thanks to everyone who joined in the Forty Hours -24 Hours for the Lord celebration this weekend. The period of prayer and silent adoration of the Lord is a great blessing for our parish.

Congratulations to John Papp who became an Eagle Scout yesterday in the Court of Honor. You may remember that John's Eagle Scout project was the Rosary Walk around the grotto at the IHM Center. Congratulations to John, his parents and all who helped him on the way.

On last Thursday, three new auxiliary bishops were ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Please continue to keep Bishops Chylinski, Cooke and Esmila in your prayers as they begin their episcopal ministry.

Also last Thursday, members of the parish hosted a group of walking pilgrims. The pilgrimage started in the Bronx, NYC and is ending at the Saint Rita Shrine in Philadelphia. Thanks to the families who welcomed the pilgrims to their homes; and thanks to the Knights for providing them with a good meal Thursday night.

Next weekend is Invite a Friend Weekend. Everyone is encouraged to invite someone you know to come to church with you. It could be family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates – anyone and everyone are welcome. The weekend provides us a simple opportunity, in simple fashion to evangelize. Missionary discipleship is an integral aspect of our lives of faith, the simple invitation offered to someone may open a door for them to encounter Christ and to share in all He offers.

God bless, Monsignor Prior





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#### "FAITH FORMATION" by Fr. NASTA

In response to a question posed by a bishop from the Philippines, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith made public on November 15, 2023 a decree affirming past Church teaching that membership in Masonic lodges and organizations is not open to Catholics.

Who or what are the Masons?

Freemasonry (also known as the Masons) is the largest world-wide oath-bound secret society that is open to males only and is known for its brotherhood, philanthropy, and humanitarian efforts. Shriners International is affiliated with the Masons. Not all Masons are Shriners, but all Shriners are Masons. Freemasonry also professes a set of beliefs that run contrary to Catholic Church teaching.

What religious beliefs do Masons profess?

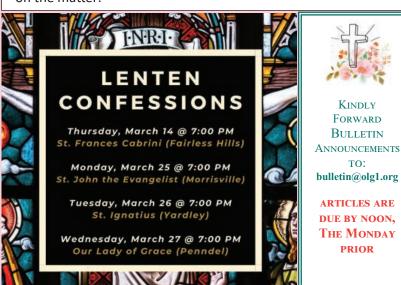
A partial listing of masonic beliefs include:

- Deism (God is known through reason as a creator, or the "Great Architect of the Universe.")
- Rationalism (truth is found through reason alone).
- Relativism (truth discovered through reason means different things to different people).
- Indifferentism (One can believe in the Trinity or not. One can believe in Jesus or not. It does not matter what one believes; let's just get along with each other.)
- Syncretism (all the world religions are equal, even ones that hold on to agnosticism [one cannot know the nature or existence of God or of anything beyond natural wonders] or pantheism [a worship that admits to or tolerates a multitude of gods]).

In what ways has the Church prohibited Catholics from becoming Masons?

Pope Clement XII was the first to make such a declaration in 1738. Other popes since then (Benedict XIV, Pius VII, Leo XII, Gregory XVI, and Blessed Pius IX) followed suit. Leo XIII wrote in 1890 that "Christianity and Freemasonry are essentially irreconcilable...." The 1917 Code of Canon Law specifically prohibited Catholics from becoming Masons. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared in 1983 that Catholics who join the Masons or who continue membership in the Masons are guilty of being in "grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion."

Why did the bishop from the Philippines initiate the response from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith? The philanthropic and humanitarian work of the Masons were attracting significant numbers of Catholic men in the Philippines to join their ranks. This, together with a perceived relaxation of earlier church prohibitions, led to many men to think there is nothing wrong with being a Catholic and a Mason. The bishop wrote for clarification on the matter.







Hospitality Fellowship the weekend of March 16 & 17 in the Lourdes Room. This month's theme is St. Patrick's Day! Wear your green, meet Sheamus the Leprechaun, eat some delicious food and enjoy some hot/cold drinks. May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and let nothing but happiness come through your door. Hope to see you there!

Donations of baked goods are gratefully accepted! Please drop off baked items on the table outside the Lourdes Room before Mass. Thank you!

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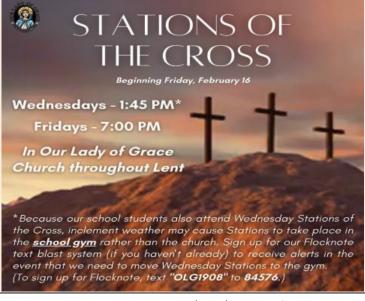
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