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****** FROM THE PASTOR ******

If you have a pulse then you also are almost certainly are aware, that Matthew Perry, best known as Chandler Bing, from the hit television series, *Friends*, passed away earlier this week.

I can't speak for the man personally, but I always enjoyed the characters he portrayed. He made me laugh. So I made it a point to watch an old Friends re-run, as a show of respect.

It wasn't hard to find one!

The episode I happened to catch, was one I had never seen before. Chandler is disillusioned with his corporate job and quits, only to be hired back by his desperate boss, at a much higher salary, and with far more responsibility. His new position of authority includes a nice office, a personal secretary, and a fancy title.

It doesn't take long for Chandler to take a liking to his new role of power and status.

In the final scene, the normally insecure and self-mocking Chandler is aggressively screaming into the phone at a subordinate, making unreasonable demands well after regular office hours had ended.

The show ends with him settling comfortably into his desk chair with a very self-satisfied and prideful smug on his face.

We see a monster in the making!

This is the very problem being addressed in the scripture readings we just heard.

To counteract this human tendency, a strong invitation to render humble, committed and loving service to others in the community is the main theme of all three of today's readings.

In the first reading, the prophet Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud, lazy priests of his day.

In the second reading, St. Paul presents himself as an ideal example of servant leadership in a serving Christian community.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a word of judgment against contemporary religious leaders who are more concerned about self-promotion than service to others.

Christ-like leadership calls for integrity and honesty from all those in authority, whether priests, parents, teachers or politicians.

There should be in leaders no double standards. Rather, there should grow a deep sense of equality with, and mutual respect between, leaders and those they rule. Each should seek to serve the other.

Service, not status, is the mark of this new community of Christ, and true humility is the only position its members should seek.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

“Do as I say, not as I do.” How many of us have been tempted to say this to our children? In today's Gospel we hear a resounding reply from Jesus, “Practice what you preach.” Those who know us best, our family and especially our children, can identify the inconsistencies between what we want to teach and the example that we give. The challenge for all of us, especially for those of us who are parents, is to model with consistency the faith and the Christian way of life we wish to teach our children.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to practice what you preach. Identify some examples of people you know who practice what they preach. What do you observe about these people? What do you admire about them?

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus talk about the importance of acting in ways that are consistent with our faith. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12. Talk together about ways in which your family might better practice the faith that you profess. Choose one action to take that will show your faith in action. Pray together that your family's faith will be shown consistently in your actions. (Credit: Loyola Press)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to our sixth graders and the wonderful job they did at the 11:00am Mass last weekend! Special thanks to their catechist, Doris Ann Batista and Joe Conway. It is always a blessing to see the youth of our Church involved in the Mass! Our next Class Mass will be on Sunday, November 19th and will involve our fourth graders!

Our next in-person session will be Sunday, November 19th, at 9:30am and Tuesday, November 21st, at 4:15 & 7:15pm.

THE YOUTH GROUP is planning on having their annual Rake and Run on Sunday, November 12th. If you're in real need of having your leaves raked, please contact Jennifer in the Faith Formation office.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION - Let us not forget our food pantry. There is still a great need for donations of non-perishable food, paper products, personal hygiene items, etc. The suggested donations are **Soup, Tuna, Crackers/Cookies..** We thank you in advance for helping those who are less fortunate than most of us. Donations may be placed in the basket at the back of the church.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5427 invite the OLGC family and guests to attend a luncheon in the Rackley Room after the 11:00 am Memorial Mass on November 5th.

CONGRATULATIONS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS
Last week's winners of our calendar raffle were: November 1 - Lorena Veltri and November 2 - Betty Frasca. Tickets are available in the rectory for the remainder of the raffle which runs until January 31st

ONE MONTH DEVELOPING BABY - Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all - the gift of life.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 5TH

Let our prayer intention for this 31st Week in Ordinary Time be for peace and unity in our Nation and amongst all our people.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection 10/28 & 29, 2023	\$4,094.00
Last Year	\$3,895.00
Increase	\$ 199.00
Electronic Giving for the month of October	amounted to \$5,544.00.
Additional Parish Needs	\$2,140.00.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 3 - Women's Retreat on Saturday, November 11th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This retreat is open to all women. The retreat includes Mass, Prayer, music, speaker, sharing and prayers for healing. Our speaker is Marylene D'Jamoos. Her presentation encourages us to experience the blessings and graces when **Seeking Our Blessed Mother in Difficult Times**. Registration is required no later than **Tuesday, November 7th** through our website www.cwoz.org. A donation of \$20.00 payable at the door includes a box lunch (Telephone Reg. 201-370-2577. Please leave your name and telephone number and indicate which lunch you would prefer 1) Turkey/Provolone, 2) Ham/Swiss, 3) Grilled Chicken/Roaster Peppers, or 4) Grilled Veggies). For information contact Viola Lifrieri at 201-666-5697.

BOX OF JOY - This holiday season, please consider participating in the Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy Ministry program. Want to help? It is simple. Make a Box via instructions at <https://crosscatholic.org.box-of-joy>.

CHILD FIND - Attention Parents - Is your child late in talking or walking? Has poor coordination? Has delayed development? Has communication delays? Is lagging significantly behind peers in academics, cognitive and/or social emotional development? If so, appropriate evaluations and programs are available for children aged 3-21. If you suspect your child might need services contact your District Department of Special Services to obtain an evaluation at no charge. Westwood 201-664-0880 x 2031.

RELIC OF ST JUDE THE APOSTLE - On Sunday, November 19th, beginning at 2:30 pm the Marian Shrine located at 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY will be hosting the relics of St. Jude the Apostle. The exhibit and veneration of the relics begins at 2:30 pm. A Mass in honor of St. Jude will begin at 5:00 pm and the viewing of the relics will be open until 9:00 pm. There is no cost to attend this event but free will donations are accepted. The Marian Shrine is handicapped accessible. For more information please go to the website at www.marianshrine.org.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Clarice Coira mother of Robert Coira and Denise McKay

THIS WEEK AT OLGC

SUNDAY: 12:30 pm Baptism Prep. Session

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: ELECTION DAY

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY: 8:00 pm AA Meeting

SATURDAY: VETERANS' DAY

SUNDAY: 12:30 pm Baptism

REMINDER

SUNDAY COMMITTEE - Next Sunday, November 12th, Group D under the direction of Bob Lysiak is scheduled for duty at the rectory.

ARCHDIOCESAN CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE - 1-888-4 OPTIONS.

WEBSITE - Our website is www.olgcwt.org. You can find our bulletin on it, schedules and Religious Education news, parish activities and Parish Giving. Check us out.

THE SUNDAY MASS - WCTV broadcasts the Sunday Mass from OLGC on Optimum channel 77 or Fios channel 24 every Sunday at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Every Sunday the televised Mass produced by the Passionist Community is available in the New York Metropolitan area. (WLNY at 9:00 am; WNYW at 5:30 am.) Mass is also available on EWTN at 8:00 am and noon. Check your newspaper or television listing for the channel number. Closed Captioning is also available.

MISA EN ESPANOL, DOMINGO 2:00 pm - St. Andrew's Church, Washington Avenue in Westwood, 201-669-3900. **Please note new time and phone number.**

MASS TIMES - Free Ministry to traveling Catholics for Nationwide Mass times and locations on the internet at: www.Masstimes.org. or by phone at 858-207-6277 and then entering the zip code for where you are going.

CATHOLIC RADIO - "Relevant Radio" is a Catholic program with music and interesting information located at 1430 AM. In addition to the general audience, this might be appealing to the home-bound and/or visually impaired.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

of November 5, 2023

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm All Souls' Triduum

SUNDAY: 8:00 am Marie Bozzone
11:00 am Deceased Members of Mother Seton Council Knights of Columbus

MONDAY: 8:45 am Marie Bozzone

TUESDAY: 8:45 am Joseph Fulco

WEDNESDAY: 8:45 am Carol Skinner

THURSDAY: 8:45 am Daniel P. Conte

FRIDAY: 8:45 am Meg Rodgers

SATURDAY: 8:45 am People of the Parish
5:00 pm Carl Battista

SUNDAY: 8:00 am Ron Yunker - 23rd Anniversary
11:00 am Edward Niemira

SCRIPTURE READING

SUNDAY: Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

MONDAY: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY: Rom 13:8-10; Lk: 14:25-33

THURSDAY: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22

FRIDAY: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15

SUNDAY: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13



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