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

It was the Sabbath and so, naturally, they went to the Synagogue.

Some of them went sleepily, others went with a great weariness following a busy week of work. Still others trekked over in a rather irritable mood for who knows why. They came because it was their habit to do so. It was expected.

But on that particular morning, Jesus of Nazareth was there, and his presence would create a worship service no one would ever forget. They were just starting to realize that something extraordinary was happening when suddenly, from the back pew, a shriek went up.

“WHHHHHHHHHHHHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

People’s blood ran cold.

“WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, Jesus of Nazareth?! Have you come to wipe us out already!? I know who you are, you are the Holy One of God!”

Well, this didn’t happen every week in worship!

“Be quiet!” Jesus commanded. And everyone there was glad he said it because it was on the tip of their tongues, too. You can’t tolerate that kind of thing in church. The only thing for such an interruption is to tell the person to hush and then hope the ushers get over there fast to bring this sadly crazed person to the narthex.

But then Jesus said something that no one else had in mind: “Come out of him!” And no sooner were those words out of Jesus’ mouth, the man convulsed! He shook like a leaf in a violent wind before shrieking one last time and then collapsing into a heap.

But then the hapless fellow was better. The fire had gone out of his eyes and a look of calm came over him.

At that precise moment, however, he was the only calm-looking one in the whole place! Everyone else was scraping their jaws off the floor! This just didn’t happen every week at church!

By that late in the service, on a typical Sabbath, people’s thoughts usually began to drift to other vital things, like will they get home in time for the big game or to keep the Brisket from drying out. But not today! No one’s mind wandered. No one turned his thoughts to the mundane or the typical. They had encountered Jesus, and he was all they could talk about for a long time to come.

On that particular day, by the time they returned home from the Synagogue, the people had the overwhelming sense that they had been in the very presence of God in a way that was anything but typical. What they didn’t know, was that they had been in the very presence of God’s Son that day, too.

The thing is, however, that we Christians go to church each week and we do know that the Son of God will be present. Present by the power of His words recounted in the Scriptures. Present even more powerfully through His physical presence in the Eucharist.

But do we expect that this living presence of Almighty God will shake us up, and make us exclaim over His power in our midst? We shouldn’t need to see the kind of razzle-dazzle the people of Capernaum saw that day, to know that we have encountered something wonderful.

We should expect it.

Because when you gather for worship, where Jesus is truly present, anything can happen. But something life-giving will always happen.

Every time.

We should expect no less.

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 **Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Tuna and Pasta and Sauce**.



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.

BAKE SALE sponsored by the OLGW Women's Group will be held on Sunday, February 11th, after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Funds raised will be used for a public speaker.

OUR NEW GYM has been available for pickleball and our group is growing. We've had regular open play for all levels from 7:00-9:00 pm on Wednesdays, and the courts are also available Saturday evenings beginning at 5:00 pm and Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm based on demand. All levels of play are welcome and informal instruction is provided to anyone who needs it. The game is fun and easy to learn, and enjoyable at any level, even if you have never played a racquet sport. If you are interested in joining us, call/text/email Patti Modica at 201-615-4399 or pattimod@gmail.com. Information forms are also located at the back of the church, fill one out and leave it, and we'll get you on the contact list.

FLOCK - We love having you as a part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and text! Text OLGW to 84576 to receive alerts of parish events and news right to your phone! There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Beginning on First Friday, February 2nd, (and the months following), the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Eucharistic Adoration starting after the 8:45 am mass until 12:00 noon. Everyone is encouraged to use this monthly opportunity to make a special visit, and spend some quiet time with the Lord, Truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament. A few people are needed to sign-up in the back of the church to make sure there is always at least one person in attendance. The three time periods are after the 8:45 mass to 10:00 am, 10:00 to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Note any sign up will be for the current month only - not a commitment for all the following months. **If there is a Friday funeral, we will have Adoration from 7:00-8:00 pm on Friday evening.**

CLASS OF '74 FIFTIETH REUNION - Did you attend OLGW grammar school with the Class of 1974 or know someone who did? If you're a member of the OLGW Class of 1974 and have not yet been contacted about our upcoming 50th reunion and would like to be, please contact Mary (Ayrovainen) Selman at mselectman@comcast.net.

CONGRATULATIONS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Last weeks winners of our calendar raffle were: January 19 - Kathleen Golick, January 20 - Bob Skinner, January 21 - Cassie M. Bordash, January 22 - Diane Mc Carron, January 23 - Ron Strubberg, January 24 - Bob D'Alessandro, January 25 - Stan Umowski.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 28TH

Let us especially remember in our prayers this week all students and teachers in our Catholic Schools. May they have a blessed and successful year.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection 1/20 & 21, 2024	\$3,310.00
Last Year	\$4,556.00
Derease	\$1,246.00
Parish Needs collection amounted to	\$3,885.00

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

ANCIENT GREECE & EPHEBUS - Fr. Stephen Toth will be leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to Ancient Greece and Ephesus including a 4 day cruise on the Aegean Sea to the Greek Isles from April 29th to May 10th, 2024. For more information call Syversen Touring at 1-800-334-5425.

ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY located in Hillsdale provides an academically excellent Catholic education to students in pre-k 3 through eighth grade. Please join us for one of our OPEN HOUSES which will take place on Sunday, January 28th, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm and Tuesday, January 30th, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. To register for our Open Houses, please go to <https://sjahillsdale.org/visit>.

HANDBAG BINGO AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, Woodcliff Lake - 2nd Annual Handbag Bingo with Tricky Tray, 50/50 and Raffles on Wednesday, March 13th, Doors open at 6:00 pm, First game will be called at 7:00 pm in the McCarthy Center (Gym). BYOB and appetizers. Water, coffee and light desserts will be served. Guest must be 18 years or older. Last year this event sold out several weeks in advance so grab your tickets ASAP

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - February 9-11, 2024 at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ, 08212. Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost \$145.00 per person. Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

THIS WEEK AT OLGC**SUNDAY:****MONDAY:****TUESDAY:****WEDNESDAY:** 7:00 pm Youth Group**THURSDAY:** 1:00 pm Women's Group**FRIDAY:** 9:15-12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 pm AA Meeting**SATURDAY:****SUNDAY:** 12:30 pm Baptism Prep. Session**REMINDER**

SUNDAY COMMITTEE - Next Sunday, February 4th, 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 January 28, 2024

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm Steven Kohlreiter**SUNDAY:** 8:00 am Intentions of Katherine Ryan
11:00 am Giuseppe Fulco**MONDAY:** 8:45 am Marianne Samaritano**TUESDAY:** 8:45 am Catherine Okulski**WEDNESDAY:** 8:45 am Eleanor Platz**THURSDAY:** 8:45 am Teodoro Llamzon**FRIDAY:** 8:45 am Jill Ax**SATURDAY:** 8:45 am People of the Parish
5:00 pm Aurora Miclat**SUNDAY:** 8:00 am Alfred Pacicco
11:00 am John Patrick Keane & John Robert Keane**SCRIPTURE READING****SUNDAY:** Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28**MONDAY:** 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20**TUESDAY:** 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43**WEDNESDAY:** 2 Sm 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6**THURSDAY:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13**FRIDAY:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40**SATURDAY:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34**SUNDAY:** Jb 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39

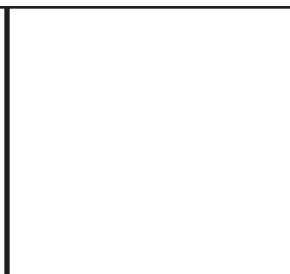
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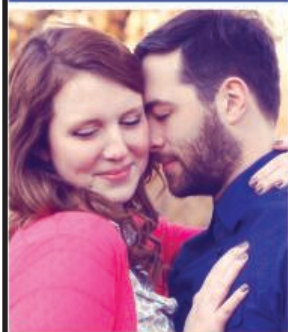
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