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C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE CHILD JESUS December 16 through December 24

Divine Child Jesus, we believe in You; We adore You; and we love You; have mercy on us, sinners.

We've come to this Temple in response to Your love. We've come in response to Your mercy and grace. We are here because You invited us to come before You and to pour out the cares of our hearts to You since You deeply care for each of us.

We remember Your words to the disciples: Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened.

Trusting in Your infinite goodness and trusting that You always keep Your promise, we now ask this intention which we pray in the silence of our hearts.....(STATE YOUR INTENTION)

Thank You, Divine Child Jesus, for listening attentively to our prayers all the time.

We hope that You will ask this before Our Heavenly Father.

And, if what we ask for may not be good for our salvation and sanctification, we trust that You will grant us instead what we truly need, so that one day we may be with You for all eternity enjoying that ultimate happiness of Heaven.

> Divine Child Jesus, bless and protect us. Divine Child Jesus, bless and lead us. Divine Child Jesus, bless and provide for us.

All this we ask through the intercession of Your Holy Mother, Mary, and in Your powerful and Most Holy Name, Jesus. Amen.

SOURCE: vcatholic.com/prayers

December Adoration Schedule

First Friday: December 1st from 10:15 till Noon!

No Adoration on Friday, December 8th, following the Holy Day Mass.

Other Fridays in December: the 15th, 22nd & 29th from 10:15 to 11:00^{am}

Eucharistic

Adoration

Adoration closes with Benediction.

Family Reconciliation Sunday, December 10th **Beginning at 3:00pm**



Please join us for the Communal Rite of Reconciliation

Adult Ed. Update

"Psalms" The School of Prayer, continues in December at our after-Mass Sunday Bible Study. . The program comes to us from Ascension Press and is hosted by Jeff Cavins



providing the instruction. You will find a greater understanding of the depth of meaning and the background of these prayers.

We continue with "Genesis and the Books of Moses" on Monday evenings at 6:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Note the later time on Wednesdays due to our change in the morning Mass time to 9:30am. Join us on ZOOM if you cannot attend in person. ZOOM # 226 966 6248.



MEN OF THE MEDAL

MEN'S SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP

DECEMBER MEETING IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

FROM 9:00 TO 11:00^{AM}



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The Night Steward Program at Church Of Our Lady was announced by Joe Cardamone at our November 12, Parish Council Meeting

We now have people and a plan in place for a daily evening security check of the church building.

I On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday specific Night Stewards are coming to assure that the church building is secured, locked and that the alarms are set. There are no weekly scheduled events on these nights.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays there are ministries using church facilities into the evening hours.

- **i** The ministry leader for each group or the lead person for an event is responsible for checking doors, lighting in the facility and locking up which requires setting the alarm system before leaving the building. L
- If you have an event scheduled (but not weekly) on the 1 + calendar for Tuesday or Thursday evening, you are now responsible for this locking up process.

Joe is providing a checklist for locking up so that we do not omit I any important items.

It is mandatory if you are cancelling your scheduled evening event (sickness, weather, whatever) that you call or text Joe I Cardamone at 1 (614)512-6687 to advise of the cancellation.

The Night Stewards are: Joe Cardamone, Alex Esparza, Fritz Mirville and George Medary.

This responsibility for the safety of this building now rests with us as a parish family. We need to have the same concern for our church as we have for our own homes.

The Parish Council is grateful to Joe and our volunteers for their work and initiative in keeping pace with all of these challenges.

Music Ministry Update:

Due to the extremely busy schedule in December this year, we will not be scheduling the Advent Lessons and Carols. Instead we will have a music program in the Christmas Season, on Epiphany Sunday,



January 7th at the conclusion of the 10:00am Mass. We will have more details in the January newsletter.

Anne Grossman Peters

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with Dr. Tim Gray

Feast Days in December

December 1 - First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

December 2 - First Saturday Mass & Fatima Prayers

December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

December 4 - St. John of Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday, December 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America) HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Masses 9^{MM} & 7^{PM}

December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Hermit

December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

December 11 - St Damasus I, Pope

December 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - EMPRESS OF THE AMERICAS - Mass 9:30^{AM}

December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin Martyr & St. Odilia of Alsace

December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 7 through December 15 - Jewish Feast of Chanukah December 20 - Feast of the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest

December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 26 - St. Stephen, First Martyr - Mass 9:00AM

December 27 - St. John the Apostle

December 28 - Holy Innocents, Martyrs

December 29 - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

December 31 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph $\,$ & St. Sylvester I, Pope

Monday, January 1, 2024 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT OUR LADY

Sunday, December 24[™] CHRISTMAS EVE at 4:00[™]

and 7:00^{PM} with Carols beginning at 6:40^{PM}



Christmas Day, December 25th at 10:00[™] and 1:30[™] French Mass

NEW YEAR'S MASS

No Vigil Mass on Sunday, December 31st Monday, January 1, 2023 at 9:30^{AM} Solemnity: Mary, the Holy Mother of God



2023 Giving Tree!

The Giving Tree arrives the weekend of December 2 & 3 in conjunction with the beginning of Advent. The Giving Trees will be in place for two weeks, plenty of time to share our time and talent (for shopping) for those less fortunate.

Starting this year there will be a Giving Tree in each lobby. Each tree will be decorated with gift tags. Simply pick a tag or tags, buy a gift or gifts. Then bring the gift/s back by December 17.

From December 17th, you may start decorating the Giving Tree with hats, gloves and scarves to be donated until January 2024.

<u>Do **NOT** wrap the gifts!</u> Please place the gifts in **gift bags** so that the sorting will be easier for the volunteers who make sure they get to where they are most needed. Please have these gifts back by the 1:30^{pm} Mass Sunday, December 17th. There are two recipients this year:

1) Bishop Griffin Center: New this year. They are asking for blankets and new or gently used kitchen supplies. In early November they served 282 families. Many of the immigrants coming to this area have nothing. Those who love thrift stores, this is your time!

2) Women's Care Center3) PDHC (Pregnancy Decision Health Center)

If you have an organization that you would like to add; please let me know. I would like your help in sorting the gifts and to make delivery to the new organization.

Thank you to all who participate. The organizations are appreciative of all that you do and they look forward to receiving our gifts. I also appreciate all that you do for our recipients. It's like an early Christmas present for me to see your purchases.

Blessings, Mary Bishel

BEREAVEMENT - HELP NEEDED!

Rob Trufant, who has been coordinating the luncheon requests for our bereaved families has advised that he can no longer fulfill this role. We are in need of a person to accept the lead for this important ministry as we have not been able to offer the luncheon for our bereaved families at the past two funerals. We also need to review the list of those who can provide side dishes for the luncheons.

Please call the parish office 614-861-1242 to confirm your support for this ministry.

The Didache - Part 4 Here now are the final

chapters form this writing of the early Church.

Chapter 11. Concerning Teachers, Apostles, and Prophets

Whosoever, therefore, comes and teaches you all these things that have been said before, receive him. But if the teacher himself turn and teach another doctrine to the destruction of this, hear him not; but if he teach so as to increase righteousness and the <u>knowledge</u> of the Lord, receive him as the Lord. But concerning the Apostles and Prophets, according to the decree of the Gospel, thus do. Let every Apostle that comes to you be I received as the Lord. But he shall not remain except one day; but if there be need, also the next; but if he remain three days, he is a false prophet. And when the Apostle goes away, let him take nothing but bread until he lodges; but if he ask money, he is a I false prophet. And every prophet that speaks in the Spirit you shall neither try nor judge; for every sin shall be forgiven, but this sin shall not be forgiven. But not every one that speaks in the Spirit is a prophet; but only if he hold the ways of the Lord. Therefore from their ways shall the false prophet and the prophet be known. And every prophet who orders a meal in the Spirit eats not from it, except indeed he be a false prophet; and every prophet who teaches the truth, if he do not what he teaches, is a false prophet. And every prophet, proved true, working unto the mystery of the Church in the world, yet not teaching others to do what he himself does, shall not be judged among you, for with God he has his judgment; for so did also the ancient prophets. But whoever says in the Spirit, Give me money, or something else, you shall not listen to him; but if he says to you to give for I others' sake who are in need, let no one judge him.

Chapter 12. Reception of Christians

But let every one that comes in the name of the Lord be received, and afterward you shall prove and know him; for you shall have understanding right and left. If he who comes is a wayfarer, assist him as far as you are able; but he shall not remain with you, except for two or three days, if need be. But if he wills to abide with you, being an artisan, let him work and eat; <u>2 Thessalonians 3:10</u> but if he has no trade, according to your understanding see to it that, as a Christian, he shall not live with you idle. But if he wills not to do, he is a Christ-monger. Watch that you keep aloof from such.

Chapter 13. Support of Prophets

But every true prophet that wills to abide among you is worthy of his support. So also a true teacher is himself worthy, as the workman, of his support. <u>Matthew 10:10</u>; cf. <u>Luke 10:7</u> Every firstfruit, therefore, of the products of wine-press and threshing-floor, of oxen and of sheep, you shall take and give to the prophets, for they are your high priests. But if you have not a prophet, give it to the poor. If you make a batch of dough, take the first-fruit and give according to the Commandment. So also when you open a jar of wine or of oil, take the first-fruit and give it to the prophets; and of money (silver) and clothing and every

possession, take the first-fruit, as it may seem good to you, and give according to the Commandment.

Chapter 14. Christian Assembly on the Lord's Day

But every Lord's Day gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one that is at variance with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned. For this is that which was spoken by the Lord: In every place and time offer to me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the nations.

Chapter 15. Bishops and Deacons; Christian Reproof

Therefore, appoint for yourselves bishops and deacons worthy of the Lord, men meek, and not lovers of money, <u>1 Timothy 3:4</u> and truthful and proven; for they also render to you the service of prophets and teachers. Despise them not therefore, for they are your honored ones, together with the prophets and teachers. And reprove one another, not in anger, but in peace, as you have it in the Gospel; <u>Matthew 18:15-17</u> but to every one that acts amiss against another, let no one speak, nor let him hear anything from you until he repents. But your prayers and alms and all your deeds so do, as you have it in the Gospel of our Lord.

Chapter 16. Watchfulness; The Coming of the Lord

Watch for your life's sake. Let not your lamps be quenched, nor your loins unloosed; but be ready, for you know not the hour in which our Lord comes. Matthew 24:42 But often shall you come together, seeking the things which are befitting to your souls: for the whole time of your Faith will not profit you, if you be not made perfect in the last time. For in the last days false prophets and corrupters shall be multiplied, and the sheep shall be turned into wolves, and love shall be turned into hate; Matthew 24:11-12 for when lawlessness increases, they shall hate and persecute and betray one another, Matthew 24:10 and then shall appear the worlddeceiver as the Son of God, and shall do signs and wonders, and the Earth shall be delivered into his hands, and he shall do iniquitous things which have never yet come to pass since the beginning. Then shall the creation of men come into the fire of trial, and many shall be made to stumble and shall perish; but they that endure in their faith shall be saved from under the curse itself. And then shall appear the signs of the truth; first, the sign of an outspreading in Heaven; then the sign of the sound of the trumpet; and the third, the resurrection of the dead; yet not of all, but as it is said: The Lord shall come and all His saints with Him. Then shall the world see the Lord coming upon the clouds of Heaven.

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Real Presence Real Future



o deepen our reverence for the Holy Eucharist, His Holiness, Pope Pius X, on May 18, 1907, granted an indulgence* to all the faithful, who, at the Elevation during Mass, or at public exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, look at the Sacred Host and devoutly say: *"My Lord and My God!"*

*The indulgence was for seven (7) years and seven (7) quarantines, "Quarantines" is an expression frequently used in the grants of indulgences, and signifies a strict ecclesiastical penance of forty days, performed according to the practice of the early Church. Hence an indulgence of seven quarantines, for instance, implies the remission of as much temporal punishment as would be blotted out by the corresponding amount of ecclesiastical penance. Source: https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12593a.htm



is a festive Christian season celebrating the Nativity of Jesus. In some Western ecclesiastical traditions, "Christmas Day" is considered the "First Day of Christmas" and the Twelve Days are from December 25th to January 5th, inclusive, with January 6th being a "thirteenth day" in some traditions and cultures. However, January 6th is sometimes considered Twelfth Day/Twelfth Night with the Twelve Days "of" Christmas actually after Christmas Day from December 26th to January 6th

he Twelve Days of Christmas,

History: In 567, the Council of Tours "proclaimed the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany (i.e. to just before midnight, January 5^{th} as Epiphany begins January 6^{th}) as a sacred and festive season, and established the duty of Advent fasting in preparation for the feast."

Western Christianity: Within the Twelve Days of Christmas, there are celebrations both secular and religious. Christmas Day, if it is considered to be part of the Twelve Days of Christmas and not as the day preceding the Twelve Days, is celebrated by Christians as the Liturgical Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. It is a public holiday in many nations, including some where the majority of the population is not Christian.

December 26th is "St. Stephen's Day", a feast day in the Western Church. In the United Kingdom and its former colonies, it is also the secular holiday of Boxing Day.

New Year's Eve on 31 December is the feast of Pope St. Sylvester I. The transition that evening to the New Year is an occasion for secular festivities in many nations, and in several languages is known as "St. Sylvester Night" ("Notte di San Silvestro" in Italian, "Silvesternacht" in German, "Réveillon de la Saint-Sylvestre" in French, and " "סילבסטר" in Hebrew).

New Year's Day on January 1st is an occasion for further secular festivities or for rest from the celebrations of eleven faithful disciples. the night before. In the Roman Rite of the Roman Catholic Church, it is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, liturgically celebrated on the Octave Day (8th day) of Christmas. It has also been celebrated, and still is in some denominations, as the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ, because according to Jewish tradition He would have been circumcised on the eighth day after His birth, inclusively counting the first day and last day.

Other Roman Catholic liturgical feasts on the General Roman Calendar that occur within the Octave of Christmas and therefore also within the Twelve Days of Christmas are the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist on December 27th; the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28th; Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr on December 29th; and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas or, if there is no such Sunday, on December 30th. Outside the Octave, but within the

Twelve Days of Christmas, there are the feasts of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus on January 2nd and the Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd

Source: wikipedia

A Christmas Carol (explained)

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their Faith openly. Someone during that era



wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember:



-The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

-The 2 turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

-The **3 French hens** stood for <u>faith, hope and love.</u>

The 4 calling birds were the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

The **5 golden rings** recalled the Torah or Law, the first five Books of the Old Testament.

-The 6 geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

-The 7 swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - prophesy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership, and mercy.

The 8 maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

-The 9 ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

-The 10 lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.



-The 11 pipers piping stood for the

-The **12 drummers drumming** symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So, there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol.

> Author: anonymous Submitted by Mary Bishel

_____ **Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award**

Sunday, November 5th, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Grove City, a number of persons were blessed to be recognized for their charitable efforts.

Mary Bishel from Church of Our Lady was among those nominated to receive this award.

We know her as a tireless prayer warrior and a person devoted to helping the needy in any way she can through St. Vincent de Paul and the annual Giving Tree among other things. Mary received her certificate from Bishop Earl Fernandes.



St. Odilia of Alsace

Feast Day: December 13 Canonized: Pre-Congregation

Odilia, also known as Odile, was born in France in the seventh century. Her father was the Duke of Alsace. When she was still an infant, her parents realized that she was blind. Her father was so angry that he

ordered his only child put to death. But Odilia's mother convinced him to allow Odilia to be raised by nuns.

The nuns raised Odilia with faith and love. They gathered around her on the day of her Baptism when she was 12 years old. As the priest blessed her with chrism, her blindness was cured. A legend about this miracle is that the priest then said to her, "Now you will see me in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Odilia was welcomed home and began to get to know her family. She was a beautiful young woman, and her father planned for her to marry a rich man. Odilia wanted to become a nun and to live the life she knew so well. Her father again lost his temper and treated her badly until one day he saw her hiding a bowl of food under her cloak as she left the castle. He asked her what she was doing. Odilia explained that she was bringing food to the poor.

Odilia's father gave her his castle to use as a convent and a place for the hungry and sick to find help. At her request, her father also built a monastery at the foot of the steep hill that led to the castle so that the elderly and lame could be cared for without a long journey uphill. Soon, Odilia's father also built a large church so that everyone, poor or wealthy, could worship God together.

Odilia died around the year 720. She is the patron saint of anyone with eye problems. St. Odilia teaches us to see that everything we do with eyes of faith and to believe that with the Lord, anything is possible.

source: http://saintsresource.com/odilia-of-alsace (benzinger)

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Prayer for Seminarians

The diocese has provided our parish with postcards for each of our seminarians. Before Mass we pray the prayer the Priestly Vocations Prayer along with the Rosary. The diocese is asking us to adopt a seminarian. There are sixteen new seminarians this year! Please pick up a postcard from the west lobby by the pamphlet rack and pray the prayer for your adopted seminarian every day.

They sent a large stack for Gabe Shroyer since he is from Our Lady. There is also a stack of pictures with all the seminarians to use for prayer and reference.

God is building an army. If you know someone who is considering being a seminarian please let us know and we will connect them to the diocesan vocation director. There are special dinners for those men and women who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Submitted by Cheryl Shroyer



Knight's News

The membership of Knights of Columbus Miraculous Medal Council #11188 would like to thank all the parishioners who helped the membership celebrate the <u>Council's</u> <u>30th Anniversary</u> of being chartered by the Supreme Council.

The coffee, donuts, cupcakes, and fruit snacks that were provided were nearly all consumed and numerous members of the Council, including a few that had not been seen for a while, were able to converse and to relive old times.

After the refreshments and fellowship, the Installation of Officers for 2023-2024 was conducted by Worthy District Deputy Jeff Fisher. This was the last Installation to be conducted with Fr.

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Front Row, left to right: Marcello Cardamone, Mike Jacobs, Mike Draudt, George Medary, Cooper Davy, Joe Cardamone

Back Row, left to right:: Jeff Fisher, Mario Cardamone, John Petrushka, Fr. Jim Coleman, Alex Esparza, Joshua Esparza

Coleman as the Council's Chaplain. Fr. Coleman will be missed.

Many thanks to Alex Esparza and Joe Cardamone for setting up this event.

" Thank You" from the Knights:

- ⇒ The membership appreciates the support from the parish throughout 2023, especially with all the issues faced during this year, including Father
 - Coleman's departure and the potential closure of the church.
- ⇒ The membership of Miraculous Medal, Council 11188, would like to thank everyone that attended the Council's Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 5th. The excellent turnout for the service (the church was packed full) was the perfect way to honor the Council's fallen members.

Charity Donation:

At the November business meeting, the Council donated \$300 to the St Vincent de Paul Society in order to help provide Thanksgiving meals for needy families at the Church of Our Lady.



The Knights wish everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! And a Happy New Year! The Council will be setting up the Nativity Scene in front of the church on

Saturday, December 9th, at 9:00am. Any and all LETS GO TO parishioners are invited to assist.

2024 PLANS - LOOKING AHEAD

Council 11188 has several events planned (all subject to Fr. Connolly's approval):

- The return of the Knight's Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 after the 4:00pm Mass with the pasta and sauce being provided by Carfagna's.
- Five dollar meatball subs just in time for Superbowl LVIII on February 11th.
- The first Lenten fish fry on Friday, February 16th, 2024.

Watch future editions of the COOL News for more details on all of these upcoming events.



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COOL Calendar