

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF SCHROON LAKE AND OLMSTEDVILLE

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 24, 2010



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. (Ant.) 4:30pm (OLL)

Sun. 10:30am (OLL)

Sun. 8:30am (SJC)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat. 3:15 to 4:00pm (OLL) Sun. 8:00 to 8:20pm (SJC)

BAPTISM: By Appointment **MARRIAGE:** Arrange six months prior to wedding date

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan. 23 4:30pm (OLL) For all Parishioners of both Parishes
Sun., Jan. 24 8:30am (SJC) Bernard Lynn by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Liberty
 10:30am (OLL) Gloria Wenderoth by the Family
Mon., Jan. 25 8:30am (OLL) Ann Whyte by Martin & Judy Thompson
Tue., Jan. 26 8:30am (SJC) Werner Schultze by Michael McSweeney
Wed., Jan. 27 No Scheduled Mass
Thu., Jan. 28 5:00pm (OLL) Georgia Flanagan by Jennifer Bessey Pereau
Fri., Jan. 29 8:30am (OLL) John E. Butler by Leo & Lois Clark
Sat., Jan. 30 4:30pm (OLL) For all Parishioners of both Parishes
Sun., Jan. 31 8:30am (SJC) Virginia Baker by Her Daughter, Carol
 10:30am (OLL) Victor Organek by Paul & Patricia Noxon

LAST WEEK'S INCOME

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Envelopes	\$1,029.00
Youth	8 25
Plate	<u>210.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,247.25

Saint Joseph's Church

Envelopes	\$1,169.00
Youth	2.00
Plate	<u>55.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,226.00

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

(The following article appeared in a recent issue of America Magazine by Jeannine Jacobs. It is presented for your thoughtful reflection.)

“I have marveled lately at how often we sit next to people at Mass without ever learning much about them. It is clear we are called to ‘love our neighbor,’ but are we called to take the initiative to know our neighbor? Can we even remember those with whom we have sat at Mass over the last year? We may say, ‘Good morning,’ share a greeting or offer a ‘Peace be with you.’ But few of us make a serious effort to know them.

Some of that reluctance comes from a healthy awareness that our presence in church should be prayerful and respectful. We keep a distance, allowing our neighbor time for prayer or quiet reflection. We allow families to tend to themselves. We allow ourselves time for prayer.

Before Mass begins, I pray for my children, my husband, my family, my friends. I pray for God’s grace and continued presence in my life. I pray for those who are suffering in the world. Yet I do not automatically pray for the neighbors sitting next to me. It never crosses my mind.

As we glance at those beside us, we may be failing to see them, as God wants us to see them. At times we may even draw conclusions and render judgment on these fellow worshippers. I have harshly judged the neighbor who tries to fix tardy family members into an already crowded pew, the neighbor who talks incessantly through the Mass, the neighbor whose children are out of control, the loud singer, the terrible singer, the neighbor who is a better singer than I am, the neighbor who might recognize me but never says hello, the neighbor who does not really know me or why my own children are out of control today. I have developed the bad habit of judging the neighbor I do not know.”

WE NEED NOT FEEL GUILTY

Perhaps you were away the week following Christmas and, therefore, did not receive the bulletin that was distributed after Mass that day. At that time a pamphlet was handed out that dealt with a subject that may bring guilt to your mind. In a recent study it was revealed that 31% of those who were raised as Catholics have left the Church. Many of them may be members of your family or close associates of yours who mean so much to you. It is not unusual for one to have feelings of guilt about their abandonment of their Catholic faith. The pamphlet, which was given to those attending Mass that weekend, has proven a great help in overcoming such guilty feelings. Extra copies of the pamphlet may be found on the tables at the entrances of both our churches. You are invited to take one and reflect on its contents.

PARISHIONERS’ RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

In the letter that was read at last week’s Mass regarding the tragic earthquake in Haiti, parishioners were told that with the approval of the two parish councils, it was decided to make a contribution through Catholic Relief Services directly from parish funds. On the other hand, if individual parishioners would like to assist in relief for the earthquake victims, they should send personal checks to the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office. Please write out the check to Catholic Charities and mark it *Haitian Relief*. Send it directly to Catholic Charities, 6866 State Hwy 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. The Diocese will then forward all contributions to Catholic Relief Services.