



Hospitality Nov 3
St. Malachy Hall after 10 am Mass



CPF members Kit and Aileen Join Jesu Caritas members to serve at St Malachy Hospitality
 More on pages 11 and 12



Election 2024: Grieve, be angry, take care of yourself and love ones and when you're ready, join us to help protect the vulnerable and speak the truth; next meeting **Dec 8 11:30 am**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81605561453?pwd=-KrkuNCbymCwRheW96ChOHldxHINTXK.1>

other groups present missions



Pat & CPF's Aileen, Joan, Bill, Br. Joe, Ava, FZ | some Antiracism members with friends

Catholic Peace Fellowship

Philadelphia Catholic Peace Fellowship (CPF), founded in 1968, is a community of Christians who have joined together to bring a gospel-based perspective to peace, justice, and environmental issues. CPF serves as a forum where people who share these concerns can come together for prayer and discussion, education, mutual support, and collective action.

Catholic Peace Fellowship is a chapter of Pax Christi USA (paxchristiusa.org). Pax Christi-USA is part of the larger Pax Christi International movement.

Currently, CPF is promoting three guiding themes. The first theme, a voice against war, renews CPF Philadelphia's foundational testimony to a voice for alternative non-violent activity. This foundational idea directs CPF to build consensus around organizing and creating public vigils for peace endeavors, standing in the marketplace to say No to war and the preparations for war.

The second theme, promoting peace with the earth, extends CPF Philadelphia's commitment of non-violence to include all creation. Extending non-violence to all creation is based on Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'*, in which he bonds our Catholic concern for the human environment, with a needed concern for the natural environment.

The third theme, fellowshiping with each other, invites new and existing CPF members to break bread together over discussions of past and future peacemaking. This idea of fellowship stems from a genuine sense of gratitude felt towards those who have historically led, and those who are currently leading, our peacemaking efforts. This idea of fellowship is a recognition that our diminutive peaceful practices and daily peaceful social interactions can transform into a vibrant community emulating non-violence when we support and celebrate with each other.

One source of strength for CPF comes from the people who have inspired us in the past. It is with great pride and gratitude that we honor the life of Franz and Franziska Jagerstatter for their example of moral decision making in an attempt to make the world a better place.

Franz (28) and Franziska (23) married in Austria on April 9, 1936. In 1940 Franz was called up for the first period of military service in the then occupying German army. Franziska who only just had their third child was responsible for the management of the farm in Franz's absence. Franz returned from that military service determined that he would not serve again, he and Franziska had two years of anxious anticipation that he would be called up again. On February 23, 1943, Franz was called to active duty. He maintained his position against fighting for the Third Reich and on March 1, 1943, declared his conscientious objection refusing the oath of induction for conscription into the Nazi military as "contrary to his Catholic faith." His offer to serve as a paramedic was ignored. He was immediately imprisoned. He was sentenced to death on July 6, 1943, and executed by guillotine on August 9, 1943. Franz was 36 and his eldest daughter was 6.

October 26, 2007, Franz was declared Blessed of the Catholic Church. The honor of the beatification was an acknowledgment of Franz's courage and conviction. It was also a celebration of Franziska's faith and love. As CPF, we pray that Franz and Franziska's devotion to non-violence will inspire us to live a life of peace.



Nuns on the Bus

September Visit to Philly - page 3

<https://www.mobilize.us/network/>



PLEASE VOTE!

“...Biden has a terrible nuclear policy. A re-elected Trump’s would be much worse...”

<https://thebulletin.org/2024/07/trump-has-a-strategic-plan-for-the-country-gearing-up-for-nuclear-war/>

Environment: Important Election Issue

<https://catholicphilly.com/2024/07/commentaries/catholics-put-laudato-si-into-action-by-lobbying-for-environmental-justice/>

by Barbara Sheehan - Posted July 12, 2024



CPF members Br. Joe, Irma and Aileen at Thomas Paine Plaza Rally

Pope Francis encourages Catholics not to be single issue voters but consider the full range of peace and justice issues. For CPF Members at Townhall -pages 3, 4 and 5

Networkadvocates.org: Equally-Sacred-Checklist -page 9; en Espanol – página 10

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St. Malachy Hall after 10 am Mass and celebrate Fr. Mac and CPFNL.

The Broad Street Run on the 1st Sunday in May put a damper on our plans to celebrate Fr. Mac’s birthday at Hospitality that Sunday. Please Join us November 3, 2024 -page 6

<https://cpfphila.com/ARTICLES/2024%20MARCH/2024-03%20CPF%20Lent%20Newsletter.pdf>

New Encounters Meets to “Open Wide Our Hearts” a Call to Love and End Racism

The New Encounters Ministry helps parishes respond to the Archbishops Pastoral Letter on Racism. At St. Malachy an Antiracism Committee was formed to respond to the mandate of “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism.”

<https://www.newencounters.org/> <https://www.usccb.org/resources/open-wide-our-hearts-enduring-call-love-pastoral-letter-against-racism> newencounterscatholics@gmail.com. The following are images of St. Malachy and CPF member participation. For more info., see page 8



St. Malachy hosted New Encounters June 1, 2024, in St. Malachy Parish Hall.

<https://catholicphilly.com/2024/06/commentaries/new-encounters-ministry-helps-parishes-respond-to-archbishops-pastoral-letter-on-racism/>



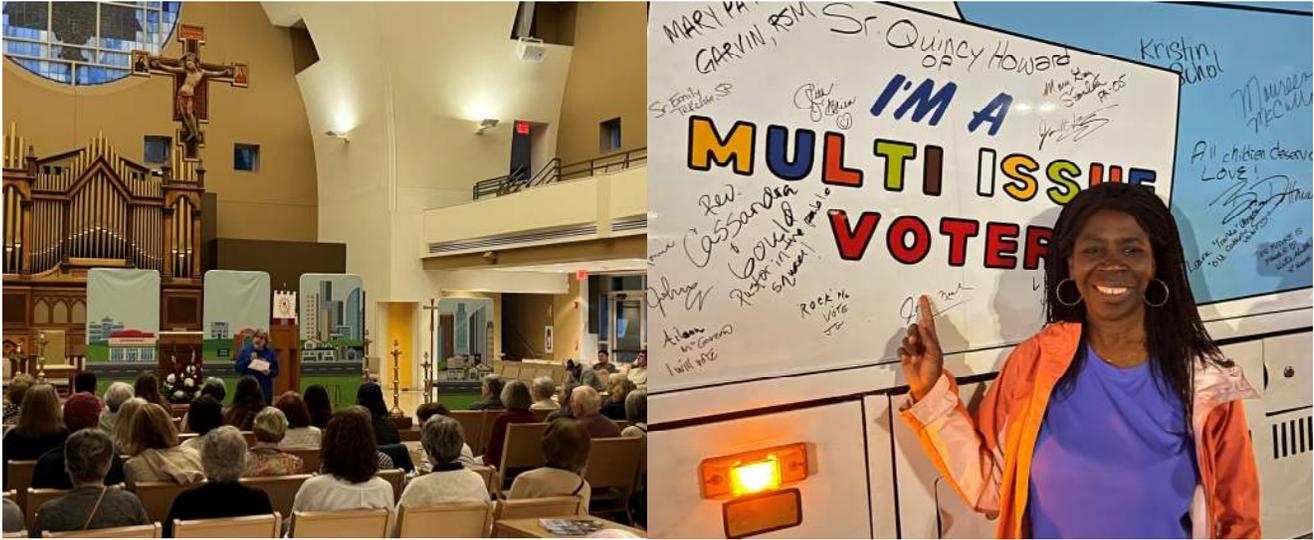
CPF at Nuns on the Bus

Stop at Thomas Paine Plaza and St. Joseph University

On September 30 between 10 – 11:30 am at Thomas Paine Plaza and St. Joseph University at 6 – 7:30 pm CPF Philly members attended the Rally and Town Hall. Pope Francis encourages Catholics not to be single issue voters but consider the full range of peace and justice issues. The Nuns on the Bus and Friends Movement exemplifies these full range of issues from peace and gun control to economic, racial, and environmental justice. The following are images taken that day. Please see Networks web site <https://www.mobilize.us/network/> and the CPF Phila Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/catholicpeacefellowship.phila>) for more info.



The Bus at St. Joseph University



Pope Francis and Ava reminds us to be Multi Issue Voters



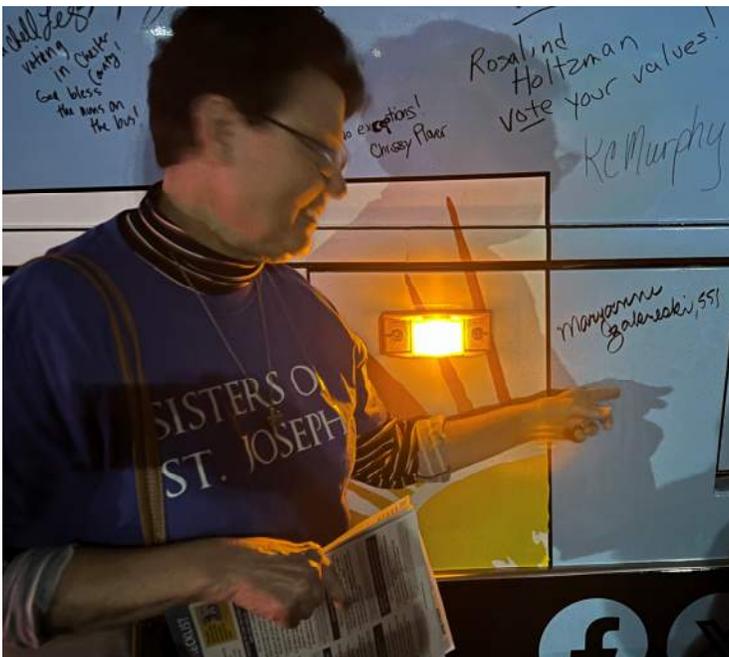
After the Town Hall participants were encouraged to sign the Bus, see page 5



CPF member Kit signs the Bus



Sr. Maryanne reminds us of the plight of immigrant children



CPF newsletter contributor Sr. Maryanne:

Please see links to Sr. Maryanne articles in CPNL

https://www.cpfphila.com/ARTICLES/2021%20APRIL/cpf_2021_04_final.pdf

https://www.cpfphila.com/ARTICLES/2021%20APRIL/cpf_2021_04_final.pdf

<https://www.cpfphila.com/ARTICLES/2023%20MAY/2023-05-Paschal-CPF-Newsletter.pdf>



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The Broad Street Run on the 1st Sunday in May put a damper on our plans for Hospitality that Sunday. The following has been updated and re-published since the last issue of the CPF newsletter (CPFNL).
<https://cpfphila.com/ARTICLES/2024%20MARCH/2024-03%20CPF%20Lent%20Newsletter.pdf>

Most first Sundays, St. Malachy parish invites parishioners and guests to a light hospitality after the Sunday mass in the former school hall. Usually, these 1st Sundays are sponsored by one or two parish groups. On Nov 3, 2024, CPF will cosponsor hospitality with two other groups, Jesu Caritas and Christian Meditation which like CPF have had Fr. McNamee as a long-time member. These three groups are not specifically parish groups, however many of us are also members of two parish groups who will also join us in this effort: St. Malachy Antiracism Committee and the Parish Decorating Committee. The occasion will also be a chance for members of each of these five groups to socialize with parishioners and guests as well as inform others of our missions. We hope CPF supporters and CPF newsletter subscribers can join us on the first Sunday of November 2024.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these groups sooner; please feel free to email us at CPFphila@gmail.com and please put the name of the group in the subject line. Briefly:

1. Jesu Caritas was initiated at St Malachy by a group of parishioners joining Fr. MacNamee and the late Sr. Cecile on a one-day retreat in Brooklyn with other Jesu Caritas groups, many decades ago. The group meets online using the same link as CPF at 9 am on the second Saturday of the month. For more information, please reach out to Pat Smyth or Lois Harris after the Sunday mass; <https://jesuscaritasusa.org/>.
2. Christian Meditation grew out of Jesu Caritas and was a special project of Sr. Cecile. Mike Gracia became the group's anchor after Sr. Cecile's health required her retirement as parish administrator. For over a decade Mike faithfully gathered us every Tuesday evening at 6:30 for a reflection and 20 minutes of silent meditation until his death in 2023. Please reach out to Lois Harris; <https://meditatioalks.wccm.org/>
<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/04/28/pope-francis-general-audience-prayer-meditation-jesus-240547>
3. Parish Decorating Committee assists the pastor for preparation of the church for liturgical celebrations and in general; please reach out to Aileen McGovern after the Sunday mass.
4. St. Malachy Antiracism Committee was formed to respond to the mandate of "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism." Please see Adaobi, Angie, Ava, Maria, or Naomi after mass; <https://www.newencounters.org/>
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/open-wide-our-hearts-enduring-call-love-pastoral-letter-against-racism> newencounterscatholics@gmail.com
<https://catholicphilly.com/2024/06/commentaries/new-encounters-ministry-helps-parishes-respond-to-archbishops-pastoral-letter-on-racism/>
5. CPF Phila began as a Catholic response to the Vietnam war with Fr. MacNamee and Sr. Cecile Reiley as early members; <https://www.cpfphila.com/>
<https://www.cpfphila.com/ARTICLES/Sr.%20Cecile%20Reiley,%20Still%20With%20Us%20%20All%20These%20Years.html>

The Nov 3 gathering will also be a place for all of us who participated in CPF newsletter with our subscribers to commemorate the many years of the newsletter's existence.

CPF members hope to co-sponsor a Spring Retreat on the following:

Please reach out to us if you are interested in helping.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
LAUDATE DEUM
Of the Holy Father Francis
To all people of good will on the climate crisis
October 4, 2023

SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF LAUDATO SI' IN 2015...

- We have not reacted strongly enough to the climate crisis (cf. LD 2).
- The world that welcomes us is crumbling (cf. LD 2).
- We see how the impact of climate change will harm the lives and families of many people (cf. LD 2).

THE SIGNS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ARE:

- Extreme phenomena, unusual heat, droughts (cf. LD 5).
- Heavy rainfall, floods (cf. LD 5).
- Unusual acceleration of warming (cf. LD 6).
- Acceleration of the increase of greenhouse gases (cf. LD 11).

HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?

Neither the human causes of climate change (cf. LD 11) nor its position in the **technocratic paradigm** can be doubted.

The human being believes himself to be **limitless**, "whose capacities and possibilities could be expanded to infinity thanks to technology" (cf. LD 21).

We believe that the world around us is an object of exploitation, of unbridled use, of **unlimited ambition** (cf. LD 25).

LACK OF EFFICIENCY, OPPORTUNITIES, AND LASTING PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES (cf. LD 34).

- There are no organizations with real authority to ensure non-negotiable objectives (cf. LD 35).
- Previous effective decision-making procedures were not sufficient (cf. LD 43).
- Prior Climate Conferences have had a low level of implementation (personal interests are privileged over the common good) (cf. LD 52).

What is the point of preserving a power that will be remembered for its inability to intervene (cf. LD 60)?

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- It should be a turning point to react and show that what has been done was worthwhile (cf. LD 54).
- It should help us to make a better energy transition (cf. LD 59).
- It should help us to get out of the logic of patchwork solutions in order to seek the common good and ensure the future of coming generations (cf. LD 58, 60).

DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Contact the Laudato Si' Movement and the Laudato Si' Action Platform at www.LaudateDeum.org
info@humandevlopment.va

POPE FRANCIS

The whole of the universe shows the inexhaustible richness of God (cf. LD 63). Let us join this path of reconciliation with the world that shelters us (cf. LD 69). "There are no cultural changes without changes in people" (cf. LD 70). "Praise God": a human being who pretends to take his place becomes the worst danger to himself (cf. LD 73).

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION LAUDATE DEUM OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

NEWS FLASH: Br. Richard Withers to be ordained a priest at the Cathedral on May 17, 2025



ST. MALACHY CHURCH

ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Malachy is a wonderfully diverse inner-city Catholic Church with many ethnicities represented. The purpose of our Anti-Racism committee is to foster an environment where all worshippers can co-exist harmoniously and be enriched by Word and Sacrament.

- We celebrate our diversity and its essentiality to our worship and prayer life.
- We recognize the harm of racism and are committed to taking intentional steps to eliminate it.
- We believe in the power of community, education, advocacy, and prayer to combat racism and promote unity among all God's children



ANTI-RACISM PRAYERS



Wake Me Up Lord

Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me
 Keep watch over my heart Lord, and remove from me any barriers to your grace that may oppress my brothers and sisters
 Fill my spirit Lord so that I may give services of justice and peace
 Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory
 And finally, remind us Lord that you said "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." Amen!

Closing Prayer

God of Heaven and Earth, you created one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice
 Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Advent Book Club

The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice A month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola-
 Patrick Saint- Jean, S.J.

Date: TBD

- Adaobi Anakwe
- Angie Berryman
- Robert Butler

- Maria Mills-Torres
- Damaris Martinez
- NaOmi Richardson

- Ava Murray-Zampetti
- Francesco Zampetti

EQUALLY SACRED CHECKLIST

How can we know we are voting for candidates who promote the common good?

Pope Francis makes it clear: **Catholics and all people of good will are called to be multi-issue voters, not single-issue voters**, in the 2024 elections and in our continued participation in public life. This resource can support you in educating yourself as a faithful voter on the issues and concerns that are “**equally sacred**.”

“We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in the world.”



—Pope Francis, *Gaudete et exsultate*, par. 101

FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY

Will you vote for candidates who...

- will protect and expand affordable health care for all and end the injustice of medical debt?
- support policies to reduce the cost of prescription medicines so patients can afford lifesaving care?
- support ending the Black maternal health crisis by investing in the expansion of critical programs to support the lives of parents and babies?
- support ending hunger in our nation with needed food assistance programs, such as SNAP, WIC, and school lunch programs?

The Catholic Church affirms that food and health care are not privileges reserved for the wealthy, but universal rights.

FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET

Will you vote for candidates who...

- will address the climate crisis and invest in a rapid, just transition to renewable energy?
- will end policies that benefit fossil fuel corporations, such as tax subsidies and approval of pipelines?
- will address pollution and toxic dumping that disproportionately affect Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, and ensure clean air and water for all?

Care for our common home is a requirement of the Catholic faith.

FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY

Will you vote for candidates who...

- refuse to use violent language or threats of violence against other candidates or groups of people?
- will ensure all eligible voters have access to voting, and restore voting for formerly incarcerated people?
- will limit the power of the wealthy to manipulate our democracy through unlimited dark money and gerrymandering?

Catholic teaching affirms that every person has both a right and a responsibility to participate in our shared political processes, which we must structure to serve the common good.

FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES

Will you vote for candidates who...

- will reduce costs for families, including via a robust Child Tax Credit, paid leave, and funding for childcare?
- will ensure all workers can earn a living wage and have the right to join a union?
- will ensure the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes, including by supporting a billionaire's tax?
- will address skyrocketing housing costs, including by investing in affordable housing, housing assistance programs, and a renter's tax credit?
- will support future generations by expanding training and apprenticeship programs and free college?

Catholic teaching promotes the dignity of work, the rights of workers, and an inclusive economy that places people over profit and ensures that we all have what we need to thrive.

FREEDOM FROM HARM

Will you vote for candidates who...

- support common sense gun control, including banning the use of AR-15s and other weapons of war, so our children and communities can live safely?
- will protect the rights of marginalized communities including Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities as well as LGBTQ+ people?

The Catholic Church insists upon every person's intrinsic worth, dignity, and right to live in safety—with no exceptions.

FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY THAT VALUES DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Will you vote for candidates who...

- support the right to asylum and paths to citizenship, and prioritize integration?
- promote inclusive policies that support border communities rather than militarization?

The Catholic Church affirms that we all have a right to migrate to seek a safe and good life for ourselves and our families, and that nations have a moral imperative to welcome immigrants.

TEMAS IGUALMENTE SAGRADOS

¿Cómo podemos saber que estamos votando por candidatos que promueven el bien común?

El Papa Francisco lo ha dejado claro: **los católicos y todas las personas de buena voluntad están llamados a ser votantes de múltiples temas, no votantes de un solo tema**, en las elecciones del 2024 y en nuestra continua participación en la vida pública. Este recurso puede ayudarte a educarte como votante fiel en los temas y preocupaciones que son **"igualmente sagrados."**

"No podemos defender un ideal de santidad que ignore la injusticia en el mundo." —Papa Francisco, *Gaudete et exsultate*, par. 101



LIBERTAD PARA ESTAR SANOS

¿Votarás por candidatos que...

- protejan y amplíen la asistencia sanitaria asequible para todos y pongan fin a la injusticia de la deuda médica?
- apoyen políticas que reduzcan el costo de los medicamentos recetados para que los pacientes puedan costear los servicios médicos vitales?
- apoyen el fin de la crisis de salud materna de las mujeres afrodescendientes mediante la inversión en la expansión de programas críticos para respaldar la vida de las madres y los bebés?
- apoyen la erradicación del hambre en nuestra nación con los programas de asistencia alimentaria necesarios, como SNAP, WIC y los programas de almuerzos escolares?

La Iglesia Católica afirma que la alimentación y la asistencia sanitaria no son privilegios reservados para los ricos, sino derechos universales.

LIBERTAD DE VIVIR EN UN PAÍS ACOGEDOR QUE VALORE LA DIGNIDAD Y LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS

¿Votarás por candidatos que...

- apoyen el derecho de asilo y las vías hacia la ciudadanía, y den prioridad a la integración?
- promuevan políticas inclusivas que apoyen a las comunidades fronterizas en lugar de la militarización?

La Iglesia católica afirma que todos tenemos derecho a emigrar para buscar una vida segura y buena para nosotros y nuestras familias, y que las naciones tienen el deber moral de acoger a los inmigrantes.

LIBERTAD PARA PARTICIPAR EN UNA DEMOCRACIA VIBRANTE

¿Votarás por candidatos que...

- se nieguen a utilizar lenguaje violento o amenazas de violencia contra otros candidatos o grupos de personas?
- garanticen el acceso al voto a todos los votantes con derecho a ello y restablezcan el voto para las personas que han estado encarceladas?
- limiten el poder de los ricos para manipular nuestra democracia a través del dinero ilegal ilimitado y distorsionar la representación política y afectar la equidad en el sistema electoral por medio del "gerrymandering"?

La doctrina católica afirma que toda persona tiene tanto el derecho como la responsabilidad de participar en nuestros procesos políticos compartidos, que debemos estructurar para servir al bien común.

LIBERTAD PARA CUIDAR DE NOSOTROS MISMOS Y DE NUESTRAS FAMILIAS

¿Votarás por candidatos que...

- reduzcan los gastos de las familias, entre otras cosas, mediante un sólido crédito fiscal por hijos, ausencia con goce de sueldo y financiación para el cuidado de los niños?
- garanticen que todos los trabajadores puedan ganar un salario digno y tengan derecho a afiliarse a un sindicato?
- garanticen que los ricos paguen los impuestos que les corresponden, entre otras cosas apoyando un impuesto multimillonario?
- aborden el problema del costo exorbitante de vivienda, invirtiendo en viviendas asequibles, programas de ayuda a la vivienda y un crédito fiscal para inquilinos?
- apoyen a las futuras generaciones mediante la expansión de programas de capacitación y aprendizaje, así como educación universitaria gratuita?

La doctrina católica promueve la dignidad del trabajo, los derechos de los trabajadores y una economía inclusiva que anteponga las personas a los beneficios y garantice que todos tengamos lo que necesitamos para prosperar.

LIBERTAD PARA VIVIR EN UN PLANETA SANO

¿Votarás por candidatos que...

- atiendan la crisis climática e inviertan en una transición rápida y justa hacia las energías renovables?
- pongan fin a las políticas que benefician a las empresas de combustibles fósiles, como las subvenciones fiscales y la aprobación de oleoductos?
- aborden el problema de la contaminación y los vertidos tóxicos que afectan desproporcionadamente a las comunidades afrodescendientes, personas de color, e indígenas, y garanticen aire y agua limpios para todos?

El cuidado de nuestra casa común es una obligación de la fe católica.

LIBERTAD FRENTE AL DAÑO

¿Votarás por candidatos que...

- apoyen el control de armas con sentido común, incluida la prohibición del uso de armas AR-15 y otras armas de guerra, para que nuestros niños y comunidades puedan vivir seguros?
- protejan los derechos de las comunidades marginadas, incluidas las comunidades afrodescendientes, de color, e indígenas, así como las personas de la comunidad LGBTQ+?

La Iglesia Católica insiste en el valor intrínseco, la dignidad y el derecho de toda persona a vivir con seguridad, sin excepciones.



CPF Newsletters Since January 2021



St. Malachy Parishioners enjoy Hospitality as Antiracism, Jesu Caritas, Meditation and the Catholic Peace Fellowship take turns presenting and sharing handouts





Palestinian Christian religious items for sale to support the community back in their homeland.



CPF's Aileen and Bill

Catholic Peace Fellowship with Friends

We are grateful for all our members especially those who had a chance to bring items to share / sent donations and especially Irma, Marylou and Maryellen.

Jesu Caritas

Our group has had a decades-long history with St. Malachy parish. Jesu Caritas was initiated by a group of St. Malachy parishioners who were invited to join Fr. John McNamee and Sr. Cecile Reiley at a spiritual retreat in Brooklyn, NY. At the retreat, several local Jesu Caritas members shared inspiring stories about the power of deep contemplative prayer centered on the Gospels.

Jesu Caritas considers the French ascetic monk, Charles de Foucauld (1958 – 1916), their patron saint. Brother Charles established small fraternities composed only of parish priests, who routinely gathered for communal reflection on the Gospels. The model of Jesu Caritas Fraternities spread among diocesan priests throughout the world, who recognized their need for emotional and spiritual support as they attempted to live a life modeled after Jesus' example, amidst pervasive secularism, inhumanity, and injustice. In 1963 Fr. Dan Danielson started a Jesu Caritas Fraternity in Oakland, California, and in 1966 Msgr. Bryan Karvelis started a Jesu Caritas Fraternity in Brooklyn, New York. Msgr. Karvelis befriended the Catholic Worker's Dorothy Day, and the two "inspired with a new zeal a group of highly enthusiastic social-action type priests" (Romero, 2022, p. 3). It is not surprising that such a Jesu Caritas Fraternity appealed to our very own Fr. McNamee and Sr. Cecile, who established a lay fraternity Jesu Caritas at St. Malachy after they visited the work of Msgr. Karvelis in Brooklyn.

Jesu Caritas at St. Malachy attempts to create an emotionally and spiritually supportive group that encourages members to reflect on how they can live a life more closely replicating Jesus's message as revealed through the Gospels. One prominent theme of Jesu Caritas is the notion of Universal Brotherhood, in which members reflect on, and pray on, embodying Jesus's love for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and political ideology. Charles de Foucauld teaches: "We are all the children of the Most High. All of us: the poorest, the most outcast, a newborn child, a decrepit old man, the least intelligent human being, the most abject, an idiot, a fool, a sometimes sinner, the most ignorant, the last of the last, he who is the most physically and morally repugnant – all are children of God and sons and daughters of the Most High." A second prominent theme of Jesu Caritas is the notion of Living the Gospel, in which members reflect on, and pray on, Jesus's example in scripture. Charles de Foucauld teaches: "Our entire existence and being should shout the Gospel from the rooftops. Our entire person should breathe Jesus. All our actions and our entire life should proclaim that we belong to Jesus. Our lives should be a mirror image of an evangelical life. Our entire being should be a living sermon, a reflection of Jesus, a scent of Jesus, something that proclaims Jesus, that makes others see Jesus and that shines like an image of Jesus." A third prominent theme of Jesu Caritas is the notion of Simplicity of Life, in which members reflect on, and pray on, making financial decisions that reject materialism. Charles de Foucauld teaches: "My God, I don't know if it is possible for certain souls to see you poor and to voluntarily remain rich, to see themselves greater than their Master, than their Beloved, and not want to resemble you as much as they can, in your humbling circumstances."

Our lay fraternity of Jesu Caritas at St. Malachy welcomes all, both women and men, both lay parishioners and religious priests. Currently, our group meets online at 9am on the second Saturday of every month – all are welcome to join. Please contact Pat Smyth or Lois Harris if interested.

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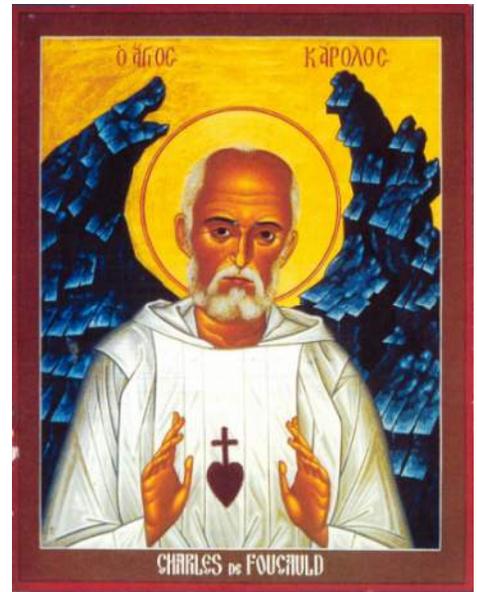
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Jesu Caritas

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PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul;
offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve,
and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.
~ St. Charles de Foucauld



Jesu Caritas started as a Fraternity formed by five to seven priests who meet once every month for Scripture sharing, contemplative prayer before the Eucharist, and a shared review of life with ample time for some friendly conversation and fellowship, usually over a meal; <https://jesuscaritasusa.org/>.

ORIGIN OF JESUS CARITAS FRATERNITY takes its inspiration from the life and charisms of Charles de Foucauld. While some of our local groups still find Brother Charles to be a strange and distant person whom they have yet to meet in depth, they find themselves united in heart with this man who sought to know and imitate Jesus, to encounter Jesus loved for His own sake as the source of his ministry. Above all, each priest finds these words of Charles resonating within him, helping to focus his Christian and priestly vocation: "I love our Lord, Jesus Christ, although with a heart that wants to love more and better. But nonetheless, I love Him and cannot bear another life than that which leads to Him.

At St. Malachy the group in the past often attended annual retreats on the east coast and as far north as Montreal Quebec. In addition to Fr. MacNamee, members of the group from St. Malachy include Pat, Lois, Joan, Yvonne, Margret, Mary, Martha, Elaine, Sally, Naomi, Anne, Ava and Francesco and the Late Phyllis Grady, Sr. Cecile Reiley, Regina Young, Gene Troxell, Dr. Ed McAssey, Richard Reed, Sr. Ann Boniface, Jim Mc Govern and others.

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Christian Meditation

Our group, which began in 2005, has had a long history with St. Malachy parish. Christian Meditation grew out of Jesu Caritas and was a special project of Sr. Cecile Reiley. Mike Gracia became the group's anchor after Sr. Cecile's health required her retirement as parish administrator. For over a decade, Mike faithfully gathered us every Tuesday evening at 6:30 for a reflection and 20 minutes of silent meditation until his death in 2023. Lois Harris now facilitates our Christian Meditation group.

We invite you to join our weekly prayer and meditation meetings. On a temporal level, through prayer in meditation we are able to quiet the busyness that society pushes on us; we are able to calm the stress that the world places on us; we are able to reflect on the broader meaning of life; we are able to breathe-in a long sought after sense of peace. On a spiritual level, through prayer in meditation we humble ourselves: "For a Christian, to 'meditate' is to seek meaning: it implies placing oneself before the immense page of Revelation to try to make it our own, assuming it completely" (Pope Francis, 2021, p. 1).

To the observer, meditation may appear a futile and barren act. On the contrary, we are not along – Pope Francis (2021) teaches that God has bestowed the Holy Spirit as our guide through life's busyness and stress, to a sense of peace from an encounter with Jesus. To the observer, meditation may appear an individual and solitary act. On the contrary, we are not along – the Christian Meditation group at St. Malachy is here in fellowship to support our journey through prayer in meditation.

Pope Francis (2021) directs our attention to, and reflection upon, the message shared in the Catechism: "Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire. This mobilization of the faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ" (n. 2708).

Mike Garcia (2023), in a personal communication, mentions his initial resistance towards the notion of meditating, but testifies to his eventual embrace of prayer in meditation as a life changing, and life affirming, spiritual experience. Mike became very knowledgeable about Christian meditation, sharing that it was informed by the ancient teachings of the monk, John Cassian (A.D 360 – 435). For Mike, meditation was a channel through which to commune with God. From John Main's book, *Word Into Silence*, is the following quotation highlighted by Mike Garcia: "The all-important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality in our lives; to let it become that reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are" (2006). Today, Christian meditation groups meet in 114 countries, with a headquarters in London called The World Community for Christian Meditation.

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17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
 THE OFFICIAL AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED ON 25 SEP 2015 OUTLINES THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.



1 NO POVERTY
 END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE



2 ZERO HUNGER
 END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
 ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL



4 QUALITY EDUCATION
 ENSURE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL



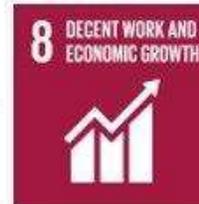
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7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
 ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL



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 PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL



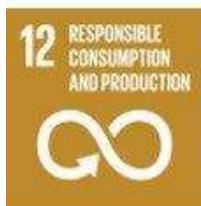
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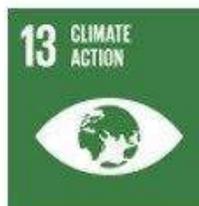
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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
 MAKE CITIES INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
 ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS



13 CLIMATE ACTION
 TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS



14 LIFE BELOW WATER
 CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES



15 LIFE ON LAND
 SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION, HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS



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 PROMOTE JUST, PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES



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Prayer Before an Election

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Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer before an Election In Vietnamese

L?I NGUY?N TR??C K? B?U C?

L?y Chúa, trong khi cu?c b?u c? s?p di?n ra, chúng con ?ang c? g?ng tìm hi?u thêm v? nh?ng v?n ?? và nh?ng m?i quan tâm mà thành ph?/ti?u bang/??t n??c c?a chúng con ?ang ph?i ??i di?n, ?ng th?i tìm hi?u qua Phúc Âm ph??ng cách ?ng x? nh? nh?ng ng??i công dân trung thành.

Xin ban cho chúng con ?ôi m?t sáng su?t ?? nh?n bi?t nhau là anh ch? em, cùng hi?p nh?t và bình ??ng trong nhân ph?m và nh?t là nh?ng ai ?ã t?ng là n?n nhân c?a s? ng??c ?ãi và b?o l?c, s? d?i trá và nghèo kh?.

Xin ban cho chúng con ?ôi tai ?? nghe nh?ng ti?ng kêu khóc c?a nh?ng tr? em không ???c chào ??i và b? b? r?i, nh?ng ?àn ông và ph? n? b? ?àn áp vì ch?ng t?c hay tín ng??ng, vì tôn giáo hay gi?i tính. Xin m? lòng và trí chúng con ?? chúng con bi?t l?ng nghe ti?ng nói c?a các v? lãnh ??o, nh?ng ng??i s? mang chúng con ??n g?n v?i N??c Tr?i.

Xin ban cho chúng con ?n khôn ngoan ?? ch?n ra nh?ng v? lãnh ??o bi?t nghe theo L?i Chúa, s?ng theo tình yêu Chúa, và bi?t gìn gi? nh?ng ???ng l?i c?a s? th?t trong khi h? ti?n theo b??c chân c?a Chúa Giêsu và các Tông ??, ngō h?u h??ng d?n chúng con ti?n ??n V??ng qu?c c?a công lý và hòa bình.

Chúng con c?u xin nh? vào danh ??c Giêsu Kitô, con Thiên Chúa và qua quy?n n?ng c?a Chúa Thánh Th?n.

Amen.

Oración para Antes de Unas Elecciones

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Señor Dios,
a medida que se acercan las elecciones,
buscamos entender mejor los temas y preocupaciones que afronta nuestra ciudad/nuestro estado/nuestro país,
y cómo el Evangelio nos apremia a responder a estos retos como ciudadanos fieles de nuestra comunidad.

Te pedimos que nuestros ojos no sufran de ceguera
para que así podamos ver a los demás como hermanos y hermanas nuestros,
quienes gozan de una dignidad que nos une y nos hace iguales.
De manera especial te pedimos que reconozcamos como hermanos y hermanas
a quienes son víctimas de abusos y de la violencia, de los engaños y de la pobreza.

Te pedimos que nuestros oídos escuchen el llanto de los niños aún no nacidos y de quienes han sido abandonados,
que escuchemos el llanto de los hombres y mujeres que son oprimidos a causa de su raza o credo, religión o género.

Te pedimos para que nuestra mente y nuestro corazón estén abiertos a escuchar
la voz de los líderes que nos acercan cada vez más a tu Reino.

Te pedimos por el don del discernimiento
para que elijamos líderes que escuchan tu Palabra,
viven en tu amor
y caminan por la senda de tu verdad,
a medida que siguen el camino de Jesús y sus Apóstoles
y nos guían hacia tu Reino de paz y justicia.

Te lo pedimos por tu Hijo Jesucristo, a través del poder del Espíritu Santo,
Amén.



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The Good Samaritan by Robert McGovern



Door to the Path Taken
by Robert F. McGovern
tribute to
Blessed Franz Jagerstatter

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them. They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lords of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Give Us This Day

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Give us this day our daily bread.

You said you would supply all our needs according to your riches.
I have but to ask and I shall receive

To go from here and share this love you gave to me,
To show someone who's lost and help them find their way.
The way to truth and faith so they can be free like me, free like me.
Lord, we need your love. Lord, we need your peace. Lord, we need your joy
(to fall on us), this day

Meditation:

I Am His Child

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I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star but what I am I thank the
Lord for making me His Child (repeat)

*Thank you, Lord for hearing ev'ry prayer, Thank you Lord for just being there,
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord, for I am not worthy of your Love*

Recessional:

We Are Called

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Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom to live in the freedom of the city of God!

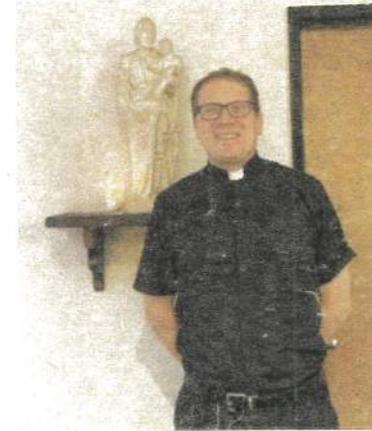
*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no
more!

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in
love!

Pastoral Installation

of



Reverend Thomas J. Gardner

(10th Pastor of Saint Malachy Church)

October 27, 2024

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Rev. Wilfred Emeh – Parochial Vicar
Rev. John P. McNamee – Pastor Emeritus

Reading of the Decree:

Renewal of Promises

Presentation of the Pastor and Greeting by
Representatives of the Parish



Introductory Rite

Processional

I Have Been Anointed

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I have been anointed, with the song of the new Lord!

A song of love and compassion, a song to set me free!

God is my rock of salvation! A beacon for my soul! Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Amen! Praise to the rock and the well-spring, Creator of my
soul!

Penitential Rite

Lord, Have Mercy

The Mass of New Beginnings

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Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, Lord, Lord, have mercy!

Christ, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Christ, Christ, Christ, have mercy!

Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, Lord, Lord, have mercy!

Gloria:

(Mass of Glory)

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Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you

We give you thanks for your great glory

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading:

Psalm:

*When from our exile, God lead us home again,
we'll think we're dreaming (repeat)*

2nd Reading:

Gospel Accl:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth
Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth!

Gospel Reading:

Gospel Resp:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth
Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth!

Homily:

Rite of Peace

General Intercessions (Prayer of Faithful): Resp: Lord, hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy, Holy:

Holy, Holy (The Mass of New Beginnings)

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of host
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord God of host
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation:

When We Eat This Bread (Mass of Creation)

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again

Great Amen:

Amen

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Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer:

(Mass of Joy, Marie-Jo Thum)

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Lamb of God:

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Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us (2xs)

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us Your peace

Communion:

Here I Am, Lord

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b. 1947
Tune: HERE I AM, LORD, 77 7 4 D with refrain; Dan Schutte, b. 1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, and John
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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry\

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart*