

Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church

November 5-6, 2022

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH



Priest Hero: Fr. Vincent Capodanno

In 1966, when the bloody Vietnam War was raging, Fr. Vincent Capodanno volunteered for service as a United States Navy Chaplain serving with the U.S. Marines. His mission was to minister to soldiers on the battlefront—an assignment that cost him his life.

Born on Staten Island, NY in 1929, Vincent entered seminary and became a Maryknoll missionary priest in 1957. Maryknoll was widely known for sending its priests into tough situations in foreign lands. Many priests served in remote areas with no running water or electricity.

After serving for nine years in Taiwan and Korea, Fr. Vince requested an assignment as a military chaplain. After officer's school, he reported to the 7th Marines in Vietnam. Seeing the men's great need for spiritual aide, he requested an extension when his first tour was complete.

Among the soldiers, he quickly gained a reputation for always being there—for always taking care of his Marines.

Now serving with the 5th Marines in the infamous Que-Son Valley, he found his battalion engaged in Operation Swift, badly outnumbered by a well-organized Viet Cong unit of 2,500 men. At 4:30 am, September 4th, 1967, the battle was underway. By 9:14 am, twenty-six Marines were confirmed dead.

During those early hours, Chaplain Capodanno received word of the battle taking place. He sat in on the morning briefing at the 3rd Battalion's Combat Operations Center, taking notes and listening closely to radio reports. As reinforcements prepared to load the helicopters, Fr. Vince requested to go with them. "It's not going to be easy" one of the soldiers heard him say. But his Marines needed him.

Once on the ground, the North Vietnamese opened up on his platoon, which was caught in the open on a small knoll. The fighting was fierce, hand to hand at times, and the platoon was in danger of being overrun. Father Vince went among the wounded and dying, giving last rites and taking care of his Marines. Wounded once in the face and suffering another wound that almost severed his hand, he moved to help a wounded corpsman only yards from an enemy machine gun. Father Capodanno died taking care of one of his men.

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"He gave his life—that's what Christ did," said Corporal James Hamfeldt, a survivor of the battle. "The only way I can justify it, is that he did it because that is what he had to do, and if he is

going to be a priest and a Christian there really can't be any other way. I came back to the Church because of Fr. Capodanno. In my life he is a saint."Over a dozen chapels and memorials have been erected

OUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To have courage for whatever comes in life — everything lies in that."

St. Teresa of Avila



in his honor, and a U.S. naval ship was named after him, the USS Capodanno.

On May 21, 2006, thirty-nine years after his death on the battlefield of Vietnam, Fr. Vincent Capodanno was publicly declared Servant of God, the first step towards canonization.

Fr. Capodanno, Servant of God, pray that we will be strong in battle doing God's will!

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, November 8, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service.

Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

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BLESSED VETERANS DAY TO ALL OF OUR HERO'S



Today we give thanks to the brave men and women who serve this country and protect our freedoms and liberties. This is why we honor our veterans and those who serve in the armed forces. These brave men and women serve during peaceful time and wartimes for every American citizen. We owe them our prayers and thanks for their service. To all our veterans at Our Lady of Purgatory Church we Thank You!!!!!!! God bless you and God bless America!

What is Veterans Day?

"While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime," the Department of Veterans Affairs says.

It explains the holiday "is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty."

Memorial Day, the VA says, is meant to honor those who have died while serving.

What is the history behind the holiday?

The roots of Veterans Day go back nearly 100 years.

Fighting during WWI stopped on Nov. 11, 1918, due to an armistice between the Germans and the Allies, the VA notes. Nov. 11 was commemorated as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, it adds.

A resolution passed by Congress in 1926, according to the federal agency, called for Nov. 11 to be remembered "with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations."

In 1938, Armistice Day was officially made a legal public holiday, the VA says.

Many American soldiers lost their lives during WWII and the Korean War. In the wake of these wars, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

VETERAN ASKS PEOPLE TO TAKE A KNEE AT VETERANS' GRAVES

In 1968, a bill was passed which called for Veterans Day to be observed on the fourth Monday in October starting in 1971. The change was part of a move to give federal workers several three-day holiday weekends, the Navy History and Heritage Command blog The Sextant says online.

But in 1971, two states observed Veterans Day on Nov. 11 instead, The Sextant says, adding that over time, other states did the same.

President Gerald Ford signed a bill in 1975 which pushed Veterans Day back to Nov. 11, with the changes taking place in 1978.

Ford said in a statement that he felt "restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 will help preserve in the hearts and lives of all Americans the spirit of patriotism, the love of country, and the willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good symbolized by this very special day."

http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/10/history-behind-veterans-day.html

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY --- Festival of Trees

The St. Joseph Sodality will be sponsoring a Festival of Trees at the Christmas Bazaar. There will be 10 themed decorated trees and you can buy a raffle chance to win the tree of vour choice. All proceeds from the Festival of Trees will be used to help defray the cost of moving the St. Joseph Icon and St. Joseph Statue to our new parish home on Acushnet Avenue. In other Sodality News, the Sodality will once again sponsoring a Giving Tree from November 12th through December Sodality 9th. This year the with Birthright partnering Taunton. The tree will be decorated with paper ornaments that each list a gift request for a boy or girl with an age. All you need to do is sign up to take an ornament, purchase the gift and return it to Church by December 9th. Thanks to everyone for

participating.

MEDICINE DRIVE FOR LEBANON

The MYA is reaching out for your support in an initiative to help get medicine and aid to our home country Lebanon. We have teamed up with the NGO Medonations to gather medicine and supplies for Lebanon.

Medonations was started by Marina Khawand, a young Maronite that is dedicating her time and work to help provide healthcare access to those in need. She is responsible for starting a brandnew FREE clinic where countless physicians and doctors have pledged to volunteer time at. In order for this organization to continue their amazing work, they need our help.

We are asking Parishes to sponsor a Drop Box at their church where the local community can donate medicine/supplies. Christophe and Emmanuel Chedid have offered to head this drive. We will have a box at the Church for you to bring these medications. I have listed the list from the MYA Office:

Lansoprazole-Esomeprazole-Omeprazole- Pantoprazole- Maalox-Aspirin 81MG-Naprozen-Loratadine-Fluticasone Nasal-Nasacort Nasal- Cough Syrup for Kids and Adults- Cobalin B12-**Calcium- Vitamin D- Kids Vitamins Gummies- Iron- Vitamin B Complex-**Vitamin C Glucosamine MSM-Rantidine- Hot and Cold Packs- First Aid Kits-Accu Check-Performa/Guide Strips- Gloves.

Thank you all for your help.

NEEDS LIST AND WISH LIST FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

While we prepare for our Christmas Bazaar, below is a list of items needed for the weekend. If anyone is interested in donating towards these items, please contact Smitty Cabral (508-961-5899), Lorraine David (508-965-8824), or the Church office at (508-996-8934). As always, thank you for your generosity and help in making the Christmas Bazaar a success!

Donations for the:
Food Expense
Gifts for the Caravan
Theme Baskets
Pastries

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Asya the Righteous). Liturgy is being offered for all the souls of Melanie Abraham, Patty Alves, Christine David and Diane Moses requested by Ann Dupre. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 6, @ 10:30 AM, Consecration of the Church, (Feast of Saint Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Souad Keirouz Yazbeck requested by Raed and Viviane Yazbeck and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, November 7, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Hieron and His Companions). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, November 8, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel).

Wednesday, November 9, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Matrona of Pamphylia).

Thursday, November 10, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Maura).

Saturday, November 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Theodore). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Clarence and Mildred Hahn, Sandra Stevenson and Robert Wellner requested by the Kenyon family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph Saseen, Julia, Alex, Nicholas and John Kalife requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elizabeth Grenier requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention requested by Claire Barbour. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

2022 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant, gathering our young children to tell us the story of the Birth of Jesus. We will be sending out information to all of you. I hope that most of our children will be a part of this great tradition at OLOP. This will be held on Saturday, December 10, at the Church and a Christmas Party immediately following. Please mark your calendars now.

This year, the proceeds for the Angel Project will go to the Eparchy of Jbeil to assist those people in need. This money will be sent to Sayedna Michel Aoun to assist those in most need.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lisa Mello-Frost, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Scorza-Angela Anderson, Renee Helmer, Natalya Sarkis, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf. Peter Helmer. Denise Magaletta. Fernanda Thomas, Leo Rodrick, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas. Zita Drouin. Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, Edmond Salameh, and AliceDaher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered in memory of John, Malvina and Joseph David requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May his soul rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 5,
Annmarie Espindola
Intercessions: Annmarie Espindola
Sunday, November 6,
Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody
Saturday, November 12,
Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares Sunday, November 13, Rana Choubah/Hiba Chdid

Saturday, November 19, Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral Sunday, November 20

Mae Dickinson/ Jano Baroody

Saturday, November 26, Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins Sunday, November 27, John Barbour/ Halim Choubah (If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22-23, 2022

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Sunday Collection 2,158.00 **Bazaar Donations** 140.00 Angel Program 50.00 **Coffee Hour** 36.00 Candles 35.00 Total 2,419.00 THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE

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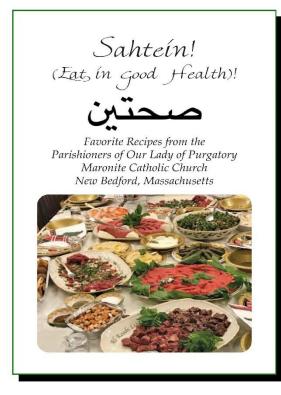
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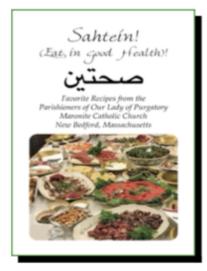
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