



HOBOKEN'S CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

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The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass (OLG)..5:00 PM
Sunday (OLG).....9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
.....12:30 PM (Spanish), 7:30 PM
Sunday (St. Joseph).....10:00 AM (Spanish)
12 Noon

DAILY MASS IN CHAPEL, 411 CLINTON ST.

Monday - Friday12:30 PM
Monday - Thursday.....7:00 PM

HOLY DAYS

Chapel Vigil Mass.....7:00 PM
OLG12:30 PM, 7:30 PM
St. Joseph.....7:00 PM (Bi-lingual)

BAPTISM: For registered parishioners: First Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM in English. Register in advance for the preparation session on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM.

MATRIMONY: After worshipping six months, a registered parishioner may request a wedding one year in advance.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday from 4:00 to 4:50 PM and by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please notify the rectory for homebound, hospital and nursing home visits.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sacramental preparation and religious education take place on Sunday morning at each church. Adults prepare at OLG on Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

OFFICE HOURS

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Monday - Friday9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Monday - Thursday.....6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Saturday.....11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH

Monday - Friday.....9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alexander M. Santora....Pastor & Dean
Rev. Philip J. Micele, Jr.....Parochial Vicar
Rev. John A. Mullin, S.J.....Weekend Assistant
Rev. Robert O'Hare, S.J.....Weekend Assistant
Angela Maffei.....Pastoral Associate
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Veronica Rosso.....Office Manager
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HOBOKEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY

555 7TH ST.
Matthew Mc Grath, Principal (201) 963-9535.
Pre-K 3 through 8th Grade.

We follow Jesus Christ in the Catholic tradition of worship, community and service to each other.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Our Parishioners on the Clerical Sexual Abuse Crisis



Last weekend we began to share with you the results of our survey on the sexual abuse crisis. This week, we complete the results for you on pp. 6 & 7. As you read them, you see there are a wide variety of responses from all across the board. And this is natural with the diversity of our parishioners. I think, though, that there are three areas that need to be discussed not only by our parish but the larger church, as well, -- power, sexuality, and clericalism.

Pope Francis has called the heads of all the Catholic church regions all over the world to a meeting in Rome in February. This month our U.S. bishops will meet in their semi-annual meeting and discuss these matters. And our own Cardinal Tobin has put in motion a review of our Archdiocese. We naturally expect that changes will be made.

I do think that it is important for the laity to exercise their rights and continue to advocate for change and participate in the process. We sent our report to Cardinal Tobin and hope our suggestions will help him. He has promised to convene an archdiocesan pastoral council of laypeople by the end of the year.

Many of the headlines have subsided. And Attorneys General of several states have announced investigations and grand juries to look into allegations. We need to recall that the U.S. bishops took considerable action back in 2002 to initiate a Charter for the Protection of Children for a zero tolerance policy and commissioned a study by The John Jay College to explain the scope of the problems. The PA Grand Jury Report did not really distinguish the effects of the changes. It lumped everything into one report and many of the revelations were damning.

Also, Pope Francis is dealing with problems he inherited. He has warned about people using this crisis to damage the church. If we truly believe in the divine nature of our church, we have to work hard to reform it, not destroy it. I agree with the people that the devil can be at work for people with nefarious intentions. We have to be a people of hope.

Peace,

Fr. Alex Santora.

DONATE TO THE ANNUAL SHELTER COLLECTION_e

Our parish is one of the founding houses of worship of the Hoboken Shelter, which provide many services for the homeless: meals, showers, overnight beds, counseling, among others. Annually, we invite you make a donation to them. Envelopes are on the church tables. You mail it directly to them or drop in the collection. Please consider any amount to make a difference in the lives of the homeless. We are grateful to Beth Gunning and Kate Grove who represent our parish on the board and work hard for the Shelter.



2019 MASS BOOKS ARE NOW OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS

Each week you see the Mass intentions in the bulletin. This tradition of offering a Mass for a loved one – living or deceased – goes back a long time in the church. You may come in person to St. Joseph Rectory or the Parish center. Mail-in requests are also accepted along with your donation. These forms are on the church tables. You may also come in to request a Mass at the time of a wake or a living one for anniversary or birthday. We pray the name of the intention during the Consecration at Mass.

WOULD YOU LIKE A USED BOOK OF THE MONTH?

We have so many excellent books that our Book Buddies organize all year round. We wonder if anyone would be interested in a Used Book of the Month Club. You would pay \$15 a year and select three categories. The Book buddies would select a book for you and once a month you can pick up your book in the church. If you already read the book, you leave it and another would be selected for you that month. You keep the books. If you would be interested in joining, please e-mail Fr. Santora at padrea-lex@yahoo.com. This is only for interest, at this time, to see if it is worth starting.



COLLECTION

For November 4th weekend:

	OLG	St. Joseph
Collection:	\$ 4,092.00	\$ 932.24
On Line/Mail	\$ 1,374.45	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 5,466.45	\$ 962.24

Debt Reduction

Assessment	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 39.00	\$ 10.00
Main. & Rep.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utilities	\$ 1,135.05	\$ 159.00

We have set \$6,000 at OLG and \$1,700 at St. Joseph as the goals for us to reach each weekend, excluding any debt reduction or special collection.

Next week's second collection is for **Black and Indian Collection/Catholic Relief Services.**

THANK YOU

Bernadette Pehrson, the winner of our October 50/50 raffle, for donating a portion of her winnings to the parish...Loretta Fincken, Larry Cerbie and Angela Maffei for donating baked goods and snacks for our Parish council meeting...Joyce and Eugene Flinn for donating their scrumptious Schnackenberg's donuts for our LGBT meeting

EVA NORCIA

The mums and pumpkins in front of the OLG Rectory are placed in memory of Eva Norcia.

FLU SEASON

As the flu season approaches, please refrain from drinking from the Cup at Mass if you do not feel well or have a cold.

DECEMBER 50/50 RAFFLE

December 31 tickets are available after Mass. Please take some to work or home to sell to your co-workers or neighbors. You may also contact Ronnie or Catherine in either parish office and they will mail you some. Proceeds help us to restore our historic churches.

CHILDREN/ADULT CHOIRS

RECRUITING ALL CHILDREN who love to sing! Come join us Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15. We have a place in the choir for you. Children between the ages of 7 and 13 come and Sing! **COME AND SING:** Looking for a choir to join? Come join us! Tuesday evenings 7:00 -8:30 in the OLG choir room.

OLG CLOSED CIRCUIT TV

The OLG Choir Room is open for parents with little children during Mass. We have closed-circuit tv so you can follow the Mass.

STEVENS BAKE SALE

The Catholic Newman Club at Stevens volunteers with us at all our big events. Annually, they go to Appalachia for a service project. Please support their Bake Sale this weekend.



2019 CALENDARS

We thank John McKnight of Failla Funeral Home for donating our 2019 calendars, which are available on the church tables. We also have them in Spanish.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Felician Sister Antonelle and her Promise volunteers visit inmates in local jails, prisons, half way house and youth homes during the holidays and provides them with Christmas cards and stamps so they can reach out to their families. We invite you to donate any of the above during the month of November. Leave them at the Parish Center or in the OLG choir room or St. Joseph Rectory or church vestibule.

BUYING BENCHES

Keck and Co., which did our benches, provided us with seven small benches from the extra benches we took out of OLG church. They were not cleaned so reflect the benches before the restoration. They are around the church if you would like to see them. We are offering each of them for a donation of \$300 on a first come basis. Contact the Parish Office.

WORSHIPPING AT MASS

+ Please take the hymnal and sing the hymns and pray aloud with everyone else. At OLG, sit up close so we can hear and support each other. We have two collections at every Mass. The first one is our general offering; the second, for a dedicated need and debt reduction. Please give to each one. And use envelopes. We record your donations for income tax purposes. If you claim OLG/St. Joseph as your parish, complete and return the registration form online or at the church entrances. There are starter envelopes on the church tables. Use them until you get yours mailed to you. And we only mail them when you use the starter ones regularly. You may also ask your bank or financial institution to send us an amount weekly or monthly. This costs you and us nothing and you do not have to worry about envelopes.

TURKEY FRYER RAFFLE

Limited raffle until Sunday, November 18. Chances are \$1 each, 3 for \$2, 7 for \$5 available after Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

OLG



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat

12:30 P.M. Audrey Radigan
7:00 P.M. Deceased members of the De Stefano and Albruno Families

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

12:30 P.M. For the Souls in Purgatory
7:00 P.M. Bea Pereira

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:30 P.M. Gerard Pendrick
7:00 P.M. Val Mayerczak

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

St. Albert the Great

12:30 P.M. Anthony Cruz
7:00 P.M. Konstatine Bogdanos

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Ss. Margaret of Scotland and Gertrude

12:30 P.M. Fulvio Guidici

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

5:00 P.M. Michael V. Maffei and
Rosemary Maffei

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Martha Rancic
10:30 A.M. All Poor Souls
12:30 P.M. Pro Populo
7:30 P.M. Michael Maffei

ST. JOSEPH

10:00 A.M. Rev. Maximilian Buckley
12:00 P.M. Geraldine Fincken (health) LIVING

DECEASED

Jan Burtrym, faculty member, St. Peter's Prep



Msgr., Frank Houghton, Matthew G. Kantor, not reported yet, Dain T. Venne, Army, Ryan P. Jayne, Army, Brett E. Gornewicz, Army, Brandon L. Buttry, Army, James D. Nehl, Army, Daniel L.

Carlson, Army, Kenneth W. Bennett, Army, Matthew H. Stiltz, Army, Rayvon, Battle Jr., Army.

Each week we pray for ten U.S. military who lost their lives in Afghanistan war since 2001. These died in 2012.

REMEMBRANCES

CHURCH:

Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Msgr. Francis Houghton, pastor emeritus of Holy Trinity, Westfield.

Sanctuary Lamp is in loving memory of Antonia Nesi, Nick Knezich and Fulvio Giudici from Anna Giudici and Family.

The Holy Family Lights are in loving memory of Pat Fitzpatrick from Kathy and Michael Sansevere.

CHAPEL:

Sanctuary Lamp is in loving memory of Sr. Mary Lorraine Beckes, O.P.

Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Fr. Joseph Schuh, S.J.

ST. JOSEPH

Altar Bread and Wine are in memory of Rev. Dermot Dunn.

Altar Candles are in memory of Rev. Salvator Pantano.



PRAYER NEEDS

THE SICK: Muriel Clark, Jim McCarthy, Joseph Giandolfo, Debra Seidner, Martha DePalma

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls envelopes may be found on the church tables. Please write the names of the people you would like remembered. We place these envelopes before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of November.

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS

General Bereavement Support Groups typically meet in a parish setting with varied formats. The goal is to provide a safe place where the bereaved can share experiences with others, learn about the process of grief, and receive support from their Church family during a difficult time. For locations and times of the general bereavement support groups, contact the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 or visit online www.rcan.org/parishes-by-city-support-groups

FUNERAL PREPARATION

We have free copies of the book, "Continuing the Journey...Preparing the Catholic Funeral," prepared by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese. You may obtain one at the Parish Center. Call ahead and speak to Ronnie or Catherine, who will have it ready for you.

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Eucaristía Dominical

San José, 10:00 AM; OLG 12:00 Noon

Bautismo

Bautizamos el tercer +Domingo del mes a las 2:00 PM en OLG o durante la misa dominical en cada iglesia. Se les pide ponerse en contactos dos meses en anticipación, con Angela.

Matrimonio

Feligreses registrados tienen que Presentarse un año antes de la Boda

Reconciliación

Confesiones cada Sábado en OLG 4:00 PM—4:50 PM y por cita.

Unción de los Enfermos

Llamar la casa parroquial para visitas a las casas y hospitals.

Exposición y Adoración.

Viernes 7:00 PM en San José Desde Octubre hasta Mayo

Educación Religiosa

Preparación y educación religiosa cada Domingo en cada lugar. Adultos se preparan en OLG cada Martes a las 7:30 PM

Circulo de Oración

Todos los Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 PM en San José.

Misa del Divino Niño

El Tercer Viernes de cada Mess a las 7:00 PM en San José. Con la reunion de las Madres Cristianas despues de la Misa

MENSAJE SEMANAL

En la primera lectura, del primer libro de Reyes, y el Evangelio este Domingo, escuchamos historias sobre alguien que, a pesar de ser pobres, sin embargo, mostrando gran generosidad, dando todo lo que tenían, para servir a Dios y a su pueblo – una mujer, muriendo de hambre, da un poco de pan a Elías, y esta pobre viuda da dos moneditas, todo su sustento, a la tesorería del Templo.

“Sobre el papel,” por decirlo así, estas cosas pueden parecer insignificantes – pero como escuchamos tan frecuentemente en las Escrituras, Dios no juzga por las apariencias superficiales: "La mirada de Dios no es como la mirada del hombre, pues el hombre mira las apariencias, pero el Señor mira el corazón" (1 Sam 16:7). Como escuchamos en el Evangelio, Dios prefiere mucho el gesto pequeño de esta viuda, hecho en un espíritu de gran generosidad, a los gestos más fastuosos de los escribas y fariseos, hecho con orgullo y con un deseo para la admiración de los otros. “Yo les aseguro que esa pobre viuda ha echado en la alcancía más que todos. Porque los demás han echado de lo que les sobraba; pero ésta, en su pobreza ha echado todo lo que tenía para vivir” (Mc 38:44).

Cada día, tenemos oportunidades para hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor. Tal vez, podemos tener paciencia con una persona difícil, y tratarla con compasión más que ira. Tal vez, podemos contactar a alguien que esta pasando por un tiempo difícil. Tal vez, podemos simplemente sonreír, y saludar a la gente – nunca sabemos que una persona está sufriendo, y estas cosas pequeñas pueden hacer una gran diferencia. Como la semilla de mostaza, que es la semilla más pequeña de todas, pero se convierte en un gran árbol, las cosas pequeñas que hacemos con un espíritu de fe y amor, por la gracia de Dios, pueden dar más fruto que podemos imaginar.

**En el amor de Cristo,
Padre Felipe**

ST. JOE'S FUNDRAISERS

Grupo de Oracion \$15, Flea Market \$186 and Food Sale \$43.

LECTURAS SEMANALES

	Español	English	
11/12	Tito	Titus	1:1-9
	Lucas	Luke	17:1-6
11/13	Tito	Titus	2:1-8,11-14
	Lucas	Luke	17:7-10
11/14	Tito	Titus	3:1-7
	Lucas	Luke	17:11-19
11/15	Filemon	Philemon	7-20
	Lucas	Luke	17:20-25
11/16	2 Juan	2 John	4-9
	Lucas	Luke	17:26-37
11/17	3 Juan	3 John	5-8
	Lucas	Luke	18:1-8
11/18	Daniel	Daniel	12:1-3
	Hebreos	Hebrews	10:11-14,18
	Marcos	Mark	13:24-32

¡FELICIDADES!

Felicidades a toda la familia de Leann Rosa Ayala, quien fue bautizada este Domingo pasado en San José. Que Dios siempre los bendiga a todos ustedes, y que conceda a Leana y su familia una vida llena de bendiciones y alegría.

NUEVOS MINISTROS

Estamos buscando nuevos lectores y ministros de la eucaristía; todos están animados a ofrecerse por uno de estos ministros. Tenemos una sesión de entrenamiento luego en Noviembre; por favor, contacten a Padre Felipe si esta interesado.

CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN

Cada miércoles, el círculo de oración reúne en el sotano de la iglesia de San José, 7-9:00 pm, para dos horas de oración, música, y reflexiones sobre las sagradas escrituras. Todos están invitados.

2019 LIBRO DE MISAS

Los libros de Misas para 2019 de San José y OLG ahora están abiertos. Pueden solicitar Misas cualquier tiempo, en las oficinas parroquiales.

Question 3: What is the main reason you believe this abuse has occurred?

- Too often, bishops and priests are seen as “above the law.” Often, they cling to this privileged position, and abuse their positions of power in order to intimidate victims into silence. Additionally, sick men often seek out such positions in order to have cover for the abuse which they commit.
- Church leaders have valued the reputation of their institution over the well-being of children, and feared the consequences of these awful truths coming to light.
- Celibacy is repressive and can cause priests to act out sexually.
- No system of checks and balances that would hold bishops and priests accountable, and enable these crimes to come to light more easily. This allowed for bishops to get away with shuffling around abusive priests for long periods of time.
- Celibacy could easily be used as a shield of sorts, behind which gay men could hide if they were afraid of coming out of the closet.
- Women, and laypeople in general, are not given enough of a role in the life of the Church.
- The impact of the sexual revolution was felt among the hierarchy, and it led many priests to act out, both with adults and with minors. Priests were led to question the value of celibacy, and the Church’s sexual teaching as a whole, and in many cases, began living double lives.
- Homosexuality within the clergy led to the large number of cases in which priests preyed on post-pubescent boys, as well as instances of sexual abuse of seminarians and priests.
- People were afraid to come out against the Church, because it is such a large, intimidating institution.

Question 4: What is one recommendation you would make to our Archbishop to end abuse?

- Overhaul seminary formation and education and make it more realistic.
- Defrock every abuser and prosecute them in criminal court. Also, have mandatory psychological testing and counseling for seminarians.
- Truth finding that is made public regarding all allegations of abuse that are found to be credible, no matter when they occurred, and we need accountability for abusers and others who failed to stop abuse or covered it up. Wrongdoers need to be held accountable both within the Church and by law enforcement where applicable.
- No more gay men in the seminaries. While some truly are good and pure priests, there are too many bad actors to be able to separate wheat from chaff.
- Increased opportunities for priests to ask for therapy or counseling if they desire help.
- Greater acceptance for gay priests, do not force them into denial and fear about their sexuality.
- Church authority figures have to get out of the process. It needs to be an independent, lay process; just like in the corporate world, there need to be independent advocates and lawyers to investigate and decide on these cases.
- Many steps have already been taken to stop this from happening again. Continuing to enforce these changes and having proactive measures to continually review their effectiveness is needed to ensure this remains a focus of the church.
- Create more “safe spaces” for those who have been abused. Roundtables, meetups, donations to organizations who support abuse survivors, and safe ways to report any abuses should continue to happen.
- There needs to be better communication, so that parishioners know clearly and decisively that any abuse, no matter how long ago it took place, is being acknowledged and taken care of.

Question 5: What is one change the church needs to implement?

- Put more women in leadership.
- Remove all offending priests from access to children
- Female priests, married clergy, and marriage equality
- Increase transparency and be honest about the scale of the problem. Take immediate action against individuals who are credibly accused of abuse.
- More supervision of clergy around children, and zero tolerance for any claims brought forward. Don’t just transfer the clergy elsewhere
- Laypeople placed in positions of equal power as our Cardinal
- I would also suggest that each Church needs some of therapist for the Priest, because there might be a void that no one may realize
- Get the clergy out of the investigation and punishment process entirely. It needs to be an independent lay board and needs to be referred immediately for police investigation.
- Supervise seminaries better to screen out potential predators and to allow men to discern vocations free of harassment.

- Priests should have the opportunity to hold regular meetings, to build an army of strong men that are capable of not allowing weeds to grow in their garden. It's not easy to face this world with its lost sexuality. There must be head-on approaches. No man is an island and no priest should be treated as such.
- Breed discipline; besides their promises and liturgy of the hours, teach priests how to work out and teach share other gifts with the world like writing, art, or debate. Having priests stand alone without others is no good.
- Transparency, accountability, humility, outward expressions of love and sympathy for the victims.
- Cameras, profiling of susceptible staff/clergy and responsibility
- The church needs to foster an enhanced sense of spirituality in the Mass and in the daily lives of the parishioners. The focus should be the spiritual well-being of the priest and parishioners.

Question 6: What do you see as the future of our Church?

- I hold out hope that the Church finally will deal with this abuse and cover-up in an honest and thorough way. The Church needs to discern what it stands for and make policy changes accordingly so that these abuses do not continue, individuals are held accountable and the Church embodies the right values in its day-to-day operation.
- Irrelevancy, if this immediate opportunity to improve the church is ignored
- If the Church does not implement significant changes fairly quickly I see myself leaving it altogether and seeking another denomination that does not have the Church's record of criminality against children and discrimination against women.
- My hope is that the future of the church be guided in faith and morals by both men and women.
- A more inspiring, community driven place. Less rules and emphasis on the past. Honestly OLG should be the example for the Church as a whole. It turned me back on to being involved with the church. If the world saw OLG, experienced it...there would be so much more openness towards the Catholic church.
- I think a more progressive stance on all issues is needed for the church to survive and thrive, as well as to keep in step with a changing world and to attract younger generations who believe the church is an outdated, archaic concept.
- Many of the abuse cases raised in the public forum regard situations that occurred a number of years ago. I am optimistic that the abuse situation is subsiding, but attention should be kept on the topic to reduce the chances of occurrences in the future.
- To be honest, I see Church attendance dropping off in this country, as people turn more towards themselves than to their society. Social media today encourages narcissism and completely centers around oneself.
- A smaller, more humble church where priests and religious actually sacrifice their lives for the flock and give us something to hope for and aspire to.
- We don't see how the church will thrive in the future with so few men of quality entering the priesthood.
- I am hoping it lasts until I die. We are certainly in a sad stage of our church's history in the developed world. And I don't want the help of the ignorance multiplied in the undeveloped world by the clergy there.
- The pillars of the Catholic Church in the US that will always keep it relevant are the sacraments. People will always come knocking when they need their child baptized, for funerals, weddings, etc. Hopefully there will be a change in our culture that will bring people back to the church on a regular basis but I am not very optimistic of that.
- I believe awareness, transparency and acknowledgement of these issues is a good start. However, more has to be done by the church to make sure that these incidences do not continue to occur. Otherwise, people will lose trust in the Catholic church and not allow for their children to be alone with any member of the clergy, which is really sad if it comes down to this.
- I'm not sure. While I attend mass regularly and feel our parish is more connected than other churches I have attended, to the community and world, the church overall feels dated. This sounds absurd, but I feel I often have to explain to others why I attend.
- Fr. Alex, I want you to know that I think our parish is welcoming and I have been grateful to be a part of it. I imagine it might be challenging reading anonymous critical responses, but I appreciate that the questions were even asked. Please don't be discouraged by mine or other peoples' responses.
- The church could go either way. The most important issue is doctrine. Team Francis is using a series of rigged Synods in an effort to bring church teaching more into alignment with the sexual revolution without technically changing the teachings. At the end of the day, what draws people to the Church is Jesus and the holy people who live their lives with heroic commitment to the Gospels in his name.
- At crossroads. Strong, quick action that shows we are serious about not just punishing the guilty but proactively weeding out offenders is needed. If that's not done, we will lose a generation.
- The immediate future of the U.S.A. Church may be very challenging as more states line up to investigate crimes, cover-ups, hush payments, etc. This kind of notoriety could prove to be a new barrier for vocations. Long range however this could be the basis for a revival of our Church in America. Jesus promised he would be with us forever.
- Splitting into two factions. The church has become too lax since the 1960's and people who really care about following the doctrine to lead a good, clean life to hopefully end up in heaven will have their Catholic church. This group will be small.

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