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Monthly Bulletin of the
Roman Catholic

Onze-Lieve-
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Masses

Monday till Friday (Dutch)
12.15 - 19.30 Chapel
Saturday (Dutch)
19.00 Church
Sunday (Dutch)
11.15 Church
Sunday (English)
18.00 Church

Confession

Daily starting half an hour
before Holy Mass

Pastoral Word

As you read this, there is a large group of parishioners on their way to or already in Assisi, the city of St. Francis and St. Clare. This diocesan pilgrimage takes place during the May holidays. During the pilgrimage, we will be praying for the people of our parish, and I ask your prayers for the travelers as well.

Our life is in a way a pilgrimage. We are travelling to the house of our Father, God. Our Catholic Church should be like a family, with God as our Father, Jesus Christ as our Brother, Mary our Mother and all the faithful as a supernatural family to one another. Let us strive to treat each other with love, even when something happens that disappoints us, just as it should be in a real family.

Isn't this a beautiful request to make to the Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary while praying the rosary?

Let us pray for the youth and adults who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Mgr Hendriks on 13 May. 25 children will receive First Holy Communion at a bit later date, on 27 May and 10 June – in two groups. Seeing all these children and young adults will help us to be grateful for the vitality of God's family in our midst.

Rafael de Ojeda, rector

Liturgical Calendar

Date			Time
Wo 2 May	St. Athanasius, bishop <i>memorial</i>	Mass in the Chapel Mass in the Chapel	12.15 19.30
Do 3 May	Sts. Phillip and Jacob, Apostles, <i>solemnity</i>	Mass in the Chapel Mass in the Chapel	12.15 19.30
Fr 4 May	1 st Friday of the month	Mass in the Chapel Mass in the Chapel, Benediction	12.15 19.30
Sa 5 May	6 th Sunday of Easter	Gregorian Mass IX, Credo IV, organ	19.00
Su 8 April	6 th Sunday of Easter	Gregorian Mass IX, Credo IV, organ Holy Mass in English Marian Benediction in the Chapel	11.15 18.00
Do 10 May	Ascension	Credo I Holy Mass in English	11.15 18.00
Sa 12 May	Bl. Alvaro del Portillo, Prelate of Opus Dei	Mass in the Church	11.00
Sa 12 May	7 th Sunday of Easter	Gregorian Mass IX Credo II, Organ	19.00
Su 13 May	7 th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, Confirmations <i>St. Alphonsus Choir</i>	Missa Secunda - H.L. Hassler Credo III Holy Mass in English Marian Benediction in the Chapel	11.15 18.00 19.30
Sa 19 May	Solemn Feast of Pentecost	Gregorian Mass I Credo III, Organ	19.00
Su 20 May	Solemn Feast of Pentecost <i>St. Alphonsus Choir</i> <i>Imposing of the scapular</i>	Credo III Holy Mass in English Marian Benediction in the Chapel	11.15 18.00 19.30

Mo 21 May	Second Day of Pentecost	Gregorian Mass VIII	11.15
Do 24 May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, <i>feast</i>	Mass in the Chapel Mass in the Chapel	12.15 19.30
Sa 26 May	Holy Trinity <i>Solemnity</i>	Gregorian Mass IX Credo I Organ	19.00
Su 27 May	Holy Trinity <i>solemnity</i> 1st Holy Communion	Gregorian Mass IX Credo I <i>Holy Mass in English</i> <i>Marian Benediction in the Chapel</i>	11.15 18.00 19.30
Do 31 May	The Visitation <i>feast</i>	Mass in the Chapel Mass in the Chapel	12.15 19.30

The Rosary is prayed half an hour before the Mass at 12.15 in the Chapel.

Calendar of Activities Meeting Center

Date	Activity	Time	Info
Za 12 MAY	Feast Day of Don Alvaro	12.00	
Ma 14 May	Movie Night	20.15-22.00	Fred Barens 06-46593831
Fr 18 May	Morning of Recollection for women	10.00-13.00	Helga Ohmes 06-34146680
Ma 21 May	Evening of recollection for Men	19.00-21.30	Anton Schins 06-45276930



Stichting Leesgoed

In Stichting Leesgoed's (foundation for reading material) bookshelf in the hallway of the meeting center a great number of good and helpful books can be purchased for young and old alike.

Stichting Leesgoed, Keizersgracht 218 B, Amsterdam. E-mail:

leesgoed@hotmail.com Open: On Sundays after the High Mass at 12:25 in the hall; Tuesday- Thursday from 10:30-12:15 also in the hall.

Children's Service



Each Sunday we have a children's service and we warmly invite your children to participate. The service consists of: a story from the Gospel followed by an arts and crafts project relating to the story. Lina is in charge of this group that is the larger room at the end of the corridor. If you have questions or comments, you can always call them. For more info, just mail info@olvkerk.nl

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

First Holy Communion is one of the three steps of introduction or initiation into the Catholic Church. The first step is Baptism with water. In Baptism a person becomes a member of the Church. The second step is First Holy Communion, the first time that a child receives Jesus fully. The third step is Confirmation, which is usually received around age twelve. The child receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, strength for the rest of his or her life, by anointing and the laying on of hands at Confirmation.

Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation are called Sacraments. If you would like to have your children prepared to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation, it is best to sign up in the first two weeks of September 2018 for the classes. Catechism classes are offered on Sunday afternoon from 17 to 17.55, before the English Mass.

MOVIES
With a Message!

Movie Night 14 May

Each second Monday of the month – after Mass at 19.30 – there is a movie night. The list of films that will be shown will be printed in the next bulletin. The

next movie night is 9 April from 20.15-22.00, in the small room of the meeting center. "The Song of Bernadette".

Monthly Recollection in the Meeting Center

There is a morning of recollection for women on Friday May 18. There will be coffee at 10.00 and afterwards a reading and meditation. The morning of recollection ends with the Mass at 12.15. On 21 May, there is an evening of recollection for men. The recollection follows the Mass at 19.30 and will end at 21.45. After Mass, there will be coffee served, then a reading, meditation and Benediction will take place.

Prayer of 1000 Hail Mary's

Every third Thursday of the month, 1000 Hail Mary's will be prayed starting at 18:00.

Intentions for this can be left in the intention box in the hall.



Rosary for peace on 31 May

With a letter of 14 November 2017, the Dutch bishops invited this year to pray the Rosary with them for a day in the month for peace, in accordance with Our Lady's call at Fatima.

Pope John Paul II wrote in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* of 16 October 2002:

"The Rosary, however much he relates to the Virgin Mary, is actually a prayer that is deeply connected to Christ. In the sobriety of its parts, prayer has combined the depth of the full message of the Gospel, which at the same time is also a summary."

The day in May, when all Catholics in the Netherlands will unite to pray the Rosary for peace, is 31 May, the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

In our church community we will pray the Rosary in the half hour that precedes the Holy Mass. It will be prayed in turns.

Liturgical celebration for Blessed Alvaro del Portillo, Bishop

On Saturday 12 May at 11.00 we will celebrate the memorial of the Blessed bishop Alvaro with a sung Mass in the church. You are very welcome to attend. Mgr. del Portillo was the first successor of St. Josemaria Escriva as the head of Opus Dei. Del Portillo was beatified on 27 September 2014 in Madrid. After the Mass, coffee and tea will be served in the meeting center next to the Church.

St. Alphonsus Choir and Sunday evening singers

Alphonsus choir sing and rehearse: would you like to participate? The Alphonsus choir has begun rehearsing once again. Every Tuesday evening the Meeting Center is filled with enthusiastic singers practicing for the choir, of all ages 17-75 years old! How can we convince you to come join us? Did you know that singing is very healthy for mind and body? The Choir provides the music for

the Holy Mass every Sunday morning at 11.15! The Gregorian choir provides music for special occasions too. Rehearsal: following the Alphonsus choir practice. If you prefer the Sunday evening, just write to Nicholas and he can explain the different possibilities nikolas_papadimitriou@hotmail.com.

Corpus Christi Procession 3 June



The Corpus Christi procession over the canals has become a tradition for our parish and Amsterdam. The date for this year's procession has been set: Sunday 3 June. Various Orthodox communities will also join the prayer procession with the Most Holy Eucharist. As in earlier years, it promises to be a very special occasion. Tell your family and friends.

Program: 11.15 Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist in the church;
12.45 Start of the procession;
13.30 Closing Solemn Benediction in the church.
14.00 Meeting in the Parish Center

1st Holy Communion and Confirmation

On Sunday 13 May, Mgr. J. Hendriks will administer Confirmations.

On Sunday 27 May, approximately 10 Dutch speaking children will receive their First Holy Communion in our church during the high Mass. On these two Sundays a number of pews will be reserved in the front of the church. Thank you for your understanding.

Altar Servers/Acolytes sought

The work group highlighted this time around is one we regularly see in action. But then... we only see a few members of this group at once. Who are they? The Altar servers and acolytes! Altar servers and acolytes are volunteers who help the priest during the Holy Mass. Altar servers older than 16 years are often called acolytes. Usually there are two of them present at Mass. They wear a black cassock and white surplice to show their function. *We are seeking 4 more acolytes*; experience is not required. Practice and preparation may be started as mutually convenient. Info:

Get the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 20 May



The scapular of the Virgin of Mount Carmel has been one of the traditional sacramentals of the Church since the seventh century. It is sacramental that has been approved by the Church and adopted by the Order of Carmel as an external sign of love for Mary, childlike trust in Her and the mission of imitating Her life.

The word scapular refers to the outer clothing that religious wear while performing manual labor. In time it

received symbolic significance: that of carrying the cross daily as disciples and followers of Christ. The scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel consists of two rectangular pieces of brown woven wool attached to two strings, so that one of the wool rectangles rests on the chest and the other on the back. A person is enrolled and receives the scapular one time in his or her life in order to share in the many favors that Mary has attached to it. After receipt of the cloth scapular, a medal can be worn in its place if so desired. The next ceremony of enrollment will take place Sunday after the high Mass that begins at 11.15 on May 20. The blessing and placement of the scapular will take place next to the St. Joseph altar on the left side in the front of the church. You can sign up to participate by telling one of the ladies at the book stall in the hall of the Meeting Center that you wish to take part. They can also help provide you with a new scapular if your own is worn out.

Please Note

We have ordered a new altar for the celebrating of Mass and pulpit for the reading of the Word of God.



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Het altaar kost €15.000 en de ambo €9.000
Wij denken dat Onze Lieve Heer en zijn Moeder bij zullen zijn met deze verbeteringen.

Uw bijdrage kan contant zijn of door het storten van een bedrag op de rekening van de Onze Lieve Vrouwkerk Stichting onder vermelding van "Altaarproject".

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In totaal zoeken wij €24.000
De snelheid van het project is afhankelijk van de middelen die wij bij elkaar kunnen krijgen.

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Image of the altar 2 weeks ago

Safe in Jesus' arms (Memories of long ago)

A few weeks ago I was sitting in the car listening to the radio as 'Der Erlkönig' played. Schubert was twenty years old when he set Goethe's captivating poem to music. This ballad tells the sad story of a father who rides through the night on a horse bearing his deadly ill and delirious child in his arms, seeking help. Once more I discovered that my brain can perfectly recall experiences from youth. I just have to hear something, to see or smell something and automatically a 'document' opens. This time a document was opened for me of something that I unconsciously 'downloaded' 62 years ago; the death of Greetje, a classmate of mine when I was just ten years old.

I went with my parents to offer condolences. I was deeply impressed when I saw her lying in the coffin. It reminded me of a parade I had seen recently, fairytales was the theme. The most beautiful float that I saw pass by was: Snow White, lying in her glass coffin ... I would have loved to trade places with her.

I could lay as still as she could, and I could conceal my breathing so that it would seem real. And those seven dwarves crying on their knees ... Greetje lay there just beautifully.

During the funeral the entire class led the funeral procession towards the church. All along the road people stood silently. The men took off their hats and all the curtains in the houses were closed. I felt as if I were part of a beautiful play. Once we reached the church I discovered that one of the coffin bearers had set his tall black hat on a grave stone near the place where Greetje would be buried. I thought it inappropriate because all of a sudden that grave stone seemed to be a funny little dwarf, complete with crooked hat. That sort of thing, I thought, took away the seriousness from the entire scene. As the coffin was lowered, we sang the song, "Safe in Jesus' arms".

Listening to Schubert in the car so many years later I finally realized what those parents had gone through while I treated the episode with relative levity as a child. Greetje crying from the pain in her stomach was comforted with a hot water bottle laid in bed by her mother and, the next morning, she had passed away from a stomach lining infection.

The father who rode through the forest with his son in the poem; the child who was chased by the visions of the Elvin King, a symbol of death. He tells his father what he sees, but is assured by him.

Once the destination is finally reached the father discovers that the child is not sleeping but has been taken by the "Elvin King": 'In seinem Armen das Kind war tot'. "Safe in Jesus' arms" is what we sang as children. Those were indeed very different arms than those of the Elvin King.

Adriana Madderom

At which of the confessional doors does the priest sit behind?

This story of old explains the meaning of some images in the church

One of our older parishioners of course had a good answer: behind the door with the key-hole (the door for the penitent just has a stool). The cloister keys disappeared along with the Redemptorists.

(Now most confessionals are to keep things) The answer now has to be -: behind the door that has a virtue depicted above it; above the door for the penitent the corollary vice is depicted. Between the two doors a phrase appears that is meant to encourage the penitent to receive Confession worthily. If we look at the confessionals in order following the stations of the cross, we see the following illustrations of virtues and vices:

Imagery	Virtue and Image	Vice and Image
the Lost Son	Love the Lamb of God	Envy Nail biting demon
Mary Magdalena	Temperance Camel	Gluttony Demon eating greedily
Peter	Meekness Lamb	Wrath Demon with balled fists
St. Nepomucenus	Diligence Bee hive	Idleness Demon with a head on his arm
King David	Forgiveness Angel with a blank shield	Sin Demon in animal form
Mary	Simplicity Dove	Pride Demon with a king's mantel
The Good Shepherd	Mercy Woman handing out bread	Avarice Demon with a purse
John the Baptist	Chastity Phoenix	Lust Demon with a monkey's head

Because there are seven deadly sins, above one of the confessionals (King David) forgiveness and sin in general are depicted.

Above the confessionals, quotations from the Bible related to Confession appear. The quotation above the first confessional reads: *Father, I have sinned against heaven and You, Luke 15:21* and *Your sins are forgiven You, Luke 7:48*. That same text now appears in Aramaic, the language of the Syrian Orthodox Church.

Anointment of the Sick & H. Communion

If you would like to receive at home the Anointment of the Sick or the Holy Communion, please contact one of the priests.

Baptism of Children

All information for the preparatory course Baptism for parents and godparents is provided by father Rafael Ojeda, rector@olvkerk.nl or 020 2400 803.

Collection and church contributions

The church collection during the last month resulted in € 5,040. We warmly thank you for your support. You can transfer your church contribution to our bank account, as mentioned beside.

Mass Intentions

You can use the corresponding form that is located in the back of the church and in the meeting centre in order request a particular Mass intention. In the form it is indicated how you can make a contribution.

Catechesis for Children

Our church has an attractive program for children of different ages. The lessons take place every Sunday at 17:00 right before the 18:00 Mass. Kindly contact Rector R. Ojeda or Maria Cecilia Martina tel. 06 52 541 481 who coordinates the classes.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration takes place from Thursday 11.00 hrs till Friday 19.15. For more information, please contact Mrs. Gerda Hoogland, tel. 06 27 286 632 or email gerda.hoogland@live.nl

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