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*“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”*

Luke 1:42

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. William D'Alessio

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,

each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

on the Zoom video platform.

Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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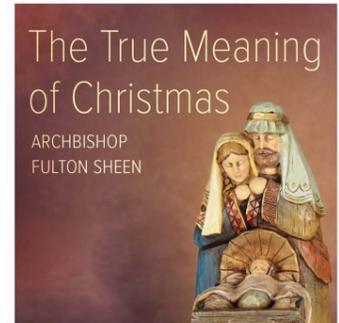
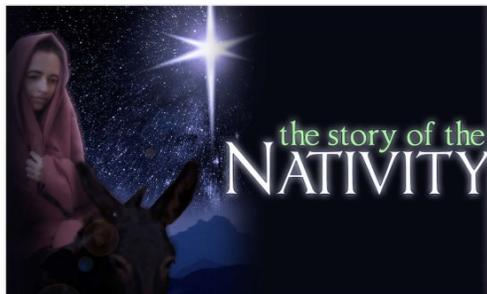
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent! Do your best to stay with Advent until the very end during this last week before Christmas; there is much spiritual wealth to be found in the last days of Advent. Our Mass prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Advent exemplify this.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) we pray at Mass is the familiar prayer that concludes the Angelus. The prayer connects the Incarnation (God becoming man) with the Paschal Mystery (the death and resurrection of Christ): the words of the prayer lead us from the Annunciation, through the Incarnation, to a sharing in the Passion and Resurrection. It's a stark reminder to us that although at different times throughout the liturgical year we highlight or emphasize particular aspects of the mystery of Christ's life, at its core liturgy is always about the Paschal Mystery, and it is this mystery that is celebrated at every liturgy, regardless of the season or occasion.

The Prayer over the Offerings at Mass invokes the action of the Holy Spirit, asking that just as the Spirit filled "*with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary,*" so too may He sanctify the gifts we have placed upon the altar. The Spirit at work in the Annunciation is the same Spirit at work in our liturgy today who transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Come Holy Spirit!

In the Prayer after Communion, the Church acknowledges the nearness of the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, praying that "*we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery.*"

Once again, the official prayers of the Church found in the Mass give us so much to reflect on! "Press forward" spiritually in these last days of Advent! Use on our special Advent insert pages in this bulletin to help you with that.

Late Advent and the "O Antiphons"

The Church continues to mark the days of late Advent time by praying the "O Antiphons." Recall that the "O Antiphons" are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle that is prayed as part of Evening Prayer (Vespers) from December 17 to December 23. The Roman Catholic Church has been singing the "O Antiphons" since at least the eighth century, so they have a long history for us! In these antiphons we have a magnificent theology that uses ancient Biblical imagery, drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament, to proclaim

the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but also of present ones as well. Notice how the antiphons repeatedly use the imperative "Come!" That sums up for us our longing for the Divine Messiah.

We have listed the "O Antiphons" for the remaining days of Advent in our special bulletin insert which I previously mentioned; be sure to use these antiphons in your prayer this week. *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Confessions this Monday, December 20!

If you have not yet gone to Confession as part of your Advent preparation, this Monday will be the perfect opportunity! **All four priests** will be available **this coming Monday, December 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, or even later, for as long as there are people still on line waiting to go to Confession. Please remember that a mask is required for anyone entering the confession room.

Nothing will prepare us for Christmas better than being relieved of the burden of the sins we carry around! Please, please, please come and know the joy of God's forgiveness in your life!

Beware of scams using Msgr. Joe's name

It saddens me that I have to call your attention to this, but may I remind everyone that there are unscrupulous people out there who try to profit from e-mail or text scams in my name as Pastor (and this happens to many other Pastors in the diocese, too). Some of you have received such phony e-mails or texts in the past. It goes like this: you receive an e-mail or text that is supposedly from me, asking you to "do me a favor" and, usually, either contact them back, or buy and send them gift cards in order to supposedly help me to help someone in need. Please do not fall for this if you receive such fraudulent messages, and please pass the word along to everyone you know about this.

You should always feel free to contact me directly, on your own initiative (not by responding to that message), if you have any question as to the authenticity of the message. Do not reply directly to the e-mail and do not purchase any gift cards. Ask yourself, "Would Msgr. Joe really be asking me to do this in this way?"

You'll be coming to Mass quite a bit over the next two weekends!

Make sure you are aware of the Mass schedule for the next two upcoming weekends; you'll want to be sure you fulfill all your Mass obligations. This is

what the next two weekends look like:

- Fulfill your Christmas Mass obligation by coming to Mass on either Friday, December 24 for Christmas Eve Mass, or Saturday, December 25, for Christmas Day Mass (see the full schedule elsewhere in this bulletin);

- Then, **come back again** on Sunday, December 26, for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, to fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation; yes, there is a Sunday Mass obligation for the day after Christmas—but note that there is no Saturday night 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25, since it is Christmas Day, so going on Sunday is the only option;

- Then, attend Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, either on Friday night, December 31 or on Saturday, January 1, during the day (see the schedule of these Masses elsewhere in the bulletin);

- Then, we'll see you back again to fulfill your Sunday obligation for Sunday, January 2 (the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord), either on Saturday afternoon (yes, there are afternoon Masses on Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day) or on Sunday, January 2 (the normal Sunday Mass schedule).

Don't worry...you'll be fine with all this time in church, and you can do it. It will be a blessing!

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards

This is the last week to be able to join in on the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are available throughout the church. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

Ministry Directory

Each year around Christmas we release an updated edition of our parish Ministry Directory, a booklet listing all the different ministries, societies and organizations in the parish, giving a brief description of each one and also giving the

information as to how anyone can become involved. Its purpose is to be a tool to increase involvement and engagement in the life of the parish. In an effort to use resources in the most cost-effective way possible, we will be printing only a small number of hard copies, to keep on hand in the rectory; the Ministry Directory is always available online at our website, and everyone is invited to refer to it there or download it and print it out from there. It is also available on our Parish App. So, look for the 2022 Ministry Directory coming soon!

Memorializing liturgical ritual books

Allow me to call your attention to the fact that we have a few memorializations still available for the new ritual books we purchased, which we use at liturgy. Full details are on the advertisement elsewhere in the bulletin. This is a beautiful way to memorialize your loved ones or your prayer request, and it is of tremendous help to the parish. These books will definitely be used frequently! Please call the rectory and ask about memorializing one of the ritual books that remain. Thank you for your consideration.

Christmas Bulletin

We will have a special Christmas Bulletin available as you leave all the Christmas Masses. Be sure to take one home as you leave Mass. I hope this Christmas Bulletin serves as a source of welcome to everyone, and winds up being a great tool to deepen people's connection to the life of the parish, especially people who do not come to Mass on a regular basis.

Of course, we will also have a Sunday bulletin for the Masses on Sunday, December 26.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



NEW YORK STATE MASK MANDATE

The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the fourth week of Advent, at the evening meal, all four candles are lighted. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

All make the sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). See the list of daily readings printed elsewhere in this bulletin. Then the Leader continues:

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

The Leader prays: God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



After the meal, the Leader says: Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All respond: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....

The weekdays from December 17 up to and including December 24 are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord.

— Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

— Collect of the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Antiphons...

Advent is the season of hope and longing. Jesus is the One who fulfills our hopes and satisfies the longings of our hearts. As our hopes and longings intensify, even the prayer of the Church takes on a special sense of urgency. Throughout the world, Christians invoke Jesus' coming by praying the "O Antiphons." These short but powerful petitions use the ancient Messianic titles to describe who Jesus truly is and what He will do for His people.

On December 19 pray: *"O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid."*

On December 20 pray: *"O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom."*

On December 21 pray: *"O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death."*

On December 22 pray: *"O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust."*

On December 23 pray: *"O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God."*

On December 24 pray: *"Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory."*

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

All make the sign of the cross to begin, and then the Leader continues with this greeting:

Leader: Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

Leader: My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

Then someone proclaims the reading:

Reader: Listen to the words of the letter of St. Paul to Titus: But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord. Our response will be: Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our home, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/

Then the Leader continues: Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The lights of the tree are now illuminated. Then the Leader concludes:

Leader: May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from O Come, O Come, Emmanuel:

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.



Blessing of a Manger/Nativity Scene

*The manger scene is blessed each year on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. All make the sign of the cross and the Leader begins: **Our help is in the name of the Lord.***

*All respond: **Who made heaven and earth.***

Then someone proclaims the reading:

Reader: Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Christmas songs and carols may be sung, for example, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.



Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Join in the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are now available throughout the church. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.



FAREWELL TO CHRIS FERRARO



As you are aware, our Director of Music, Chris Ferraro, will be leaving OLPH, with January 9, 2022 as his last day with us. Join us at the **12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, January 9** as we say farewell to Chris and thank him for his many years of dedicated service and ministry to OLPH. We'll have hospitality in the auditorium immediately following the Mass.



CHRISTMAS MASSES AT OLPH

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m.,

6:00 p.m. and

12:00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m. (live-streamed),

and 12:00 Noon

JANUARY 1—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Holy Day

Mass Schedule:

Eve of the Solemnity,
Friday, December 31, 2021:
5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022:
10:00 a.m. and
12:00 p.m. (live-streamed)

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Monday, December 20:
7:00—8:30 p.m.

*It is required that a mask must be worn
inside the Confessional Room,
regardless of vaccination status.*



ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?



Every year on Pentecost, a group of adults completes their initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. By Confirmation, the baptized are joined more perfectly to the Church and strengthened in their faith. Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should receive it before being married.

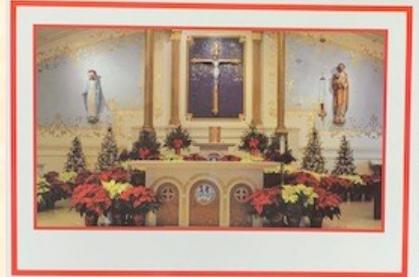
Preparation for receiving Confirmation as an adult includes ten hours of classroom meeting, weekly attendance at Mass and additional study through Catholic instructional material such as the *Formed* multimedia platform. Classes meet in the evenings, usually twice a month, with some outside reading and preparation required. A fee of \$20 covers the cost of books and materials.

OLPH CHRISTMAS CARDS

“OLPH is the Place to Be!”

AND ...The place to buy your Christmas cards!

Once again, parishioners will have the opportunity to buy their Christmas cards at OLPH. Cards are available for sale from the receptionist's desk in the rectory during regular business hours. A box of 25 cards featuring the image of our altar decorated for Christmas can be yours for the price of \$20.00. Purchases can be made by cash or check made out to **OLPH**. Sorry, no credit or debit cards. Cards are in limited supply, so be sure to make your purchases early. Buy enough cards to send to those you love!



CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



Next Sunday, **December 26th**, the **Knights of Columbus** will have available prayer cards for the **Consecration to the Holy Family**. Your family is encouraged to emulate the Holy Family. You are asked to stay after Mass and recite the prayer as a group, or take the card home to be read with your family.

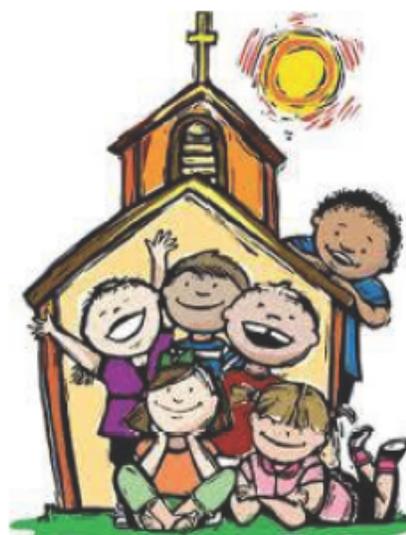
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Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

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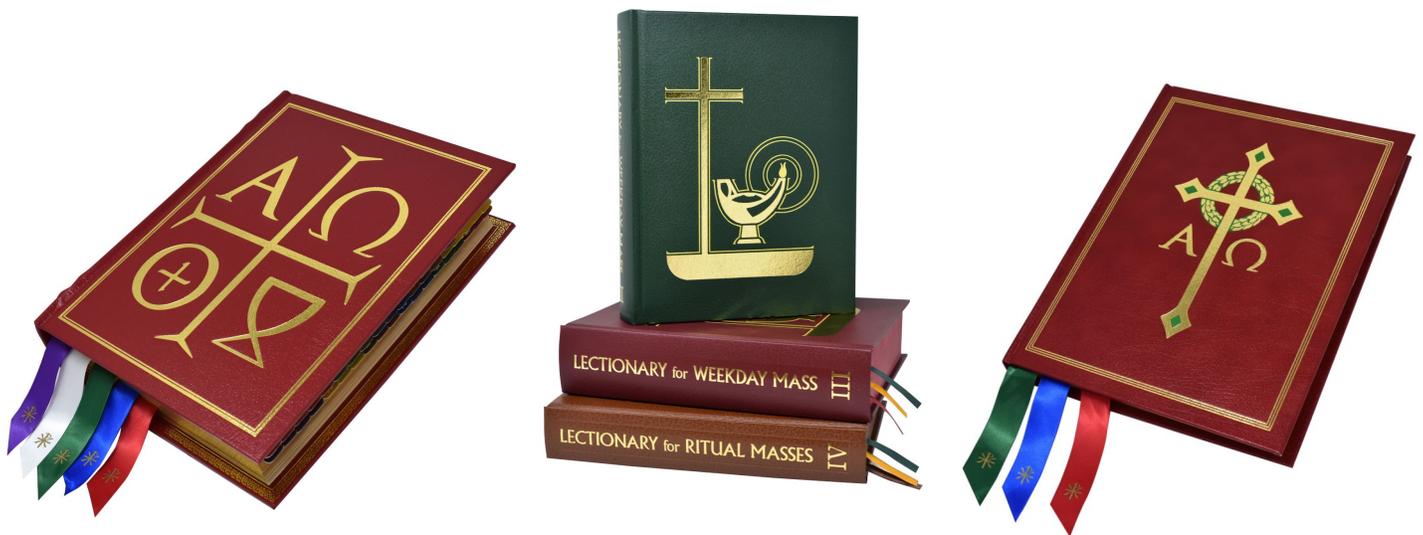
MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES—NEW RITUAL BOOKS

“Churches, therefore, must be places “suited to sacred celebrations,” “dignified,” and beautiful. Their suitability for worship is determined by their ability through the architectural design of space and the application of artistic gifts to embody God’s initiative and the community’s faithful response.”

- #18, Built of Living Stones: Art Architecture and Worship, a document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

For more than a thousand years, the Church has used ritual books in the celebration of the sacred Liturgy. These books contain the rubrics or instructions about the particular ritual(s) contained inside and also the actual texts of the prayers and Scriptures that we hear proclaimed. Often the ritual books are beautifully adorned with sacred art to remind us of God’s majesty and glory.

Here at OLPH, a very busy parish, our books are used many times over the course of a week. Over time, they do get worn and every so often, they need to be replaced. The sanitizing and cleaning that was done in the early part of the COVID-19 Pandemic also wreaked havoc on our books. The time has now come to replace many of our ritual books and we invite you to consider memorializing them in memory of a loved one who has died or by marking a special occasion such as milestone wedding anniversary or the birth of a child or grandchild. The memorials will be acknowledged in the bulletin and also with a special label that will be placed inside the front cover of the book. **Contact or stop by the rectory in order to memorialize a ritual book.**



- ◆ 3 large and 3 small editions of *The Roman Missal* which contain the prayers and instructions of the Mass - \$250 for each large edition, \$175 for each small edition
- ◆ 2 *Excerpts from the Roman Missal* which is held by the altar server during the Collect and Prayer after Communion - \$125
- ◆ 2 three-volume sets of the *Lectionary for Weekday Mass* which contain the readings for Daily Mass - \$500 for the complete three-volume set or \$175 for each book
- ◆ 2 *Lectionary for Sunday Mass* which contain the readings for Sunday Mass - \$200 for each book

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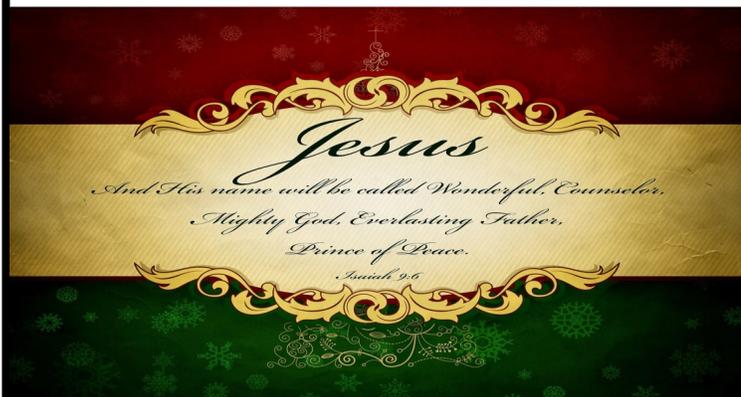
Monday: 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

LEVEL 6

On Wednesday, December 22, Workbook Project #3: Favorite Bible Story is due. Be sure to get any other missing work for your Workbook and your Mass Reflections done!

LEVELS 1-5 and SPECIAL ED.

On Saturday, December 25, there will be **NO CLASS** due to Christmas. Have a blessed day with your families and remember to “Keep Christ in Christmas!”

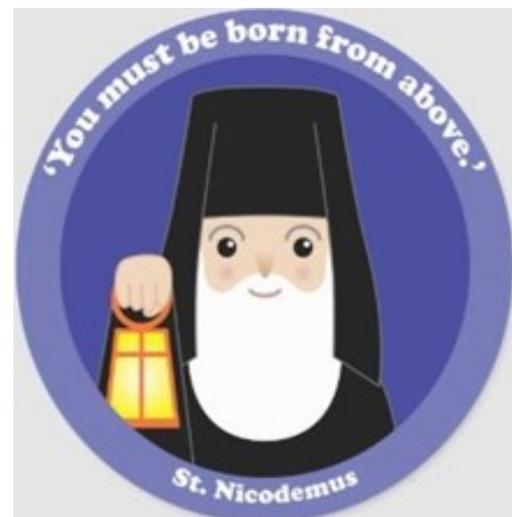


HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of classroom helpers for Levels 1-5 on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and/or 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Do you have the time to give one hour and share your God-given gifts with the youth of OLPH? This is a great way for high school and middle school students to get hours required for school or other extracurricular activities! Home from college? Donating your free time to help your Church always looks good on job applications!

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees we hear about so often challenging Jesus in the Gospel. Yes, he was a teacher of the Jewish faith, but when he encountered Jesus and questioned Him, he came to believe Him. Nicodemus became a follower of Christ and would meet with Him in secret at night time. Jesus wanted to know how He could teach him heavenly things if he did not understand earthly things. When Jesus was captured, Nicodemus insisted that Jesus had the right to a fair trial. After Jesus died, Nicodemus helped St. Joseph of Arimathea prepare Jesus for burial.



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Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

CANNED PORK & BEANS
SMALL PKGS. RICE
HOT CEREALS
PASTA SAUCE
INSTANT POTATOES
TEA/ HOT CHOCOLATE
SHELF STABLE MILK
FRUIT JUICE
JELLY OR JAM
COOKIES/DESSERTS

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Thank you

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, “Light” has shone, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

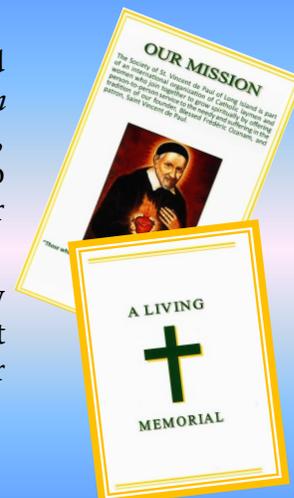
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE CHRISTMAS SHOPPE IS NOW OPEN!!

Need a Christmas tree, ornaments or other holiday decorations? Shop at the Blue Door Boutique Christmas Shoppe **first** for the lowest prices on everything you need to make your home perfect for Christmas.



Artificial Trees * Ornaments * Dishes * Tree Skirts * Stockings * Light sets * Christmas village houses * Angels *

BAG SALE!!!

Quarterly bag sale also taking place from now until January 7th. Fill a bag for just \$5.00. Most everything in the Blue Door Boutique is included. Some items excluded: specifically new items with tags and some dressy dresses.

HOURS OF OPERATION

M, W, F

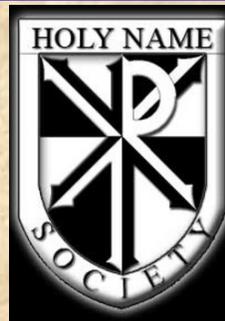
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

The Long Island Life Center

is asking for gently used items of warm clothing for boys and girls.

Any center will accept the donations.



The Holy Name Society would like to thank everyone who supported their **Annual Turkey Raffle**. This year's winners are:

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Bob Orlando

Tara Reed

Joe Huber

Barbara Arpino

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Arnold & Melanie Alcantara

Jim Totino

Teresa Abbamonte

Thank you for your continued support!

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
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Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
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Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism



***Henry Joseph Hahn
Bridgette Catalina Illescas***

**We welcome the newest members
of the Catholic community here at OLPH!**

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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| <i>Ethan Insigne</i> | <i>Peter Novak</i> |
| <i>Rose Pentaleri</i> | <i>Victoria Hurst</i> |
| <i>Dina Zulueta</i> | <i>John Bryzgornia</i> |
| <i>Roberto Mato</i> | <i>Jeff Zero</i> |
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| <i>Rose Pezzanite</i> | <i>Lisa O'Reilly</i> |
| <i>Grace Grasso</i> | <i>Lisa Marie Hulsen</i> |
| <i>Louise Sturgeon</i> | <i>Lynn Simonetti</i> |
| <i>Lindsay P. Henry</i> | <i>Richard Geed</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Astacio</i> | |
| <i>Janet Novotny</i> | |
| <i>Angela Pagnotta</i> | |
| <i>Baby Cameron Bensen</i> | |

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

10:00 A.M.

<i>Francis Farrugia</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>
<i>Laura Fosco</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>
<i>The Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas McCarthy</i>
<i>Steven McGrath</i>	<i>Requested by Pat Bell & Joan Heinsohn</i>
<i>Benedict Barbera</i>	<i>Requested by Stella Barbera</i>
<i>Lyn Quinn</i>	<i>Requested by Dunstan Bradley</i>
<i>Joan & William McCowan</i>	<i>Requested by June McCowan</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:

***Michael Rossi
Kathleen Sherlock***

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and help the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information on our Spring program.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, December 20— Late Advent Weekday	
6:30	Edward Kienle
12:15	The Pecere Family
TUESDAY, December 21— Late Advent Weekday <i>(Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church)</i>	
6:30	Daniel Gordon & Family
12:15	Helene Jirinec
WEDNESDAY, December 22— Late Advent Weekday	
6:30	Rest of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Mildred Matera
THURSDAY, December 23— Late Advent Weekday <i>(Saint John of Kanty, Priest)</i>	
6:30	MariGrace Kyles & Family
12:15	Patricia O'Donnell
FRIDAY, December 24— Late Advent Weekday	
6:30	The Kassimatis Family
The Nativity of the Lord <i>(Christmas)</i>	
4:00	Bernard "Joe" Doyle
6:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:00 <i>Midnight</i>	For the People of the Parish
SATURDAY, December 25— The Nativity of the Lord <i>(Christmas)</i>	
8:00	For the Intentions of the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
10:00	For the Intentions of the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
12:00	For the Intentions of the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
Sunday, December 26— THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	
8:00	Salvatore Mascio & Philomena Daltorio
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 20, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7-9:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Room 16
Tuesday, December 21, 2021		
4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Rehearsal for Midnight Mass	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Wednesday, December 22, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
Thursday, December 23, 2021		
12:45 p.m.	Decorate the Church	Church
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, December 24, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
Saturday, December 25, 2021		
All Rectory and Religious Education Offices are closed today and Sunday, December 26 for Christmas and will re-open Monday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.		
Sunday, December 26, 2021		
12:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

DECEMBER 2021 WINNERS

\$1000 - Carmelo & Lucia Zoccali

\$250 - J. Eberhardt

\$100 - Michael Tumsuden

\$100 - Maryellen Barrett

\$100 - Frank & Nancy Pellegrino

\$100 - Joan Keilitz

Special \$250 Christmas Drawing:

Ms. Katherine M. Whittaker

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com.

Lecturas y reflexiones del domingo 12/19/21 cuarta semana de adviento.

Escucha, Señor, la oración de tu pueblo, alegre por la venida de tu Hijo en carne mortal, y haz que cuando vuelva en su gloria, al final de los tiempos, podamos alegrarnos de escuchar de sus labios la invitación a poseer el reino eterno. Por nuestro Señor.

Primera lectura (Miqueas 5:1-4)

Belén de ti saldrá el jefe de Israel el hijo del hombre. Un rey humilde que traerá paz y salvación. El que anunciaron los profetas. Descendiente del Rey David cuyo reino no tendrá fin.

Segunda lectura. (Hebreos 5:4, 4-7) *vengo para cumplir tu voluntad. Jesús se entrega completamente a la voluntad de su padre. El día antes de ser entregado Lucas 22:42 pide al Padre, si es posible aparta de mi esta copa, pero que no se haga mi voluntad sino la tuya. Que en nuestro sí, se haga en nosotros también su voluntad y no la nuestra*

El sato Evangelio (Lucas 1:39-45) *he aquí la esclava del señor hágase en me según tu palabra. ¡Como respuesta Dios a los hombres! No los salva sin que ellos mismos quieran. El salvador ha sido deseado y acogido por una Madre. Una jovencita acepta libre y conscientemente ser la servidora del señor y llega a ser la Madre de Dios.*



Nuestro mundo está lleno de gente ordinaria, humilde, que vive en oscuros pueblecitos, y sin embargo algunas personas como éstas han cambiado el curso de este mundo. Dentro de la historia de la Iglesia honramos hoy a la primera persona que procede de ese medio ambiente. Humilde “Sí”, cambió el curso del mundo y de la futura Iglesia y derriba el poder del mal con la aparente debilidad, humildad, obediencia y servicio. Una mujer sencilla y un niño frágil están en el origen de nuestra salvación. Reconozcamos la forma sorprendente y asombrosa de la venida de Dios. María Su SÍ a Dios, cambio la historia de la humanidad. El SÍ de María y el de Jesús nos llama a nosotros y a toda la Iglesia hoy a dar nuestro SÍ incondicional a Dios. Pidamos en esta eucaristía que podamos unirnos a Jesús y a María en su SÍ. Y de ese modo podremos cambiar el curso del mundo hoy.

OFFERING UPDATE DECEMBER 11/12

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	215	91	\$2,283.00
8:00 a.m.	205	95	3,435.00
10:00 a.m.	307	109	3,377.00
12:00 p.m.	325	89	2,423.00
Coin			5.69
Faith Direct:			2,714.75
Children's Env.		4	10.00
Mail-ins:			2,124.00
TOTAL	1,052	388	\$16,372.44
2020 total	745	267	\$14,719.60
Candles			\$851.27
Poor Box			\$412.43
Immaculate Conception			\$4,072.66

UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS AND EARLY CLOSING:

Please note our upcoming special office hours:

- offices closed as of 12:00 Noon on Friday, December 24;
- offices closed both Saturday, December 25 and Sunday, December 26;
- offices re-open Monday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.;
- offices close at normal time 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 31;
- offices closed Saturday, January 1, 2022;
- offices re-open Sunday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m. for normal Sunday hours



HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23 at 12:45 p.m. (i.e., immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass). We would love to have lots of folks come on down to pitch in. Why not join the fun and come down to help if you're available? It should not take much longer than an hour or so if we have enough hands pitching in. We appreciate whatever help you can give us.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted* by the dates listed and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at atbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

December 19 & 26—passed
January 2—passed
January 9—December 31

Early printer deadlines due to Christmas & New Year holidays

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Year is over, but we still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, December 26, 2021
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*Jesus went down with Mary and Joseph
and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them.*

Luke 2:51a

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Even in ancient societies, the elderly who became ill in body or mind were no longer treated with respect but were seen by younger family members as economically and socially burdensome. But as the author continually reminds God's people, they are to practice the ways of the Lord and not the cultural norms of the world. The Lord in turn promises the greatest possible blessing and grace for our faithfulness under all circumstances: the forgiveness of our sins. An elderly childless woman was considered cursed by God and useless even in Hebrew society. Such was the plight of Hannah. But the Lord's true regard for this faithful woman is shown in the abundance of his blessing. He heard her prayer and granted her Samuel, who was the last of the Hebrew Judges and the first of the major prophets.

Colossians 3:12-21

The Christian life is one that is lived in response to the Gospel—the Good News of God's great love for us embodied in the gift of his Son. Christians are to "put on" certain characteristics so that they live these qualities, not merely "have" them. Among these qualities are heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness. These are not merely traits but actions define Christian living. As Christ lived, so we are to live.

Luke 2:41-52

This story's concern with an incident from Jesus' youth is unique in the canonical gospel tradition. With this episode, the infancy narrative ends just as it began, in the setting of the Jerusalem temple. In Jesus' speaking of God as his Father, he defines his life and its purpose in terms which no one who knew him could possibly understand—not even Mary and Joseph.

Gospel Reflection

After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. God's relationship with humans rises to the topmost level with the arrival of Christ. But he lives with constant rejection, and loves the humble and the poor of the world! Outside of his family why were the shepherds the first to meet Jesus? If you want to find God today where might you start looking?

2. Pope Francis tells a story about the shepherds at the stable, the night Jesus was born. What happened to the one shepherd who was poor and had nothing to give? How can "feeling loved" change things for the better? Can we as individuals, as a country, and as a Church, change those things that need to be changed with love?

A charming legend relates that at the birth of Jesus the shepherds hurried to the stable with different gifts. Each brought what he had; some brought the fruits of their labor, others some precious item. But ... there was one shepherd who had nothing to give. He was extremely poor; he had no gift to present. ... He stood apart, embarrassed. ... Saint Joseph and Our Lady found it hard to receive all those gifts, especially Mary, who had to hold the baby.

Seeing that shepherd with empty hands, she asked him to draw near. And she put the baby Jesus in his arms. That shepherd ... became aware of ... holding in his arms the greatest gift of all time. He looked at his hands, those hands that seemed to him always empty; they had become the cradle of God. He felt himself loved and, overcoming his embarrassment, began to show Jesus to the others, for he could not keep for himself the gift of gifts.

*Pope Francis, [Midnight Mass](#)
Dec. 24, 2019*

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, December 20, 2021:

Isaiah 7:10-14 + Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21, , 2021:

Song of Songs 2:8-14
+ Luke 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22, 2021:

1 Samuel 1:24-28 + Luke 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23, 2021:

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
+ Luke 1:57-66

Friday, December 24, 2021:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
+ Luke 1:67-79

Saturday, December 25, 2021:

Isaiah 62:1-5
+ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
+ Matthew 1:1-25

Sunday, December 26, 2021:

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
+ 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
+ Luke 2:41-52

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