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*Be vigilant at all times  
and pray.*

Luke 21:36a

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 2, 2018**

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

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**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## **COME IN AND PRAY...**

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.  
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.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

## **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass  
(except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

## **OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
(unless otherwise announced)

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

**Wednesday:** 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS TONIGHT!

## Advent Lessons & Carols

And

International Peace Light Ceremony

Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst



In the peak of winter darkness, we will gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear the Scriptures and beautiful music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, OLPH parish will add its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth band, youth choir, cantors, and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and pray for peace throughout our troubled world.

*Please bring your own lantern if you wish to bring the Peace Light home.*

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *First Sunday of Advent*

This weekend we begin the new liturgical season of Advent, and, in fact, we begin a whole new liturgical year.

There's little doubt that Advent is a very challenging season for us; our secular, consumer-oriented, profit-driven (greed-driven) society is already celebrating Christmas (and, in fact, has been for a while now). I personally have to work hard to not get discouraged as Christmas seems to be celebrated earlier and earlier; no wonder we're often tired and cranky by the time Christmas Day comes! It's hard to keep Advent, but maybe there's a real spiritual lesson to be learned: God is the one in control of time. Patiently and spiritually celebrating Advent without getting to Christmas too quickly can remind us that there are many things in life we cannot have the way we want when we want them; acknowledging our lack of control over the flow of time is a basic spiritual lesson we all need to learn. Maybe Advent is the perfect time to practice the spiritual virtue of letting things be on God's time schedule, not on ours.

So, as Catholics, let's resist superficial and devoid-of-any-true-meaning attempts to create a secularized "holiday" marathon season, and instead, in our hearts and in our homes, let's mark Advent time in the way the Church intends. To do so, we must let Advent be Advent. We must do the hard work of waiting, sitting still, being quiet, and not thinking we are in control of time. We must be PATIENT!

Turn to the daily readings (which can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) to help you do this. Spend time with the great figures we meet in the Scriptures who are so central to Advent: Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. As this new liturgical year begins, let's bring ourselves to the symbols and stories of Advent with open hearts and with readiness for something new to happen, to us and to the world around us. Such newness is the heart of Advent longing, hoping and waiting.

Try extra hard to listen carefully to, and to enter into, the prayers at Mass during Advent; those texts are filled with words, phrases and images that sweep us along in the meaning of the season. For example, right from the

beginning of the Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, with the Collect (the opening prayer), the mood for the new liturgical time is set: *"Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming..."* There is a great sense of urgency, of expectation, and of longing, because Christ is coming, and the best way for us to meet Him is through our deeds of love, mercy and compassion.

The beginning weeks of Advent look toward the Second Coming of Christ, and this is reflected in the Prayer over the Offerings for the First Sunday of Advent, when, in asking God to accept the offerings, we ask that those offerings may *"gain for us the prize of eternal redemption."* This is a reference to our participation in the heavenly liturgy and in the fullness of the Kingdom when Christ returns. The Prayer after Communion also reminds of the Second Coming of Christ and of the Kingdom of God, particularly when it asks that the mysteries that we celebrate in the Eucharist will *"...teach us...to love things of heaven and hold fast to what endures."*

The Preface (beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) for this Mass describes for us the two comings of Christ, namely, His first coming, when He assumed the lowliness of human flesh, and His Second Coming, the day that we watch for as we look forward to inheriting the "great promise" which is the foundation for our hope. As I mentioned, listen carefully for all of these beautiful prayers at Mass and get caught up in the feel of Advent.

Pay attention also to the music we will be singing, especially the words and music during the Entrance Procession each Sunday in Advent, when we will be singing the Entrance Antiphon for the day. These words are specially chosen by the Church to convey to us the meaning of what we are celebrating.

In addition, notice that we have a special insert in today's bulletin which explains many aspects of the liturgical time of Advent and offers thoughts for Advent spirituality. I hope you will use this insert in your prayer at home during the week. We'll be running a special insert for each week of Advent throughout the season.

**Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception**

This Saturday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Catholics are **obligated** to attend Mass for this Solemnity, so we'll be seeing you back at the end of the week! (Yes, you have to go to Mass twice in a short amount of time next weekend!) We have printed the schedule of Masses elsewhere in this bulletin.

What a wonderful Solemnity this is, especially since it occurs during Advent and fits so beautifully into our Advent spirituality! What we celebrate is Mary's total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. This freedom from the sin of Adam and Eve is shown in the Gospel for the Mass of the Holy Day, as Mary proclaims to the angel Gabriel, "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*" Mary shows her willingness to place herself fully in God's hands, even when it promises to be difficult and requires great faith and trust.

However, Mary is always seen as the model disciple, the model of our faith, and so this day should be a day when we pray that our faith and trust may be the same as Mary's. This is expressed in the prayers of the Mass of the day, as in the Collect (Opening Prayer) we will pray that "...through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your [God's] presence" and in the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer we will refer to Mary as "*a model of holiness.*"

Allow this Solemnity to be for you a day to reflect on the place of Mary in your prayer life and as a model of faith for you.

**Golden Ticket Raffle Winners**

This weekend we are publishing the names of all the winners of the cash prizes in our Golden Ticket Raffle, along with a list of thank-you's to those whose donations supported our cocktail party at which the winners were drawn. That event, held back on Saturday night November 17, was a real blast, and everyone had a great, great time. What a huge success this first Golden Ticket Raffle was, thanks to all of you, and to Meg Danaher and Bob Meade, who chaired it all.

YES, we WILL be having it again next year. If you enjoyed it this year, play again next

year! If you were too late to get in on it this year, make sure you get in on it early enough next year! The Golden Ticket Raffle will return in 2019!

**Lessons and Carols TONIGHT, Sunday, December 2!**

Tonight — Sunday, December 2 — is our annual celebration of Lessons and Carols. There's truly no better way for us to begin our holy time of Advent than by attending Lessons and Carols!

The "Lessons" (Scripture readings) and "Carols" (hymns — some sung by the choir alone, and some by everyone) are rich in Advent imagery and Advent mood. If you have attended in the past, you know how beautiful and worthwhile it is, and I know you want to be there again. If you have never attended before, you have been missing something great and I urge you to be there. As I mentioned last week, this is a great thing to do together as a family; go out for a pizza or something beforehand, and then come to the church for 7:00. Please make every effort to attend Lessons and Carols. I'll be there; I look forward to it every year, and I look forward to seeing you there!

***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,



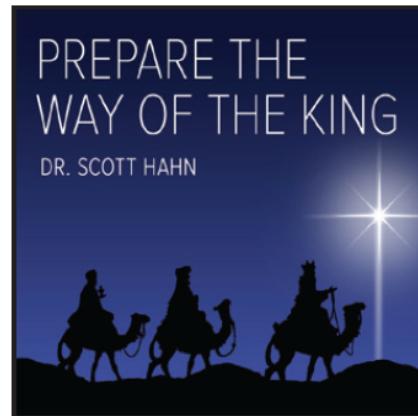
## FORMED PICK

# Prepare the Way of the King

*By Dr. Scott Hahn*

## Ready Your Heart this Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



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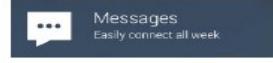
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# SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



## *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

**Friday, December 7**

**Eve of the Holy Day**

**5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Saturday, December 8**

**Mass Schedule:**

**8:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**

*Exposition will be held  
from 8:30 p.m.—Midnight*

*Annual Night of Prayer for Life*

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT OLPH

### **Christmas Eve Monday, December 24**

**5:00 p.m. and  
12:00 Midnight Mass**

*Christmas Carols begin  
at 4:30 & 11:15 p.m.*

### **Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25**

**8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon**

*The 5:00 p.m. Mass will not be  
celebrated on Christmas Day.*

## CONFESIONS

**Saturdays:  
December 8 & 15: 4:00—4:45 p.m.  
December 22: 3:00—4:30 p.m.**

**Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass  
Tuesday, December 18: 7:00—8:00 p.m.**



## **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019  
Mass Schedule:**

**Eve of the Solemnity,**

**Monday, December 31, 2018: 5:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019:  
10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *About the Advent Wreath*

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice — that time in the year when the sun reaches its southern-most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls.



There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the “nativity” of the sun—the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam’s sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for His saving birth.

## *Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....*

*Advent is much more than the beginning of a new liturgical year; it is a time of waiting, hoping and expectations, of dreaming, pregnancy, dissatisfaction, longing, echoing, listening, growing, and building up. This season speaks the restless urging of a soul longing and searching for God. Advent is John the Baptist, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph, each with a role to play and each with a message to give.*

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*“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”* (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar)

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*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.* (Collect of the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent)

*Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.* (Another prayer for the First Sunday of Advent)

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*On December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we honor holy Mary, and celebrate her conception in the womb of St. Anne. As we praise God, who kept her sinless from the first moment of her life, we remember God’s mercy, which has freed us from sin in baptism.*

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *Blessing Your Home Advent Wreath*

Use this blessing to bless your family's Advent wreath at home.

*All make the sign of the cross as the Leader says:*

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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

**Leader:** In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always waiting for deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.

*A family member now lights one purple candle. Then the Scripture is read (Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6):*

**Reader:** Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

**The word of the Lord.**

**All respond:** Thanks be to God.

*The Leader continues:* Let us now pray for God's blessing upon us and upon this wreath.

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Leader concludes by saying:* Let us bless the Lord.

*All make the sign of the cross and respond:* Thanks be to God.



## *Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week*

Each day during the first week of Advent, at the evening meal, one purple candle is lighted. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candle.

*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:* 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.

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*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., now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# PRAYER & 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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.



**Monday, December 3—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 10—7:00 p.m.**

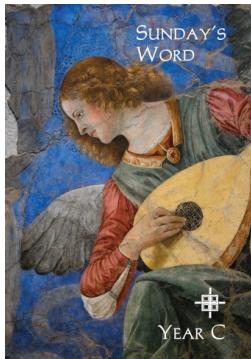
**Monday, December 17—7:00 p.m.**

## **RECOMMITMENT OF ALL PARISH SOCIAL MINISTERS**

*Attention all Parish Social Ministers — that is, all parish offerers involved in any way with any of the ministries listed in the black box at the top of our Parish Social Ministries section in the bulletin each week! Remember to attend the Recommitment of Parish Social Ministers which will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We will pray Evening Prayer together, which will include a blessing and recommissioning of all parish social ministers in their ministry. Hospitality will follow the liturgy. It will be a great way to come together to be renewed and energized and to share experiences with others involved in Parish Social Ministry at OLPH. Please be sure to be there!*

## **SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE**

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the upcoming new liturgical year (Cycle C) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 2, are now available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.



## *Lord, Have Mercy: Prayer Intentions for Your Faith Community*

You may notice the book *Lord, Have Mercy: Prayer Intentions for Your Faith Community* displayed in the Divine Mercy Chapel. This book is used to record the intercessions and prayer requests for the sick, the homebound, the suffering, the local and universal Church, the needs of the world, and anyone else in need of prayer. The prayers contained in this book are referenced during the Universal Prayer at Sunday Mass.



This new book replaces the marble notebooks that were used in the past, giving more dignity to the prayers that are written. Quotations from the Bible are beautifully inscribed in English and Spanish and are meant to be a source of prayer and inspiration. Take the opportunity to record your intercessions. Remember in your own prayer the needs expressed on the pages of this book. Pray for them individually or when you gather with others for prayer.

If you would like to memorialize this book in memory of a loved one who has died or to mark a special occasion, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory - [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. The cost is \$75. We envision using several books throughout the course of the year.

You may have noticed that we now have a music supplement in the back of our *Gather* hymnals. These supplements, which will change periodically according to the seasons of the liturgical year, allow us to use additional seasonal music that is not contained in the hymnal. These supplements are placed inside the back cover and held in place by a plastic sleeve. On the hymn boards, whenever you see the letter S, followed by a dash (-) and a number, that refers to the supplement. For example, the Entrance Hymn for this Sunday is listed as "S-1" which means that the hymn is the first hymn in the supplement.

Throughout Advent, in place of a hymn, we will be using the proper text for the Entrance Antiphon from the *Roman Missal*. These antiphons set the tone for the liturgy and express that theology of the particular Sunday being celebrated. The text of each antiphon have been adapted to fit an ancient and well known Advent tune, Creator of the Stars of Night (CREATOR ALME SIDERUM). The assembly sings the antiphon while the choir or cantor sings verses of a particular Advent psalm. The antiphons can be found in the Advent/Christmas Music Supplement in the back of the *Gather* hymnal.



## NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The new boxes of **Children's Envelopes** for the upcoming liturgical year are now available! Children should use these envelopes to make their offering in the weekly collection basket at Mass, in addition to their family's offering.

The purpose of the envelopes is not a money-raising one, but rather to provide parents a tool to reinforce in their children the idea of stewardship for their Church and responsible giving toward others. It's a great way to teach children the value of being thankful for the gifts God gives us and the importance of sharing the abundance of those gifts with others. Ideally, the money — whatever amount is placed in the envelope (there is no minimum or maximum!) — comes from the children themselves, *e.g.*, out of their allowance, rather than being just handed to them from the parents. In this way, Christian attitudes are nourished in the children, and this can be yet another avenue for parents and children to discuss responsible Christian living.

**New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2018) are available in baskets throughout the church.** Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

Encourage your children to use these envelopes as a way of growing in Christian stewardship and responsibility!



## 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.

Classes begin on **Tuesday, December 4**. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net) or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY AT OLPH



We'll again be celebrating our own "Bambinelli Sunday" here at OLPH on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22-23**. You are invited to bring to Mass that weekend your figure of the Christ Child from your home crèche (Nativity scene). We'll offer a blessing of these figurines at all the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent that weekend. Don't forget to bring your Christ Child figure to Sunday Mass December 22-23!



## LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

### FOR ADVENT AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Blue Book* which contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Advent and Christmas Time. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Blue Book*. They are available on the pew ledges in the church.



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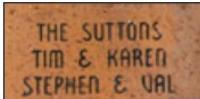
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## GOLDEN TICKET 2018 PRIZE WINNERS

The winning tickets for our GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE were drawn at a fun-filled and exciting cocktail party on Saturday night, November 17. Everyone had a great, great time and it was another “OLPH Moment” of great enjoyment with great community spirit! Here are the winners of the money prizes:

**1st Ticket drawn, \$500 prize:** Ticket #450, Jeanine D’Elio

**50th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #226, Karen Golden & Kathy Raimondi

**100th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #458, Nancy Chille

**150th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #346, Adele Venezia

**200th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #360, Vito Virgilio

**250th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #221, Allison Cayton

**300th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #411, Bill & Diane Dorr

**350th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #121, Jason Coppola

**400th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #179, John & Marylee Danaher

**450th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize:** Ticket #017, Michael Flannery

**491st Ticket drawn, \$300 prize:** Ticket #484, Margaret Lynn

**492nd Ticket drawn, \$400 prize:** Ticket #434, William & Lisa Sullivan

**493rd Ticket drawn, \$500 prize:** Ticket #265, St. Vincent de Paul Society

**494th Ticket drawn, \$600 prize:** Ticket #023, Gerald Danaher

**495th Ticket drawn, \$700 prize:** Ticket #026, Lillian Cucchiara

**496th Ticket drawn, \$800 prize:** Ticket #030, Richard Conti

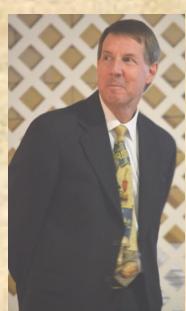
**497th Ticket drawn, \$900 prize:** Ticket #223, Linda Winkler

**498th Ticket drawn, \$1,000 prize:** Ticket #236, Cieslaks Modern Bakery

**499th Ticket drawn, \$2,500 prize:** Ticket #139, Mike Connolly

**500th Ticket drawn, \$10,000 prize:** Ticket #318, Toni Rose & Desiree Annicaro

*Enjoy these pictures of the event!*



*We want to thank everyone who worked hard to make both the entire Raffle and the evening of the cocktail party such great successes, with special thanks to Meg Danaher and Bob Meade, who headed up the entire GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE. Thanks to those who supported the event through donations:*

*Alex's Barber Shop  
Alletto's  
Flag Beverage  
Goccia D'Oro  
Joe's Gourmet Meats  
Linden Florist*

*Lindenhurst Diner  
Lindenhurst Village Florist  
Lindy South Shore Bagel and Heroes  
Luigi's Pizza  
Barbara McPhail and Family  
Rose Ortiz  
Louise Perrotta*

*Primavera  
Ridgewood Savings Bank  
Southside Fish and Clam  
Spasso Pizzeria  
Swank Hair  
The Village Lanterne*

**THE GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE  
WILL RETURN NEXT YEAR! WATCH FOR IT, AND DON'T MISS OUT!**

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

Located in the Rectory  
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253  
 Email: [religiouised@oloph.org](mailto:religiouised@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION****OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Level 7:**

On Wednesday, December 5,  
meet in the church  
with a parent or guardian  
for the Level 7 Penance Service,  
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Levels 1-5:**

On Saturday, December 8,  
there is no class due to the  
Immaculate Conception Holy Day.  
Make sure you get to Mass for the  
Holy Day of Obligation!

**INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME AS AN ASSISTANT CATECHIST? WE NEED YOU!**

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers. At this time, we are in need of assistant catechists to help students with special needs in the classroom. Training is provided! Please call us for any questions or stop by our office!

**Happy Saint of the Day!**  
**St. Nicholas**

*Let's see what the real story of St. Nicholas is all about! Contrary to popular belief, St. Nicholas' Feast Day is on December 6, and not on Christmas. Did you know that St. Nicholas is Greek, and was Bishop of Myra? He lost his parents to sickness at a young age and was raised by his uncle, who was also a bishop. His parents were very religious, so he donated his inheritance from them to charity and became a priest. On a particular occasion, St. Nicholas took a bag of gold and threw it into a house, through the window of a poor man who was going to sell his daughters. He was able to marry off his eldest daughter and she was saved. St. Nicholas did this two more times so that each of the daughters could get married. He is the patron saint of bakers, of pawnbrokers, of children, and of Greece, Apulia, Sicily, Loraine, and Galway.*



First Sunday in Advent

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, MUSIC MINISTRY, & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

# Children's Christmas Pageant

**Friday, December 21, 2018  
7:00 p.m. Church**



We would like to involve as many members of our parish community, especially all parish children! We have many speaking parts for children who can memorize a few lines and speak loudly and clearly. There are roles for: Mary, Joseph, Herod, Three Kings, Innkeeper, Angels and of course the shepherds.

**Please indicate if your child is interested in having a speaking role.** Parts will be given out at the first rehearsal, so anyone wishing to have a speaking part must be able to attend all rehearsals. There is something for children preschool and up!

**College Students (especially those coming home for Christmas) and Adults:** We need help with supervision of angels and shepherds, assistance with hospitality and more! If you can help, please contact Bridget Jordan at (631) 226-7725 X 253 or e-mail [bjordan@oloph.org](mailto:bjordan@oloph.org).



### Pageant Practices

Monday, December 10th 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 17th 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Dress Rehearsal:** Thursday, December 20th 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is interested in having a speaking role!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631.226.6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631.226.7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## NEW Food Pantry List!

**PORK & BEANS**

**PASTA SAUCE**

**PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**

**SMALL PKGS. RICE**

**JELLY/JAM**

**CANNED FRUIT**

**DESSERTS/SNACKS**

**HOT CHOCOLATE**

**SHAMPOO/TOOTHPASTE**

**PAPER TOWELS**

**Thank you  
for your continued generosity.**

**Cut out this list and bring it  
with you when you go shopping!**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

*The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who generously adopted families for Thanksgiving. Thanks to you, we were able to provide full Thanksgiving meals to over 40 families. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless!*



# OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* -Matthew 25

The Final Judgment in the Gospel of Matthew should serve as a call to action for each and every one of us. Our parish Advent Giving Tree is one way to respond! Our parish social ministries are working together to support life at all stages. There are tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. You need to empty the tree of the tags and return them no later than **Sunday, December 16**. Below are descriptions of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ronessi at [dronessi@verizon.net](mailto:dronessi@verizon.net) or 631.225.4115. *Gifts for St. Vincent de Paul (green tags) should be wrapped. All other gifts should not be wrapped.*

## St. Vincent de Paul

Each year, our parish supports many families at Christmas with food, toys and clothing. Read more in our bulletin about our parish's outreach efforts.

## LIFE CENTER

The Life Center assists pregnant women as they prepare to give birth to the gift of life in their own lives. Learn more about the life center at [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org)

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES Immigration Services

Support our brothers and sisters and their families who are just coming to our country. Read more at [www.catholiccharities.cc](http://www.catholiccharities.cc)

## Community Meal Ministry

Our Community Meal Ministry needs your help to provide a "little bit of Christmas" for our guests.



# The Giving Tree

## Prison Families

Support our Diocesan Prison Ministry as they provide gifts for the children of men and women in prison.

## OLPH HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Help our parish provide basic necessities for the local homeless during this season.

## SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Support the work of our Middle Ages group in providing Christmas gifts and necessities for our local veterans.

## HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES

Hope House Ministries supports young men struggling with addiction and brokenness in their own lives. Learn more about Hope House at [www.hhm.org](http://www.hhm.org).

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### **DONATIONS:**

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Men's coats - larger sizes (L, XL...etc.)
- Heavy hoodies sweat shirts
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Hand warmers (pack)
- Winter berets/skull caps

*Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.*

*We could also use more plastic shopping bags to distribute the items.*

## What are you going to put in the box?



Crystal, candles, photo frames, figurines, dishes, dolls, necklaces, napkins, salad bowls, scarves, gifts galore—available today for **CRAZY** low prices at The Blue Door Boutique.

Also, stop by for incredibly low priced clothing for men, women and children. Brand names you love, prices you won't see any place else! The lowest around! New merchandise every week.

**THE  
bluedoor  
BOUTIQUE**

Donations gratefully accepted whenever the shop is open. Please no toys, stuffed animals, books or electric items.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
SAT. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

## MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?  
Are you looking to meet other women who share your interest in spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Our next gathering will be  
Tuesday, December 18**  
7:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the school  
We'll be wrapping gifts!

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

## SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.*

**Our next meeting:  
Tuesday, January 8**

## COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

There is a place for you at our table...



OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

**Our next Community Meal is  
Sunday, December 16**

**Come pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass & join us for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.**



A special thanks to the folks at Bedgear for donating & serving our November Community Meal and to the Girl Scouts who helped.

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Phone:** (631) 226-7725 **Parish Fax:** (631) 225-9597  
Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrijoe@oloph.org
Jacqueline Dwyer, Parish Secretary	212	jdwyer@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religious@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

## 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 rabecker@optimum.net.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Jeffrey Gaab  
 Gregory Guido  
 Sonia Hansen  
 Joselyn Kalt  
 Mary Leon  
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
 James Totino  
 Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
 John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
 Bill Bendersnagel  
 Gerry Chille (Chair)  
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Christine Donovan  
 Marie Gagneron  
 Kenneth Hale  
 Bob Meade  
 Frank Pokorney  
 John Reynolds

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
 Deacon Robert Becker  
 Lynn Bergin  
 Mark Costantino  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Chris Ferraro  
 MaryAnn Haas  
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
 Barbara McPhail  
 Deacon Doug Smith  
 Rosaleen Walters  
 Mike Williams

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.*

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

### Second Announcement:

**Daniel Cook & Catherine Heaphy**

## 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

*Anthony Vincent Bozymowski*

*Kanan Luke Gerhardt*

*Santiago Gonzalez-Schirrmeister*

*Valeria Gonzalez-Schirrmeister*



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

## WE REMEMBER

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

*Ann Chislett*

*Dorothy T. Viverito*

*Stephanie Scarpa*

*Bernard Kenjesky Sr.*

*"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."*

## BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla,

## WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Stephanie Scarpa*

*John Jordan*

*John Pius*

*Anne Wildner*

*Kelly Cahill*

*John Manning*

*Marilyn Abbott*

*Laurel Norstedt*

*Marie Molina*

*David Dentici*

*Betty Cunningham*

*Lucille Sullivan*

*Marie D'Angelo*

*Carl D'Angelo*

*Tom Willumson*

*Marge Heldeman*

*Joanne Hernandez*

*Ginny Gala*

*Joseph Pugh*

*Peter Masak*

*Natalie & Lew Yugel*

*Gail Tonnessen*

*Roberta Fifield*

*Jeanne Calise*

*Loretto Dinardo*

*Teresa Pirolo*

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. 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 about four weeks.

Yahoo, etc.) Enter [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor (pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled "Faith Formation". This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is "Bereavement". Click on "Bereavement".

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.") Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY, December 3—</b> <b>SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST</b>	
6:30	Robert Paz
12:15	Robert Law
<b>TUESDAY, December 4—</b> <b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b> (Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church)	
6:30	Gaston Lambert
12:15	Patrick & Cecilia Flynn & Family
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 5—</b> <b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>	
6:30	Joseph Giglio
12:15	John Skopek
<b>THURSDAY, December 6—</b> <b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b> (Saint Nicholas, Bishop)	
6:30	Alex Polanco
12:15	Lisa Cantelmo
<b>FRIDAY, December 7</b> <b>SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP</b> <b>AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>	
6:30	In Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini
<b>EVE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> <b>OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	
5:00	Bruce Quinn
<b>SATURDAY, December 8</b> <b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> <b>OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
12:15	In Thanksgiving for the Pasquin Family
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
5:00	John R. Sureau, Sr.
<b>Sunday, December 9</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the OLPH Holy Name Society
12:00	Carmella Palumbo
5:00	June Savino

# PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, December 3, 2018</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
<b>Tuesday, December 4, 2018</b>		
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	St. Mark Room
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
<b>Wednesday, December 5, 2018</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes Level 7 Penance Service	School Church
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
<b>Thursday, December 6, 2018</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 3
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
<b>Friday, December 7, 2018</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:30 p.m.	CFFR Meeting	Room 18
<b>Saturday, December 8, 2018</b>		
8:30, 10:00	No Religious Ed Classes	
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:30 p.m.	National Night of Prayer	Church
<b>Sunday, December 9, 2018</b>		
9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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 del domingo 9 de Diciembre de 2018

2nda domingo de Adviento

Que nuestro amor mutuo, de los unos a los otros, nos prepare para el Día del Señor,  
cuando Jesucristo vuelva.

#### **Primera Lectura (Baruc 5,1-9): Dios Salvará a su Pueblo Disperso.**

El profeta Baruc proclama un mensaje de esperanza: Dios guiará a su pueblo disperso, de vuelta ya a su país y a sí mismo. Ellos se convertirán en signos radiantes de la salvación de Dios.

#### **Segunda Lectura (Filipenses 1,4-6.8-11): Prepárense para el Día de Cristo**

En la carta afectuosa, Pablo agradece a los cristianos de Filopos por su hospitalidad a sí mismo y al evangelio. Les pide a ellos --y a nosotros--, prepararse para la venida de Cristo por medio de un amor atento y siempre creciente.

#### **Evangelio (Lucas 3,1-6): Preparen el Camino del Señor**

Dios comenzó su Historia de Salvación con su Nuevo Pueblo cuando Juan el Bautista anunció la venida de Jesús.

-- Ahora, como entonces, la gente tiene que prepararse para la venida del Señor. Si preparamos el Camino, todos verán cómo Dios salva.



#### **Reflexión del Evangelio según san Lucas 3:1-6**

El Evangelio (Lc 3:1-6) comienza dando el contexto histórico de la acción de Juan, el Bautista, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, prima de María Santísima. Zacarías, una vez nació Juan, el Bautista, por acción del Espíritu Santo, profetizó que él sería llamado profeta del Altísimo e iría delante de Señor para preparar sus caminos y daría al pueblo el conocimiento de la salvación por el perdón de sus pecados, que sale desde las entrañas de Misericordia de Dios e hicieron que nos visitara la Luz desde la altura (Lc 1:76-78). Así las cosas, el protagonista del Evangelio siempre es la Palabra de Dios: Jesús, el Verbo encarnado para la Redención y la Reconciliación del ser humano con su Dios, base de la fe cristiana pero en el Adviento hace la aparición de un personaje típico de este tiempo litúrgico: Juan, el Bautista sobre quién viene la Palabra de Dios cuando se encontraba en el desierto y se va por toda la región del Jordán proclamando un bautismo de conversión para el perdón de los pecados. Así se cumple la profecía de Isaías: “Voz del que clama en el desierto: Preparar el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas, todo barranco será llenado, todo monte y colina será rebajado, lo tortuoso se hará recto y las asperezas serán caminos llanos. Y todos verán la salvación de Dios.” (Is 40:3-5). El llamado que hace hoy Jesús es ir a contracorriente del común, eso es la conversión, ese arrepentimiento de los pecados y correlativamente el buscar el perdón en el Tribunal de la Misericordia o lugar del sacramento de la Reconciliación, donde acontecen los verdaderos y más grandes milagros. Esa es la mejor preparación que sé puede hacer para que Jesús nazca en el corazón: ¡Jesús, en Tí confío

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## OFFERING UPDATE November 17/18

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>\$3,464.00</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2,584.00</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>3,227.00</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2,844.00</b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,137.00</b>
<b>Total coin:</b>			<b>21.89</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2,260.75</b>
<b>Children's Envelopes</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>39.54</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			<b>1,442.65</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>\$17,020.83</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>\$18,042.60</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$895.02</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$405.81</b>
<b>All Saint's</b>			<b>\$5,304.36</b>
<b>Human Dev.</b>			<b>\$1,003.00</b>

## RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 8/9

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December 9—passed

December 16—December 7

December 23—December 14

## OFFERING UPDATE November 24/25

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>\$2,476.00</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>3,409.00</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3,378.00</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>4,017.00</b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,506.50</b>
<b>Total coin:</b>			<b>20.65</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2,247.75</b>
<b>Children's Envelopes</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>47.00</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			<b>55.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>\$17,156.90</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>\$17,341.73</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$1,067.70</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$406.98</b>

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**PREPARING FOR****Sunday, December 9, 2018****SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*****“Prepare the way of the Lord!”***

Luke 3:4b

**Baruch 5:1-9**

This text is a poem depicting suffering Israel as a desolate widow mourning over the distress of her children. In the midst of and in response to this suffering, the prophet exhorts Jerusalem to take heart and await hopefully the promised salvation of God—a salvation which will far exceed both the hopes and the borders of Israel.

**Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to his close friends, the Christians in Philippi, from his Roman house arrest described at the end of Acts, as he waited for his court appearance before Caesar (around the year A.D. 61). Because it was God who had begun the good work of grace in this community of believers, Paul was confident of its completion. Bearing fruit is always the result of abiding in Jesus.

**Luke 3:1-6**

In ancient times, when a king was going to visit a city, he would send before him someone to announce that he would be arriving soon. This herald also served as a city inspector. It would have been an embarrassment and a cause for punishment for that city, and the people of the city, if they were not prepared when the king did arrive. John the Baptizer's message is that the people need to repair their lives and prepare for Christ's coming. He does this by calling the people to repent and be baptized.

**Readings for the Week**

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

**Monday, December 3, 2018:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 + Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018:**

Isaiah 11:1-10 + Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018:**

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
+ Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 6, 2018:**

Isaiah 26:1-6  
+ Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 7, 2018:**

Isaiah 29:17-24  
+ Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday, December 8, 2018:**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
+ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
+ Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday, December 9, 2018:**

Baruch 5:1-9  
+ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
+ Luke 3:1-6

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. “Led away on foot by their enemies ... ” Led or chased, is this happening today as well as in the time of Baruch? Where is the hope for the Syrian refugee suffering in exile today? Can you help God lower “the lofty mountains” or “fill the depths and gorges” for them in any way? How?

2. God gave Jerusalem the name “the peace of justice, the glory of God’s worship.” How does that name fit the Church today? If poorly, what would you do to make it fit? What would you like God to name your parish, your community, you?

3. As you remain on the path or the Way, St. Paul says, then “the one who began a good work in you will complete it.” Who is the instigator of good work in you? Who do you trust, yourself or God, to complete your good works?

4. Why does Luke name the historical references at the beginning of this Gospel reading? Does it help to locate John the Baptist for you?

5. “All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” What are the implications for humanity? Is the entire world included in this plan? What are the implications for you? Do you watch for God’s coming all year round?



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