

Our Lady of Consolation Church
1799 Hamburg Turnpike
Wayne, New Jersey 07470
www.olcparish.org



A Roman Catholic Community Devoted to Stewardship
Founded 1963

Parish Mission Statement

WE, the people of Our Lady of Consolation Parish guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, pledge to continue the mission of Jesus Christ who announced the reign of God. We accept His challenge to proclaim the Good News of salvation that Jesus, the Christ, died for us, and in Him we have life to the fullest measure. We seek to live as He lived, in service to others, building a community of faith and hope, with God's grace as our strength and the peace of Christ our heart's desire.

Served By

Clergy and Religious

Rev. Fr. Michael D. Lombardo, *Pastor*
Sr. Arlene Kollar, *Pastoral Associate*
a.kollar@olcchurch.com or extension 16
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Rev. Mr. John H. Schuler, *Permanent Deacon*

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Janet Cassel, *School Administrative Assistant*
Gene Kelley, *Religious Ed./Liturgy Secretary*
Carmen Pasquale, *Plant Manager*

Telephones

Parish Center: 973.839.3444 / Fax: 973.839.9695
Hours of operation: **Mon. – Thur.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
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E-mail: cdebow@olcacademy.org
Religious Education: 973.839.2428
Business Office: 973.839.6020

Sacramental Preparation

To make arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings, please call Pat Rizzo at 973-839-3444, ext. 10 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM **ONLY**. For the sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **Anointing of the Sick**, contact the Parish Center.

Masses

Weekend Liturgy

5:00 p.m. (Saturday)
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon

Weekdays

8:00 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday*
*(Memorial Mass)

Holy Days

8:00 a.m., 12 noon (OLC Academy Mass), 7:00 p.m.

Friday Novena

7:30 a.m. followed by 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Other Fridays: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Reconciliation – from 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Additional opportunities for weekday worship:

IHM (580 Ratzer Rd., 973.694.3400)

8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Mass)
9:00 a.m. Saturday (Mass)

OLV (614 Valley Rd., 973.694.4585)

7:30 a.m. Monday thru Saturday (Mass)

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.
PLEASE SEE AN USHER FOR HELP.**

New Parishioners

Those who are new to the community and wish to worship with us can obtain a New Parishioners packet from the racks at either entrance to the church or an usher. Upon completion of the census form and commitment form contained in the packet, please contact the Director of Stewardship Joe Donnelly who will schedule an appointment to welcome you and complete the registration.

OLC Parish is a diverse community with prayer and hospitality at the core of its existence.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 30th to December 6th:

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Healing for Ileana Oro James Healey	Jeryl Maglio Jeryl Maglio
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Healing for Ileana Oro James Healey	Jeryl Maglio Jeryl Maglio
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Gene Seifried Kathy Kennedy Louis Yorey Mary & Ted Cosgrove	Marge Seifried Kennedy Family Wife & Family Mary & Harold Brophy
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Sandra & Arthur Bonuccelli Lucille Geis	The Children Betty & Bob Verhasselt
	10:00 a.m.	Regina De Bernardo Joseph Bede Robert Milleken Elizabeth Minero	Lang Family Mom & Dad Kerstner Dix Family Al & Mary Ann Grosser
	12:00 p.m.	Anne B. Goralski Jerry & Dolores Turco Rosina & Angel Cellini Irene Aiello	Teddy & Chris Stefaniszyn Jeryl Maglio Jeryl Maglio Debbie & Bill Graham

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in the church in memory of Diane Ratcliffe requested by Edward and Joan Moran.

Friday Memorial Mass: *During the month of December, the 8:00 a.m. Memorial Masses will be offered for the souls of:* Andy & Anna Hudak, Nicholas & Leonarda Irmieri, Carmine DeVito, James & Margaret Ferry, Ray, Sally, & Maureen Deregibus, Theresa Ferry, Michael & Andreina Deregibus, Midge Chiesa, Donna Kaine, Edward & Margaret Earles, Earle Ryerson, Mary & Russell Zabriskie, Anne Kelly, Eugene Kelly, Mark Parsons, Victor Baksa, B. Kolodziej, Alice Kneringer, Anna & Joseph Nevatinski Sr., Anna Langowsky, Gene Seifried, John Lepari Jr., Charles Marzano, Sebastian & Josephine Commarato, Douglas Fantozzi, Louis & Victoria Tkach, Helen & John Kelly.

This Week at Our Parish

DATE/MINISTRY	TIME	PLACE
<u>Monday – Nov. 30</u>		
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	7:00 PM	Boardroom
<u>Tuesday – Dec. 1</u>		
CCD Classes Gr. 1 – 2 ONLY	4:00 – 5:00 PM	OLCA
CCD Gr. 3 – 8 Mandatory	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Church
Penance Service with parents		
<u>Wednesday – Dec. 2</u>		
Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:45 – 6:45 PM	Church
Adult Choir Practice	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Church
Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Boardroom
<u>Thursday – Dec. 3</u>		
Rainbows	6:30 – 7:30 PM	OLCA
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Seminar Room
St. Elizabeth's College Ministry Classes	7:00 PM	Boardroom
<u>Friday – Dec. 4</u>		
First Friday Adoration	8:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Church
<u>Sunday – Dec. 6 – Breakfast with Santa following 10:00 AM Mass @ OLCA Auditorium</u>		
Fr. Edward Beck (<i>See Billboard page</i>)	6:00 PM	Church

*Save
the Date...*
**OLC's Annual
 Beefsteak Dinner
 on
 Saturday Evening,
 January 23, 2010.
 Details to come!**

Stewardship of Time, Talent & Treasure Builds Our Parish

Who is a Parishioner?

A Parishioner is one who is registered and regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish and demonstrates their support, as reflected in the Parish Mission Statement,



A Message From Our Director of Stewardship...

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the Advent Season, the four week period between Thanksgiving & Christmas. Advent is a period of hope and renewal as we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ. The distractions of the season are also with us, i.e., shopping, gifts, and material things.

In St. Luke's Gospel today, Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant things in their daily lives but to be prepared for that final day. What changes would we make in our lives, if we knew when that final day will be? How would our priorities, relationships and daily life change?

Advent offers each of us a time to reflect on the choices we make in life and the direction of our lives. During the four weeks of Advent, a special candle is lit each week. Each candle is symbolic of an aspect of the Christmas message.

Week One:	The Candle of Hope (Purple)	Hope we have in Christ.
Week Two:	The Candle of Peace (Purple)	Peace angels proclaimed to the shepherds.
Week Three:	The Candle of Joy (Pink)	Joy found in life on earth through Jesus Christ.
Week Four:	The Candle of Love (Purple)	Love God's love for all humanity.
Christmas	The Christmas Candle (White)	Christ and His coming.

During the next four weeks, we have the opportunity to begin anew and invite Christ into our lives each and every day in our own special way. To paraphrase an old adage: ***Yesterday is gone and but a memory; the promise of tomorrow is yet to come; but today is here with all its opportunities, challenges, joys and sorrows.***

May God give each of us the grace and wisdom to live our lives to the best of our ability each day.

Blessed Advent Season!

Contributions Made Easy...

Save time, simplify your life, and support our parish! We're keeping up with the times by offering our parishioners a way to help our ministry. Our Electronic Checking/Credit Card program is an automated program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash!

Here is how it works...

You authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred from your checking/credit card account to the Parish account. You also choose the date of the monthly transfer, being with the 1st or 15th. It is fast, safe and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed, and the rate of accuracy is high. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING and you save the cost of the check. The parish will issue you a donation summary for your tax records, and bank and credit card statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Of course you can cancel your authorization of

transfer at any time by notifying the Business Office in writing. But we believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this program, you won't want to go back to the "conventional" way of contributing to our Church. *For applications please contact Mary Connolly in our Business Office at 973-839-6020.*

Our Lady of Consolation Collection:

Due to the early printing of the Bulletin, the collection for the weekend of November 22nd will appear in next week's bulletin.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES...if you do not receive your weekly printed offertory envelopes, please contact Joe Donnelly, Director of Stewardship, at 973-839-3444 X 17. Envelopes are sent Bi-monthly directly from Our Sunday Visitor, the envelope printer.

Registered Parishioner Households.....1000

FORMATION

“Go Therefore and

Our Lady of Consolation Academy...

The following students have achieved Honor Roll status for the 1st marking Period. Special congratulations to the following students:

Ellen Boyle, Christopher Hayden,
Chris Puntasecca and Angelina Zaccaria
for achieving A+ in every subject!!!

Visits to our school can be scheduled by calling Mrs. Cassel at 973-839-2323 or by e-mail to cdebow@olcademy.org

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to clip “Box Tops” off of your favorite General Mills brands products and place them into the collection boxes provided at the entrances to the church.

30
days of
thanks

a gift for you,
a gift for your school.

'Tis the season to give thanks! And as a special thanks to you for helping your school with Box Tops, we're giving away a gift a day for 30 days. Each day from November 16 to December 15, you can enter for a chance to win a gift basket filled with:

- a gift card to use at the Box Tops Marketplace, including many of your favorite online retailers
- learning supplies from My Class Essentials™
- a selection of your favorite Box Tops products

An extra bonus: each winner's school will receive 100 Bonus Box Tops!

brought to you by Box Tops brands such as:

go to btfe.com/30days
to enter daily, starting November 16th!

No purchase necessary. Sweepstakes valid 11/16/09 - 12/15/09.

A+ Bonus Bucks by Stop&Shop to help our school!
Every time you shop with your Stop & Shop card you'll earn A+ bonus bucks points for the school. These points add up to cash rewards for our school. Please sign up at Stop & Shop today to assist our school in fulfilling its

educational needs. If you have any questions, please call Tina Milne, V.P./HSA at 201-213-0706.

Religious Education...

CCD Outreach December 2009

We would like to spread holiday cheer by helping with the wish list for Eva's Shelter's provided by their administration during the month of December. We will be collecting their suggested items below.

Deodorant <i>(for men and women)</i>	Tooth brushes
Disposable razors	Toothpaste
Shaving cream	Soap
Hand lotion	Hats
Shampoo	Scarves
Warm Socks	Gloves

Please drop them in the bins labeled for this collection in the school lobby before or after schedule CCD classes this month. We will also be collecting these items during our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009. Containers will be in the church lobby for collection on this day.

Should you have any questions, please contact
Joel Lange - 973-616-1183.

Religious Ed...Fall Session...

Times are as follows:

Grades 1 – 54:00 – 5:00 PM

Grades 6 – 87:00 – 8:00 PM

All students attending the fall session should come prepared to class with a folder and pencils each week.

Attention ALL 8TH GRADERS:

▪“Weekly Mass” sign in is mandatory for all 8th graders. Sign in sheets will be located by the old organ alcove. Please remember to sign in each week.

▪8th Grade Mandatory Enrichment Session....

There will be an 8th grade enrichment session held on Sunday evening, November 29th @ 6:30 – 7:30 in the church. ALL 8th graders are **required to be in attendance and must sign in.** Following the session, will be Youth Activities at the Parish Center until 9:00 P.M. The evening's activity will be Video Game Night!

Religious Education Advent Penance Service

The Advent Penance service for grades 3 – 8 will be held on Tuesday, December 1 @ 7:00 PM in the church. Grades 3 – 8 will not attend regularly scheduled

classes but must attend the required Penance Service. A parent/adult MUST accompany their child. ONLY

grades 1 and 2 will have their regularly scheduled class from 4:00 – 5:00.

MINISTRIES

Teach All Nations”

Youth Ministry...

www.olcparish.org/YouthMinistry.html

Check out the new photos & videos added to website!!

SERVICE PROJECT

“Video Game Night”

Sunday, November 29th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, join our Youth Group for an amazing fun-filled night of “Rock Band,” “Karaoke,” “Dance, Dance Revolution,” “Wii,” and “Guitar Hero!” We’ll have prizes and refreshments! Bring a friend! 8th Graders



welcomed!!

TEENAGERS - PLEASE SIGN-IN FOR MASS

All 1st and 2nd Year Candidates are asked to PLEASE SIGN-IN AT MASS or bring back a bulletin from a church that you attended that is signed by priest and has your name and date on it!! PLEASE: NO PARENTS SIGNING IN FOR TEENS AND NO TEENS SIGNING- IN FOR ANYONE ELSE!!

SERVICE PROJECT & YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY



All high school teens from Our Lady of Consolation are invited to join us for our “Christmas Caroling Party and Service Project.” Meet at Terhune School **A. P. Terhune Elementary School** at 40 Geoffrey Way at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd with a \$10 donation to benefit the next World Youth

Pilgrimage. Also, please bring a homemade dessert, flashlight/flashing light, and a jingle bell. We will go “Christmas Caroling” in the Lionshead neighborhood from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We will then return to the Parish Center for a Christmas Dessert Party until 9:00 p.m. where you should be picked up. In the event of heavy rain, this event will be cancelled. Call 973-839-3444 ext. 13 for postponement notification. Must RSVP via Text Message to 201-264-6408 to reserve your spot by 12/1/9!!!

Is Catholicism Still Relevant?

Acclaimed speaker and author, Matthew Kelly, will tackle this question in a presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009 at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Sparta.

His audience is people of all ages, 12 years and up...parents and children, husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, single or married, young or old.

Youth Ministry...

SERVICE PROJECT - SANTA’S BREAKFAST

Help is needed in Setting up for the OLCA “Santa’s Breakfast” on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the OLCA Gym. Help is also needed at the OLCA “Santa’s Breakfast” on Sunday, December 5, 2009 from **10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** in the OLCA Gym. 8th Graders welcomed to help! You **Must Contact: Mrs. Nancy Holtje** 973-769-6747

CONFIRMATION FAITH SHARING SESSION

1st Year meets on Sunday, December 6th 7:30-9:00 p.m. Church – Bring Bibles!
2nd Year meets on Sunday, December 13th 7:30-9:00 p.m. Church – Bring Bibles!

SERVICE PROJECT

SORTING GIFTS FROM GIVING TREE

On Sunday, December 13th from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., teens are invited to help sort gifts donated by parishioners for our Giving Tree and take the tree down. 8th Graders welcomed! If interested, you must contact Mrs. Johnson at: 973-628-8847.

SERVICE PROJECT - MUSICIANS!

8th Graders, Teens, and Young Adults, Adults – You’re invited Sunday, December 13th from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to bring your instruments and voices for some Christian jamming in the church!!!



We’re going to learn a few church songs!

We’ll provide the music sheets, piano, tambourines, and microphones...You bring all other instruments!!! Bring sheet music for Christmas songs!

SERVICE PROJECT – BABYSIT KIDS WHILE PARENTS CHRISTMAS SHOP OR WRAP GIFTS:

On Monday, December 14, 2009 teens are needed to help babysit Kindergarten through 4th Graders from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will provide pizza, drink, and watch the movie “Home Alone” on a BIG screen. You MUST let Laura know if you’re coming so she orders enough pizza. L.Haftek@olcchurch.com \$10 per child will be collected to cover cost and left-over money will benefit our Youth Ministry Program. Children are welcomed to wear their Pajamas and bring a blanket or sleeping bag to use during the movie!! So are you!! 8th Graders welcomed to help babysit!

FREE SAT PREP SESSION

On Wednesday, December 2, 2009 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., a free SAT Prep session is being offered by a friend of

Laura's. (The instructor will accept a tip) Must RSVP TEXT by 11/22/09! Meet in the Youth Office.

First Sunday of Advent - The Gospel of Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

Reflection

Launching a new season of hope and renewal, we set out as Advent people, expecting great things. Remembering Christ's coming, acknowledging His presence and awaiting His return, we program ourselves for the weeks ahead. The days of Advent, in the words of Jeremiah, are days when the Lord fulfills His promise and invites us to begin anew, fixing our eyes on Jesus. Paul provides the framework with two wishes that we increase and overflow with love and be strengthened as a holy people.

Social Justice Ministry

**YOU CAN EITHER WATCH THINGS HAPPEN ~ OR
YOU CAN MAKE THEM HAPPEN!**



Terry Wovkanych



Margaret Garborino



Frank Gaccione



Paula & Michael Boudjouk

Taking a bag to fill with chicken and a vegetable for "Eva's Cook" ~



Andy Bertone



Geraldine Gillio



Cassie DeBow



Lydia Church

Returning filled bags of food used to prepare meals to feed 250 + people ~

To all of you who contributed—our parishioners, our children in the CCD Outreach Program, and OLC's Youth Ministry—we say thank you!

YOU MADE THINGS HAPPEN !!!

Outreach and Parish Life

“Whatsoever You Do to the Least of My Brothers and Sisters You Do Unto Me”

Health & Wellness News

The following information is presented by Our Lady of Consolation's Health & Wellness Committee

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

What is RSV?...

It is known as a lower airway virus thus being the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in young children up to the age of two years. Children older than two years usually only develop a simple cold. In babies/toddlers the symptoms start with fever, runny nose, and cough. It can develop into wheezing, thick mucus secretions in the nose, and noticed difficulty of breathing. The CDC states that only 1% to 2% of children require hospitalization and that most children recover in 8 to 15 days. However, large portions of those hospitalized are babies under that age of six months because their airways are so small. RSV is most common during late fall, winter and early spring months.

Diagnosis...

Diagnosis is done by a health professional obtaining the nasal mucous secretions and sending them to the lab to detect the infections.

Treatment: There is no real treatment for mild cases than to treat symptoms with over the counter medication such as Tylenol for the fever and use a bulb syringe to remove mucous from the nose especially before feedings. It is also important to make sure your baby gets lots of rest and clear fluids. In more severe cases the child may require oxygen therapy, anti-viral agents, and sometimes mechanical ventilation.

Prevention...

- Make sure everyone who touches your baby **WASHES THEIR HANDS** with soap and water for 30 seconds.

- Keep your baby away from those that are coughing and sneezing.
- Not allowing anyone who smokes to do so around your baby.
- Keeping your baby away from large crowds of people.

Outreach Ministry

Back by Popular Demand!

“Little Blue Books”...daily meditations for Advent Prayer and reflection are available at the church exits

Also...Parish Calendars are available at exits of the church. This year our calendars focus on ***Stewardship*** as we strive to strengthen our families and our OLC Parish families.

The Sunday Missal is here!

If you have not yet pick-up your Sunday Missal...you may do so at the parish center. The readings begin with the First Sunday of Advent, the new church year...this weekend, Nov. 28/29!

Senior News...



The Christmas Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the parish center catered by Bassingers. Payment of \$13.00 required by Bassingers.

Me? A Lazarus Minister??? Why not...
If you are retired, compassionate and willing to serve during a Funeral Mass – please consider becoming a Lazarus Minister. For information please call Kathleen and Charlie Ahearn at 973-696-7528.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please come and join us for our next meeting on ***Monday, November 30th in the Parish Center at 7:00***

PM. Experience the joy, love, and fellowship while we share our gift of knitting and crocheting for our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ who are in need of comfort, warmth, peace or healing. Spend some time with this dedicated group and get to know us...get to be inspired...come, be part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry!!!
All are welcome!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING...
will take place on Sunday, December 6
at the Parish Center from 8:45 AM until 12 Noon.

Life Happenings

In every season there is...

...a time to be healed...

Please pray for the sick of our parish, those who are imprisoned and all the intentions of our parishioners and friends, especially for: E. Salerno, Ray Block, Angela DiPasquale, Bonnie Perlman, Gary Chester, Alex Trajkovic, Frances Coccari, Annie Sweeney, Kenny Steinginga, Nicole DeBenedetto, Darnel Moore, Laura Knowles, Grace Roegler, Lorraine Buonocore, John Damato, Aidan Berges, Ryan Kelly, Anna Caso, Ted & Yolanda Zangari, Carol Maffia, Dorothy Rapp, Jackie Rowe, Anna Burian, Nicasia Block, Carol Warchola, Kathryn Brown, Paul Buckley, Linda Kneis, Tracy Wilkinson, Roger Weaving, Baby Jack Szemansco, Baby Vincent Accurso, Lisa Schanz, Lou Rocco, Jack Binder, Maria Perez, Barbara Coomber, Baby Casey Rose Wellins, Victoria Shemanski, Joan G. Cortese, Ernie Templeton, Mario Nicolella, Ann Simone, Susan Ver Hoven, Briana Kaba & Daniel Gaudreau, Joseph Macchiarelli, Charles Puglia, Tom Clare, Jean Clare, Nancy Leonard, Carla Ricciardi, Nicholas R., Anthony Tantalla, Kathleen Dees, Sr. Sylvia Berzinski, Carol Porter, Baby James Lucarelli, Jay Shunnara, Judy Schlosser, Deacon Joseph C. Crowley, Elsie Golden, Annett Pizzo, Eugene Hudak, Jody Giampietro, Frank Olandesi, Slater Nicole Schuler, Bill Golden & Kim Lee.

Receiving the Eucharist at Home...

If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is temporarily or permanently homebound and would like a visit and/or receive Holy Communion, we are willing to respond. Please let us know your situation by calling Harriett Peters at 973-839-8472.

...a time to love...

Last Saturday, Nov. 21st, Dina Marie DeMatteo and Raymond R. Limetti were married here at Our Lady of Consolation Church.

...a time to serve...

Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

Jordan Banery, Sgt. U.S. Army

Jason C. Benedict, Staff Sgt. USMC—Ryan J. Benedict, Staff Sgt. USMC

Tim Crowley, Lt. Col. USMC—Brian C. Franklin, SPC

Michael R. Enright, Lt. U.S. Army

Sgt. Don Gregorowicz, NJ National Guard—Christopher Gibbons, Tech Sgt., Air Force Reserve

Robert Griffin, Lance Corporal USMC – Thomas Hawn, Maj. USA

Vincent Sakos, USA Private First Class – Anthony Sama, 1st Lt. USMC

Michael Schuler, Maj. RI Natl. Guard—Scott A. Vander Hamm, Col., USA Air Force

David Vihonski, Lt. J.G., U.S. Coast Guard—Krystyna Vihonski, Ensign, U.S. Coast Guard

Daniel J. Wagner, Lt. U.S. Army—Christopher J. Yuskaitis, Major U.S. Army

**If you would like to add a name to our “Armed Forces Prayer List”,
call the Parish Center at 973-839-3444 X 10 or 11 and leave the name of your loved one.**

Council Meeting Dates - The following Council Meetings will take place the month of December 2009.

Pastoral Council Meeting – December 2
Stewardship Council Meeting – December 16



Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Dedication

The Sanctuary Lamp, located near the tabernacle, is a symbol of “The Light of Christ.” It burns continuously to remind visitors that Jesus is present in the tabernacle. A weekly donation for the Sanctuary Lamp commemorates the memory of a deceased family member or friend. The requested donation is \$10.00 a week.

Eucharistic Bread & Wine

We come together as a family and share the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ each week. Our vision is to teach our children and grandchildren the importance of sharing with our neighbors and friends the true Bread of Life. This is a great way to commemorate a special birthday, anniversary or other special event in our lives with our families and friends. With this contribution comes a weekly mention of your special commemoration in the bulletin. Families may participate in the Presentation of the Gifts during the Mass. The requested donation is \$25.00 a week.

Memorial Candle & Plaque at the Shrine of St. Jude or the Blessed Mother

As a memorial to a loved one or in the name of your family, you may dedicate a candle and plaque in appreciation to the Blessed Mother or St. Jude. The requested donation is \$100.00 for one year.

Building Improvements & Beautification

Our goal is to embrace the true sense of home for all who come to our Parish. If you have a special intention and would like to donate to the improvement and development of our buildings and grounds please contact Fr. Michael to discuss the current projects under way and those planned for the future.

Youth Ministry Memorial Scholarship & Donations

We would like to establish an annual scholarship to recognize a high school graduate/s for their outstanding leadership offered by sharing their time and talent to our parish. Monies donated would help offset their college tuition and other expenses. Memorial donations would be utilized to help build this scholarships fund, or have an entire Memorial Scholarship named after a loved one, or to be used as general contributions to help support our growing Youth Ministry Program at Our Lady of Consolation. Please contact Laura Haftek for more information.

If you would like to memorialize a loved one in any of the ways explained above, please fill out the tear-off sheet and clearly indicate your choice below. Return this form with your check, and the appropriate donation, to the parish center or call at 973-839-3444, extension 10 or 11.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Intention of: _____

“Or”

In Memory of: _____

Memorial: Sanctuary Lamp Dedication - Week Requested: _____

- Eucharistic Bread & Wine - Week Requested: _____
- Memorial Candle & Plaque
- Building Improvements & Beautification
- Youth Ministry Memorial Scholarship & Donations

B i l l b o a r d

Advent Spiritual Opportunities Mark Your Calendar !

December 5/6 - Father Edward L. Beck, C.P. will preach at each Mass on this weekend and give a reflection at 6:00 PM on Sunday in the church. Fr. Beck is a Roman Catholic priest of the Passionist religious community. He has conducted retreats and workshops on Spirituality nationally and internationally and is Religion Contributor for ABC NEWS. Father Beck is also the Executive Producer and Host of *The Sunday Mass*, which airs nationally each week. Websites of interest are:

www.abcnews.com/gma/spirituality and
www.TheSundayMass.org

December 13 – Ray Boswell a renowned Potter, Teacher and Artist will join us at 3:00 PM in the afternoon. We invite families of all ages to attend and experience his unique way of imparting God’s message through his creative use of the potter’s wheel and Scripture.

PARENTS: NEED TIME TO CHRISTMAS SHOP OR WRAP WITHOUT KIDS AROUND?

On Monday, December 14, 2009 our teens will babysit Kindergarten - 4th Graders from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will provide pizza, drink, and watch the movie “Home Alone” on a BIG screen. You MUST reply by email with number of kids we should expect so we can order pizza. L.Haftek@olcchurch.com \$10 per child will be collected to cover cost and left-over money will benefit our Youth Ministry Program. Children are welcomed to wear their Pajamas and bring a blanket or sleeping bag to use during the movie!!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULING for LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & USHERS

Scheduling has now started for the **Christmas Season**. If you are a Reader or Eucharistic Minister and would like to serve at a specific Mass or an **usher/greeter** who would like to serve at a specific mass, please notify Gene as soon as possible.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses:

Christmas Eve, December 24th,
Thursday: 4 PM, 6 PM and 11 PM.
Christmas Day, December 25th,
Friday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 NOON.

New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day Masses:
New Year’s Eve Vigil, December 31st, Thursday: **5 PM.**
New Year’s Day, January 1st, Friday: **9 AM.**
Call Gene at **973-839-3444 x22** or
email Gene at g.kelley@olcchurch.com

The scheduling will be done on a **first come, first serve basis**. Thank you.

Young Adult Ministry...

Holy Grounds” A Coffeehouse gathering of young married couples. (20’s and 30’s) Our first meeting was such a success we decided to do it again. Come join us for an evening of sharing and socializing in the Parish Center Meeting Room.



- We’re planning an “After-Christmas” party with a tentative date of January 9th. Bring along a pot-luck dish for sharing. Rewrap and bring that Christmas gift that you didn’t really like and hopefully you’ll be able to trade-up for a better gift. More info to follow.....
- Also save the date for Saturday evening January 23rd. We’d like to have several tables for the Parish Beefsteak Dinner.

Do **you** sometimes feel the need to nurture **your** own Catholic faith? Do you sometimes feel that you need to do something for yourself?

OLC’s Young Adult Ministry may be the answer to that call. Young Adult Ministry is for those in their 20’s and 30’s, married or single and provides activities such as Theology on Tap and other spiritual, personal enrichment, service and social activities. If you are interested in a multi-faceted ministry, join us and see what it is all about. For more information, questions, or comments contact Jeff & MaryAnn Miller at (973)305-0350 or jefmil@msn.com

Young Adult Retreat “ 24 Hours with God”
December 4th 7pm -December 5th 7pm at the Quellen Retreat Center in Mendham, NJ Cost is \$55.00 which includes retreat materials, overnight accommodations and meals. Saturday evening Mass also included. Contact Sr. Mariette Therese for questions and to register 908-352-4278 or SrMariette@aol.com

Coming Soon..... Theology on Tap!.. ... Save the month of January... Don't make any plans..... Monday nights in Pompton Lakes... Tuesday nights in Morristown... Wednesday nights in Paramus... Thursday nights in Little Falls. A diversity of topics.. A diversity of

speakers... and a diversity of locations...More info to follow....

FYI...Our New Hymnals, Breaking Bread 2010, now include the readings which are found in the Missalette.

B i l l b o a r d

Winter Semester of G.I.F.T.

Growing in Faith and Theology



The planning committee for G.I.F.T., which stands for Growing in Faith and Theology, is pleased to announce the courses to be offered in the Winter Semester of 2010. Nine adult religious education courses will be offered in January and February at St. Mary's Carnevale Center, 10 Lenox Ave, Pompton Lakes NJ. Most courses are four consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning January 28 from 7:45pm to 9:15pm unless otherwise noted. Our upcoming course titles and their instructors include:

Course A. *American and Catholic*, Msgr. Raymond Kupke Ph.D;. Thursdays

**Course B. *Distinctively Catholic: An Exploration of What Makes Us Catholic*
Kieran Scott, Ph.D; Thursdays**

Course C. *A Preacher Looks at 40* Fr. Francis Gunn, OFM; Wednesdays

Course D. *The Orderly Account: Luke* Fr. Charles Parr, Ph.D.; (3 Thursday mornings)

**Course E. *A Survey of Sacred Scripture: Introduction the Hebrew Scriptures*,
Linda Baratte Ph.D. ; Thursdays**

**Course F. *The Geography of the Holy Land: The Fifth Gospel* Fr. Lawrence Boadt,; CSP, Ph.D
Thursdays**

Course G. *Retreat Day: Beholding the Face of God, Sponsored the Christian*

Spirituality Institute of Seton Hall University Sat. Feb. 20th 8:45AM to 4PM

Course H. *Surprise! Guess Who's Coming to Town!*, Rev. Phil Latronico, Wednesdays

**Course I. *en Español! Los Sacramentos: Encuentros Sagrados con el Dios Vivo*
Father Luigi Zanotto, MCCJ, Ph.D.**

The registration fee for each course is \$30 per person. For full course descriptions and to download the registration form, visit www.stmarys-pompton.org (or insert your parish's website) *Catholic school teachers, parish Rel. Ed. and Youth Ministry catechists pay a reduced fee of \$20 per person, per course.* To register: Drop off or send a completed registration form with a check made payable to GIFT in an envelope marked **GIFT** to any one of the GIFT parish offices. ***To register online please go to registration.stmarys-pompton.org***

GIFT is a collaborative Adult Religious Education program sponsored by Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Our Lady of Holy Angels Church, Holy Cross Church, Holy Spirit Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Our Lady of Consolation Church, Our Lady of the Magnificat Church, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, St. Anthony Church, St. Francis Church, St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary's Church. All are welcome!