

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

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Telephones

Parish Center: 973.839.3444 / Fax: 973.839.9695
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Friday : 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 13, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 14TH to December 20TH:

		<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Catherine & Walter Switay James Healey	Daughter, Mae Switay Jeryl Maglio
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Alexander Latzoni Edward Bruno	Friends of the family Jeryl Maglio
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass	Marge Seifried
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Gene Seifried Adam T. Sowa Sr. Lillian Bunting Nicholas Vaglica	His wife Susan & John McGorty Ruth & Fred Vlamynck
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Geraldine Puntasecca Douglas Fantozzi Fannie & Frank Weber	Her Family Barbara & Cosmo Fantozzi Sharon & Frank Weber
	10:00 a.m.	Frances, Frank, & Richard Warner Carmen DeLorenzo Joseph Schatteman Jr.	Doris Lepari DeLorenzo Family
	12:00 p.m.	Anne B. Goralski, 1 st Anniversary Maria Cornetto Christopher Marra Lawrence Pustay	Mary Jane & Bill Mietlowski Louise Cioffi The Family The Family

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 Irmiere, 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
Monday - Dec. 14		
Giving Tree Gifts to Be Sorted	6:00 PM	Church
Lady Hibernians	7:00 PM	Seminar Room
Tuesday - Dec. 15		
OLC ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE IN CHURCH AT 7:00 PM		
CCD Classes Gr. 1 – 5	4:00 – 5:00 PM	OLCA
CCD Gr. 6 – 8	7:00 – 8:00 PM	OLCA
Amity Board Meeting	6:30 PM	Boardroom
Wednesday - Dec. 16		
Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:45 – 6:45 PM	Church
Adult Choir Practice	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Church
Stewardship Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Boardroom
New Journey Club Mtg. (Widow/Widowers)	7:00 - 9:00 PM	School Aud.
Thursday - Dec. 17		
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Seminar Room
St. Elizabeth's College Ministry Classes	7:00 PM	Boardroom
Friday - Dec. 18		
Friday Adoration	8:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Church

<p>Envelopes for...</p> <p>Christmas Flowers & Christmas Donations are available at both entrances of the church.</p>

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 Pastoral Associate...

Dear Parishioners,

The third Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on the spirit of joyfulness. Are you feeling joyful yet? All the readings are full of joy and happy expectation. In the Gospel reading, John the Baptizer preaches good news to the people, and they are filled with joyful anticipation for whatever God is about to do.

Are you feeling joyful yet?? Has your heart been opened to the real meaning of the season? We are called and invited to be a joyful people, and bring that joy to others. How does this affect our lives as we busy around preparing for the feast of Christmas? Jesus the Christ comes to bring us Joy, Hope, Peace! Are we ready to receive these gifts and share them with those who harbor darkness, despair, and distress?

Life is hard!...we heard Fr. Beck say last week. Yet, many men and women chose religious life, a life of prayer and service to bring the good news of God's love, forgiveness and grace. Through the traditions and charisms of the many religious communities, sisters, brothers, and priests have accomplished and continue to accomplish many incredible things.

This weekend is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of elderly religious and their communities rely on our help. Because they worked for little or no compensation for so long, they do not have the resources to support their care in later life. Yet they continue to rejoice in the Lord and trust in his providence.

Let us find the joy in our hearts to respond to this request for necessary resources.

May God continue to bless us with a joyful spirit.

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:

Collection December 6, 2009 \$ 21,822.50
(Includes CC & EFT)
Collection Year to Date \$ 382,416.00

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.....1003
New Registered Households November 2009.....5

FORMATION

“Go Therefore and

Our Lady of Consolation Academy...

Congratulations to the following graduates of Our Lady of Consolation Academy who have achieved Honor Roll in our Catholic High Schools for the first marking period.

Immaculate Heart Academy...

Margherite Domicolo '11

DePaul Catholic...

First Honors:

Colin Dodds '11 Kirsten Dodds '12
Brain Zurita '12

Second Honors:

Ryan Kehoe '11 Kelly Dickinson '13

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

AVERY KIX Green Giant Hefty The Helper CAPRIANO JUICY JUICE GUSTO

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

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

Religious Education...

Christmas Break for CCD...

Our last class for CCD before the Christmas break will be Tuesday, December 15th. Evening students (grades 6 – 8) will attend their regularly scheduled classes in the school.

Attention Grades 1 – 5 CCD Parents

Tues. December 15th Class to be held at Church!!!

Please note that we will hold our last class before Christmas break (Tuesday, Dec. 15th) **at the church** where the students will be seeing a Christmas movie.

Please drop off and pick up at the church only.

No afternoon classes will be held in the school on this day for grades 1 – 5. Parents are welcome to attend. Thank you!

CCD will begin again in the New Year on Tuesday, January 5th, 2010. Many blessings to all this Advent season!

CCD Outreach December 2009

We will be collecting their suggested items below.

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

Please drop them in the bins labeled for this collection in the school lobby before or after schedule CCD classes this month. Should you have any questions, please contact Joel Lange - 973-616-1183.

SECOND GRADE NEWS...

Pictures Needed for 1st Reconciliation- All 2nd graders are asked to send a headshot 2" x 2" picture in to their teacher by February 2nd, 2010. Please label the back with their name.

Note: Pictures will not be returned.

Parent Reminder – There will be a required 1st Eucharist parent meeting on Monday, January 11th, 2010 @ 7:00 PM in the church.

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.

Inclement Weather Advisory

In case of bad weather, please remember that we follow the township school closing agenda. Therefore, if public school is closed on a Tuesday, we will not have CCD that day. If the weather should turn bad during school hours and we need to cancel CCD classes, you will be notified through our Religious Ed phone chain or please call 973-839-2428 for a recorded message.

MINISTRIES

Teach All Nations”

Youth Ministry...

www.olcparish.org/YouthMinistry.html

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

CONFIRMATION FAITH SHARING SESSION

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

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

SORTING GIFTS FROM GIVING TREE



On Monday, December 14th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 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 – 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@olchurch.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! MUST CONTACT LAURA!!

SERVICE PROJECT

DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Teens are needed to help decorate our church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 23rd. Time to be determined. 8th Graders welcomed!

Must Contact: Kim Manza 973-945-3222.

Youth Ministry...

TEENAGERS - PLEASE SIGN-IN FOR MASS

All 1st and 2nd Year Candidates are asked to PLEASE SIGN-IN AT MASS. Please sign with full name, not just initials!! You are expected to stay for ENTIRE MASS. Please bring back a bulletin from a visiting 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!!

AN INVITATION...

If there is anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day, Laura Haftek invites you to join her and her family as they celebrate at their home! Arrangements can be made for someone to pick you up at 1:00 and bring you back home early evening. Call Laura at: 201-264-6408.

SENIOR CITIZEN "BUCKET LIST"

Stop putting your dreams off for "someday" . . . Take inspiration from the movie "The Bucket List" and ask yourself: If I had one year left to live, what have I always wanted to do, but never did? Teens in the Our Lady of Consolation Youth Group would love for you to write a list of 25 things you want to do before you complete your life here on earth. (examples: Be on Oprah, Get Your Entire Family together for a Family Photo, Have a Reunion with Someone, Do stand-up comedy, Write a children's book, Go camping, Fly a Kite, Ride an ATV, Learn how to salsa dance, Witness a Baby being born, Sky Dive, Catch a Fish, Take an Alaskan Cruise, See the Pyramids in Egypt, go on a Safari). Please submit your Bucket List with your name and phone number on it to Laura Haftek – Youth Minister by January 1, 2010. Maybe, just maybe, we can try to help you scratch a few things off your list, if not, we'll enjoy reading about your dreams!!!



Third Sunday of Advent - The Gospel of Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

Reflection

This time of the year, when the word "giving" takes on so many meanings all of us should pause to consider great gifts. The first is the gift of God sending His son to live among us, because of our needs. In prayer I offer my expression of gratitude for Him and for everything I have. It is all gift. The second gift is my response to our generous God, returning something of myself, in prayer to Him and in service to others. I turn to those in need of loving hands, a listening heart, and supporting smile or some material help. My gift can be expressed in countless ways and its valued enhanced when I make it my expression of gratitude. A modern spiritual writer expressed it this way: "Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

Social Justice Ministry

EVA'S COOK

November 15, 2009



Smiling Faces of Stewardship



Fifteen fellow parishioners found happiness in serving!



Thank You!

Health & Wellness News

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



Carpal Tunnel

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is a painful progressive condition, which occurs when the median nerve, which runs from the forearm into the hand, becomes pressed or squeezed at the wrist. The median nerve controls sensations to the palm side of the thumb and fingers (but not the little finger). The carpal tunnel is a narrow, rigid passageway of ligament and bones at the base of the hand and thickening from irritated tendons or other swelling narrows the tunnel and causes the median nerve to be compressed.

Symptoms usually begin gradually without a specific injury. Numbness, tingling, and pain in the hand are common. The thumb side of the hand most usually is involved. Symptoms at night are common and may awaken you from sleep. During the day symptoms frequently occur with holding a phone, reading or driving. Symptoms may occur at any time. Moving or shaking the hands often helps decrease symptoms. Initially symptoms come and go, but over time they may become constant. A feeling of clumsiness or weakness can make delicate motions like buttoning buttons difficult and may cause you to drop things.

The actual cause is unknown in most people. Carpal tunnel syndrome is more common in women. In women the fluid retention that occurs during pregnancy may cause symptoms, but those will frequently go away after delivery. Carpal tunnel syndrome becomes more common as we grow older and seems to affect people with certain conditions such as diabetes, thyroid conditions and rheumatoid arthritis more frequently. It is often the result of a combination of factors that increase pressure on the median nerve and tendons in the carpal tunnel rather than a problem with the nerve itself. Most likely the disorder is due to a congenital predisposition—the carpal tunnel is simply smaller in some people than in others. **Other contributing factors include trauma or injury to the wrist that causes swelling such as sprain or fracture, problems in the wrist joint, work stress, repeated use of vibrating hand tools, or the development of a cyst or tumor in the canal.**

Treatment for carpal tunnel syndrome should begin as early as possible, under a doctor's direction. Underlying causes such as diabetes or arthritis should be treated first. Initial treatment generally involves resting the affected hand and wrist for at least two weeks, avoiding activities that may worsen symptoms, and immobilizing the wrist in a splint to avoid further damage from twisting or bending. Cool packs and anti-inflammatory drugs can provide immediate, temporary relief. Other medications may be prescribed. Stretching and strengthening exercises may be helpful. If symptoms last for six months or more, doctors may recommend surgery to reduce pressure on the median nerve. Recurrence of carpal tunnel syndrome is rare. The majority of patients recover completely.

To prevent workplace-related carpal tunnel syndrome, workers can do on-the-job conditioning, perform stretching exercises, take frequent rest breaks, wear splints to keep wrists straight, and use correct posture and wrist position. Wearing fingerless gloves can help keep hands warm and flexible.

Outreach Ministry

Senior News...

Next OLC Seniors Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. Happy Holidays!

Monthly Food Collections...

Our “monthly food collection” for Our Lady of Victories, Paterson is held on the third weekend of the month. We appreciate your donation of non-perishable food items and/or food certificates as well. If you wish to make a donation of food certificates, you may do so in denominations of \$10, \$15 & \$25 from local supermarkets e.g. Stop & Shop, A & P and Shop Rite in lieu of or in addition to the food items. **Please remember...**Food gift cards are also used for parish families or anyone in the area who comes to us for assistance. They may be dropped off at the Parish Center anytime during the month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will **not** meet during the month of December. We will meet again on the last Monday of the month in January 2010 at the parish center, **weather permitting.**

This ministry presents an opportunity for members to knit or crochet. Anyone interested in finding out about this ministry is welcome to attend our next meeting in the “New Year”. Please call us for information at 973-839-3444 ext. 10 or 11.

► **The Sunday Missal Orders!** If you have not yet picked-up your Sunday Missal...you may do so at the parish center.

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.

Rainbows for God’s Children

The “**RAINBOWS FOR GOD’S CHILDREN**” has concluded for this semester. The next semester of the Rainbow’s Program will begin in the New Year on Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at OLCA. If you are interested in finding out more information about the program or would like to register for the upcoming semester please call Nancy Przetak 973-831-0398 or Sr. Arlene 973-839-3444, ext. 16.

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, Annett Pizzo, Eugene Hudak, Jody Giampietro, Frank Olandesi, Slater Nicole Schuler, Kim Lee, Semi Calimeri & Robert Fontinel.

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 die...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eugenio Rocco, husband of Rosa of this parish.

...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.*

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

BILLBOARD



The Giving Tree

REMINDER the Giving Tree gifts for the children of Our Lady of Victories **must be returned to OLC by this weekend December 12 – 13.** PLEASE be prompt with bringing your gift that weekend (we don't want any child to be disappointed!). **AND Please use the ornament as your label for the gift** (these are needed to aid in sorting the gifts for delivery).

If you missed getting an ornament please feel free to contribute a gift anyway! We have many other children to help too...just mark the package to indicate the appropriate gender/age the gift is geared toward. **The gifts will be sorted and prepared for delivery on Monday evening, December 14th beginning at 6:00 PM.** If you have a little time to offer your help in this process, **we welcome that extra contribution!**

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!!

Vocations Discernment Weekend for young men 15-25.

"Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Legend tells us that Saint Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. We know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. What is the Father's will for you? **Quo Vadis Days** are a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion to help you explore our Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, etc.), hiking, games, bonfires, recreation and sports (soccer, capture the flag, volleyball, swimming, ultimate frisbee, flag football), talks, great food and discussions. **A time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will.** It will be held Sunday morning, July 18th thru Wednesday evening, July 21, 2010, at the Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center in Ringwood, New Jersey. The cost is free. For more information and/or registration, contact Fr. Thomas Fallone, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Paterson, NJ at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711 or vocationdirector@patersondiocese.org



In the event of inclement weather...the Parish Center will follow the OLCA school closing notification. **Therefore, if OLCA School is closed for bad weather the Parish Center Offices will also be closed that day.**

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

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.....

SAVE THE DATE...

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

BEEFSTEAK DINNER

DATE: Saturday, January 23, 2010
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: OLC Academy Auditorium
1799 Hamburg Tpke. Wayne
PRICE: \$40 per person

Music and Dancing



Catering by Nightingale
BEER & SODA INCLUDED
BYOB

BILLBOARD

G.I.F.T. Winter Semester 2010 Course Spotlight



The Following is one of nine courses offered in the GIFT 2010 Winter Semester at Mary's Carnevale Center, 10 Lenox Ave. in Pompton Lakes..

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

Thursdays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18 • 7:45PM

This course revisits the Roman Catholic tradition and seeks to know it "again... for the first time" (TS Eliot). It proposes four basic characteristics of a Catholic identity: a sacramental imagination, a community of unity and diversity, the integration of faith and reason, and a unique organizational design. Each evening will explore in depth one of these principles and disclose how each contributes to the shaping of our Catholic identity.

Dr. Kieran Scott is a professor in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fordham University. He completed his doctoral studies at Columbia University, NY. His expertise is in Ecclesiology, Foundational Theology, Adult Faith Formation and Curriculum Theory. His recent published books include *Perspectives in Marriage* and *Sexuality in the Roman Catholic Tradition*.

To register: To view or download all nine of the GIFT Winter Semester 2010 course offerings to go www.stmarys-pompton.org (or use your parish web-address). Course fee is \$30 per person. Catholic school teachers, parish Rel. Ed. and Youth Ministry catechists pay a reduced fee of \$20 per person, per course **To register online go to registration.stmarys-pompton.org** or drop off or send a completed registration form with a check made payable to GIFT in an envelope marked **GIFT** to a the parish offices. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish center.

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.