

***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**

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***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 Ratzel 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.

## *FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 20, 2009*

### *Mass Intentions for the Week of December 21<sup>ST</sup> to December 27<sup>TH</sup>:*

		<u><i>Intention:</i></u>	<u><i>Requested by:</i></u>
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Paul Lauro Jerh & Mary Twomey Dennis & Sheila O'Connor	Susan Lauro John & Niora O'Connor John & Nora O'Connor
<i>Thursday, Christmas Eve</i>	4:00 p.m.	Vito & Dominic Catalano Concetta & John Catalano Luigi & Carmela Fiorentino Lori Howantiz	Mr. & Mrs. A. Fiorentino " " " " " " " " The Family
	6:00 p.m.	Carmen DeLorenzo Leonard Kowalczyk Sally & Louis DeMarzio	Kowalczyk Family Dee & John Giaquinto & Family
	11:00 p.m.	Edward McCarthy Daniel & Mary Kelleher	McCarthy Family McCarthy Family
<i>Friday, Christmas Day</i>	8:00 a.m.	Frances & Carlo Meo Maria Alli Albert Rebasti	Petricko Family Her Family Rebasti Family
	10:00 a.m.	Sebastian & Josephine Commarato John Lepari Jr. Thomas Zalusky	Jim & Frances Nash Doris Lepari His wife, Pamela
	12:00 p.m.	Raymond Cassel	The Family
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Gene Seifried Joseph Meringer Louis Winum John McNally Regina DeBernardo	Marge Seifried Arlene Meringer Daughter & Family Eleanor Moran The Lange4 Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Cranage Dean & Christine Dean	Frank & Sharon Weber
	10:00 a.m.	Sue Selawsky Joseph Miller Mary & Lawrence McGinnia Dominick Manieri	Donna Corsaro & Brian Drzal Donna Corsaro Doris Lepari Sr. Arlene Kollar
	12:00 p.m.	Jerry & Dolores Turco Ann Marchese Gertrude Moore Leo Gioia	Jeryl Turco Co-Workers @Medicare Paul & Claudia Gabbianelli Joseph Gioia

***Friday Memorial Mass: During the month of January, 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***

**Please Note the Parish Center "CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY" schedule...**

- ☛ **Mon., Dec 21, Tues., Dec. 22, Wed., Dec. 23 – Office Open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
- ☛ **Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve. - Office closed**
- ☛ **Fri., Dec. 25 Christmas Day – Office Closed (NOTE: NO Adoration on Fri. Dec. 25)**
- ☛ **Mon., Dec. 28, Tues., Dec. 29, Wed., Dec. 30 – Office Open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
- ☛ **Thurs., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve. - Office closed**
- ☛ **Fri., Jan. 1 New Year's Day – Office Closed (NOTE: NO Adoration on Fri. Jan. 1)**

**PARISH CENTER OFFICES WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010.**

## 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 Deacon John...*

Dear Parishioners,

Several nights ago as I was watching a TV news program with my wife, I remarked to her that it is a troubled world outside. I noticed that some people are ramping up hateful rhetoric against national and world leaders. We have those who want to eliminate whole nations, with weekly or even daily terror threats, acts of violence and the like.

In this country we have leaders on the state and national levels who struggle to craft legislation for the greater good of our citizens and nation, but the process is highly politicized with much rancor and divisiveness on all sides.

*An then it hit me like a "bolt out of the blue"...*

*When was the last time we actually prayed for our national and world leaders? When was the last time we asked Almighty God to give the people who govern us the wisdom and knowledge to make good decisions and put politics aside.*

This is the Christmas Season, and we should be thinking of the coming of Jesus, the Savior of our world. But wouldn't it be a great gift to those who govern us and others around the world, a flood of prayers to God for guidance in their decision making? Remember that picture of George Washington we saw in our high school history books, of his kneeling in the snow in the cold of winter, and asking for God's guidance?

How about a New Year's Resolution—to say a prayer or two daily for our elected officials in Trenton and Washington, DC that as we await the Lords birth, their hearts and ours may be filled with God's wisdom and grace.

Pax Christi,

## Deacon John Schuler

### ***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 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 13, 2009      \$ 19,947.00***  
***(Includes CC & EFT)***  
***Collection Year to Date                      \$ 402,363.00***

**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...

Our Lady of Consolation Academy offers Pre-Kindergarten classes for three and four year olds – half and full day, primary grades one through four, and a separate middle school education for grades five through eight.

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

It's 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 1 to December 31, 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** **Ziploc** **Wilton** **Lucy Juice** **Coors**

go to [btfe.com/30days](http://btfe.com/30days)  
to enter daily, starting November 15th!

No purchase necessary. Sweepstakes ends 12/31/09. ©2009

**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...

### Second Grade News...

- **Pictures Needed for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation-** All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are asked to send a headshot 2" x 2" picture in to their teacher by February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Please label the back with their name. **Note:** Pictures will not be returned.
- **1/3/10 @ 10:00 Mass-all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to participate on the altar during the Eucharistic prayer. Please have your child sign in.**
- **3/4/10 @ 6:15 P.M.-First Reconciliation @ church**
- **Jesus Day – Saturday, March 13, 2010 - Payments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Jesus Day Retreat are now being accepted. Amount due is \$20.00 made payable to OLC Religious Education. Please send in with the bottom portion of the flyer that was mailed home.**
- **Parent Reminder – There will be a required 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist parent meeting on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 7:00 PM in the church.**

## CCD Outreach January 2010

**Turning trash into treasure.**  
**FREE items to collect and bring to class to help our community.**

Our January project is a recycling effort. We will be collecting tab tops and coffee cans throughout the month. The tab tops will be recycled by a facility in exchange for funds that will be used to purchase needed items to stock their shelves. The coffee cans are of great use to them when separating bulk items for pantry distribution to those in need.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joel Lange in the evenings at 973-616-1183

**Attention ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:** “Weekly Mass” sign in is mandatory for all 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



Merry Christmas and  
may your New Year be  
**MINISTRIES**  
Teach All Nations”

filled with many blessings!

*Karen Guco*

**Youth Ministry...**



May you have a  
blessed Christmas  
and a Happy Healthy  
New Year!!

*Laura* ☺

**SERVICE PROJECT  
DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

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

**Must Contact:** Kim Manza 973-945-3222.

**Teen Witnesses who attended  
the National Catholic Youth Conference – Part I:**

**Katie Bain, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade at DePaul** - “I will not go home the same person after NCYC. I have never been to a gathering like this. It was truly amazing to see over 20,000 Catholic teenagers who were all brought up with the same beliefs! My faith has truly been inspired by this opportunity to worship so freely. I am a better Catholic, but more importantly, a better person after attending NCYC.”

**Kelsey Behnken, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade at WVHS** - “On Friday morning, we participated in ‘adoration’ for the first time in our lives. We really didn’t even know what it was but, Laura, gathered in an area where she explained in terms that we could understand of this Catholic tradition of giving devotion to the Eucharist, a blessed sacrament. While Steve Agrisano was singing, she asked us to stand, close our eyes, open our arms, and just feel Christ’s presence and nothing else. I felt feelings of hope, love, and belief in a place where everyone wanted to be close to Christ. It was absolutely incredible to hold my hands out and pray. I felt butterflies in my stomach!”

**Melissa Behnken, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade at WVHS** - “NCYC has changed me forever! I have never felt closer to my family, friends, and most importantly, God. Through song and dance, I felt God. In the past, I have learned about God and always had faith, but I hadn’t ever FELT God. This amazing opportunity has changed me!”

**Sergei Church, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade at DePaul** - “I was never to Kansas City before, so it was a new city to experience and who better to explore it with than Jesus! The teenagers singing, dancing, and chanting praises for the

Lord is what I’ll remember most about NCYC, in addition to dressing up like a corn on the cob to represent the Garden State of New Jersey. Without the Lord, I never would have been given the opportunity to have such a memorable time.”

**Youth Ministry...**

**Matthew Conrado, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade @ WHHS** - “Being at NCYC was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I met so many teens that I bonded with because we shared a common faith without being judged.”





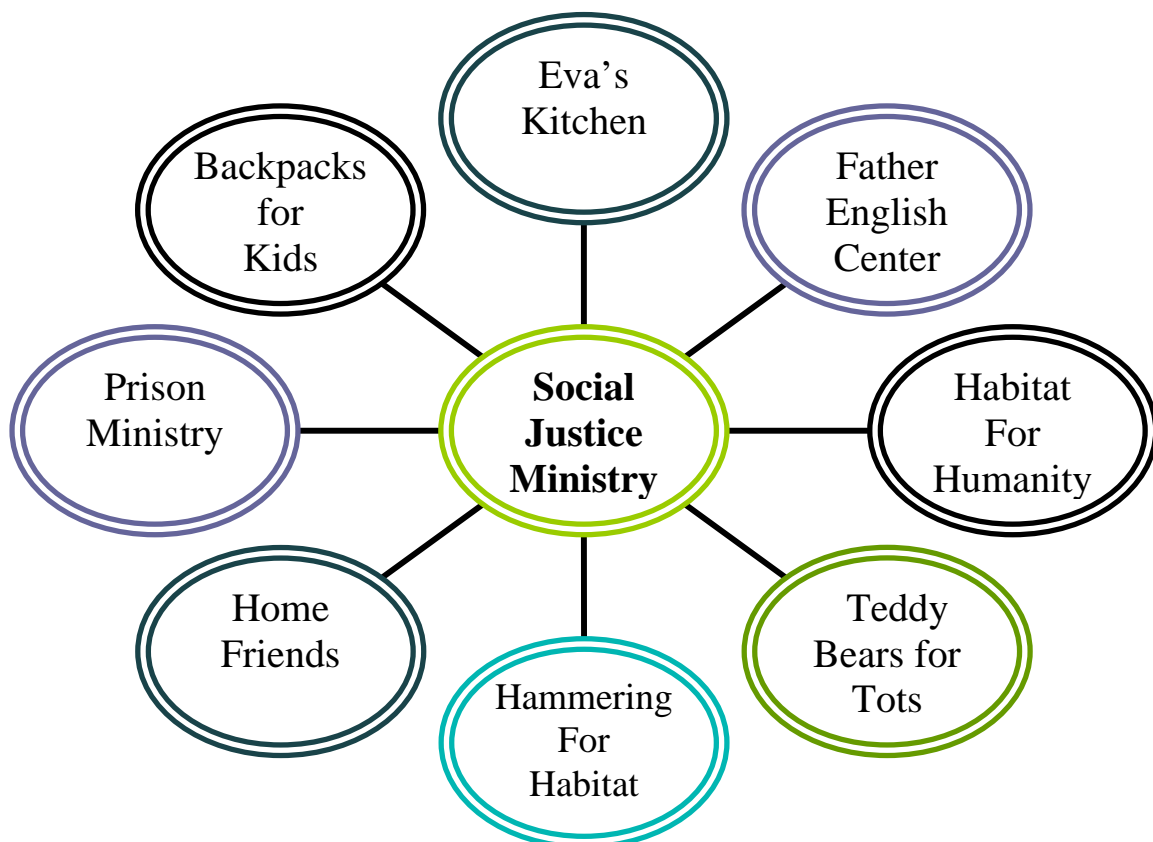
### *Third Sunday of Advent - The Gospel of Luke 1:39-45*

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

### *Reflection*

**"Mary set out, proceeding in haste into the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth... 'But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?.. Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled.'" Before we imitate Mary with our holiday visits, let's spend a moment reflecting on this journey, the visit and the gift. In the days ahead traditional visits of family will be part of our lived experience. Gifts of presence and presents will be shared, and a certain joy, peace and oneness will prevail. Luke tells us that Mary hurried to Elizabeth. Following the most important announcement and acceptance, Mary became the first evangelizer after Gabriel. The dialogue which has become part of our daily prayer provides a great question which we adapt for ourselves. "But who am I that Christ should come to me?" It makes me ask about the Lord's coming to me in 2009, my readiness and my worthiness. How ready am I to receive Him?**

## Social Justice Ministry





2009

The Social Justice Ministry would like  
to wish you a Blessed Christmas!

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



It is impossible to live without some stress in your life. The goal is to learn how to manage it. Stress can be **positive** or **negative**, but the body’s response will determine your physical and emotional well-being.

The physical changes your body makes in response to a **threat** or **stress** situation is sometimes called “**fight or flight**” response. During this response, body chemicals trigger...

- Increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Rapid breathing
- Increased sweating
- A sudden rush of strength
- Slowed digestion
- Dilated pupils

For our ancestors, these reactions prepared them for survival by either fighting a danger or running away from it. Today the body reacts the same way, but the situation usually does not call for this extreme response. The response is not cause for alarm if it is temporary and infrequent. It becomes a health problem if it keeps you in an aroused state for a long period of time.

It is important to recognize your body’s response to stress and to learn how to relax. Paying attention to the following signals is a major step in reducing stress...

**anxiety, chronic headaches, insomnia, irritable bowel syndrome and hypertension are some stress related symptoms.**

One of the best relaxation techniques is the practice of abdominal breathing. Daily practice will help you maintain the skill to reduce the negative stress on your body.

#### Tips to manage stress:

- Find out the causes of stress in your life and notice your reaction to the stress.
- Identify areas of your life that you can change to eliminate or reduce your negative reactions to stress.
- Teach yourself to control your negative reactions to stress.
- Exercise to increase your physical capacity to deal with stress.
- Build up your emotional ability to deal with stress.



**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – The next blood pressure screening takes place at the Parish Center on Sunday, January 3 from 8:45 AM – 12:00 Noon.**

### Outreach Ministry

To All I nvolved in Outreach Ministries!  
From the prayer of St. Francis...

“I t is in giving that we receive”.

You all give so generously of your time & talent. May you receive an abundance of God’s blessings this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

With gratitude...

*Fr. Arlene*

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## 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 this weekend. 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.

## 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, 2009 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., 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 & Fr. Joseph Davies.

## 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 Jean, wife of Vincent Palumbo of this parish; Also, pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Tantalla, father of James Tantalla 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.***

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**Council Meeting Dates - The following Council Meetings will take place the month of January 2010.**

Stewardship Council Meeting – January 20  
Finance Council Meeting – January 27



## ***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.

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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



### The Giving Tree Thank You!

Once again your generosity came through in an amazing fashion. This year we collected close to **500 gifts** for the children of Our Lady of Victories and Catholic Family Services - a very Merry Christmas will be had **thanks to all of you.** We think that our OLC Family is amazing!

We had **22 (!)** of our young people and few parents helping out on Monday night with the sorting and packaging up the gifts for delivery. This amazing work crew got the job done in record time and reports are all had fun doing it!! To all of you your hard work and great spirits are very much appreciated.

**SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!  
BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**



**The  
Parish Center  
Staff  
join in wishing  
our parish  
family  
a most joyous**

## Christmas Season!

### *SCHEDULE OF MASSES AT CHRISTMAS*

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday**  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

**Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**  
**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, December 27th at**  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**New Year's Eve Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.**

**Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day January 1, 2010**

**Friday, January 1 "New Year's Day" at 9:00 a.m.**



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

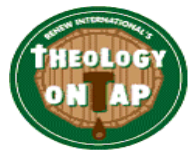


for an evening of sharing and socializing in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

We're planning an "After-Christmas" party with a tentative date of January 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto:jefmil@msn.com)



Theology on Tap is geared towards young adults in their 20's and 30's. Theology on Tap aims to provide a casual gathering space for young adults to discuss their faith and the issues that shape and impact our private, social and professional lives today.

It also offers the opportunity to meet and socialize with other Catholic young adults with great food and drinks!

**A diversity of topics. A diversity of speakers... and a diversity of locations... Find something that interests you and Tap into Something More!!!!**

- Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm "When Did I Find God" presented by Fr. Rocco Danzi at the Bloomfield Town Pub, 378 Broad St. in Bloomfield.
- Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm "Keeping the Faith with Your Family" at Riddles Tavern, 300 Wanaque Ave. in Pompton Lakes
- Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm "Suffering: Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" presented by Fr. Rocco Danzi at Chevy's Fresh -Mex, 1900 Rte 10 West in Morris Plains
- Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> TBA
- Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm "Keeping the Faith Through Difficult Situations" presented by Stephen Kass at Bloomfield Town Pub, 378 Broad St. in Bloomfield

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**We wish you all a joyful time in the presence of Jesus this Christmas!**

**Merry Christmas from Jeff & MaryAnn Miller & the Young Adult Ministry**

## *B i l l b o a r d*

### *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 C. A Preacher Looks at 40  
Fr. Francis Gunn, OFM**

**Wednesdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17—7:45 PM**

Have you ever heard a fine sermon and asked: "I wonder how he does that?" This course will lead us through some of the more powerful Gospels of the 40 days of Lent, looking at their meaning and relevance through the eyes of a homilist. We will embark on a heartfelt reflection of how the human story and our own stories are woven into the fabric of the Gospels through the Lenten season.

*Rev. Francis X. Gunn, OFM* holds master's degrees in Divinity,, counseling and social work. He has served in several parishes in NY and NJ, in hospice chaplaincy, campus ministry and in the field of trauma counseling. He presently serves as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's in Pompton Lakes.

**To register:** To view or download all nine of the GIFT Winter Semester 2010 course offerings to go [www.stmarys-pompton.org](http://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](http://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.