

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Peace ... Peace ... Peace ... Peace



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DECEMBER 18, 2016

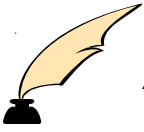
Mass Intentions for the week from December 21 thru December 25 2016

		<u>Intention for</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Wednesday (12/21)	8:00 a.m.	John Butler	A Friend
Thursday (12/22)	8:00 a.m.	Msgr. John Ryan	A Friend
Friday (12/23)	8:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass	
Saturday (12/24) (Christmas Eve)	4:00 p.m.	Crowley & Eisele Families Concetta & John Catalano Betty Alexander	Helen & Jack Crowley Ann & Al Fiorentino Donna & Alan Schultz
	6:00 p.m.	Donald & Mary Pavlak Mocca Stamos Ann Nicola	Pavlak Family Pavlak Family John Nicola
	11:00 p.m.	Earl "Bud" Palmer	Buds Boys
Sunday (12/25) (Christmas Day)	8:00 a.m.	Zafia Jurkowski Tadeusz Grzebielucha Dr. Victor Irmieri Leonard Boniface	Mr. & Mrs. Andrzej Jurkowski Galus Family Eleanor Irmieri Joseph & Darlene Boniface
	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Victor Irmieri Helen & George A. Corbo Sr. John Lepari Jr. Phyllis Greco	Carol & Harry Folan Daughter Marilyn Lane Dpris Lepari Andy & Lydia Church
	12:00 p.m.	Marie Celeste Ed Thompson	Nick Celeste Michele DeSantis

Friday Memorial Mass at 8:00 AM for December: Father Cassian Miles O.F.M., Msgr. Thomas Coletta, Father Vincent Grogan O.F.M., Edward & Margaret Earles, Andrew & Anna Hudak, Nicholas & Leonarda Irmieri, Eugene Kelly, Dorothy Belenski, Dolores Currenti, John Kluesanovitz, Tony Hepp, Judy Kovalcik, Michael Mastropietro, Al Puntasecca, Assunta Ceravole, Anisia Riffel, Helen P. Kelley, Elaine Mitchell, Connie D'Amato, Ronald Whitney, Pat Amerdore, Teresa Grillo, Florence Suppa, Helen & John Kelly, Vincent Speziale

Beginning January 2017, we will begin taking requests for our Friday Memorial Masses for the New Year. Friday Memorial Masses are said every Friday during the month you request in remembrance of your loved one. If you are looking for the Friday Memorial Mass for a particular month, please stop by the Parish Center to make your request.

a time to be healed: Tonia Kelley, Donnie Stokem, Carol Padden, George Kelly, Bob Trowse, David Meyer, Anthony Gillio, Catherine Gillio, Margaret M. Carroll, Elizabeth Mattaliano, Matthew Reino, Joan Fitzpatrick, A.T. Frerichs, Nancye Inman, Robert Lombardo, Slater Schuler, Vince Ramundo, Jacquelyn Connors, Paul Boniface, Nayer Azar, Cal Fischetti, Joseph Gillio, Kyle Ruffing, J.R. Connell, Rae Delmo, Linda Kneis, Carol Ann Spina, Allyson Hughes, Barbara DeSantis, Marie Pasquale, Angie Zisa, Alice Van Duyne, Barbara Lopez, Sr. Ann Mazza, John Healey, Sheila Ziccardi, Doris Lepari, Robert Moran, Joyce Golden, Billy Borsella Sr.



A Message from our Director of Stewardship...

Dear Parishioners,

Advent consists of four Sundays:

First Sunday- Jesus tells His disciples to be ready for the day of the Lord.

Second Sunday-John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching repentance.

Third Sunday-Jesus praised John the Baptist as more than a prophet.

Fourth Sunday-Joseph takes Mary as his wife and names her child Jesus.

Today's Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's view.

It begins with the message of an angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream telling him about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan for the child.

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord tells him. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child as his own.

As we approach the wonderful celebration of Christmas, may we accept the child

Jesus as our own and live our lives accordingly.

A Blessed Christmas to you and yours!

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, by completing and fulfilling an annual Stewardship Commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Good news for taxpayers over the age of 70½. Congress has voted to make permanent the exclusion from income of up to \$100,000 per person, per year, for individual Retirement Account (IRA) distributions which are given directly to charities. This law will end the uncertainty which has existed for the past several years when taxpayers were trying to decide whether to direct their IRA distributions to charity. Congress generally did not get around to extending the expired tax legislation known as "extenders" until very late in the year. One year the extenders were not passed until the January of the subsequent year and were applied retroactively. Now that you are able to plan for charitable contributions from IRA's is this something you should be doing?

COLLECTION DECEMBER 11, 2016

Envelopes.....	\$ 18,839.00
Loose Cash.....	1,724.00
Direct Deposit*.....	0.00
Total.....	<u>\$ 20,563.00</u>

*1st and 15th of Month Only

FISCAL YEAR 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

Collections – Fiscal Year to Date..	\$ 362,257.21
Budget - Fiscal Year to Date.....	<u>386,180.00</u>
Surplus (Deficit).....	<u>\$ (23,922.79)</u>

REMINDER:

**All 2016 contributions must be received by
December 31, 2016.**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday Dec. 18	1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Session 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Church
Monday Dec. 19	Rosary in Parish Chapel – 7:40 am Senior Activities – Ministry Center 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Zumba starts at 3:15 pm Call Lucille DiNome 973-389-1581
Tuesday Dec. 20	Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am RCIA Meetings in Ministry Center 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Concert – Mary Help of Christians Girl Choir in Church
Wednesday Dec. 21	Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am Mass in Parish Chapel – 8:00 am
Thursday Dec. 22	Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am Mass in Parish Chapel – 8:00 am Bible Study – 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Seminar Room
Friday Dec. 23	Novena - Parish Chapel – 7:30 am Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am Mass – Parish Chapel – 8:00 am



Saturday, December 24, 2016
Christmas Eve
Masses are at
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Religious Education

2ND GRADE REMINDER:

January 8th - 10:00 Mass on the Altar!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our CCD families for the overwhelming response to our apple sauce outreach! We have received so many that we will be able to provide more than enough for all that attend our cook on the 17th!

In addition to our apple sauce collection, I applaud you for all your efforts in always going above and beyond with all our outreach programs! I feel blessed to have such wonderful, generous families who always supply me with even more than I ask for. **Thank you and God's Blessings for a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas!**

"CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL"



Flowers to decorate the church for Christmas may be donated by using the envelopes located at the entrances to the church or included in your envelope packet. The Christmas Flower offering envelopes will be placed on the altar in memory/honor of those you specify.

Thank-You... to all who contributed to the collection for the *"Retired Fund for Religious"* last weekend. If you did not contribute and would still like to, there are baskets at each entrance of the church. Again thank-you for your generosity.



Youth Ministry

1st & 2nd Year CONFIRMATION SESSION:

1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Session Sunday, December 18th 7:00-9:00 p.m. in church. If able, please donate: \$1 for "Katie's Care". (SNOWDATE: 3/19/17 or 4/30/17)

YOUTH GROUP

"GINGERBREAD HOUSE & COOKIE DECO & MOVIE":

On Wednesday, December 21st our Youth Group will be decorating "Gingerbread Houses & Cookies" while watching a Christmas movie at 7:00 p.m. in **PARISH CENTER**. Then we'll have a campfire for our last hour, weather permitting! Pick-up 9:00 p.m. Please leave outside side door of Parish Center: 1 log, 3' stick for roasting, water bottle, either chocolate bars, marshmallows, or graham crackers for S'mores. Please bring \$1 for "Katie's Care." 6th-12th graders and alumni, along with friends invited! Counts as a Youth Activity! RSVP TEXT!

AN INVITATION: If there is anyone who will be alone on Christmas Eve, the Haftek's invite you to their home after the 4:00 p.m. mass for dinner! We provide transportation, if needed! Laura 201-264-6408

PEER MINISTRY MEETING: On Wednesday, January 4th, there will be a Peer Ministry Meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Ministry Center.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE: Any Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior interested in possibly attending bus trip to NCYC in Indianapolis next November should attend meeting on Wednesday, January 4th 8:00-9:00 p.m. in Ministry Center!

RELIGIOUS ED HELPERS NEEDED: High School teens are needed to help with Religious Ed. some Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. Please RSVP: Mrs. Dericks 973-839-2428

2nd Year CONFIRMATION SESSION:

2nd Year Confirmation Session Sunday, January 8th 7:00-9:00 p.m. in church. If able, please donate 6-pack or a Jumbo Hershey Bar – Milk Chocolate, Milk Chocolate with Almonds, or Special Dark Chocolate for Valentine's Day Sale and \$1 for "Katie's Care". (SNOWDATE: 3/19/17 or 4/30/17)

VOLLEYBALL & WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENTS:

The Volleyball and Wiffleball Tournaments will take place from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13th. You must collect \$20 in pledges in advance to be eligible to participate. Pledge forms are available. Checks must be made payable to: **Our Lady of Consolation** to benefit "NCYC." Teens are asked to wear sneakers and bring snacks/drink for themselves. 6th -12th graders welcomed and ALUMNI! Pledge Sheets will be emailed! Counts as 2 hours community service! (SNOWDATE: 1/14/17!)

YOUTH GROUP

"ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE"

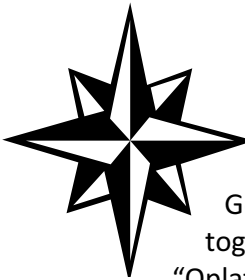
On Sunday, January 15th our Youth Group "Escape Room" adventure from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Teens will be split into 3 teams that will compete against each other on an adventure to try to "Escape the Room" by using hidden clues, brain teasers, and secret compartments. 6th-12th graders and alumni invited!

PEER MINISTRY LOCK-IN RETREAT: Interested in becoming a Peer Minister? Already a Peer Minister? Plan to attend our Peer Ministry Training "Lock-In Retreat" on Friday, January 20th from 4:30-11:00 p.m. Registration/Peer Ministry Applications to follow. 9th-12th graders only. Peer Ministry Applications to follow. (Snowdate: 1/21/17)

Outreach Ministries

OLC ADVENT FOOD PROJECT

The OLC Advent Food Project began November 27th. Parishioners who are participating are collecting one food or personal hygiene product for each day during Advent. The recommended return date to OLC is the weekend of **December 17th and 18th**. Early returns can be brought to church each weekend and deposited in the OLC Advent Food Project boxes located in each entrance. The donations will be delivered to the Wayne Interfaith Network food bank. Questions can be directed to Jackie Seraphine 973-633-5404. Additional information is available on the OLC website @ www.olcparish.org.



A Christian Tradition... Sharing the "Oplatek"... The Christmas Wafer

It is a symbol of Peace and Goodness. It reminds us that together we are a family. Sharing the "Oplatek", the Holy Bread, on Christmas Eve is an ancient tradition of the Eastern European Countries. It is simple yet beautiful! When family members gather at the table on Christmas Eve, each person has some Oplatek. They then share a piece of the wafer with everyone at the meal while exchanging a greeting of peace. This symbolizes a sign of love...a sign of forgiveness...a sign that differences are forgotten...a sign of "communion".

As you share the Oplatek with your loved ones this Christmas, may the blessings of peace and happiness of our Savior be with you and yours. ***Oplatek is available at both entrances of the church.***

The Parish Center Offices will be CLOSED beginning Friday, December 23. The offices will reopen for business on Monday, January 2, 2017.

THE GIVING TREE



THANK YOU!!

Once again your generosity came shining through!! This year, we once again 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 who returned your gifts.**

We had close to 25 of our young people helping out on last Sunday afternoon, with the sorting and packaging the gifts for delivery. This amazing work crew got the job done in great time! **You are all very much appreciated.**

**See you again next year!!
Blessed Christmas to all!!**

OLC'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

Join us on Thursday January 12th @ 7pm

For Topics on Tap

In the

OLC Ministry Center Fellowship Room

Our **Topics on Tap** sessions present an opportunity for men & women in their 20's and 30's, single and married adults, to meet in a comfortable setting to discuss what it means to be Catholic in today's world. These gatherings include an engaging presentation and the opportunity to meet and socialize with other Catholic young adults.

**To RSVP or for further information
or questions contact:**

Jeff & Mary Ann Miller jefmil@msn.com (973) 305-0350
Marie Reddy marie.reddy89@gmail.com (973) 896-4899
Patrick Trentacost Patrick.trentacost.jr@gmail.com (973) 766-3355

BILLBOARD

*Thank You to Everyone
Who Supported the
OLC 2016 Holiday 50/50 Raffle
(259 Tickets Sold)*

Congratulations to the Following Winners

		Ticket #	Prize Amount
Grand Prize	Eugene R. Kelly	0219	\$ 7,770.00
Second Prize	Joan Sorce	0206	\$ 2,590.00
Third Prize	Casey Walsh	0242	\$ 647.50
Fourth Prize (2 winners)	Michael Zardezed	0207	\$ 323.75
	Maryann Cecere	0132	\$ 323.75

20 winners - \$64.75 - Winners & Ticket Numbers

Gail Dragone	0062	Laura Redl	0005
Robert Liput	0099	Robert Hughes	0093
Lucky Roberto Desch	0069	Maria Parry	0157
DiRussa Family	0040	Bobbie Gerardo	0184
Duane & Marylou Szczechowicz	0255	Eugene Biancheri	0076
Lois Van Lenten	0233	Maryann Zingale	0146
Mary Ellen Lyons	0256	Trentacost Family	0025
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