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*Our Lady of Consolation*

WAYNE, NEW JERSEY

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2016

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## Mass Intentions for the week from December 28 thru January 1 2017

		<u>Intention for</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Wednesday (12/28)	8:00 a.m.	Father Cassian Miles	Father Michael & OLC Staff
Thursday (12/29)	8:00 a.m.	Father Vincent Grogan	Father Michael & OLC Staff
Friday (12/30)	8:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass	
Saturday (12/31)	5:00 p.m.	Louis Winum Deceased Members of the Nicola Family Phyllis Greco Dolores Macchiarelli Mary & Jerry Toomey	Daughter & Family  John Nicola Mary & Harold Brophy Dorothy Zsamba Nora & John O'Connor
Sunday (1/1)	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Victor Irmiere Jack Kelly Jan Kalata J. Robert Kehoe	Cheryl Friedman Dottie Birkner & Family Mr. & Mrs Joseph Jurkowski Kehoe Family
	10:00 a.m.	Angelo Benedetti Mary & Laurence McGinnis Phyllis Greco	Angie & Vincent Lombardo Doris Lepari Pat Moran
	12:00 p.m.	Joe Kearns Marie Celeste	His Friend, George Nick & Family

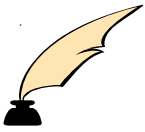
**Friday Memorial Mass at 8:00 AM for December:** Father Cassian Miles O.F.M., Msgr. Thomas Coletta, Father Vincent Grogan O.F.M., Edward & Margaret Earles, Andrew & Anna Hudak, Nicholas & Leonarda Irmiere, Eugene Kelly, Dorothy Belenski, Dolores Currenti, John Kluesanovitz, Tony Hepp, Judy Kovalcik, 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 Speciale

**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.

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**a time to die:** Catherine Alice Grant, mother of Diane Tirri of our parish.



## A Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist reminds us to proclaim the word of the Lord each and every day. The days of John the Baptist were limited as those who hated him grew more and more resentful of his message and while we do not know what tomorrow will bring we must, none the less, act as if today were our last day on earth.

I believe every one of us, knowing what I just said, would want to proclaim our love for those we care about in the most profound way we could. Jesus Christ is our guidepost for such a proclamation because He is the perfection of God's love given to each and every one of us.

*"Prepare ye the way of the Lord"* is so much more than the opening line of a Godspell song. It is the opening line from the song we sing from our hearts each and every day. *May this magnificent season of Christmas encourage this proclamation in every season of our lives.*

In Christ,

**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 18, 2016**

Envelopes.....	\$ 9,099.00
Loose Cash.....	1,324.00
Direct Deposit* .....	<u>7,377.00</u>
Total.....	\$ <u>17,800.00</u>

\*1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of Month Only

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

Collections – Fiscal Year to Date..	\$ 380,057.21
Budget - Fiscal Year to Date.....	<u>405,877.00</u>
Surplus (Deficit).....	\$ <u>( 25,819.79)</u>

**Immaculate Conception Collection: \$962.00**

**Retirement Fund for Religious: \$4,197.00**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Monday</b> <b>Dec. 26</b>	Rosary in Parish Chapel– 7:40 am <hr/> Senior Activities – Ministry Center 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Zumba starts at 3:15 pm Call Lucille DiNome 973-389-1581
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Dec. 27</b>	Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am <hr/> RCIA Meetings in Ministry Center 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Dec. 28</b>	Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am <hr/> Mass in Parish Chapel – 8:00 am
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Dec. 29</b>	Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am <hr/> Mass in Parish Chapel – 8:00 am <hr/> Bible Study – 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Seminar Room
<b>Friday</b> <b>Dec. 30</b>	Novena - Parish Chapel – 7:30 am <hr/> Rosary - Parish Chapel – 7:40 am <hr/> Mass – Parish Chapel – 8:00 am



**Happy Holidays to the  
men and women who  
protect and serve our  
country at home and  
abroad.**



## Religious Education

### CCD CLASSES RESUME

Tuesday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Remember to check [olcparish.org](http://olcparish.org) for the rest  
of the schedule (*Double class 1/22/17*)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE REMINDER

Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>- 10:00 Mass on

Altar with Fr. Mike

Please remember to sign in.

***WARM WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.***

### “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

## **PEER MINISTRY MEETING:**

On Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **2<sup>ND</sup> Year CONFIRMATION SESSION:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Session Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders welcomed and ALUMNI! Pledge Sheets will be emailed! Counts as 2 hours community service! (SNOWDATE: 1/14/17!)

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

## **YOUTH GROUP "ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE"**

On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-11:00 p.m. We'll have dinner together. Then we'll spend some quality time as we have fun building confidence, learning communication skills, participating in group dynamics and leadership skills to become Peer Leaders. Registration/Peer Ministry Applications to follow. (Snowdate: Saturday, January 21, 2017)

## **1<sup>ST</sup> Year CONFIRMATION SESSION:**

1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Session Sunday, January 22<sup>ND</sup> 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)

## **SERVICE PROJECT-Hand out trays:**

Teens are needed to hand out trays & recipes to parishioners after whatever mass you attend on the weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> after communion for ½ hour of service. Parishioners make a meal to feed the hungry for the Fr. English Center in Paterson. MUST RSVP [CALL](mailto:cherf1@optonline.net) to Cheryl 973-942-6224 or [cherf1@optonline.net](mailto:cherf1@optonline.net)

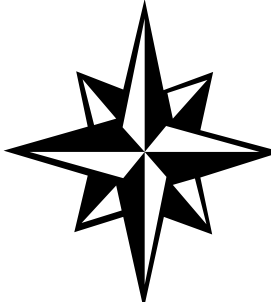
## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our T.E.C. Retreat (Together Encounter Christ) for high school Juniors, Seniors, and Youth Adults is Friday, March 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. until Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. TEC is being held at the Star Lake Conference Center in Bloomington.



## Outreach Ministries

### *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.***

#### REMINDER:

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

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**December 25, 2016**

**"The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all men. It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age as we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and of our Savior Christ Jesus... to redeem us and to cleanse for himself a people of his own... eager to do what is right."**

Why this passage from St. Paul's letter to Titus as part of our worship on this great Christmas day? It is easy for us to be so caught up in many distractions that we overlook some basic points. Do I realize that there were centuries of waiting for the Messiah and people grew weary and forgetful? Paul tells them, the savior has appeared.

### OLC'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

Join us on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
For Topics on Tap

In the  
OLC Ministry Center Fellowship Room

**"Reaching Out-  
Putting Faith into Action"**



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



***"The wolf shall be the guest of the lamb and  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid. The  
calf and the young lion shall browse together,  
with a little child to guide them."(Isaiah 11:6)***

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