

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30A.M. Andrew Hudak
12:00P.M. Lisa S. Lockett

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH- Christmas Eve

NO MORNING MASS

5:00 P.M. John & Elizabeth Prymowicz & Robert & William Rech
10:30P.M. Sofia Totino

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH-CHRISTMAS

8:30 A.M. Sarath Karyawasam
10:30A.M. Dorothy Coale
12:00P.M. Marie McDonald Kalb, Walter Connolly, Robert Valles & Al Snolis, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 A.M. Sr. Mary Modesta Wesolawska

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

8:00 A.M. John Sharpe

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

9:00 A.M. Rita Jane Feeney
5:00 P.M. Eugene Bueza Rana

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH - Holy Family

8:30 A.M. Kevin Bender
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Cindy Telmosse

Scripture

Christmas-December 25, 2018

First Reading: Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing His exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:7-10)

Second Reading: Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of sins. (Hebrews 1:1-6)

GOSPEL: John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us. (Luke 1:39-45)

Stewardship by the Book- December 23, 2018

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who has given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Note:** offering is \$15.

Sick or Shut In- or know someone who is unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the Rectory at 663-0211 to set up time for a Communion call.

BAPTISMS are usually performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211. **Upcoming baptisms-** January 6, 2019



THANK YOU to Dr. Bret Hartman and the Jefferson Township Chamber of Commerce for their generous donation of 2 dozen bags of food brought to our Food Pantry on Dec. 13th. We are very grateful.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

No Religious Education classes
Sunday December 23rd & Sunday December 30th



CHOIR

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Christmas choir will sing beginning at 9:40pm before the 10:30pm Christmas liturgy on Christmas Eve.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR will be singing for Christmas Eve, Monday Dec. 24th "Carol Sing" from 4:20-4:50 before 5pm Mass. For more information please contact Therese Butler, (Mrs. B) at musicministry.olsos@gmail.com or call 908-303-9402



Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Tina Mele, Pacita Cabaluna, Quinn Gorman, Jean Early, Sr. Gerardine Agnew, Thomas Butler, Julian Bonafacio, Thomas Gorman, Kathleen Mercado, Artie Lindberg, Jack Gebhardt, Jr., Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Joseph A Cinotti, John McEvaddy, Esteling Cardona, Brad Gamble, Susan T. McCann, Robert Schnackenberg.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION This year Christmas Day falls on Tuesday. The Christmas collection is truly important to the Parish's financial health. We ask you to be generous to your parish this Christmas. If your means permit, a donation of \$240 per family will help us meet our financial obligations to the Paterson Diocese for assessments, insurance & benefit premiums, as well as recent repairs and maintenance. There is only one collection on Christmas Day.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Fr. Chris



Painting Classes with Claudia Dungan

Picture from Paint & Sip Evening 11/30/18



Each class will be about 2-1/2 hours long. Fee includes acrylic paint/brushes, easels, & step by step instructions.

Winter Adult Painting Course – 8 sessions- **Sunday afternoons** from 2-5 P.M. beginning **January 6th. Cost is \$160 per person** + cost of each canvas \$3.

For more info please call Claudia at 973-663-4287.

THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY is a beautiful reminder of that First Christmas when Jesus was born in a stable. It was donated by Dennis Basso in memory of his parents. The figures are by Fontanini and are made in Italy. The figures are beautiful, and were generously donated by clothing designer Dennis Basso in memory of his parents. Take a moment to pause and pray as you pass by the nativity during these days of the Christmas Season.



Once again this Christmas season we reflect on the story of the birth of Jesus. As we kneel before the crib we are reminded that God so loved the world that He sent His Son into the world, "That the world might be saved through Him."

As we gather to celebrate this Christmas feast, may the birth of our Savior be a sign of new hope for all people and may the light of God's love radiate in the words and deeds of all who believe in Jesus as God and Savior.

May the Blessings of the Divine Child and the Love of His Mother be yours at Christmas and every day of the coming year.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



*Peace Be With You
at Christmas and always*

*May Christ make His home in your heart
bringing you His great gift of Peace,
and in turn may Christmas Peace be
your own loving gift to your family and
friends.*

*May your hearts and homes be filled with the
joy of Christ's enduring presence
during this Blessed Christmas Season
and throughout the New Year.*

*Peace and Blessings,
Jaye Hedrick*



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2018



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

CHRISTMAS EVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH 5:00 PM & 10:30 PM
CAROLS BEGIN 40 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATE MASS IS AT 10:30 PM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON

NEW YEAR'S LITURGIES

NEW YEAR'S EVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 NEW YEAR'S DAY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

PLEASE SAVE AND POST IN YOUR HOME.

TRICKY TRAY THANK YOU

This year's annual Tricky Tray held on October 26th was very successful. There were over 190 regular trays and many various specials, plus the 50/50 raffle and a special Visa Gift Card. Attendees this year had the opportunity to choose from trays filled with food, drink, toys, fitness & household items, and decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas to name a few. Our special tables displayed many generously donated gifts such as a Google Home Plus, A night of Dinner and Dancing for 4 in New York City, a 50" 4K Smart TV, Photo Sessions, Dine around and shop around gift cards from various businesses, Play Station 4 and game, two weeks at camp Jefferson, Paint with chalk craft basket, to name a few. Special thank-you(s) go out to Susan Sacino, the Chairperson who led the committee in contacting businesses and organizations to obtain many of the donations during the summer and those on the committee, along with the CCD teachers & classes for their donations; the adults and CYO players for setting up the room for us; for Dottie Santasieri, her children and Thomas Edge for running the trays to our lucky winners and for all who helped clean up afterward. Finally, a special thank you to all the Rosarians who came to the Parish Center many evenings and all day Friday to help make our trays look beautiful. Thank you to Cheryl Kaelblein for managing the kitchen, those who worked with her in the kitchen, and to those who manned the special tables. There are many other people behind the scenes who helped with our Tricky Tray to thank; those who put up outside advertising; who handled publicity; and those who baked for our dessert tables. Another job well done and I am very grateful and thankful for all of you!! THANK YOU and God Bless!

Grace Siller, President OLSOS Rosary Altar Society

A Christmas Prayer

O God our loving Father,
Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus
That we may share in the glad song of the angels
The gladness of the shepherds,
And the worship of the Wise Men.
Close the door of hate
And open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
And good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings,
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be Thy children,
and the Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
AMEN.

by Robert Louis Stevenson



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Thanks for all your help.
Have a Blessed Christmas.
Patricia