

THE WORD OF GOD**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MI 5:1-4a
HEB 10:5-10

LK 1:39-45 (12)

HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 SM 1:20-22, 24-28
COL 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24
LK 2:41-52 (17)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

* **7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat.; Chapel)**

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 20

Blood Pressure Screening - After All Masses

6:00-6:20p.m. - Evening Prayer

6:30p.m. - RCIA

MONDAY - DECEMBER 21

6:00p.m. - Children's Christmas Liturgy

7:45p.m. - Adult Choir & Sounds of Joy

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 22

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Revelation) - Marian Inn

7:00p.m. - Band Christmas Concert (Marian Inn)

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 23

10:00a.m. - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00noon - SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL

3:00p.m. - **NO** Youth Bell Choir

6:00-7:00 p.m. - **NO** REP Classes

7:00 p.m. - **NO** Adult Bell Choir

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

SCHOOL CLOSED

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 p.m. - Mass (Children's Liturgy - Church)

5:05 p.m. - Mass (Marian Inn)

7:30 p.m. - Mass (Church)

10:00 p.m. - Christmas Carol Program

10:30 p.m. - Mass (Church)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m. - Mass (Church)

11:30 a.m. - Mass (Church)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlotte Bradley, Christina Davis, Parker Grant, Eleanor Berg, Marion Donohue, Fay Neimeister, John "Jack" Schreiber, Alyssa Monge, Eloise Lanski, Jeff DeCrosta, Frank Sforza, Betty Doederlein, Ruth Mientus Schaffer, Nora Lee Tarney, Robert Dunnigan, Baby Juliana, Barbara Meehan, Rick Amato, Lucille Nicholson, Al Popo, Lorraine Macasevich, John Maroski, Linda Mankowski, Joann Tomko, Carol Sfarra, Marilyn Jacober, Kayleigh Galante, Janice Huber, John J. Jordan, John Mies, Rose & Joseph Jackson, Olivia Ameer-Beg, Kathleen McKenna, John Sobota, Joseph Midash, Norma Luettchau, Janet Hefele, Christina Donatelli, Gretchen Wagner, Robert Mitchell, Shad Barry, Nolan Guessford, Kevin Meister, Michael Cunningham, Greg Makarchuk, Rev. Donald Birch, Kathleen Lippert, Gary Yoder, Stephanie Pucci, William Huber, Dolores Lengyel, Ann Marie Janders, Barbara Martino, & Adam Recke. Remember deceased members of our parish family. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Names removed after 4 weeks to keep list current. Please call to keep a name on the list for the next month.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection: Average per week, for month of **November**, including Electronic Giving: **\$19,842.57**. We thank you for your support. May God bless you for your kindness.

OLPH FOOD BANK

To make a donation to help a needy family, please call Carol.

If you or any parishioner needs food, or for info on our Parish Food Bank, call Carol (484-547-4412). God bless each of you!

REP NEWS

Carol.salabsky@my-olph.org or call 484-547-4412.

OLPH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This 55+ group meets every 2nd & 4th Monday at 1:30pm, in the Marian Inn. Annual Dues: \$10. Info: Anne (610-865-0617) or Susan (610-865-9392). All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

SENIOR HIGH (9th-12th grs.): Join us Wednesday, Jan. 20th, from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Group House.

FAMILY ADORATION: Jan. 13th, 7-8pm, in the Chapel.

MORNINGS FOR MOM: Moms are invited to step away from the hecticness of family life, to join us to pray, enjoy fellowship, & grow together. Save the dates: Jan. 9th, Feb. 20th, & May 14th, 8-10am, in our Youth Group House.

Joey Moser (610-867-8409x25) or *joey.moser@my-olph.org*

OLPH SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEWS

**facebook.com/olphbeth* or Twitter *@OurLadySchool*

Registration now open for all new students wishing to enroll for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact the school for information/tour (610-868-6570 or *ALTNOLPH@PTD.NET*).

Check out the school video on YouTube! #olphschoolspirit

OLPH COUNTLESS BLESSINGS"

Total Sales for weekend of 12/12-12/13/15 was \$1,930. Profit from Giant Sales was \$99; all other stores \$49.23. **No Sales** the weekends of 12/26/15 or 1/2/16. Sales resume 1/9-1/10/16. Info: Suzanne (484-226-7375), or Steph (484-226-7372).

SAVE THE DATE - NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Parish Blood Drive will be Sunday, February 7th, 2016, from 8:15am-1:15pm. (There must be 8 weeks between whole blood donations). If you have any questions, please call Jan Dupont at 610-997-3148.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MON, DECEMBER 21 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45 a.m. - Nicole Feenan - The Bower Family

8:00 a.m. - Tim Dundon - Parents

TUES, DECEMBER 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - Donato Petruccelli - Pina Petruccelli

8:00 a.m. - Robert Zawarski - Barb & Ed

WED., DECEMBER 23 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - William Beretz - Family

8:00 a.m. - William Kurtz, Sr. - Pat Wallbillich

THURSDAY, DEC. 24 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - Gene Roscioli - Family

8:00 a.m. - Margaret Rose Reese - Nancy Conzoneri

5:00 p.m. - Aparicio Marquez - Family**5:05 p.m.** - Russ Romano - Wife & Family**7:30 p.m.** - Amy Duh - Family**10:30 p.m.** - People of the Parish**FRI., DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD****9:00 a.m.** - Joseph Giordano - Wife, Maria

& Satoria Pineda - Family

11:30 a.m. - Bill & Lorraine Furman - Family**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN****9:00 a.m.** - Daniel Mullins (Ann.) - Family**5:00 p.m.** - Deceased of the Pokoluk Family - Family

& Leroy Dye - Joe & Ronnie Kundek

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 - THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30a.m. - Mary Piechota - M/M Joseph Spisak

9:00a.m. - Margaret Bolcar - M/M Zolton Poczak

10:30 a.m. - Michael Potkovac - Morgan Krobath

12:00 noon - Frank Neglia - Family

2016 CHILDREN'S ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTIONIn The Gathering Space after all Masses, THIS WEEKEND!**OLPH MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP**

January 22nd, 2016 to Washington DC. Sign-ups will take place this weekend (Dec 12th & 13th), in the Gathering Space. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. Cost: \$20-Adult; \$10-Student. Bus will leave parking lot at 7:30am & arrive back around 9pm. Questions: Tony Saldutti: 610-533-2711 or tsaldutti99@gmail.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New families/singles moving into the area, families/singles who attend our parish, young adults (age 21 or older) living with parents or on their own, that are within our boundaries and are not registered, should register as soon as possible. Membership in the parish is important for occasions such as sacramental reception, or when a sponsor certificate (certificate of eligibility) needed. You can register in the parish by calling the Parish Center (610-867-8409; M-F). **Note: Young adults living on a college campus must obtain sponsor certificates from the**

church or campus chapel where they attend Mass while away at school.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE PHOTOS

Any remaining photos can be picked up at the Parish Center, M-F, during office hours: 8am-12noon and 1-6pm.

MISSALETTES

Missalettes are available in the Church Library for those who would like to read along with parts of the Mass. Please return the booklets to the Church Library shelf after each use. You are also welcome to take a missalette to a homebound family member or friend.

MEMO ON "THE LIVING SPIRIT"

You can find on the Parish website (www.my-olph.org) many themes worth reading. Perhaps you would like to read more about Advent, Christmas, or Mercy. Please note that not all of the paper inserts are placed as such on the website. It is my hope that in time this aspect of my writings will be refined.

--- Msgr. Morrison

EVENING PRAYER

Please join us on the third Sunday of the month for 'Evening Prayer' in the Chapel, from 6:00-6:20p.m. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past, and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. Call Deacon Kelly (484-626-2130) or Deacon Sullivan (610-258-8299) with any questions.

NEW BACKGROUND CHECKS NEEDED FOR ALL

Workers/volunteers for OLPH School/Church MUST do new background checks, plus mandated reporting, to comply with current state laws. Meetings are scheduled to explain compliance with these new laws: Mon., 12/7 (6:30pm) Cub Scout Parents; Wed., 12/9 (7:00pm) Boy Scout Parents; Mon., 12/14 (8:30am) School Parents & Volunteers; Mon., 12/14 (6:30pm) Church Employees & Volunteers. All meetings are in the Marian Inn. Questions, call Safe Environment Coordinator, Carol Salabsky at 484-547-4412.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God's ways are not our ways.

The readings today demonstrate that conventional wisdom is not true: a mighty Savior comes from a lowly place, death on a cross brings life, and an old woman feels her child leap in her womb as a young pregnant virgin greets her. In the final days of Advent, let us put conventional wisdom aside and be attentive to the mystery and wonder of God's ways.