

**THE WORD OF GOD****SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**IS 40:1-5, 9-11  
PT 3:8-14

MK 1:1-8 (5)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**IS 61:1-2a, 10-11  
1 THES 5:16-24  
JN 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK****\* 7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat.; Chapel)****SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10**

2:00p.m. - Glee Club Christmas Play

6:00-8:00p.m. - Youth Group Christmas Party

**MONDAY - DECEMBER 11**

OLPH Fellowship Group Christmas Lunch

4:30-6:30p.m. - Altar Server Training

**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 12**

10:00a.m. - Book Discussion (Chapel)

7:00p.m. - Book Discussion (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 13**

Ladies Group Christmas Luncheon

3:00p.m. - Youth Bell Choir

6:00-7:00p.m. - REP Classes

7:00p.m. - Adult Bell Choir

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 14**

3:00p.m. - Youth Choir

4:30-5:30p.m. - REP Classes

5:30p.m. - REP Choir

7:00p.m. - Adult Choir &amp; Sounds of Joy

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 16**

9:00-10:00a.m. - 1st Penance Practice &amp; Parent Meeting

10:30am-12:30pm - Altar Server Training

Cub Scouts Bake Sale - After Mass

5:00-10:00p.m. - Home/School Parents Nite

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17**

7:00p.m. - ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Jane Fertal, Marion Donohue, Robert Dunnigan, Olivia Ameer-Beg, Corinne Ianelli, Susan Bauer, Theresa Spevak, Marguerite Sobkow, Zachary Balga, Kathleen & Joseph Lippert, Parker Grant, Dorothy Pavlinski, Baby Layla, Ron Makos, Larry Mancino, Baby Avia, Michele Pierzga, Terry & Al Bruch, Sylvia Klepeis, Pat Pavelko, Katie Marie Kislow, Stanley Banas, James Kotlik, Anne Gerber, Dolores Steffie, Maryann Wolfe, Newborn Wyatt Sheffield, Elizabeth Martlock, John J. Jordan, Rose Lichtenwalner, Donald Pulley, Sr., Cameron Kappus, Ann McAteer, Doris Roscioli, John Dancho, Barbara Tuscher, Rose Jackson, Joseph Midash, Edith & Richard Andresko, Shad Barry, Marie Zullo, William Benzak, Michael Cunningham, Pucci Family, William Huber, Dolores Lengyel, and Adam Recke. Remember the 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 the month of **October**, including Electronic Giving: **\$20,327.50**. We thank you for your support. May God bless you for your kindness.

**OLPH FOOD BANK**

\*If you or any parishioner needs food, or 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**

*Open to all 55+. Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays, 1:30p.m., in the Marian Inn. Info: Susan (610-865-9392), Tom (484-456-6818).*

**TRIP:** New Hampshire White Mountain, Indian Head Resort. June 26-29, 2018. Cost: \$485/pp/dbl. Includes: Indoor & outdoor pool, spas, saunas, tennis, boating, live entertainment, Flume Franconia North Park Tour, Cannon Mt. Ariel Tram Ride, North Conway Village & Scenic Kancamagus Hwy. Breakfasts & Dinners included each day. Deluxe motor coach, baggage handling, all taxes & gratuities. For reservations/flyers call Tom (484-456-6818) or June (484-767-8669).

**YOUTH GROUP CORNER**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!:** Dec. 10th, 6-8pm. We've invited other youth groups to join us for food, fun & games, & a movie! Please bring a wrapped gift (\$7 or less).

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

**OLPH SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEWS**

*\*[facebook.com/olphbeth](https://www.facebook.com/olphbeth) or Twitter @OurLadySchool*

Registration open for new students wishing to enroll. Contact the school: (610-868-6570 or [moserd@olphbeth.org](mailto:moserd@olphbeth.org)) for info.

**Check out the school video on YouTube! #olphschoolspirit**

**OLPH IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP**

Travel with Fr. Abraham Ha & Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 14-26, 2019, for 13days in Ireland & Scotland (Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dublin, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews Cathedral). Cost: \$4,600. Includes Airfare, Taxes, Security fees, Transfers, 4-5 star hotels, bus transportation, all breakfasts & dinners, tips for driver, hotel, & tour guide, guided tours & fees, luggage handling. Call Proximo Travel at 1-855-842-8001 to register. Visit the website: [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com) for info. Call Fr. Ha with questions!

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Anna Schram - Family

8:00a.m. - Maria Vasquez - M/M Ivan Colon

**TUE., DEC. 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

6:45a.m. - Mass for the People

8:00a.m. - The McClellan Family - Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY**6:45a.m. - Rose Kopczynskie - The Borgey Family  
& Stan Majewski - OLPH Music Ministry

8:00a.m. - Thommathew Thomas - Wife, Mary

**THUR., DECEMBER 14 - ST. JOHN of the CROSS**

6:45a.m. - Anastasia Jadosh - M/M Fred Koons

8:00a.m. - Albert Cunningham - Family

**FRI, DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Deacon William Wagner - Wife

8:45a.m. - Alexander &amp; Elizabeth Trotsky - Joann Trotsky

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00a.m. - Adam Chickey, Jr. - M/M John O'Malia

5:00p.m. - Jose DaSilva - Daughter & Grandchildren  
& John J. Jordan, Sr. - Son, John**SUNDAY, DEC. 17 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**7:30a.m. - Bertha Ference - Nieces, Joanne & Kathy  
& Rev. Martin Kern (Int.) - Joan Pacala9:00a.m. - Luis F. Pineda - Family  
& Ann & Hollis Mitchell - Family10:30a.m. - Jeanne Marcantognini - Husband  
& Albert Cunningham - M/M Arthur Donohue

12:00noon - Mary Sabo - Family

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE PHOTO PICKUP**

Photos can be picked up at the Parish Center during regular business hours (M-F: 8am-12noon; 1-6:30p.m.).

**SAVE THE DATE - NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next Parish Blood Drive will be Sun., Feb. 4, 2018, from 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m. (There must be 8 weeks between whole blood donations). Questions: Jan Dupont (610-997-3148).

**MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP**

Friday, January 19, 2018. Sign-ups will take place this weekend & next (December 9th/10th & December 16th/17th) in the Gathering Space. Cost: \$20 Adults; \$10 Students. Availability on a first come, first served basis. Bus leaves OLPH parking lot at 7:30a.m., arrives back around 9:00p.m. Questions, please contact Tony Saldutti: 610-533-2711 or [tsaldutti99@gmail.com](mailto:tsaldutti99@gmail.com)

**CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

2018 CALENDARS: Compliments of Connell Funeral Home, will be available in the Gathering Space, beginning Dec. 2/3.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS: Will be available in the Gathering Space, THIS WEEKEND, Dec. 9/10.

**2018 CHILDRENS ENVELOPES**

Available in the Parish Office, beginning Tue, Jan 2nd, during business hours (Monday-Friday: 8am-12noon & 1-6:30pm).

**HELP WANTED**

The School Sisters of St. Francis, located in Bethlehem, are in need of help for their Villa Sisters. Home Care workers are needed for part time/full time, overnight & daytime shifts. Also needed is a part-time worker for light housecleaning & light meal preparation. For inquiries, please call 610-866-2597 & ask for Sister Xavier, Sister Virginelle, or Sister Barbara Brown.

**ADVENT THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

Matthew Kelly offers a daily program for your 'Best Advent Ever'. Sign up at: [dynamiccatholic.com/advent](http://dynamiccatholic.com/advent) There are videos, practical tips, & real-life stories of hope. The program is FREE!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES "FLEMING FRIENDS"**

The Fleming Memory Center, a division of LVHN Geriatric Medicine, is recruiting and training volunteers to provide *one on one companionship* for individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. You will be affording valuable time to a caregiver to be able to focus on themselves, which is essential to the caregiver's own well-being. If you would like to volunteer for this exciting new program or would like more info, please call Dalila Saez (610-969-2241) or email 'Dee' at [dalila.saezrivera@lvhn.org](mailto:dalila.saezrivera@lvhn.org)

**RETRouvaille**

Rediscover the love in your marriage! Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, & Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins the weekend of Feb. 16th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April & August. For more info, or to register, visit our website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for His coming by being Jesus' disciples - His witnesses in the world.

Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offers a challenge to prepare the way before Him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and *make straight His paths*, we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Saviour.