

**THE WORD OF GOD****THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**ZEP 3:14-18a  
PHIL 4:4-7

LK 3:10-18 (9)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**MI 5:1-4a  
HEB 10:5-10  
kmlaLK 1:39-45 (12)**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK****\*7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat; Chapel)****SUNDAY - DECEMBER 16**

6:30p.m. - RCIA (Chapel)

7:00p.m. - PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**MONDAY - DECEMBER 17**

6:00p.m. - School Christmas Liturgy

6:30-7:30pm - Msgr. Morrison Spiritual Preparation (Chapel)

7:30p.m. - Adult Choir &amp; Sounds of Joy

**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 18**

6:00-7:30pm - Sr.

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 19**

3:00p.m. Youth Bell Choir

7:00p.m. - Adult Bell Choir

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 20**

9:00a.m. - Chapel Prayer Group

3:00p.m. - School Choir

4:30p.m. - REP Classes/Confessions

5:30p.m. - REP Choir

7:00pm- Adult Choir &amp; Sounds of Joy

**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 21**

10:30a.m. - Parish Office Closed

12:00p.m. - School Early Dismissal

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Ray Murphy Sr., Tim Salabsky, Laurie Kelly, Tess Roach, Mary Lawrence, Anne Gerber, Dorothy Pavlinski, Baby Layla, Phyllis Gibula, Herb Chew, Paul Enright Sr., Loraine Walters, Baby Avia, Donna Altemose, Ronald Makos, Matthew Reese, Sylvia Klepeis, Emil Michelotti, Karter Frilund, Elizabeth Martlock, John J. Jordan, James Hogg, Michele Pierzga, Robert Dunnigan, Rusty Krajczar, Bob Walker, James Kotlik, Ann Marie Janders, Rose Lichtenwalner, Dorothy Midash, Loretta Granger, Katie Marie Kislow, Eugene Berg, Lorraine DeCrosta, Eileen DalSasso, Maryann Wolfe, Doris Roscioli, Larry Mancino, Rose Jackson, Michael Cunningham, Pucci Family, 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: **\$19,782.00**. We thank you for your support. May God bless you for your kindness.

**OUR LEGACY CAMPAIGN**

Donations can be made at our website: [www.my-olph.org](http://www.my-olph.org) If you are making a payment on your pledge, it can be dropped in the Sunday Collection (please make checks out to 'OLPH Capital Campaign' or indicate that on the memo line.) We ask you to pray for the success of our campaign. May God continue to bless you for all you do. THANK YOU!

**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****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019:**

We will be going on the "Vatican Express" **July 8-12, 2019**. Children will hear stories of St. Jerome, St. Peter, the Swiss Guard, & of course, Pope Francis. We will have fun learning all about the Vatican! For more info, please contact Carol.

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

**OLPH FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

*Open to all 55+. Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays, 1:30pm, in the Marian Inn. Info: Susan (610865-9392), Tom (484-456-6818).*

**YOUTH GROUP CORNER**

**JUNIOR HIGH CREW:** 6th-8th graders are invited to join us every 1st & 3rd Tues. of the month, 6-7:30pm, at the Youth Group House.

*\*\*Check us out on social media @olphyouthgroup*

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

**OLPH SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEWS**

\*Open to children, grades K-8. For more info/schedule a tour, call us at 610-868-6570 or visit [www.olphbeth.org](http://www.olphbeth.org)

\*Applications for the 2019-20 school year now accepted.

In the spirit of Advent, the Christ in Action Group, which is part of the Home/School Association, has been very busy! Students have made a forest of Christmas trees, ornaments, & cards to decorate the halls of Good Shepherd. We will also be hosting our annual Christmas Tree Project where we donate gifts & items to families in need. Thank you to Mrs. Clemons, Mrs. Tocci, & Mrs. Echevarria for making these projects possible.

**OLPH SCHOOL SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

OLPH School is seeking qualified substitute teachers. All interested candidates should submit a resume & a letter of interest to Principal Danielle Frio at: [friod@olphbeth.org](mailto:friod@olphbeth.org)

**CHILDREN'S 2019 ENVELOPES**

Can be picked up at the Parish Center during regular business hours (M-F: 8am-12noon, 1-6pm), beginning January 2, 2019.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MON, DECEMBER 17 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Alfred Myers - David Myers

8:00a.m. - Willy Brunache - Daughter  
& Alicia Brunache - Daughter**TUE., DECEMBER 18 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Philip Petronella - Cousin, Lou

8:00a.m. - Carol Spenzierato (Int.) - Sister, Linda

**WED., DECEMBER 19 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Claire Sabourin - Karen Wissner

8:00a.m. - Mary Jo Steager - Carol Yanko

**THUR., DEC. 20 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

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

8:00a.m. - Henry Critelli - Seitz Family

**FRI., DECEMBER 21 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Rose Kopczynskie - Sheila Clarke

8:00a.m. - Alexander &amp; Elizabeth Trotsky - Joann Trotsky

**SAT., DECEMBER 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00a.m. - Satoria Pineda - Diego Pineda

&amp; John P. Gallagher - Family

5:00p.m. - Vincent Memet - Daughter, Linda

&amp; Helen Marcincin - Hay Family

**SUNDAY, DEC. 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30a.m. - Valentina Lopez - Family

&amp; Celso Melendez - Freddie &amp; Karen Anne

9:00a.m. - Bernard Framhein - Doris Knouse

&amp; Mary Jane Knouse - Jack Knouse

10:30a.m. - Dolores Kerecz - Audrey Muthard

&amp; Barbara Yeager - M/M Gary Midash

12:00noon - Mary Spenzierato - Family

**FROM MSGR. MORRISON**

"I will be in the Chapel, Monday, Dec. 17th (6:30-7:30pm) for a spiritual preparation for Christmas. We may have a Mass or Communion service. A few Q and A's will be included. Is Christ present in our Advent?' All are welcome!

**WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

Dec. 19th-31st at Mauch Chunk Opera House (times vary). The Allentown Diocese is home to the only major Catholic musical theatre production company in PA (Sing for America), who produces musicals to raise money for military families in the Lehigh Valley. Visit: [www.SingforAmerica.com](http://www.SingforAmerica.com) for tickets. Questions: please contact Taryn Gilbert (610-417-2189).

**K OF C TRINITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 313 is moving winter meetings to the Convent at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish (1861 Catasauqua Rd., Bethlehem). Meetings are the 3rd Thursdays of Jan., Feb., & March. Rosary (7pm), Meeting (7:30pm). Light refreshments served. Questions: Len Verrastro (610-691-5698) or Ron Moser (484-860-0084/[moserron@hotmail.com](mailto:moserron@hotmail.com)).

**WARM COATS NEEDED!**

Christopher Santos, Chaplain at Northampton County Corrections, is in need of warm coats for the male & female prisoners he shepherds. If you have any adult sized coats that you feel you can donate (especially larger sizes), please contact Tony Saldutti (610-533-2711 or [tsaldutti99@gmail.com](mailto:tsaldutti99@gmail.com)), or leave them in the container in front of the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

**OLPH MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP**

Sign-up sheet for the January 18, 2019 bus trip to Washington D.C. will be posted on the Announcement Board next to the Parish Library. Availability on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost: \$20/per adult; \$10/per student. Bus leaves parish parking lot at 7:30am & arrives back around 9pm. Questions, contact Tony Saldutti: 610-533-2711 or at [tsaldutti99@gmail.com](mailto:tsaldutti99@gmail.com)

**CAROLING WITH OLPH MUSIC MINISTRY**

Join our Music Ministry as we go Christmas Caroling, Sun., December 23rd, at 1:15p.m. We will meet outside of the church (lower parking lot). Cookies, Cocoa, & coffee in the Gathering Space when we return!

**VOLUNTEER GREETERS NEEDED**

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 12/24 (5:00/5:05pm, 7:30pm, & 10:30pm).

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: 12/25 (9:00am & 11:30am).

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES: 12/31 (6:45am, 8:00am, & 4:00pm).

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES: 1/1/19 (9:00am & 11:00am).

Greeters are asked to arrive ½ hr before Mass begins. Sign-up sheets are available in the Greeter's Wire Basket in the Coat Room. Info/questions: Anita Guerriere (484-241-1615).

**HOLIDAY HOOPS AT BECAHI**

Thursday, December 27th, from 9:00-10:30am, at Bethlehem Catholic High School (2133 Madison Ave, Bethlehem, PA). Grades 3-8 - all training geared to level of play. Skills covered: Ball handling, offensive skills, shooting technique, footwork & agility. Cost: \$20. Walk-ins welcome!

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The Lord is near, we rejoice & give thanks.

On this *Gaudete* Sunday, we rejoice as we look forward to the return of Christ. His coming in glory fills us with confidence and prayer - all fear is removed & our hearts sing for joy.