

**THE WORD OF GOD****FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**MI 5:1-4a  
HEB 10:5-10

kmlaLK 1:39-45 (12)

**HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**SIR 3:2-6, 12-14  
COL 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
LK 2:41-52 (17)**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK****\*7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat; Chapel)****SUNDAY - DECEMBER 23**

1:00p.m. - Adult Choir &amp; Sounds of Joy

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

**MONDAY - DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

**5:00p.m.** - MASS (Church)**5:05p.m.** - MASS (Marian Inn)**7:30p.m.** - MASS (Church)

10:00p.m. - Christmas Carol Program

**10:30p.m.** - MASS (Church)**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

**9:00a.m.** - MASS (Church)**11:30a.m.** - MASS (Church)7:00 p.m. - **NO** Bible Study**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 26**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

3:00p.m. **NO** Youth Bell Choir7:00p.m. - **NO** Adult Bell Choir**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 27**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

3:00p.m. - **NO** School Choir4:30p.m. - **NO** REP Classes5:30p.m. - **NO** REP Choir7:00pm- **NO** Adult Choir & Sounds of Joy**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 28**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Ray Murphy Sr., Tim Salabsky, Laurie Kelly, Mary Lawrence, Anne Gerber, Dorothy Pavlinski, Baby Layla, Paul Enright Sr., Baby Avia, Matthew Reese, Sylvia Klepeis, Elizabeth Martlock, John J. Jordan, Michele Pierzga, Robert Dunnigan, Rusty Krajczar, Bob Walker, James Kotlik, Ann Marie Janders, Nancy Flounders, Rose Lichtenwalner, Dorothy Midash, Loretta Granger, 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: **Herb Chew, Ronald Makos and Anthony Middei**. 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 **November**, including Electronic Giving: **\$19,549.75**. 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).*

**TRIP: Villa Roma Resorts:** June 25th-28th. Three meals daily, shows, bingo, indoor/outdoor swimming pools, DJ for dancing. Cost: \$505pp/double, \$595pp/single (bus, gratuities, taxes incl.) Call Tony (484-456-6818) or June (484-767-8669).

**YOUTH GROUP CORNER**

**NEW SPRING CALENDAR:** Coming in the new year, filled with Theology of the Body for high school, s' mores & scripture, taco talks, movie nights & much more!

**DECEMBER SERVICE PROJECT:** New Bethany Ministries! In celebration of baby Jesus's birthday, we are collecting birthday supplies (happy birthday plates, napkins, cups, tablecloths & blowouts) to benefit homeless children at the Transitional Shelter, helping each child feel special on their birthday.

A collection box will be at the back of the church under the Youth Ministry bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

\*\*Check us out on social media @[olphyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/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.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MON, DECEMBER 24 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - William Motko - Daughter, Geri

8:00a.m. - Aparicio Marquez - Family

**5:00p.m.** - John Joseph Norton - Pamela Norton Seitz**5:05p.m.** - Russell Romano - Wife & Family**7:30p.m.** - Intention - Msgr. Morrison**10:30p.m.** - Mass for the People**TUE., DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD****9:00a.m.** - Arthur Donohue, Sr. - Sean, Ryan, & Kevin

&amp; Rose Kopczynskie - Jennifer Marakovits &amp; Fam

**11:30a.m.** - Thomas Keenan - Family

&amp; Dec'd. of Barry/McKeon Family - Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN**

9:00a.m. - Daniel Mullins (Ann.) - Family

&amp; Msgr. Joseph P. Dooley - Katie &amp; Toni

**THUR., DEC. 27 - ST. JOHN**

6:45a.m. - German Zambrana - Dr./Mrs. Rafael Colon

8:00a.m. - Harold Austin - Friends

**FRI., DECEMBER 28 - THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

6:45a.m. - Glenn Malloy - M/M John Majewski

8:00a.m. - Roberto Posada - Pineda Family

**SAT., DEC. 29 - 5th Day within Octave of Nativity**

8:00a.m. - Walter Oram - M/M John Bordick

5:00p.m. - Amy Duh - Family

&amp; Anna McAteer - Sylvia Coombe

**SUN, DEC. 30 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

7:30a.m. - Eric Pollock - Family

9:00a.m. - Maria Villani - Scipioni Family

&amp; Richard M. Ford - M/M Len Verrastro

10:30a.m. - Dolores Kerecz - Lucille Kozsey

&amp; Joseph Midash - M/M Gary Midash

12:00noon - Dolores Brown - M/M Jack Maroski

&amp; Mary Jo Steager - Betty Lou Kent

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.

**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. Cost: \$20. Walk-ins welcome!

**SALESIAN SATURDAYS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Salesian Saturday, scheduled for Jan. 5th, has been moved to Sat., Jan. 12th. Mass (8am) in the Chapel, followed by discussion in the Gathering Space, concluding with Eucharistic Adoration (9:05-10:05am) in the Chapel.

**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.

**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, TODAY, 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 & 11:30am).

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).

**\*MERRY CHRISTMAS\***

**GREETINGS TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES,  
AND FRIENDS, AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF  
CHRIST.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Jesus has come to us as our King & Shepherd.

In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world & as the majestic King - but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply & personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.