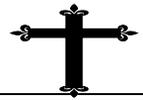
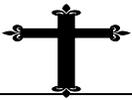


Second Sunday of Advent – December 9, 2018



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 8

8am~Special Intentions of Christian Pepo,
Barry & Tania

Offered by: mom, Joyce Pepo

5:00pm- † Anne Marie Vardy

Offered by: Frank Folby

Sunday – December 9

8:30am-†Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Pat

Offered by: Family

10:00am-† Christopher Roland

Offered by: Carol Nolan-
Petronella & Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

5:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – December 10

8:00am-† Diego Vega

Offered by: Claudia Rozon-Vega

12:05pm~ For health, deliverance &
favor in court for my entire Family

Offered by: mom, Susan Ferris

Tuesday – December 11

8:00am~Birthday Blessings Rosemary Simpson

By: Cinderella Wonsewitz

12:05pm-† John Bruno

Offered by: Family

Wednesday – December 12

8:00am-† Stacey Tierno

Offered by: Christine LaBollita

12:05pm-† Marie Micillo ~*Birthday in heaven*

By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

Thursday – December 13

8:00pm-† Edward Brice

Offered by: Family

12:05pm-† Elizabeth & Stephen Fedorcik

Offered by: Family

Friday – December 14

8:00am - † William Burke

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

12:05pm- † Emilia Lisa

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Saturday – December 15

8:00am-† Joseph Fortunato (son)

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

5:00pm- † Christopher Roland

Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday – December 16

8:30am-† Barbara Cicilo

Offered by: Marrero Family

10:00am-† Dominick Rubio

Offered by: Garay Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

~ *Our Lord Jesus Christ*

The candles will burn this week for the following intentions

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ **FOR ALL OUR**

~ **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

LITURGICAL MINISTER'S SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM - *Lector:* Linda Graves (*carry Gospel Book*)

E.M.: Linford Smith, Mary Lou Obermayer, Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sub: Peg * Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM - *Lector:* Maria Oliveras (*carry Gospel Book*)

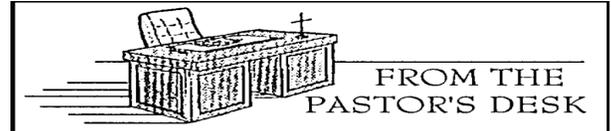
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & MaryAnn Ugbo

Sub: Joan Fortunato

Sunday 10:00 AM - *Lector:* Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)

Eucharistic Ministers: Crescencia Pascua, Emmanuel Fode & Thelma Washington

Sub: Dianne Murphy



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

“Prepare the Way for the Lord” ~Luke 3:4

The readings of today are full of hope for the future that opens in the horizon of the listener. The Prophet Baruch assures the inhabitants of Jerusalem that God will lead his exiled people on their eventual journey home. St. Paul woos the Philippians confident that the faithful people will be found worthy by God at the end of time. Saint Luke on the other hand introduces the figure of John the Baptist who has emerged from the desert to prepare the people by means of a baptism of repentance. A new day dawns the Psalmist sings and we all fill with joy in this time of waiting.

The people of Jerusalem were deported by the Babylonian Empire during the time of the Prophet Baruch. Even in the midst of that chaos Baruch dreams of the day when the faithful people will return to the holy city. He manifests the promise that God will transform and misery would become joy. God will then baptize Jerusalem as a place of justice and peace. Interestingly, we live at a time when peace and justice seem to be far from our environment: how to proclaim justice in a moment when many live on the fringes of society without the slightest chance of changing their destiny? Only one sharing of what we have will be the beginning of justice and peace for our world, that with faith, is prepared during this Advent period.

The Prayer of St. Paul to the Philippians "that the one who began the good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of the appearance of Jesus Christ" is a good way to live the joyful hope that entails this time of waiting. We need to be attentive to the second part of this prayer since the grace of God does not relieve us of our personal responsibility.

The baptism of repentance that John offered was a wonderful and challenging opportunity. As every baptism cleans and renews our lives. Nevertheless, we all know that true repentance and the feeling of forgiveness is very difficult to achieve by our own strength. Baptism calls for conversion of the one that it is baptized. Somehow it echoes the cry of the Prophet of Advent, Isaiah, who proclaims "that the paths are paved and the paths straightened." God acts in our lives, but we are the creators of our own lives as the grace of God we are not freed from the responsibilities of our faith in the "Lord who comes to save us."

Fr. Hernan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3: 14-18A
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Philippians 4:4-7



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE – **Our giving tree is back!** We celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by sharing gifts with families in our community who are less fortunate. Participation can be as simple as removing an angel tag from the giving tree, purchasing the gift and returning it to the church. Join our parish families that volunteer their time and resources to bring a few more blessings to others during the Christmas season. *We express our deepest appreciation for your generosity!*

PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING – Everyone is invited to our next Pastor's Advisory Meeting to be held this coming Monday, December 10th at 5pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend and help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

ADVENT PREPARATION - Fr. Marc J. Roselli, S.J. is offering a session series on Thursday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am. "Praying with advent themes: FAITH, HOPE, LOVE and JOY." Join us as we come together in anticipation of Christ's coming. Even if you missed the prior Thursday session, you may still attend the remaining 2 sessions. Let us recapture the original purpose of Advent so that we can receive the gift that the Lord wants to give us at His Nativity.

LET US "SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!" (Psalm 90) - During the season of Advent we will be singing some new music at the English Masses. The Entrance Song and Penitential Rite have a repetitive refrain; "Come, Come Emmanuel" with solo/cantor verses appropriate for the theme of each Sunday. The Responsorial Psalm will be the "Common Psalm" of the season (Psalm 25) which is different from the "Appointed Psalm" found in the Missal. Please be sure to pick up the blue hymn sheet by the Bulletin Baskets before Mass and return it after Mass.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY – **Monday, December 17, 2018, 4:00PM - 8:00PM.** Cardinal Dolan designated Monday, December 17, 2018, as Reconciliation Monday for Advent. All parishes in the archdiocese (including ours) will have priests available to hear confessions from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Advent gives us a wonderful opportunity to preach on the importance the Sacrament of Penance, and to remind our people that this Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - You are invited to take a Christmas Flower envelope and make a donation for poinsettias and decorations for our church this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The envelopes, with your intentions, will be placed on the altar for the remainder of the Advent season.

BOYS AND GIRLS; LET US SING TO THE LORD - A Children's Choir is being formed to sing at the 4:00pm English mass, December 24th in our parish. Any child who wishes to participate in this music ministry is welcomed. There is NO age requirement specified to participate in the Children's Choir and NO experience is needed. We have had children from 3 years of age and others in high school. The basic requirement is that the child attends the practices. Each child must fill out a permission form and this can be obtained in the rectory.

OLMC SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR - Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14th from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. At the school gym (285 Clove Road). Holiday Gifts for the whole family, jewelry, crochet items, dollar gifts, raffles and much more. **Don't miss out!** Everyone is invited. Funds to benefit Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta School.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS - Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

FOOD PANTRY - The next distribution date for our food pantry will be on Thursday, December 13th, 2018 from 9 am-11am and 4pm - 7pm. (In front of the church.) For more information, call the rectory. *Because I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. ~ Matthew 25:35.*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Come and celebrate this joyous feast day with our Hispanic community on Tuesday, December 11th & Wednesday, December 12th. The festivities begin with a marathon on the 11th initiating at 6:30pm at the ferry. If anyone is interested in participating in the marathon, please contact the parish to register, mass will follow at 9pm. On Tuesday the evening begins with a 6pm procession from Veterans Park up Castleton Ave and a mass following at 7pm. After mass join us for fellowship in the Parish School hall. *Everyone is welcome!*

LAS POSADAS – is a traditional Hispanic advent tradition of "Pastorela" celebration where all are welcome! The Hispanic community invites us to join them beginning on Sunday, December 16th at 7:00pm in the school back cafeteria and will end on December 24th. Every night is hosted by different families or groups. We're excited to see you and look forward to your company.

COLLECTIONS: December 2: \$4,669; Second Collection: \$2,034. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish*

