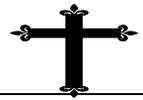


Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 23, 2018



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 22

3:00am-† Rosaria & Guiseppa Vitiello
5:00pm- † Jim & Gene Obermayer
7:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: Family

Sunday – December 23

8:30am-† Andrew & Ralph Frulio
10:00am-† Susan & Patricia May
& Andrew Buckley
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
5:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: †Barbara Miscione

Monday – December 24 ~Christmas Eve~

8:00am-† Elizabeth & Stephen Fedorcik
4:00pm-† Charles & Nancy Pommerenk

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Family

Tuesday – December 25 ~Christmas Day~

10:00am-† Grace & Andrew Frulio

Offered by: Frulio Family

Wednesday – December 26

8:00am-† Joseph Catuogno
12:05pm-† NO MASS

By: daughter, Christine LaBolitta

Thursday – December 27

8:00pm- † Edward Brice
12:05pm-† James Braisted

Offered by: Family
Offered by: OLMC Parish

Friday – December 28

8:00am- † Jesus Martinez
12:05pm-Special Intentions of David Braisted

Offered by: Kathleen Ruggiero
Offered by: OLMC Parish

Saturday – December 29

8:00am-† Susana Acosta
5:00pm- † Thomas Mormino

Offered by: Loyola School
By: Patricia Mormino & Family

Sunday – December 30

8:30am-† Luis P. Rivera
10:00am-† Lena Mezzacappa

By: Ayala, Rivera & Torres Families
By: Bessy & Joseph Martino

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

~ *Our Lord Jesus Christ*

The candles will burn this week for the following intentions

Tabernacle Candle



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Memorial Candle

~ **FOR ALL OUR**

Memorial Candle

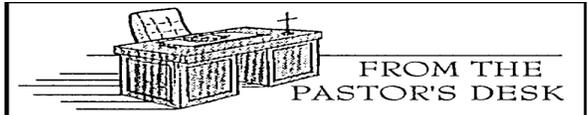
~ **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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, Delmerto 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

Emmanuel, God with us CHRISTMAS 2018

Merry Christmas! This season we celebrate giving and receiving gifts as a reflection of the most valuable gift that believers of all times have received: Jesus, the Son of God; The Emmanuel, "God with us." Indeed, Jesus is a gift to all because He was born for our salvation. Jesus is also the gift of God our Father because he continues to be born in our hearts, in all places where good is done and desired. Jesus is the greatest gift of all time because through him we are partakers of the generosity of God that reveals the face of Jesus through good deeds towards our neighbors.

The readings point to the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace who with his presence is reborn giving us joy and joy with his birth. Isaiah prophesies about the upcoming victory for the Chosen People. In the Psalm we are reminded of God's promise to David that one of his descendants will reign forever. Saint Paul summarizes the actions God's in favor of his people through the generations of the history of the Jewish People. Matthew begins his Gospel narrating the forty-two generations from Abraham to Jesus. Immanuel means "God with us," and in the person of Jesus, God becomes the eternal present. All the readings of Christmas are a reminder that God has always been present with us and is also present in the here and now of our lives.

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When we invoke Jesus, the Prince of Peace born in Bethlehem, it is good to remember that with his birth he brings us a peace that is not merely the absence of war but a state of tranquility, harmony, calm and consolation. The peace that Jesus brings us is that feeling we have when everything is going well and we feel blessed by God.

Christ Jesus with his glorious birth and descent brings peace to our lives and brings peace to the whole world. That is why the angels sing hymns of peace to the shepherds and to all the people of goodwill. May the Little Boy who was born in Bethlehem bring peace to our lives and to the life of the world that expects his peace to be lasting.

MERRY CHRISTMAS Fr. Hernan, S.J.

"Maria gave us the Emmanuel ... (who) had to be born in a stable because his own did not have space for him. And there ... in the midst of the darkness of a city, which neither space nor place for the outsider who comes from afar, in the midst of the darkness of a city in full motion and which in this case seems to want to build with his back to the others, precisely there the revolutionary spark of God's tenderness ignites. In Bethlehem a small opening was created for those who have lost their land, their homeland, their dreams "

~Pope Francis.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4A
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrew 10:5-10

December 30: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
1 Psalm 1:20-22, 24-28
Colossians 3:12-21



ADORATION SCHEDULE for CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Monday, December 24 (**Christmas Eve**) at 8:00AM & 4:00PM (English) - 7:30PM (Spanish)
Families are invited to bring the Infant Jesus from their home Nativity Scenes with them to Mass to be blessed.
Tuesday, December 25 (**Christmas**) at 10:00am (English) - 11:30AM y 1:30PM (Spanish)
Monday, December 31 (**New Year's Eve**) at 8:00AM, 12:05PM (English) - 7:30PM (Spanish)
Tuesday, January 1 (**New Year's Day**) at 10:00AM (English) - 11:30AM y 1:30PM (Spanish)
Please note: On Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26 the parish office will be closed.
It will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT – We are excited to invite you to join us for a beautiful Christmas Eve Concert performed by our very own children's choir on December 24th at 3:30pm before our family mass at 4pm. It is our specific hope to have each audience member enjoy our concert and be filled with an abundance of joy and good spirit. JOIN US!

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!*

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your envelope packet and in the back of the Church. Donations can be given in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones and your intentions will be remembered during each Mass throughout the Christmas Season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

RENEW AND REBUILD - Thank you for your prayers and commitments to our Renew and Rebuild campaign. If you have not yet committed to the campaign, we ask you to consider helping us reach our parish goal.

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP - The Sanctuary Lamp AND our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$10. There are many dates open for dedication. Anyone who would like to make arrangements for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp (Memorial Candle) should contact the Parish Office.

BREAD AND WINE - We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$25. Any questions, please call the Parish office.

FEAST of the THREE KINGS (The Solemnity of the Epiphany) – On Sunday, January 6th, 2019, join your parish family and come celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus on the greatest feast of the church year. There will be a distribution of toys for children 13 years of age and younger in the school gym from 1pm to 3pm that same day. "The gifts we have received will also be our offering to the Redeemer." ~ 1Corinthians

PARISH MEMBERSHIP – We welcome ALL new families and individuals to our parish! We ask that you register in the rectory so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy and to help lighten your burdens. We take seriously the words of Jesus: "Love one another, as I loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

COLLECTIONS: December 16: \$2,797; Second Collection: \$2,268; Flowers: \$1,245. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*The Priests and Office Staff wish to extend their Christmas greetings to all parishioners. May the gift of Jesus fill your hearts and homes with joy and peace this Christmas Season. A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us this Christmas. Christmas presents all of us with the opportunity to renew friendships, to celebrate with family and to give thanks to our God who has blessed us so richly. Welcome Home! Merry Christmas!*