Clergy:
Rev. George J. Torok, C.O., Weekend Associate
Rev. John Dwyer, Weekend Associate
The Oratorian Fathers: Rev. Roman Palecko, Rev. Vladimir Chripko;
Rev. Thomas Kunnel; Rev. Martin Kertys

Staff: Kathryn Lavery, Parish Secretary   Stan Kietur, Plant Supervisor

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Michele Hanebuth, Mara Hauser, Mary Leggett, Joe Martin, Steven
Navedo, Tom Quinn, Nick Sfraga, Eileen Taylor, Anna Vero

Altar Servers: Martina Collins

Bulletin/Website: Mary Anne Evangelist

Eucharistic Ministers: Trudy Smith

Lectors: Tom Smith

Ushers: Ray Hayes

Liturgy, Learning and Outreach Committee Mary Anne Evangelist

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Rose Gavigan Meets Thursday 7 PM rectory

Music Ministry: Organists: Brian Dwyer, John Piazza; Saturday Choir
Director : Joan Deltoro; Sunday 10:30 AM Choir Director : Peggy Pomeroy;
Sunday Leaders of Song : Mary Lynn Milazzo, Peggy Pomeroy, Keith
Buterbaugh  Choir Practice: Every Thursday 6 PM – 7:30 PM

Rosary Altar Society: Kathy Conway
Meets Monday after the first Sunday, 8:15 PM , Sept.-June

CYO Athletics: Mara Hauser

Mommy and Me: Brenda Boysa and Lisa Connolly
Every Fri. , 10 AM to Noon during the school year

Knights of Columbus: Joe Martin

St. Monica Prayer Group: Eleanor Klepper  Meets every Tues., 7 PM in
the Oratory Chapel to pray for their children.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after Masses at 8:00 AM, 12:30 PM
and 7:30 PM

First Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 AM-7 PM followed
by confessions, Holy Rosary and 7:30 PM Mass

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday, 4:30 PM and as announced.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptism: First Sunday of the month, 1:30 PM
Preparation class: Third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
Please call the rectory as early as possible, no less than 6 weeks before
the desired date, to make arrangements, attend the preparation class
and provide required paperwork, including Godparent sponsor sheet.
Masses of the Week

Saturday, January 7: Feast of St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

5:00 PM Church: Kathleen Murphy
5:00 PM Chapel: Betty Colletti

Sunday, January 8: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Nora & George Fonda / John Koleduk
10:30 AM Church: OLSH School Children and Parishioners / Catherine Lavery
10:30 AM Chapel: John O'Donnell
12 Noon Patricia Ryan

Monday, January 9: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM George Trotta
12:30 PM Matthew & Ethel Knieriem
7:30 PM Mae Ahearn

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 AM Francis Donnelly / Tebby DeMaio
12:30 PM Lisa Bennice

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 AM Marion Doherty
12:30 PM Betty Colletti

Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM Catherine Lavery
12:30 PM Veronica Simpson

Friday, January 13: Feast of St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Joseph Young / deceased members of the Gallagher & Gill families
12:30 PM Ed McGuire / Kevin Guthrie

Saturday, January 14

9:00 AM Thanksgiving to our Lady of Good Remedy
5:00 PM Michael Guerin

Sunday, January 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Marilyn Graney & Barbara Solesky
10:30 AM Roberta Harsh / Henendina Pamiloza Eliazo
12 Noon Philomena Boyle

From the Pastor:

For today’s feast of the Epiphany, Fr. Francis Fernandez, in his collection In Conversation with Christ, writes:

Many of the people who lived in Bethlehem saw in Jesus a child like any other. The Kings knew how to see Him as the Child, who, from then on, would be adored forever. Their faith gave them a unique privilege: to be the first among the gentiles to adore him when the world did not know him. How immensely happy must these men have been, having come from so far, when they were able to contemplate the Messiah soon after he came into the world!

We have to be attentive, because Our Lord also shows himself in the normal events of every day. May we know how to recover this interior light, which for us breaks through the monotony of days which are all the same, and find Jesus in our ordinary life!

St. JoseMaria Escriva offers a prayer for us:

Kneel before Jesus, God hidden in humanity. We tell him once more that we do not want to turn our backs on his divine call, that we shall never separate ourselves from Him, that we shall remove from our path all that may be an obstacle to our fidelity and that we sincerely wish to be docile to his inspirations.

My brothers and sisters, never forget the presence of Jesus! This is the Christmas message: Christ is with us. Keep your eyes on and heart with Him every day.

With love and Prayers,
Fr. Francis
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart joins with Helping Hands

With the prospect of a long cold winter ahead, during the month of January, the parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will be supporting the efforts of HELPING HANDS FOR THE HOMELESS OF ROCKLAND, a not-for-profit organization that provides Safe Haven for men and women 18 years and older during the cold season and a broad range of homeless services throughout the year. Their Outreach Center provides laundry, showers and men's and women's clothing, free of charge. The Outreach Center is located in the United Church of Spring Valley (11 E. Church St. Spring Valley, NY).

In addition to NEW socks, gloves, hats and scarves for ADULTS, we will be collecting laundry detergent since many of their guests cannot make use of the laundry services available because they do not have funds to purchase detergent.

There will be a box at the rear of church each weekend in January. Please begin 2017 remembering the neediest among us when making your own purchases. Your kindness and generosity will bring many blessings on our parish.

Homebound? Snowed in? Watch the Mass on TV or online...

With winter upon us it’s sometimes impossible to come to church for Mass on Sunday. The Passionists of the St. Paul of the Cross Province began their television ministry in New York in December of 1970. From the first broadcast, The Sunday Mass was enthusiastically received by the home bound and the infirm. Today, hundreds of thousands now join in the celebration of The Sunday Mass nationwide on TV (Freeform, formerly ABC Family Channel) and worldwide via the internet.

Log on to: https://thesundaymass.org/watch-the-sunday-mass or see TV information below

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Prayers for the sick

Each week we update the list of members of our parish family who ask for special prayers to cope with the challenges of illness or other hardship. Please contact the rectory to add someone who needs our prayers. We are also always delighted to receive a call that circumstances have improved, asking us to remove someone from the list. Again, please call the rectory (359-1230) and we will make that change. Thank you!

The Caring Community of OLSH is ready to serve!

With thanks to the generous members of our parish, a true caring community, we are ready to offer assistance to those members of the OLSH parish family who need support in one of the following ways:

♥ Respite: If you care for the ill or elderly full time at home and would benefit from having an hour or two where someone would visit with your family member giving you time to take care of your own personal needs, please let us know. There can be no medical responsibilities.

♥ Visit the Homebound: Are you or do you know of parishioners who can no longer leave their homes and would truly enjoy spending an hour with a visitor? Let us know.

♥ Rides: Do you no longer drive and would appreciate a ride to Mass, local shopping, or a medical or personal appointment? Please call the rectory to let us know.

♥ Family Support: There are times when a family is dealing with unexpected illness, accident or family emergency and would appreciate the gift of a meal. If this would help you navigate a difficult time, please let us know.

Please call the Parish Office during regular hours, 845-359-1230, to let us know how we can help.
Parish:

◊ **OLSH Lottery Calendars**: Donation is $25 per calendar, no cash please. If you would like to purchase an OLSH 2017 Lottery Calendar or if you have any questions about how this fundraiser works, please email Fran Dillon at efffdeee@hotmail.com.

◊ **Archdiocesan Second Collection for Communications and the Catholic University of America**: This weekend, January 7-8

◊ **Parish Office Closed Monday, January 16**: Martin Luther King Day

Community:

◊ **Elizabeth Seton Women’s Center Rockland Group**: If you’d like to start off 2017 trying to do some good in the world, or just want to form some friendships and try some new things, join us at the first Rockland based meeting of the Women’s Center for 2017-January 11th, 7 to 9 pm, Seton Village Community Center in Nanuet. We will have monthly meetings consisting of book discussions, trips and outreach opportunities. For more information, please email at director@elizabethsetonwomenscenter.org or simply stop by on the 11th.

◊ **Dominican College Undergraduate and Graduate Schools Open House**: Information session including Undergraduate on-line programs: Wed. Jan. 11, 5:30—7:30 PM, Hennessy Center

◊ **St. Anthony’s Cemetery Expansion is Complete**: Pre-need graves will be available for sale as of 12/5 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. FMI: 845-623-2138 x. 7 or stanthonycatholiccemetery.com

◊ **ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL Take-a-Tour Thursday Program** provides parents an opportunity to learn what sets Albertus Magnus apart from all other high schools. **January 12th**. Arrive to the Albertus Library at 8:15 am. This program will include a 15-minute presentation followed by a 45-minute guided tour. Register on line at www.albertusmagnus.net

◊ **2017 March for Life**: On the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, come to Washington, DC, and walk for the sake of the unborn. The March is on Friday, Jan. 27. A bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at 6 am. We will depart from Washington at 6 pm. Adults $30, Students $15. For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or 425-1322 (para espanol). For more information, see our website RocklandRTL.org.

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**Parish Bulletin Publication Deadline**

For your planning, information to be included in the Bulletin must be received by 9:00 AM on the **Monday prior to the publication date**. Please email the copy-ready material to communication@OLSHtappan.com and include a phone number in the event it’s necessary to contact you. Thank you!

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**Weekly Quote from St. Philip Neri**

We are not saints yet, but we, too, should beware. Uprightness and virtue do have their rewards, in self-respect and in respect from others, and it is easy to find ourselves aiming for the result rather than the cause. Let us aim for joy, rather than respectability. Let us make fools of ourselves from time to time, and thus see ourselves, for a moment, as the all-wise God sees us.

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**Tabernacle Candles**

**Church**: Jan. 7-8: Gerald Stush

**Chapel**: Jan. 9-13: Baby Elizabeth

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**Liturgy Ministers January 14-15**

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Regional Catholic Elementary Schools Now Accepting Applications for 2017-18

Beginning this month, NEW students and ALL rising Kindergarteners may Apply to our Regional Catholic Elementary Schools and learn about Financial Assistance in one of three ways: Go online www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org

Over the phone, by calling our bilingual number at 646-794-2885

In person, at any of these participating schools:
Sacred Heart School 60 Washington Avenue, Suffern
St. Anthony 34 West Nyack Road, Nanuet
St. Gregory Barbarigo 29 Cinder Road, Garnerville
St. Margaret 34 North Magnolia St., Pearl River
St. Paul 365 Kings Highway Valley Cottage

If you haven’t had a chance to visit, we invite you to experience a Catholic school in action by attending an open house event or by scheduling a private tour. Upcoming TOURING TUESDAYS OPEN HOUSE dates are:

The Epiphany of the Lord Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church January 8, 2017

◊ Monthly Teaching Mass weekend for January: This weekend January 7-8
◊ Mandatory Meeting for Parents of Confirmation candidates: Sunday, Jan. 15 or Wednesday, Jan. 18: Chapel, 7 PM. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.
◊ No RE Classes on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King day.
◊ The Religious Education Office is located in the Rectory. Although the school office is not open for regular hours, you can call and leave a message on 365-2141 or email redirector@olshtappan.com and we will respond to your message ASAP.

December 2, 2017

We know that Christmas is just behind us but didn’t want to wait to share the exciting news that our parish has secured a block of tickets for:

The Miracle of Christmas at Sight and Sound Theaters, Lancaster PA.

This full day excursion will include deluxe motor-coach transportation from and returning to OLSH, lunch at Hershey Farm restaurant, and the 2 PM Matinee performance of The Miracle of Christmas.

All inclusive tickets will cost $135. pp. for adults and $95. for children, ages 3-12.

Mark your calendars now, start saving your pennies and watch the Bulletin for the date you can send in your reservations.


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A Christmas Gift from the Parish

Copies of Beautiful Mercy, a recent book by Matthew Kelly, author of last year’s popular title, Rediscovering Jesus were distributed to each family at all of the Christmas Masses. If your family did not receive one, please pick up a copy today with the love and affection of your parish family.
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

If we were planning to go to visit someone in another town or city, we might first ask someone who knew how to get there to give us directions. They might give us some general directions and suggest the best roads to take. Another thing we should do is look at a map. The map will show us exactly how to get where we want to go. As we travel, we should keep checking the map to be sure that we are headed in the right direction. If we follow the directions that we receive and use the map to guide us, we will surely find the way.

After Jesus was born, some wise men, also called Magi, saw a star in the sky which they believed announced the birth of a king. They traveled to Jerusalem and began to ask, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

Herod heard about the Magi and their search for a king and he was deeply disturbed. He called a meeting of the priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" The priests told Herod that the prophet Micah had written that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. So Herod called for private meeting with the wise men and said to them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

As you know, the wise men did not have a map to guide them to Bethlehem, but they had something even better -- they had a star to guide them. So the wise men followed information that the priests had given to Herod and the star that God had given to guide them and it led them right to Jesus. When they found him, they gave him gifts and bowed down and worshiped him.

Wise men, women, boys, and girls are still searching for Jesus. There are people who want to help -- people like priests, parents and teachers. There is no map to help us find Jesus and there is no star to follow, but we do have the Bible. We can find the way to Jesus by reading God’s Holy Word! The Bible is the map and star that will lead to Jesus.

Wise Men Search for Jesus

Can you help the Wise Men find the way to the baby Jesus?

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2