

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	December 11th	Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	Joseph & Stella Golembiewski requested by Ronald and Florence Zellin	
9:00 AM	Gaetano T. Ridolpho requested by the Strogon Family and Isabel Blood	Polish Mass
10:30 AM	Mary D. Fitzsimmons requested by Dave and Pat Cedrone	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Za Dusze Zmarlego Antoniego Lubiejewski requested by the Lubiejewski Family	Cantor
Monday	December 12th	
8:00 AM	Lillian Wiltshire requested by Ann and Chris Gannon	
Tuesday	December 13th	
8:00 AM	Anthony and Glenna Valentine requested by Barbara Murphy	
Wednesday	December 14th	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Thursday	December 15th	
8:00 AM	Winnie Caldo requested by Patricia Lennon	
Friday	December 16th	
8:00 AM	Orlando Renna requested by Mary Renna	
Saturday	December 17th	
8:00 AM	Perpetual Mass Intentions	
5:00 PM	John and Joseph Wiltshire requested by Lillian Wiltshire	Cantor
Sunday	December 18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	Linda Cerino requested by Ed Cerino	
9:00 AM	Tomasz Piascik requested by Od zony i dzieci	Polish Mass
10:30 AM	The DeSimone Family requested by The Brooks Family	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Bernard Owczarski requested by Tomasz Owczarski	Cantor
6:30 PM	Dennis Daly (Living) requested by OLQP Parish Family	YAH Choir

Readings for December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

ALTAR CLEANING Week of December 11th Team 5 – Ivania Cioffi



Confessions During Advent

Saturdays, December 10 and 17 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM
 Sundays in Polish 11 and 18 8:15 AM to 8:55 AM
 Monday December 12, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
 Monday December 19, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

BAPTISMS – McKayla Young Duffy and Marco Joseph Vincenti were baptized in God's Life and Love through the waters of Baptism last weekend. Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Family welcomes them and their parents and godparents to journey with us in faith and love.



Father Michael's Desk

ANTICIPATION



Today's First Reading from Isaiah the prophet states that: "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul."

In little less than a couple weeks, we will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. As we reach the halfway point of Advent and now see Christmas in the near future, we are called to reflect on the glory of God. We are called to be hopeful that Jesus is the way, truth and answer in life.

Advent, though a short liturgical season, is a time to understand our present relationship with God. We recognize that life is precious and that there is a time for repentance. It is the reflection on our own sinfulness, and trying to make amends with God. As we wish to amend our lives, we want to remove the bad in our souls and let it be filled with the graces that come from the Sacraments. We see that we are on the verge of something great in our lives, for the one to come is mightier than anyone that has or ever will exist. This Mighty Child born of a virgin's womb will be our Savior.

Meanwhile, we are crammed with a lot of busyness. All of us at this half-way point can echo like words, that it has just been crazy since Thanksgiving. We have the secular responsibilities of the shopping, Christmas Cards, meal preparations, and gatherings. We are consumed with our normal schedules being compounded by the events of the season. Though all of these busy things may be good, we cannot be blinded. If we fail to seek God in this preparation period it will be a significant loss. Simply, we cannot fail God or ourselves, for this is the season to take a hard look into who we really are, and prepare for our Savior, who came into the world in order that we can attain eternal life. We look at ourselves and seek reality. Advent takes us into the depths of our souls in order that we can rise to a newness found in the birth of Jesus.

Jesus doesn't seek a monetary gift, or the latest video game or phone, but rather love and affection from us.

We now have made the halfway turn this Advent. We know now the Lord is coming. We are on the journey to see the Newborn King, We hear the readings turn to anticipation, and we ready ourselves for the final lap to develop a special relationship with Christ.

In this anticipation period, may I recommend that you ask yourself the following:

Jesus is there for us, but do we want Jesus?

Are we going to say "thank you, Jesus" on Christmas Day for coming into the world to die for us? Am I willing to take time-out each day for Jesus, to pray and meditate on this phenomenal gift of the Father?

The best gift we can offer Jesus this Christmas is a renewed love and desire for Him. A true effort needs a commitment to Him and the Almighty Father by following the Commandments and placing God in the forefront of our lives. It means that despite the growth of secularism, we need to locate Christ in our life, and re-dedicate ourselves fully to Him. Though we live in the world, we don't have to be part of it.

May we go in peace and ready ourselves for the coming of the Newborn king.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 11th

RCIA Children: 10:30 AM, Adults 12:30 PM – Parish Library
Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center
Antioch – 6:30 PM – Antioch Room
AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, December 12th

Tiger Den – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria
Confessions – 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Church
Monday CCD – 7:00 PM – Parish Center

Tuesday, December 13th

Tuesday CCD – 4:30 PM – Parish Center
Pack 159 Committee – 7:00 PM – Gathering Space
Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church

Wednesday, December 14th

Boy Scout Troop 159 – 7:00 PM – Gym
Women's Cornerstone – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space
Knights of Columbus – 8:00 PM – KC Hall

Thursday, December 15th

ABC Playgroup – 10:00 AM - Cafeteria
Children's Choir – 4:00 PM – Church
Wolf Den – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria
Confirmation 1 – 7:00 PM - Antioch Room

Friday, December 16th

Webelos I – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria

Saturday, December 17th

First Reconciliation Workshop – 9:00 am – Cafeteria
AA – 2:00 pm – Parish Center Room 3

Sunday, December 18th

Share-a-Gift Returns
Knights of Columbus Breakfast 8:30 AM-12 noon-Cafeteria
Pictures with Santa - 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Cafeteria
Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center
RCIA for Adults – 12:30 AM – Parish Library
Young At Heart Mass – 6:30 PM – Church
AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space



Please remember in your prayers the following: Denise Armagno, Joann Barker, Scott Behrens, Helen Bowden, Julia Buske, Jaycee Cahill, Thomas Camp, Lee Charnock, Bridget Cirbes, Lisa Czyzewski, Mary Grace Daly, Nancy d'Angio Olson, Isaac Del Valle, Denise Farro, Ashley Ferraro, Francesco Galzano, Nancy Ann Gallo, Jim Gamble, Jr., Matthew Gangi, Madeline Grace Ricci Johnson, Ted Hajek, Stanley Holuba, Irene Hudak, Carole Jenkins, Kathleen Jobbagy, Emily Lavey, Jessie and Kristen Kearns, Eleanor Klein, Sandra Long, Rose Martorano, Larry Mayo, Mary and Andre Mochon, John McAloney, Matthew McCormick, Nadine McCormick, Father John Murray, Walter Murray, Bernard Owczarski, Karen Pegande, Luis Pacquing, Nina Roselli, Aldona Sachs, Christina Scienski, Glynne Smith, Elvira Stiglin, Mary Strangia, Marge Starick, Kaylee Stillman, Maureen McSweeney, Anthony Terracino, Carol Vassallo, Loretta R. Victoria, George Vurno, Timothy Waples

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Bill Oppelt

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

Tithing:	December 4, 2011	\$9,113
	Deficit Reduction	\$3,336
	December 5, 2010	\$11,220

Flowers, Candles, Wine

Candle for Month of December

In Memory of Louis E. Corsaro
Donated by Rae Corsaro

SHOP-RITE and A&P GIFT CARDS

Week Ending December 4, 2011

Sold – \$3,655.00

Profit – \$182.75

Total Profit since July 1 – \$5,936.00

Parish Debt Relief

Congratulations OLQP- Our debt through your generosity has now dropped below a half a million. Though it's a long way to be dissolved, we have made payments of over \$24,000 which has been matched by a donor.

Final Call for Bishop's Annual Appeal

For those who have yet to respond to the Bishop's appeal, we ask that you do so by returning your envelope and pledge today. Large or small, it goes a long way.

Retired Religious Need Your Support

by 2019 it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.



Pantry Items for the week

Mashed Potatoes and Turkey Gravy

Eva's Kitchen

We are in the process of planning our next outreach to feed the poor and homeless at Eva's Kitchen on December 31, 2011. We will be feeding approximately 300 people on that day and are in need of the following items. Non-perishable items can be left in the Food Pantry Baskets. Perishable items can be left in the refrigerator in the Annex Kitchen or brought to the Parish House during regular business hours.

Boxed Ziti Pasta Sauce

Frozen Meatballs, Grated Mozzarella Cheese

Please call Kerry Plokhoy at (973) 728-2573 if you are interested in volunteering your time or talent. Thank you!

Census Forms

We ask that all parishioners return their Census Forms as soon as possible. You can mail or drop them off at the Office, or put them into the collection basket. These forms serve a great purpose. First, they update the members in the household. Secondly, they update E-Mail, information, and provide us with information on your availability, and your skills and talents. There is also an area to sign up for ministries. If you did not receive a census form in the mail, please pick one up at the exits of the church, complete and return it. Please don't delay and send it today. Thank you!



Special Reminders

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Meeting Dates:

Grade 9 Confirmation Class: Thursday, December 15th

Grade 10 Antioch: Sunday, December 11th 6:30 PM

All – Young At Heart Mass – December 18th 6:30 PM

THANK YOU!

A very heartfelt thank you to Caryl Romeo for all the hard work organizing the 3rd Annual Youth Ministry Craft Fair. Thank you to all the Confirmation I and II students that came to help set up, work the day of the craft fair, and clean up. Also to all the other high school and college students that came and to all the parents that donated food items for our snack bar, thank you again! We would not be able to do this event without all your help and deeply appreciate it.

We have a few events coming up in the next few weeks as follows: all are service hour opportunities!

December 17th Christmas **Caroling** at Van Dyke Times will be given to the students at Conf. I and II this week. EVERYONE is welcome! This is a nice opportunity for families to come together.

December 15th at 7 PM there will be a **rehearsal** for the YAH Mass (12/18) Anyone that is interested in singing or playing please let us know. Any level is welcome!

December 18th is the Knights of Columbus **breakfast**. Starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 1 PM. Santa arrives at 11:30 and pictures with Santa will be available.

December 17th Help at **Straight and Narrow** with **gift sorting** 9 AM. Speak to Eileen about attending. We need volunteer drivers to help provide transportation.

December 18th Help **sort gifts** at OLQP Church 1 PM

December 31st Serve dinner at **Eva's Kitchen** 10 AM-2:30 PM

December 18th is our monthly **YAH Mass** and right after Mass all high school students are invited to our Youth Ministry Christmas gathering. We will supply food, soda and ask that the students bring a dessert to share. We are also asking that they bring new gloves, hats or scarves that will be donated to one of the shelters doing a new coat drive for Christmas.

More info to follow about the **Right to Life** March **JAN 23rd** in Washington DC will be coming shortly.

This week our teens sent out over **100 Christmas cards** to service people stationed overseas for a program called Holiday Greeting for Heroes. It was heartwarming to see the meaningful notes written to our soldiers.

From the youth ministry staff we would like to **thank everyone** for all the cooperation and support this year. It has been a joy and pleasure working with all of you. We would like to **thank our Confirmation I teachers** for all their dedication to the students and the Confirmation program. Also to the **Antioch team of Juniors and Seniors**, we extend our gratitude for your input and your help. You are the core of this group and we really appreciate your dedication!

ATTENTION ALL USHERS!!

Are you a current usher? Do you help to take up the collection at Mass on the weekend? We need **YOUR HELP!** Please call Joann at the parish office on Monday or Tuesday, December 12/13. Besides trying to get a list of all those helping with ushering, we would like to be sure all the Christmas Masses will be covered. Please call the parish office so we can send you specific guidelines for Christmas and beyond. **THANK YOU!**

March for Life

OLQP will have a bus to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23rd. We will start out with Bagel and Juice en-route to Washington where we will have Mass on Capitol Hill. Fr. Michael, the Coordinator of the Diocesan trip to Washington for the March will be the main celebrant. After Mass, we will head to the March and display our love for the voiceless who have been lost to abortion. Please mark your calendars for this important day. Pricing, time of departure, and sign-up information will be posted in the next bulletin.

Position of Music Director

Our Lady Queen of Peace R.C. Parish in West Milford, N.J. is seeking an individual with keyboard/organ and voice experience, and knowledge of the Catholic Mass. Responsibilities include but not limited to leading a choir, playing keyboard at a Catholic Mass, and music selection for liturgies. Interested parties should forward resumes to the Music selection Committee at the parish office.

Employment Opportunities

Local Job Opportunity

Center for Family Resources in Ringwood is looking for a part time EHS Teacher Aide 2:00-5:30 PM. Fax resume to 973-962-1129, email to jobs@ccffr.net or website: www.centerforfamilyresources.net

Please take note of the **Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Career Transition** support group meetings in Wanaque - details posted on bulletin boards at entrances of church.

Altar Servers

New schedules have been mailed to all servers and cover the period between December 18-January 8. This includes the Christmas schedule. We ask that you meet all assignments, or seek a replacement for the Mass in which you are assigned.

New Altar Server Training

Calling all students, Grades 4th -8th to consider joining the ranks of Altar Server here at OLQP. It's a great, rewarding, and fun ministry to do here at your parish. There will be two required training days: Session 1 is on Saturday January 14th, 9:30-11:00 AM, and Session #2 is on Tuesday, January 17th, 3:30-4:30 PM. All interested students or families should see Fr. Michael.

CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

December 18th – 8:30 AM to 12 Noon



Parents: Come enjoy our full breakfast

Only \$7 for adults, \$5 for children,
OR just stop in for coffee and cake for only \$2,
 while the kids are in CCD.

Santa will be here for pictures between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM



Do You Hear What I Hear?

Sunday, December 18th

at 4:00 PM

in Church

The Adult and Children's choirs will be presenting a choral concert celebrating the Christmas season. Take a much-needed break and come immerse yourselves in the Sounds of the Season! There is no charge for admission, but be sure to come early to reserve a good seat.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM	Children's Mass
4:15 PM	Mass in Gym
6:00 PM	Mass
9:30 PM	Mass in Polish
11:30 PM	Carols
12:00 Midnight	Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

7:30 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	Mass in English in Gym
9:00 AM	Mass in Polish in Church
10:30 AM	Mass
12:00 PM	Mass in English

Opportunities for Christmas Gifts

Religious Article Store

Final week before Christmas to buy from The Sisters of St. Francis: medals, cards, and many other items for sale in the Gathering Space (formerly called the Rear Annex). Support our Sisters and get a good buy.

Spiritual Christmas Cards

The Rosarians selling Spiritual Christmas Cards this weekend. Fr. Michael will be celebrating a special Mass in honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary for the intentions of all those who receive one of these cards. The cards will be \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00, or 5 cards for \$10.00. The Rosarians also have Queen of Peace ornaments of sale.

In the Spirit of Giving

Share-A-Gift Ministry

A few more families have been brought to our attention, so there are some Share-A-Gift tags left this weekend, Please return wrapped **TAGGED** gifts to the rear annex next weekend, December 17-18. It is very important that you attach the tag you took from the tree to your wrapped gift. All gifts must be returned no later than 1:00 PM Sunday, December 18th. **THANK YOU!**



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Bereavement Support Group

We are offering a support group for all those who have lost a loved one and need help working through their loss. Be it a spouse, child, parent, or close friend whose loss has created a hole in your heart, we are here to help you. It's not too late to join us **Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM** in the Antioch Room of the Parish Center (former school building, first floor – cafeteria entrance). Bring a family member or friend who is also experiencing grief. All are welcome! Please call Mary Beth, ext. 303 with questions or to register.



Caring Ministry

Are you going to be in the hospital for a few days? Do you have a family member, or know a parishioner who is in the hospital? Please call the parish office and let us know. The HIPA Law (Privacy Act) prevents hospitals from informing us that you are in the hospital, so please do call us. Do you know of some one who is recovering from surgery or illness, is home-bound because of age or infirmity? Please let us know. We have parishioners who would like to reach out to other members of the parish in need. Call the parish office and leave the name and phone number of the person with a special need.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

Wrap for Charity

Bring a present and Girl Scout Troop 636 will wrap it for you in return for a food item that will be donated to a local charity. December 18, 12:00-3:00 PM at Hillcrest Community Center. Please come and let us wrap gifts for you! Thanks.