

DECEMBER 9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY

8:30 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina
John McLaughlin req. by Anne McLaughlin

TUESDAY – Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Debbie Gilmartin
Special Intention of Albert Charles Weibel &
Families req. by Anna & Simon

WEDNESDAY – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 Lisa Devenny (9th Anniv.) req. with love by
Mom (Mary Conti)

THURSDAY – Saint Lucy, Martyr

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Christa Schmidt &
Family

FRIDAY – Saint John of the Cross

8:30 Special Intention of Simon Levien req. by Anna
Levien
Antonio Berardi req. by Elise & Tom Adams &
Family

SATURDAY

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Felix & Teri McIntyre
5:30 Daniel Berry req. by Felix & Teri McIntyre

DECEMBER 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

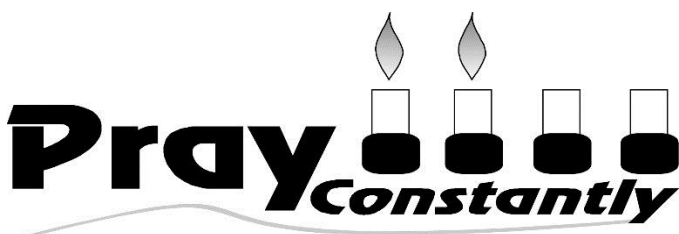
7:45 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu &
Dirle Family and all souls in Purgatory req. by
the Dirle Family
Special Intention of Andre, Marie & Hector req.
by the Dirle Family
9:00 Kathy Weckler req. by the Weckler Family
10:30 James Opitz req. by Family
12:00 People of the Parish
Deceased members of the Geronimo &
Gorospe Families req. by Anna & Simon

PARISH FINANCES

December 2, 2018 **\$ 11,040**

Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.) **\$ 3,000**

**Next week's Second Collection is for the Retirement
Fund for Religious**



REFLECTION

Open My Eyes to See You

When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague "I suppose so" way, but in a specific inspiring "Hey! I just felt the Lord!" way?

While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today's first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem – a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape.

Seeing his people's distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look *up* and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze *out*, where they would ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough, they would see God's presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was, and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites, the Holy Spirit wants to tell you: *If you want to see Jesus, don't just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.*

Try an experiment at Mass today. Every time you stand (for the Gospel Acclamation, the Creed, the Great Amen, and the Communion procession), look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, "These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God's love and faithfulness."

All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together with you, they make up the body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them, just as he is present in the Host and the chalice. So don't just look up. Look out as well, and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in such a personal way.

"Lord, open my eyes to see you!"

From: *The Word Among Us*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 12/9 to 12/16, 2018

Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	4:00 PM OLL CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Church
Mon.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:30-8:30 PM Confessions	Church
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Class	Library
	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM RB Christmas Concert	McKenna
Wed.	3:00 PM RB Teachers	Cassidy Hall
	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM R.C.I.A.	St. Benedict
Thurs.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:45 PM BINGO (non smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Fri.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	7:30 – All Day – CYO Basketball	Gym
	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	12:30-3:00 PM Legion of Mary Curia	Cassidy Hall
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*



SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 AM Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. It will be an hour well spent.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey **easier**.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4 -7

Gospel: Luke 3:10 -18



Pictured here is Mrs. Stenderowicz' grade 8 Sunday morning Religious Education class having purchased and wrapped Christmas presents for Adopt-a-Family.

YOUTH GROUP

ATTENTION TEENS - Need service hours?

Come to the FIRST SUNDAY each month. Join us at the 12:00 pm Mass, followed by lunch, fellowship and a service project at the Church. From 1 - 2:30 PM in youth group room. RSVP - allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org

MEET NEW FRIENDS!

OLL Youth Group - all high school teens and college students are welcome. Join us every Monday from 6:30-8:00 PM. Meet new friends, talk about faith, play some board games and outside games, listen to music and enjoy snacks.

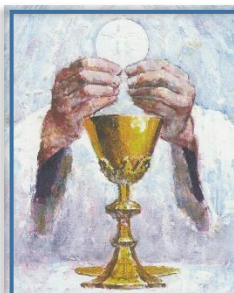


ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE



In preparation for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we will have confessions available every Monday during Advent from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

Our Advent Communal Penance Service will take place on **Monday, December 17th** **beginning at 7:30 PM.** There will be additional priests available for confessions. Please take this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED to serve at Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses. Please sign up on the inside cover of the brown sign-in binder in the vestibule of the church.

THE GIVING TREE

We will once again be collecting baby items to benefit Birth Haven in Newton. The Christmas tree will soon be up in the vestibule. Items that would be most appreciated are: boys or girls clothing - size 0-9 mos., baby monitors, crib sheets, BOPPY pillows, car seat/stroller combo, baby laundry detergent, wipes, diapers.



FINANCE

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If you're shopping online please keep in mind that if you make purchases through Amazon.com, you can help our parish by using the link on our website (www.ourladyofthelake.org). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, click on the "Getting Involved" button and you will see the Amazon.com link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

St. Paul's Abbey – Christmas Trees

St. Paul's Abbey, on Route 206, one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut, 7 days a week from November 23 to December 23, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.



St. Kateri Christmas Blood Drive



It's a gift that has no season...it's the gift of life. Join us on Saturday, December 15th from 7:45 am to 1:30 pm.

Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. **To schedule an appointment: tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS. Sponsor Code 15978.** Call Mary Stanek at 973-770-0429 for more information. **WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** Many blessings ~ to the 60 donors and our volunteers who made the November Drive a great success.

March for Life Bus Trip to Washington DC **Friday, January 18, 2019**

Come join us for our annual pilgrimage to give witness to the Beauty of Life. The cost is only \$10.00. Children and Students are free. Bus leaves after the 6:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville and leaves Washington for return trip around 3:30 PM. The bus will make a food stop along the way and on the way back. Call Our Lady Queen of Peace office at 973-948-3185.



SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs

while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

NORDIC KNIGHTS OCEANIC CRUISE



Join Father David and Our Lady of the Lake parishioners on a cruise on the Nordic Knights of Oceanic Cruises from July 22nd to August 4th 2019 -visiting Sweden,

Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan Scully at Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com. or 973-534-6462.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
Christmas Concert



TODAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2018
4:00 PM
Come and sing along!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Sunday December 9	Christmas Concert 4:00 PM
Monday December 17	Penance Service 7:30 PM
Monday December 24	Christmas Eve 8:30 AM 4:00 PM (overflow in McKenna Hall @ 4:05) 6 PM, 8 PM & Midnight
Tuesday December 25	Christmas Day 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & Noon
Monday December 31	New Year's Eve Regular Morning Mass - 8:30 AM 5:30 PM Vigil Mass
Tuesday January 1, 2019	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day) 8:30 AM 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MAGIC AT OLL

On Saturday, December 1st, Our Lady of the Lake, with the aid of students from our local middle and high schools, brought "Christ in Christmas" to life. This event, in the spirit of the true meaning of Christmas, brought together young children, their teen mentors, parents, and grandparents to



build Teddy Bears for the children in homeless shelters in the Sussex County area. This year the bears will be donated to the over 200 families currently residing at the Samaritan Inn in Franklin, as well as other shelters in both Morris and Sussex Counties. The children placed hearts into the bears they made, and gave them



one final hug and kiss before placing them on a table. The children were thanked with a musical program given by the students and Father David that included Christmas carols. Christ in Christmas concluded with a visit from Santa Claus. Santa asked the children to pack his sack with the bears so that he could take them over to the Samaritan Inn. From the Samaritan Inn the bears will be distributed to the other shelters.



A very special 'thank you' to the many volunteers, including the local chapters of our Sparta Girl Scouts that are a valuable part of our Christ in Christmas

celebration. These young men and women came to help our children throughout the entire event. They are the wonderful young people from Morris Catholic HS, Pope John HS, OLL Confirmation Class, Newton HS, and Sparta HS.

Most of all, 'thank you' to all our 175 young attendees and their families, for making this afternoon truly magical. Tonight many children will sleep in peace because of you.

Christ in Christmas is possible each and every year at Our Lady of the Lake because of the constant support of Rev. David McDonnell and the OLL parish. On behalf of the children, we would like to thank them both.

God bless Us Everyone!

Katherine Korkidis (Motto)