

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MONDAY**

- 8:30 Eleanor & Bernard Beihl, Sr. req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl
- 4:00 David Leskavac req. by Elise & Tom Adams & Family
- 4:05 William Connors req. by his family
- 6:00 Deceased members of the Stehr, Nolan, and Hillenbrand Families req. by their children
- 8:00 Joan & John McLaughlin req. by Anne McLaughlin
- 12:00 William Geffken req. by Family  
 Anthony, Beverly & Samantha Stassi req. by Marie Driscoll

**TUESDAY – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

- 9:00 People of the Parish  
 John P. DeLaura III req. by Bette & Kate DeLaura
- 10:30 Harold McGovern req. by the McGovern Family
- 12:00 People of the Parish  
 Special Intention of Simon Levien req. by Anna & Geronimo Families

**WEDNESDAY – Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**

- 8:30 John & Pearl Collins req. by Joan & Bernie Beihl

**THURSDAY – Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist**

- 8:30 Monalda & Oswald Reavey req. by Tom & Pat Bracken  
 Robert Moyle req. by Family

**FRIDAY – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

- 8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Ann Jachts

**SATURDAY**

- 8:30 Jack Hingel req. by his daughter, Betty Donnelly
- 5:30 Margaret McGovern req. by Family

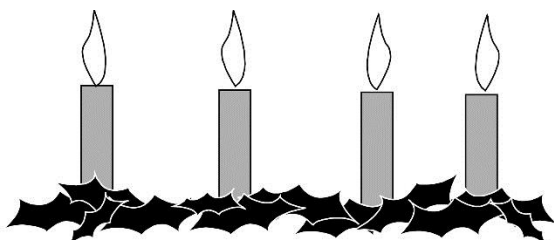
**DECEMBER 30, 2018**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

- 7:45 Sarah Bennett req. by the Ferguson Family
- 9:00 Stan Gasior req. by Bill & Nancy Clear
- 10:30 People of the Parish
- 12:00 Charles Catalano req. by Judy & Wayne Savage

**PARISH FINANCES**

December 16, 2018	\$ 11,350
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 4,066



**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

The Gospel was alive in McKenna Hall on December 8, as parishioners dropped off presents and gift cards to help out our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in our parish and throughout the Diocese.

Toys for Tots brought an abundance of toys to help make Christmas even better, while Confirmation candidates were wrapping the gifts and writing special notes on the tops of donated trays of cookies from Ocean State Job Lots.



The students and volunteers were also helping to carry and organize the bags and

loading them into the truck. Meanwhile, parishioners were invited to enjoy sweet treats and listen to live Christmas caroling from the singing group, 'Just Us.'

Special love and thanks to the many



parishioners who made generous donations. Over 200 OLL families participated in adopting families! Over 775 people will be receiving gifts for

underneath the Christmas tree. Thank you to Dan 'the right man' Samowski and the Adopt-A-Family team for their tireless effort in making this year's ministry a huge success!

See page 3 for a special letter from Trinity Lutheran Church in Dover who will distribute OLL's collected items for the fire victims.

*Allison Ognibene*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 12/23 to 12/30, 2018

Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
Mon.	Christmas Eve	
Tues.	Christmas Day	
Wed.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
Thurs.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:45 PM BINGO (nonsmoking)	McKenna Hall
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
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

#### Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Contemporary Choir practice takes place on Saturdays, at 4:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 p.m. 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 a.m. 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.



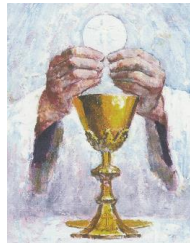
## YOUTH GROUP

### ATTENTION TEENS - Need service hours?

Come to the **FIRST SUNDAY** each month. Join us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass, followed by lunch, fellowship and a service project at the Church. From 1 - 2:30 p.m. in youth group room. RSVP - [allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org](mailto: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 p.m. Meet new friends, talk about faith, play some board games and outside games, listen to music and enjoy snacks.

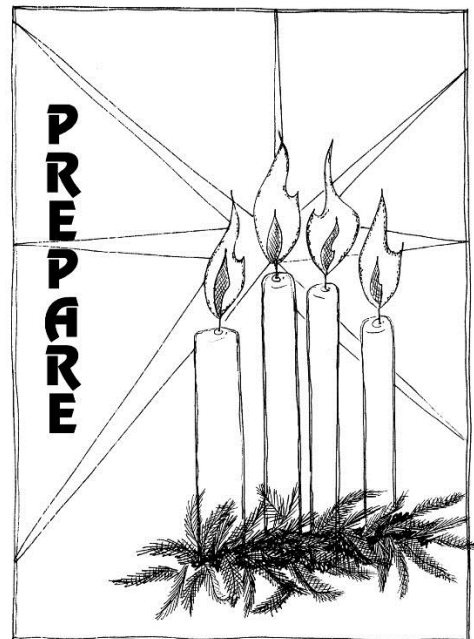


**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED** to serve at *Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses.* Please sign up on the inside cover of the brown sign-in binder in the vestibule of the church.

### THE GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree is up in the Vestibule of the Church. We are collecting baby items to benefit Birth Haven in Newton. 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

### AMAZON.COM TO HELP OUR PARISH

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](http://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, scroll down on our main webpage and you'll see Amazon on the lower right side. Click on it, and then click on the large Amazon icon.

### PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP



**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

**Pope John XXIII High School,  
Sparta**

**7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**For young men in high school  
or college, or even older.**

Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship... and of course, pizza.

For more information, please contact the vocation Office at (973) 777-8818, ext 711



**TRINITY**  
Lutheran Church

Fred Becker, Pastor

December 13, 2018

Our Lady of the Lake Church  
294 South Sparta Avenue  
Sparta, NJ 07871

Attention: Allison Ognibene

Dear Allison,

Thank you for the generous donations for the Dover Fire victims. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. The families can certainly use the items donated.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and 2019 is a great one!

Sincerely,

Kathy McFarland  
Church Administrator

### WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE Catholic Charities

As Christmas approaches, Catholic Charities calls for your help. From Veterans services, to helping youth at risk, to providing support to those struggling with addiction, Catholic Charities, truly does it all. Visit: <https://ccpaterson.org/tree> to give and make a difference in the lives of many.

### 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 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville and leaves Washington for return trip around 3:30 p.m. 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.



### NJ Tax Amnesty 2018

Under a new law signed in July, the NJ Division of Taxation has been authorized to implement a tax amnesty program, providing taxpayers with the opportunity to file past tax returns and/or pay back taxes along with only half of the interest due as of November 1, 2018. The 2018 New Jersey Tax Amnesty began November 15, 2018 and ends January 15, 2019. Amnesty will only apply to outstanding tax filings or payments that are reportable on a tax return due on or after February 1, 2009, and prior to September 1, 2017. For additional information on the Tax Amnesty program, including downloadable documents in both English and Spanish, please visit [TaxAmnesty.nj.gov](http://TaxAmnesty.nj.gov).

### Thank you from Saint Kateri

Saint Kateri Church thanks you for helping make their blood drive a tremendous success. Despite the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, and long list of things yet undone, 73 people took the time to donate blood at St. Kateri's. We send our good wishes and gratitude to all the members of your church family for a wonderful year.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

to August 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 -visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan Scully at [Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com](mailto:Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com) or 973-534-6462.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



<b>Monday</b> <b>December 24</b>	8:30 a.m. <b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:00 p.m. Parish Office will be closed.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>December 25</b>	4:05 p.m. in McKenna Hall 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 12:00 Midnight <b>Christmas Day</b> 9:00 a.m. Parish office will be closed.
<b>Monday</b> <b>December 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b> Regular Morning Mass - 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>January 1, 2019</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)</b> Parish office will be closed



# Merry Christmas

*To all our Parishioners  
and their families:*

*Father David*

*Father Marcin*

*Deacon Anthony (Sonny) Curcio*

*Deacon Jim McGovern*

*and the entire parish staff  
wish you all a*

*Blessed & Happy Christmas!*

## *Our Lady of the Lake Church*

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### *Parish Staff*

Rev. David McDonnell

Pastor

Rev. Marcin Bradtke

Associate Pastor

Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio

Deacon

Mr. James McGovern

Deacon

Elizabeth Heldak

Director of Religious Education

Allison Ognibene

Confirmation/Youth Minister

Krzysztof Kowalewski

Music Director

Lori Kelly

Bookkeeper

Joanna Mattos

Secretary

Denise Aldana

Social Ministries

### *Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist*

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Sunday

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

*Weekday Masses*

8:30 a.m.

*Holy Day Masses*

8:30, 9:30 a.m. (except August 15<sup>th</sup>), and 7:00 p.m.

*Confessions*

Saturday

4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 p.m.

*Miraculous Medal Novena*

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday

8:30 a.m.

*Eucharist Adoration:*

**Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, or Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

*New Parishioners - Welcome!*

Won't you please register at the Parish Office

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Or find our registration form on our webpage

[www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org)

*He shall  
bring peace*

