

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th, 2019

## MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:30 A.M. Doris O'Rourke  
10:30A.M. People of the Parish  
12:00P.M. Joseph Telmosse

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00 A.M. Patricia Miller

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

8:00 A.M. Jack Heneghan

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

8:00 A.M. Joseph Anthony Cinotti

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

9:30 A.M. Communion Service

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 A.M. Margaret Craig

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

9:00 A.M. Michael DeMasi

5:00 P.M. Nicholas Pazzaglia

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30A.M. Sarath Kariyawasam

12:00P.M. Joseph Telmosse

## SCRIPTURES:

### December 22nd – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** AHAS RECEIVES FROM ISAIAH A PROPHECY THAT HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN WAR AND IS URGED TO ASK FOR A SIGN THAT THE PROPHECY IS TRUE. THE SIGN IS "THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL." (ISAIAH 7: 10-14)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL GREETES THE ROMANS BY POINTING OUT THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST WHO WAS PROMISED TO THEM IN SCRIPTURE. HE, PAUL, IS THE APOSTLE FAVORED WITH THE TASK OF SPREADING THE NAME OF CHRIST TO ALL. (ROMANS 1: 1-7)

**GOSPEL:** IN A BRIEF, SIMPLE NARRATIVE, MATTHEW RECOUNTS THE EVENTS LEADING TO JESUS' BIRTH. HE DETAILS THE APPEARANCE OF THE ANGEL IN A DREAM TO JOSEPH AND STRESSES THAT "ALL THIS HAPPENED TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SAID THROUGH THE PROPHETS." (Matthew 1: 18-24)

### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-December 15th

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

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**MASS CARDS** We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. Offering is \$15. **NOTE:** Mass of Living Intention & Healing Mass Cards are available for weekday masses.

**RCIA** The RCIA process for 2019-2020 Next meeting is Tuesday, December 17th at 7:15pm in the Rectory.

**BAPTISMS** are usually performed on the First Sunday of the month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the Rectory - 973-663-0211.



**DONATE A POINSETTIA** –you can help our Church look beautiful for Christmas by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The donation is \$25.00. Envelopes are in the pews today, or call Patricia at the rectory at 973-663-0211.

### ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH.

Final meeting Wednesday, Dec 18th, 7:30PM in the Church Hall. Afternoon sessions also.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsosrh>

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, December 22nd – 8:45AM – (Pre-K-5)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, December 22nd – 6:30-8PM - class

### HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, December 22nd- 6:30-8:00PM –classes

**NO CCD CLASSES DECEMBER 29th**



### THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is today,

December 15th at 3:00 PM in the All-Purpose Room. Our Middle & High School students will participate. The Christmas Pageant has always been a very special

parish event and can serve to help our young children especially to grasp the true meaning of Christmas. Rehearsal- Sunday, December 15 – 1:30pm full cast run thru. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT-refreshments will follow, as well as a visit from Santa, and a crafting table with Claudia Dungan.**

### CHOIR



### CHRISTMAS CHOIRS NOW PRACTICING!

If you would like to join the adult or childrens' choir for Christmas please contact our Choir Director Mrs. Therese Butler at [musicministry.olsos@gmail.com](mailto:musicministry.olsos@gmail.com). A schedule for practices has been set.

**Carols will be sung before the 5pm Mass and the 10:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. Make a joyful noise!**

### Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Lisa Ann Fisher, Marilyn DiGennaro, Anne Nichols, Carol Linstedt, Annette Maratta, Fr. Jude Salus, Mary Ann Miller, Msgr. Peter McHugh, Mary Lavin, Dora Lavin, George Kapetaneas, Chris & Barbara Young, Robin Wright, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Joseph Viviano, Joanne Pearson, Tom Davin, Helen Harrington, Odelia Varrano, Michelle Haug, Philomena Leonard.



### SOCK DRIVE to support the Faith Soup Kitchen in Dover-December 8-22nd.

As the temperature drops it is necessary to help our less fortunate neighbors stay warm and safe. The Soup Kitchen would like to give gifts of new socks to the men and women in need for Christmas. Please bring only NEW socks for men/women in sizes medium & large to the marked bin in the Church Hall. Thank you for your generosity, Ed & Mattie Young, Faith Soup Kitchen Coordinators.



**NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome!** Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** This year Christmas Day falls on Wednesday. The Christmas collection is truly important to the Parish's financial health. We ask you to be generous to your parish this Christmas. If your means permit, a donation of \$250 per family will help us meet our financial obligations to the Paterson Diocese for insurance & benefit premiums. There is only one collection on Christmas Day. Thank you for your generosity and support. Fr. Chris

# THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice - that time of year when the sun reaches its Southern most point in the heavens, and the days are the darkest and most gloomy.

Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls.

There they awaited the return of their sun god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "Nativity" of the sun - the turning point of the year.

As Catholic Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the Nativity of the Savior.

We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday of Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin Mary help us prepare for His saving birth.

Keeping Advent as a time of preparation is not easy. Four suggestions: As you address your Christmas cards, pray for the intended recipients. Secondly, as you clean the house or rearrange the furniture you can use this time to examine your heart and see what needs to be cleaned out ( anger, prejudice, hatred, selfishness, grudges) and, thirdly, what priorities might need to be rearranged before we can fully celebrate reconciliation and receive the Lord's forgiveness. Fourthly, read the first two chapters in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, and the first twenty Chapters in the book of the Prophet, Isaiah.

These four suggestions can change the rest of Advent and keep your focus on the coming of Jesus, the Christ child.

Let us pray that during these last ten days before Christmas our thoughts and actions will continue to strengthen our faith and help us celebrate the Light of the World in our hearts and homes.

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Fr. Chris*



## FOOD PANTRY

**NEW HRS: Mon., TUES., Fri. 1:30-4PM, Thurs. 2-4pm.** Coordinator is Toni Tarighi.  
Please call 973-663-0211 to set up an appointment.  
Items needed: **SOUPS, PASTA SAUCE, HOT COCOA, CANNED PASTAS.** Toiletries: **2-in-1**

**shampoo,** deodorant, detergent.

**Refrigerator:** milk, yogurt, OJ, frozen foods- all types.

**Thank you to the Bolcars** for recent donations.

NOTE: Shoprite gift cards are also accepted.

**PANTRY CLOSED DECEMBER 20 THRU JANUARY 5, 2020.**

**CHRISTMAS TREES AT ST. PAUL'S ABBEY,** 297 Rte 206 So., NEWTON (1 mile south of Newton) are available for you to choose and cut 7 days a week until Dec. 23RD, 9AM - 4PM. Please contact Br. Bernardo Lee, OSB, at 973-383-2470 or [www.newtonosb.org](http://www.newtonosb.org) for more info and to set up a time to get your tree. **We also have The Abbey Gift Shop** with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.



K of C Queen of Lakes Council 51124 is holding its First Annual 50/50 raffle to be drawn on Saturday, December 28th. Tickets costing \$5 each will be sold on Dec. 14-15. Proceeds will support the Queen of Lakes Council's charitable concerns such as the "Ultrasound Program," and support of those in need in our local communities. Please purchase your tickets & help our Knights help others. Thank you.

**SICK OR SHUT IN**-know someone who is unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up a Communion call.



## CYO BASKETBALL played at Star of the Sea

Saturday, December 21, 2019

TIME	TEAM	OPPONENT	HOME TEAM
	JV GIRLS A	St. Phillip B	OLSOS 10:00AM
	JV BOYS B	St. Mary Denville C	St. Rose B 11:15AM
	<b>Sunday, Dec. 22nd</b>		
	Varsity Boys B	St. Patrick A	OLSOS 12:15PM
	Varsity Boys A	St. Peter A	OLSOS 1:30 PM
	JV BOYS A	St. Anthony A	OLSOS 2:45 PM
	Varsity Girls A	St. Luke A	OLSOS 4:00 PM



**NOTE: FOR YOUR SAFETY, DURING BAD WEATHER WHEN WALKWAYS ARE SLIPPERY, PLEASE USE RECTORY BACK DOOR.** It has no steps and is much safer.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2019

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION -

CONFESSION:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21: 3:45 - 4:45 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22: 6:30 - 7:30 PM



## CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

CHRISTMAS EVE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th 5:00 PM & 10:30 PM**

CAROLS BEGIN 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATE MASS IS AT 10:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY**

**8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON**

**DEC. 28th & Dec. 29th - Regular weekend schedule**

NEW YEAR'S LITURGIES

NEW YEAR'S EVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 NEW YEAR'S DAY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00AM AND 11:00AM

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