

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22nd, 2019

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30A.M. Sarath Kariyawasam
12:00P.M. Joseph Telmosse

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00 A.M. Joseph Viviano

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH Christmas Eve

NO MORNING MASS

5:00 PM John & Elizabeth Prymowicz & Robert & William Rech

10:30PM Sofia Totino

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS

8:30 A.M. Halina Drzyzga & Elsie Parkin
10:30AM Dorothy Coale
12:00PM Walter Connolly & Marie & Bill McDonald

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:30 A.M. Mary Tolentino

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

8:30 A.M. Intention of Ella Rodriguez

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

9:00 A.M. Michael Marcelo
5:00 P.M. Walter & Barbara Apgar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:30 A.M. Louis Lessner
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Antonio DaRocha Patoilo

SCRIPTURES:

December 25th – Christmas

First Reading: ISAIAH REJOICES THAT GOD IS BRINGING HIS EXILED PEOPLE HOME TO JERUSALEM. HE CALLS OUT TO THE PEOPLE TO BE GLAD BECAUSE GOD WILL RESTORE JERUSALEM. (ISAIAH 52: 7-10)

SECOND READING: PAUL EXPLAINS TO THE HEBREWS THAT ALTHOUGH GOD HAD SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS, PEOPLE COULD NOT ALWAYS COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE. NOW GOD HAS SPOKEN TO US BY SENDING JESUS, THE SON, A REFLECTION OF GOD'S GLORY AND FORGIVER OF OUR SINS. (HEBREWS 1:1-6)

GOSPEL: JOHN DESCRIBES HOW THE WORD CAME INTO THE WORLD IN THE FORM OF JESUS. ALL THOSE WHO ACCEPT JESUS BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD BY SHARING IN JESUS' LOVE. NO ONE HAS SEEN GOD, BUT THROUGH JESUS, GOD WAS REVEALED TO US. (JOHN 1:1-18)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-December 22ND

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, Joseph changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

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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 candidates and Team will decorate the Church today, 12/22 at 2pm and then take a Christmas break. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 7th 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.

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

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - The Christmas choir will sing **beginning at 10PM** for the 10:30pm liturgy on Christmas Eve.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR will sing beginning at 4:30pm for the 5:00 pm liturgy on Christmas Eve. Please assemble no later than 4:15pm. Practice this Tuesday at 5:00PM.

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, Ada Felter, 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 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



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.

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



CHRISTMAS WISHES

Once again this Christmas season we reflect on the story of the birth of Jesus. As we kneel before the crib we are reminded that God so loved the world that He sent His Son into the world, "That the world might be saved through Him."

As we gather to celebrate this Christmas feast, may the birth of our Savior be a sign of new hope for all people and may the light of God's love radiate in the words and deeds of all who believe in Jesus as God and Savior.

May the Blessings of the Divine Child and the Love of His Mother be yours at Christmas and everyday of the coming year.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, may you and your families experience:

- The Gift of Christmas - - - which is Love
- The Blessing of Christmas - - - which is Hope
- The Promise of Christmas - - - which is Peace

May your hearts and homes be filled with the joy of Christ's enduring presence during this Blessed Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

*Blessings of Peace,
Mrs. Jaye Hedrick*



THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY is a beautiful reminder of that First Christmas when Jesus was born in a stable. It was donated by Dennis Basso in memory of his parents. The figures are by Fontanini and are made in Italy. The figures are beautiful.

Take a moment to pause and pray as you pass by the nativity during these days of Christmas.



FOOD PANTRY

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi.
Thank you to the Bolcars for recent donations.
 NOTE: Shoprite gift cards are also accepted.
PANTRY CLOSED DECEMBER 20 THRU JANUARY 5, 2020.

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
 Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 2019

| TEAM | OPPONENT | HOME TEAM | TIME |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| 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: OLSOS offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24th through Thursday, Dec 26th. In an emergency, call the Rectory at 973-663-0211, & leave a message and phone contact number.

Gaelic Prayer



Deep peace of the running waves to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the smiling stars to you.

Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you!



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:

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 31st 5:00 PM

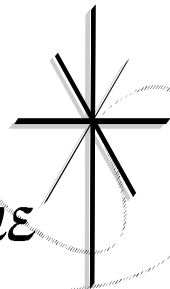
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 NEW YEAR'S DAY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00AM AND 11:00AM

PLEASE SAVE AND POST IN YOUR HOME.

*He shall
bring peace*



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Thank you for all your help.

Merry Christmas!