

**This Week**



**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00PM Upper Church
- 4:00PM Lower Chapel
- 5:30PM (Cherubs & Choristers)  
(Christmas Pageant Mass)
- 10:00 PM (Sanctuary Choir)
- 9:00PM – Our Lady of Lourdes

Beginning at 9:30PM on Christmas Eve, the Sanctuary Choir will offer Holiday Music. Come early and enjoy some of our Christmas Music.

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 10:00AM (OLL), 11:30AM & 1:15PM

**COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE  
SUNDAY, December 30, 2018**

**Saturday**

- 4:00PM Terence Hurson
- 7:00PM Mike Milillo

**Sunday**

- 7:30AM Graceann Morawek
- 9:30AM Edwin Hall-Clarke
- 11:30AM Paula Mitkowski
- 1:15PM Bill Mirabello
- 10:00AM OLL – Rosanne Allen

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, December 30, 2018**

**Saturday**

- 4:00PM Peter Montanti
- 7:00PM Toni Castelli

**Sunday**

- 7:30AM Dan Clifford
- 9:30AM Denise Hall-Clarke
- 11:30AM Paul Cobb
- 1:15PM Caroline Ferreri
- 10:00AM OLL – Raymond Eger

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CARE COMMITTEE**  
On-duty the week of December 30 to January 5 – Ann

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**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:** 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.

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent                      December 23, 2018**

Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled. If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priest-hood, please contact the Vocation Office at (914) 968-1340 or [www.NYPRIEST.COM](http://www.NYPRIEST.COM) "The World Needs Heroes"



**Our Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. There are several dates still open for dedication in October through December 2018 and the new book is open for 2019. Anyone who would like to make arrangements for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

**BREAD AND WINE**

We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. Any questions, please call the Parish office 718-351-1093.

The Bread and Wine for this week are donated in loving memory of Edward and Rita Hartnett requested by Anne Galli.

## *From the Pastor's Desk ...*

Tuesday, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ, the first day in the octave of Christmas. Throughout Advent, we longed ardently for the coming of our Savior. Today we celebrate His birth with unrestrained joy. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The Son of God became man to give us a share in that divine life which is eternally His in the Blessed Trinity. Christmas time begins on December 24 with the first Vespers of the feast and ends on the feast of the Baptism of Christ. White vestments reappear in our church as a sign of joy. The Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled!

Our Advent time of waiting has come to an end. Let us pause to give thanks for all the blessings of this wonderful time of year. I am constantly amazed at the absolute, unconditional, and over-abundant love God has for us. Christmas is truly all about a joyful celebration of our Father's love, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. We are unconditionally loved by our heavenly Father, and by His new-born son, Jesus, who today lies in the wooden trough of the manger, and will one day hang on the wood of the cross to make our salvation, healing, and eternal life possible. So this is a time we should celebrate with all the joy of which we are capable!

Ponder deeply on His mercy, and let that carry you into the New Year with a deep joy in your heart. Perhaps you can resolve during the coming year to think often of this mercy, and let it be a constant source of conversion and the desire for true holiness in your life.

Father Stephen and I wish to thank all who participated in our Christmas liturgies, fellow parishioners and guests, Musicians, Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Decorators, Sacristans, Parish Staff, Money Counters and all for your most generous gifts of time and talents to our beloved parish.

We most sincerely extend our prayers and best wishes to all of you and your families for a most blessed and joyous Christmas season and a prosperous New Year!

Fr. Dominic and Fr. Stephen

### **FATHER GANNON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This Fund helps students who attend OLQP School to remain in school when their family suffers a long term set back. Please make checks payable to:

OLQP/ Father Gannon Scholarship Fund



## **Blessed Christmas Happy & Healthy 2019**

**From the Staff, the Deacons,  
Fr. Dominic and Fr. Stephen**

### **PRAYER DURING CHRISTMASTIME**

**"And the Word was made flesh and lived among us."**

**God, You sent Your Beloved Son to us. We thank You for Jesus, a Gift of Your Love. Jesus is the Word of God living with us. Praised be the Word of God!**

**"In a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes."**

**Jesus, the shepherds heard the news and went to find You. We rejoice in the Good News of Your birth.**

**Jesus is the Infant in the manger.  
Glory to God in high heavens!**

**"Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts."**

**Lord, the angels sang their praises to God at Your birth. We praise and thank You for Your great gift. Jesus is the One who brings peace to our earth. Thanks be to God!**

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**We are grateful to all who contribute so generously each week. We do recommend that you use parish envelopes or **Weshare**. Please call the rectory to register.**

Sunday Collection (December 16 <sup>th</sup> )	\$7,467.00
Shrine Candles	\$129.00
Poor Box	\$168.00

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

### Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 8:30PM Maria Riggio  
4:00PM Upper Church - Deceased Members of the Hogan and Carannante Families  
4:00PM Lower Chapel - Deceased Members of the Albert and Gaetano Migliorini Family  
5:30PM John and Jessie Oates  
10:00PM Joyce Hall and Desiree Norton  
9:00PM OLL Deceased Members of the Bellavia and Bilotti Family

### Tuesday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

- 7:30AM Adele Cagnetta  
9:30AM Robert, Dons, Reed and Joseph Dondiego  
11:30AM Deceased Members of the Balzano and Pero Families  
1:15PM Deceased Members of the Ferreri and Stazzone Families  
10:00AM OLL Deacon Ross J. Calimano

### Wednesday, December 26 – Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

- 7:00AM Joseph Kasparek  
8:30AM George W. McAuliffe

### Thursday, December 27 – Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 7:00AM In Thanksgiving and Special Intensions  
8:30AM Julian D. Ayres

### Friday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 7:00AM  
8:30AM George Gravesande

### Saturday, December 29 – Saint Thomas Beckett, Bishop and Martyr

- 7:00AM  
8:30AM Russell Vunck and Kuhn Family

- 4:00PM Peter Petosa  
7:00PM George Ferrari

### Sunday, December 30 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:30AM Lorraine DeDelly  
9:30AM Dolores A. Hess  
11:30AM People of the Parish  
1:15PM Barbara Gilby Scarpato  
10:00AM Annabelle and Tom Clacher

## PLEASE NOTE

If a Mass is being said for a member of your family on Saturday evening or Sunday, it would be most fitting if someone from the family would bring up the gifts at the Offertory. Please let one of the ushers know **before Mass**.

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners and God's comfort for their families.*

**Especially William Koffer**

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Matilda Costanza, Anthony DeAngelis, Jeremy Castillo, Leila Idelfanso, Lorraine Costa, Michael Volpe, Rosaria Sepulveda, Esteban Gonzalez, Paul Rydell, Peter Discenza, Ursula Torre, Frank Aiello, Rose Sgarlato, Danny DeMeo, Patricia DeMeo, Jodiann Altamura, Rose Mattera, Pauline LaFonte, Anthony Schiavone, William Fallon, Angela Ricca, Sophia Madeline Sanzone, Jeanne Stern, Lillian Bilotti, Violet Buzzanca, Paul Gregis, Christina Corrieri Paradino, Thomas Ciotola, James Remias, Melodi Roy, Marie Diloia, Gerald Frederick, Suzzane Astuo, Derrill Roy, Xavier Castelli, Nicole Viola, Pauline Cipriano, Daniel Woods, Katherine Nikatas, Kriss Murphy, Michael Cianci, Jr., Andre Bocchiaro, James Anthony Parker, Carmen Oliveras, Anna Indio, William Gonzalez, Amy Altuna, Carol Wetmore, John Pape, Cameron King, Valerie Schiavone, Frank DiGregorio, Grace Turner, Elsa Griswold, Baby Juliette Florio-Perez, Rose Stingo, Palma Milano, Christie Schaff, Rose Sullivan, Joel Rivera, Anthony Gerard Donato, Grace Bruno, Craig Inducci, Concetta Friscia, Corrine Alaimo, Marlene Olivieri, Jenna Esposito, Anthony Bocchetti, Steve Sgarlato, Carol DeCastro, Katherine McHugh, Thomas Keenan, Carol Gilroy, Ann Gray, Alanna Shea, Thomas Gaither, Baby Cameron Helmuth, Kejsi Mesutllari, Josephine Dedicos, William Cianci, Anna Vetter, Mary Pollina, Gabriela Surowiec, Rita Scalzo, Janet Logon, Victor Raimondi, Nicholas Ilijic, Michael Spatola, Yolanda Mazza, Rosina Agunzo, Kathleen Fusco, Andrew Biancomano, Muriel McKeon, Salvatore Turturici, Antonia Pistone, Nicky Focillo, Robert Arnold, J.R., G. Fraschilla, Rita Orlando, Robert Antonucci, Baby Juliette Tighe, Alfonso De'lia Vicky Sgarlato, Meg, John Rizzo, Cathy Sartzetaks, Maria Guzman, Peter Petosa, Joseph Sgarlato, Carol Iacobelli, Philip Defonte, Marie Pernice, Clifford Fusco, Susan Piscopo, Michael Bochetti, Fr. Ronald Lee Green, Michael Hansen, Marie Presto, Ralph Romano, Enrique Soto, Karen M., Geri Wahren, Catherine Davis, Walter Drake, Victoria Saraceno, Steven Daquieno, Gabriella Acosta, Baby Sofia Trombetta, Marie Natoli, Daniell Cavaluzzi, Michael Riganti, Palma Milano, Ashley Gagliotto, Keran Billmann, Nicola Padula, James Martinez, Jr. Annemare Smith, Daniella Briann Woodard, Carol LaBroca, Deacon Ralph Rios, Tara LaBarca, Anthony Alfano.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE **SUNDAY December 23, 2018**

- Saturday**  
4:00PM A. Capobianco, G. Capobianco  
7:00PM J. Cerda, J. Riley

- Sunday**  
7:30AM B. Ramon  
9:30AM A. Arico, C. Brewer  
11:30AM H. Raffone, J. Maldonado  
1:15PM K. Petrik, K. Petrik  
10:00AM OLL N. Eger, A. Tephusdin

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# OLQP SCHOOL NEWS

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DISCIPLES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

**Jesus said, "Follow Me."**

*The following students have portrayed kindness, empathy and unselfishness towards others. They are truly disciples of Jesus.*

Elisa Hoxha, Michael Competelli, George Kirchoffer, Ryan Rosta, David Tax-Alvarez, Charles Francis, Ryan Abinanti, Julianna Taromina, Mark LoOiano, Barbara Tullo, Patrick Hassel, Emily Auriemma, Emily DeSimone, Michael Iluzzi, Julianne Milillo, George Kokakis.

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## OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019  
10:30 A.M – 12:30 P.M.  
An AdvancED Accreditation School

**Our Mission:** Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School is dedicated to the Sacred Ministry of providing a superior education anchored in the Roman Catholic tradition, which nurtures children in Catholic values and promotes excellence in education, inspiring our students to become excellent citizens who are committed to a life of service.

### THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION!

A Richmond County Foundation Blended Learning School with Chrome Books in the classrooms Grades 1-8

Our Lady Queen of Peace is one of only seven Catholic Schools to be recipients of the Blended Learning Grant from RCSF.

- Technology infused curriculum – Chrome books, iPad and Smartboards in all classrooms.
- Early Morning drop off @ 7am and after School until 6pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Living Environment Science HS Regents
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Common Core Algebra/ Math HS Regents
- National Junior Honor Society
- Physical Education, Art, Dance, American Sign Language
- Band, Drama
- CYO Sports
- Girl Scouts, Chess Club
- Hot Lunch Program

Seamless online Learning Environment in 7<sup>th</sup> grade (SOLE) partnership with St. Joseph by the Sea High School.

# RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

## Reminder For Religious Education Families

No Classes: Wednesday, 12/ 26, Thursday, 12/27  
Wednesday, 1/2 and Thursday 1/3

Classes Resume:

Wednesday, 1/9 and Thursday, 1/10

**Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy,  
Healthy and Peaceful New Year.**

Remember to use your Mass Slips when you attend Mass every week.

Your children were given assignments to complete and bring to class on Wednesday, 1/9 or Thursday, 1/10.

.. Please make sure that the assignments are completed.



### VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is sick at home or in the hospital and or homebound who would like a visit from one of the priests or deacons at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Please call 718-351-1093 or email [olqchurch@verizon.net](mailto:olqchurch@verizon.net)

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES

Portugal – Spain – France

May 13-25, 2019

Spiritual Director

**Fr. Dominic Thomas**

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

**Alba Kim**

Phone: (804)298-4035

Email: [myheart2jesus@yahoo.com](mailto:myheart2jesus@yahoo.com)

### REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Leave a legacy to Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes by including a bequest in your will. The following is suggested bequest language. "I give \_\_\_ to Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes, 90 Third Street, Staten Island, NY for its general purposes." If you would like to speak to a gift-planning specialist about including OLQP and OLL in your will or living trust, call (646) 794-3317 or email [plannedgiving@archny.org](mailto:plannedgiving@archny.org).



## *Christmas Flower Offering*

You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your envelope packet and in the back of the Church. Donations can be given in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones and your intentions will be remembered during each Mass throughout the Christmas Season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

### Christmas flower donations have been made in memory of their loved ones by the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Andrillo, Mr. & Mrs. James Rinaldo, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Casella, Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Velez, Ms. Linda Young, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Aimone, Marie Edelstein, Ms. Amelia Dallatorre, Donna M. Spero, Mr. & Mrs. John McHugh, Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Garcia, Mrs. John Tasso, Mr. & Mrs. Richard R. Hoffman, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Riccio, Mrs. Victoria D'Amato, Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Digesaro, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Dugan, Susan Rapillo, Mrs. Nicholas Chiarulli, Mrs. Thomas Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Danis, Mr. & Mrs. George Best, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fago, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick T. Mulligan, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Petti, Mr. John Schiavone, Mrs. Peter Romano, Ms. Noreen Brown, Mr. & Mrs. J. Bilotti, Mrs. Natalie Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Geissler, Mrs. Patricia Grabowsky, Dolores Bournos, Ms. Danielle Derenzo, Ms. Dorothy Diteodoro, Josephine Spadaro, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pinto, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DeMarzo, Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly, Ms. Henryka Goralczyk, Maureen A. Spencer, Mrs. Albert Warshefskie, Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Ippolito, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Berte, Lima.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**

### **Statenislandcouncilofchurches.org** **Prayer for Christian Unity 2019** **'Justice and Only Justice You Shall Pursue'**

Staten Island Council of Churches  
A Staten Island wide Fellowship of Churches  
seeking Unity. A Common Witness and Christian  
Service

Join us January 24, 2019 at 7:00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea

5411 Amboy Road

Staten Island, NY 10312

For more information contact us at (718)761-6782  
or [sicouncilofchurches@gmail.com](mailto:sicouncilofchurches@gmail.com)

### **50/50 Monthly Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing will be held on the last week of every month. Yellow 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package and also in the back of the Church. The cost is \$5.00. To be eligible to win, please be sure to get your entry in soon! Good Luck to all.

## **Christmas Prayer**

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, Wiseman. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

### **Three Ways to Find Christmas Treasures**

As we begin to look toward Christmas, it's easy to think of treasure in terms of things: presents we can give and unwrap, shopping deals we can get, stuff to send somewhere. It's easy to forget the treasures we already have. Here are three ways to keep them in mind:

1. **If you're spending Christmas with your family—or with close friends—then that's your greatest treasure.** The one thing most studies on happiness agree on is that relationships are the surest way to happiness. Is there anyone you need to reach out to, someone you've lost touch with? Make this the season you do it!
2. **If you have work that you love—whether it's a career, parenting, caring for others, etc.—that's treasure, too.** We are happiest when engaged in activities that make us forget ourselves and lose track of time. If you don't love what you do, this is a good time to step back and think about changes.
3. Those who cannot forgive become angry and depressed over time, and suffer poorer health due to the physical reactions to these negative emotions. **Forgiveness is a tremendous treasure!** This season, let go of these toxic feelings, and increase your happiness.

As Catholics, it's important we keep Jesus' birth at the center of our Advent and Christmas pilgrimage. These are three ways to recognize what God is doing in your life today.