

This Week

Monday

7:30PM Miraculous Medal Novena



Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

- 4:00PM Upper Church
- 4:00PM Lower Chapel
- 5:30PM (Cherubs & Choristers)
- 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 25th

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



COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS, 2019

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

- 4:00PM Upper Church Yvonne Sheehan
- 4:00PM Lower Chapel Bonnie Ferretti
- 5:30PM Peter Orleman
- 10:00PM Edwin Hall-Clarke
- 9:00PM OLL

Wednesday, December 25th

- 7:30AM Larry Waldorf
- 9:30AM Maureen Schlaeger
- 11:30AM Angela Brusgard
- 1:15PM Paula Mitkowski
- 10:00AM OLL

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS, 2019

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

- 4:00PM Upper Church Charles Platt, Ann Lautner
- 4:00PM Lower Chapel Peter Montanti, Maureen Rosko
- 5:30PM Caroline Ferreri
- 10:00PM Deacon Tom & Deacon Dennis
- 9:00PM OLL Raymond Eger

Wednesday, December 25th

- 7:30AM Nancy Kinzler
- 9:30AM Tina Bove, Francesca LaSpina
- 11:30AM Kelly Illuzzi, Linda Sciortino
- 1:15PM Cathy AND Richard McGill
- 10:00AM OLL Dolores Widlund

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz 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."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets 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.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, 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."

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4th Sunday Of Advent

December 22, 2019

Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are as lucky as Joseph, who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not." 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 "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. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Light for this week burns in loving memory of Jeanne Ryan requested by Nancy Alese.

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 Jeanne Ryan requested by Nancy Alese.

From the Pastor's Desk ...

This final Sunday of Advent is a special time for us to contemplate the mysteries of Christmas. The central theme of today's readings are a loving, responsive obedience to God, as modeled for us in the Gospel by St. Joseph, with special emphasis on the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us check to see if Jesus is on our list this Christmas and if we have a special gift in mind for him. We all know the pleasure of finding the right present for our husband or wife, for our children, a good friend, or parent. What special gift are we giving to Jesus this year to honor his birth, and what do we expect from God? God sent Jesus from Heaven to earth to give us human beings what we really need most in life: hearts filled with love. That is the gift which Jesus really wants from us. God wants to give each of us a heart filled with love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness on this Christmas and every day of our lives.

Our Feast of Guadalupe Mass was a joyful evening and a spiritually uplifting, wonderful celebration. The singing was beautiful, and the church was really packed. Our ushers were very active and involved. Bishop Whalen was very impressed and commented that we are a very spiritual community; family of God and members of the mystical body of Christ. The Bishop stressed about the need for a bilingual Mass. With every one's blessing, we hope to start sometime in January 2020. Thank you to everyone who participated, and for your comments expressing gratitude and joy. Thank you to everyone who helped with food, publishing and organizing.

I am really excited about beginning our devotions to St. Peregrine and praying for all who are sick, especially struggling with cancer. So many people are afflicted and asking for our prayers.

Father Steve, the parish staff and I would like to wish you a very merry and holy Christmas and holiday season. We thank you for your support and good wishes. May God's grace and love, through His Son, Jesus Christ be with you this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Dominic.

THE 2020 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Mass offering is to be made when the Mass is arranged in the Rectory during office hours. Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation Masses are still \$25 and Monday through Saturday morning Masses are \$15.



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: <https://olqpcchurch.churchgiving.com>.

Any questions please call the rectory.

Sunday Collection (Dec. 15 th)	\$8,242.00
Retired Religious	\$2,616.00
Shrine Candles	\$152.00
Poor Box	\$224.00

Thank you for your support and generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, December 23 – Saint John of Kanty, Priest

7:00AM Jerome and Marion Hess
8:30AM Patricia Rosenblum and Florence Chadwick

Tuesday, December 24

8:30AM Adele Cогnetta
4:00PM Upper – Deceased Members of the Hogan and Carannante Family
4:00PM Lower – Josephine and Eugene Bottiglier
5:30PM Peter and Gina Petosa
10:00PM Desiree Norton and Joyce Hall
9:00PM OLL People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

7:30AM Alba and Gaetano Migliorini
9:30AM John and Jessie Oates
11:30AM Deceased Members of the Balzano and Peru Family
1:15PM Deceased Members of the Stazzone, Ferrari and Chiappa Families
10:00AM OLL Deacon Ross Calimano

Thursday, December 26 – Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00AM Richard Ciaravino
9:30AM Emelina Passantino

Friday, December 27 – Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00AM Julian D. Ayres
8:30AM George W. McAuliffe

Saturday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30AM Thomas Bluemke
4:00PM Vicenta Perez
7:00PM Michael O'Brien

Sunday, December –29th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30AM Monica Nicolucci
9:30AM People of the Parish
11:30AM Walter J. Cisek
1:15PM Peter Petosa
10:00AM OLL Deceased Members of the Merino and Widlund Family

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**.



Rest In Peace

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen

Joyce T. Helm



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Matilda Costanza, Jodiann Altamura, Rose Mattera, Pauline LaFonte, Angela Ricca, Sophia Madeline Sanzone, Jeanne Sterm, Lillian Bilotti, , James Remias, Marie Diloia, Suzzane Astuo, Pauline Cipriano, Katherine Nikatas, Kriss Murphy, Michael Ciani, Jr., Andre Bocchiaro, William Gonzalez, Amy Altuna, Craig Inducci, Concetta Friscia, Marlene Olivieri, Jenna Esposito, Anthony Bocchetti, Steve Sgarlato, Katherine McHugh, Thomas Keenan, Alanna Shea, Thomas Gaither, Baby Cameron Helmuth, Josephine Dedicos, William Ciani, Rita Scalzo, Janet Logon, Victor Raimondi, Nicholas Ilijic, Yolanda Mazza, Rosina Agunzo, Kathleen Fusco, Andrew Biancomano, Muriel McKeon, Salvatore Turturici, Antonia Pistone, Robert Arnold, J.R., Robert Antonucci, Baby Juliette Tighe, Alfonso De'lia, Vicky Sgarlato, Meg, John Rizzo, Cathy Sartzetaks, Maria Guzman, Peter Petosa, 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, Marie Natoli, Daniell Cavaluzzi, Michael Riganti, Palma Milano, Ashley Gagliotto, Keran Billmann, James Martinez, Jr. Annemare Smith, Daniella Briann Woodard, Carol LaBroca, Deacon Ralph Rios, Tara LaBarca, Anthony Alfano, Nancy Wetmore, Xavier Castelli, Richard Buonato, Jane Miller, Christopher Nash, Baby Sofia Trombetta, G. Fraschilla, Robert Provenzano, Roseanne Simonelli, Donnie Manzo, Denise Bianchi, Ashley Gagliotto, Michael Spatola, Thomas Dembinski, James Mathieu, Philip Achi, Jen Magrone, Dr. David Pierfy.

Members of our Legion of Mary are willing to visit the sick at home, in the nursing home or hospital. For more information please contact Edwin Hall-Clarke at 347-538-5680.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY December 22, 2019

Saturday

4:00PM M. Lopiano, M. Lopiano
7:00PM O. King, J. Riley

Sunday

7:30AM C. Boyle, N. Boyle
9:30AM B. Raftery, J. Cerda
11:30AM J. Maldonado, L. Moskowitz, C. Smith
1:15PM J. Bello, K. Giarrusso, A. Halilovic
10:00AM OLL N. Eger, B. Edling

SUNDAY December 29, 2019

Saturday

4:00PM R. Sheehan, M. Cinelli
7:00PM E. Plotkin, P. Travieso

Sunday

7:30AM T. Procida, B. Ramon
9:30AM I. Fuller. G. LaGrua, C. Smith
11:30AM K. Petrik, E. Petrik
1:15PM N. Eralte. N. Pimpinella, A. Rentas
10:00AM OLL

OLQP SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the following OLQP 5th and 6th Grade students who received First Quarter Honors for the 2019-2020 School Year:

1st Honors 5-D

Chelsa Abraham, Victoria Aurelus Gul, Hayden Bennett, Isolina Best, Grace DeSimone, Kaitlyn DeSimone, Quinn Francis, Thomas Giammarino, Olivia Hanratty, Justin Marzullo, Emma Petrik, Vincent Pimpinella, Emily Schmitter.

2nd Honors 5-D

Isabella Ekonomakos, Jackson Guyon.

1st Honors 5-Z

Ryan Abinanti, Lucas Baierlein, Katherine Danis, Rocco Dembinski, Natalie Eger, Adriana Halilovic, Patrick Kelly, Cameron King, Adrianna Mormile, Dante Papandrea, Nicolette Pimpinella, Valentina Stellato, Julianna Taromina.

2nd Honors 5-Z

August Owens, Paighton Smallwood.

1st Honors 6-D

Michael Bello, Christopher Brewer, Christopher DeFranco, Matteo DeStefano, Michael Diaz, Karol Endraws, Grace Illuzzi, Victoria Kirchhoffer, James Marinaro, Michael Pastore, Madison Sayers, Giovanna Sciortino, Barbara Tullo.

2nd Honors 6-D

Peter Callahan, Brianna DiGennaro, Juliette Gulino.

1st Honors 6-P

Nicole Cannavo, John Cerda, Julianna DiLeo, Olivia DiMonda, Raymond Eger, Serge Gervais, Lucas Glab, Shannon Granville, Nicholas Harrison, Mark LoPiano, Releigh Mahon, Nicolas Messina, Leila Rousta, Angelina Scafuri.

2nd Honors 6-P

Emma Edwards, Kevin Gumb.



***We Welcomed the Newly Baptized
to our parish***

Adrianna Marie Prestovino
Connor Francis Sheridan

Altar Servers

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019

4:00PM Upper Church: R. Sheehan, A. Gumb
4:00PM Lower Chapel G. Montanti, J. Cerda
5:30PM Open
10:00PM Open

Christmas Day, December 25, 2019

7:30AM Open
9:30AM Open
11:30AM J. Maldonado 1:15PM Open

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

Parish Religious Education Program

Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 25th – no class

Wednesday, January 1st – no class

Thursday, December 26th – no class

Thursday, January 2nd – no class

We wish you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Hopeful Ne Year.

New Testament Sale

Please consider purchasing a copy of the St. Paul Catholic Edition of the New Testament.

This is a beautiful edition of the New Testament. The print size is easy to read and there are many photographs of Holy Land sites and ancient artifacts.

The price is \$15. The money will help pay for enrichment materials used in the Parish Religious Education Program. A copy of this beautiful New

Contact Mrs. Barbara Orleman at 718-979-0989 if you wish to make a purchase.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 29, 2019

Saturday

4:00PM Dan Clifford

7:00PM Mike Milillo

Sunday

7:30AM Al Marciano

9:30AM Edwin Hall-Clarke

11:30AM Maria Peronich

1:15PM Bill Mirabello

10:00AM OLL Roseanne Allen

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7:00PM Nancy Kinzler

Sunday

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11:30AM Cathy Lavelle, Theresa Maleady

1:15PM Caroline Ferreri

10:00AM OLL Dolores Widlund

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CARE COMMITTEE

On-duty the week of Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 – Maureen

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Mount of Beatitudes, Galilee, Israel
Church of All Nations, Jerusalem, Israel
Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem
Tomb of Jesus' Resurrection, Jerusalem

March 23 – April 1, 2020

Spiritual Director
Fr. Dominic Thomas

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact: Diane or Chris: 800-206-TOUR(8687) OR Diane@206tours.com or Chris@206tours.com

To register, visit

www.pilgrimages.com/frthomas



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. William Koffer, Mrs. Adrian J. Maleady, Ms. Joan Altomonte, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Delfino, Mr. Joseph L. Naughton, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fago, Mrs. Peter Romano, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel J. Barral, Lucia Mammaro, Ms. Linda Young, Mr. & Mrs. James Rinaldo, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Nucciarone, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scattaglia, Mr. & Mrs. John McHugh, Mrs. Patrice Hoelscher, Mr. John Schiavone, Mrs. Robert Russo, Mrs. Gaetanella Fraschilla, H. F. Goralczyk, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gargano, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Dugan, Josephine Spadaro, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pyryt, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ciampi, Mrs. Nicholas Chiarulli, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Cinelli, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Mikalauskas, Maureen Spencer, Mr. & Mrs. Marguerite Salabarría, Mrs. Jayne Di Salvo, Susan Rapillo, Mr. & Mrs. Michael, Mr. & Mrs. James Gasparino, Ms. Dorothy Diteodoro.

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.