

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2015**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12, 2015

8:15 AM James D. Fierro
5:00 PM Thomas McConnell, Angelina DelPercio Lambro

Sunday, December 13, 2015

7:30 AM James Baldisserotto
9:00 AM George Peter Caratenuto, Maria Oliveri
11:00 AM Rev. James Alco (*Spec. Int.*), Raymond Schaeffer

Monday, December 14, 2015

8:15 AM Carl A. Stetz, MD

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

8:15 AM Mary & Gertrude Connelly

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

8:15 AM Rosalia Tepfenhardt

Thursday, December 17, 2015

8:15 AM Michael Tepfenhardt

Friday, December 18, 2015

8:15 AM Our Service Men and Women

Saturday, December 19, 2015

8:15 AM Barbara Osterman (*Sp. Int.*)

5:00 PM Steven Kuruk, Daniel Torres

Sunday, December 20, 2015

7:30 AM Eileen Martens
9:00 AM Leo Ward, Robert J. Schetelick, Sr.
11:00 AM Patricia Hannis, Raymond Schaeffer

CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER 19TH & 20TH, 2015

5:00 PM Rev. Henry Schreitmueller
7:30 AM Msgr. John J. Carroll
9:00 AM Rev. Lukasz Iwanczyk
11:00 AM Rev. Edward G. Lambro

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 19, 2015

5:00 PM Fred Bona, Julie Paporello

Sunday, December 20, 2015

7:30 AM Debbie Goulian
9:00 AM Robert & Anne Marie Kelly
11:00 AM Maryann Hobbie, Molly Gregoire

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 19, 2015

5:00 PM Michael Black, Kathy Decker, Marianne Garibaldi,
Marlene Grant, Denise Hatch, John Ledek

Sunday, December 20, 2015

7:30 AM Betty Dominic
9:00 AM Robert & Jennifer Heckler, Patricia Koziol, Tim
Lazarus, Bill O'Brien, Stephanie Schuckalo
11:00 AM Maryann Hobbie, Molly Faith Gregoire, Mary Jane
Hojell, Maria Izurieta, Linda McMurray, Pam Smith

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, December 20, 2015

9:00AM Tara Polking
Teenagers or adults are needed for Children's Liturgy at 9am
Mass. Email Katie Shrope at katyvet@optonline.net.



MEMORIALS – For December 13th to 19th

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel will burn in loving
memory of **Paul Schaeffer and Helen Mok.**

SPECIAL BLESSING

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday and the liturgical color is rose.
On this day at all Masses, we will give a special blessing to
those couples who are expecting a baby either through natural
birth or adoption. Don't be shy!

A SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in a wonderful and rewarding ministry, we
invite you to join us as a Eucharistic Minister. It is a privilege
that brings many rewards when you present the body and
blood of Jesus to others. A training session will be held on
Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00pm in the Church. Please pray
about it and then call either Marianne Garibaldi 973-492-9088
or Lori Covello 201-874-7403.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE
TITHING, GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Last Week: \$14,779
Attendance: 1113

Last Year: \$12,730
Thank You!

Pastor's Gratitude: "I am grateful to those volunteers who
serve as Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers for one of the
Christmas Eve or day Masses. These extraordinary crowds
require more servers than usual. Thank you."

Parishioner's Response: "My wife and I are looking forward
to the Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 13 to get us in the
Christmas spirit."

NO PARKING

Please do not park illegally. A yellow line along the curb
indicates No Parking because an emergency vehicle may need
to get in i.e. fire truck, ambulance, police cruiser etc. Last
Sunday there were cars parked along the yellow line and there
were spaces available in the parking lot. There are
handicapped ramps cut into the side walks and people have
said they became unusable because a car was parked right in
front of the ramp. Please only park in the designated areas.

IN TIME FOR MASS

It is heart warming to see the Church full of parishioners for
Mass but parishioners come so late that they are walking in
during the liturgy of the Word. Please leave for Mass 5
minutes earlier than your usual time and you will not have to
park illegally and no one will be inconvenienced by late
comers. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The poinsettias will arrive on **Tuesday, December 22nd**.
Volunteers are needed to help with flower decorating which will
begin at **8am**. We also need helpers to water the plants
throughout the Christmas season, if you are available please
call the rectory. Thank you.

WHO STOLE OUR SIGNS?

Bill O'Brien, a volunteer and Fernando, our custodian, made
signs to designate certain buildings. The signs for the Chapel
and the Rectory were stolen and the police have been
informed. If anyone should find a green sign somewhere
around town with the words chapel or rectory would you kindly
return them anonymously...no questions asked! Thank you.

HELP! EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS STILL NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Christmas Eve 8pm and
ESPECIALLY on Christmas Day at the 9 and 11am Masses.

COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU – Thank You!

A very special thank you to everyone who helped to decorate
the church for Christmas. It is a big job and many hands make
it much easier. Our team of elves that make it happen are
Andy Casper, Bonnie Nelson, Cherylan Zarpaylic, Linda
Howard, Melissa Giacoio, Beth Wood, our Confirmation
students, Omar Hernandez and of course Fernando! Thank
you...You are the Best!

Pray for the Sick

We pray especially for our parishioners, relatives and friends.

Al Alvino	Betty Higgins
Dany Badaan	Julio Izurieta
Cheryl Babitz	Joseph Maher
Baby Guiliana	Nicholas Neill
Angelina Bontempo	Lee Paterno
Harrison Bruchhauser	Margaret Raphael
Rita Carpentiere	Nicolena Palumbo
Mary Dahlquist	Joy Sedlacek
Joseph Dotro	Amy Walsh
Joseph Hammond	

“REJOICE”

In a world that seems to grow more dangerous everyday, how can we avoid being anxious? If we take a closer look at our anxiety we will eventually discover that it is our own lack of belief in a God who is always near, loving, understanding, showing mercy and giving hope to all who believe. Your faith must be the type that goes deep, not a “surface, do my duty type of faith”, but a “Christ First faith”. When was the last time you quietly spoke to the Lord, invited Him to speak to you. When was the last time you gave Christ some serious “one on one” time instead of a “fly by the seat of your pants” prayer. An “I need” prayer will not suffice; will not bring you that “peace that surpasses all understanding, that holy promised peace that will guard your hearts and your minds, even in your dismal times. You must link your heart to the Divine Heart of Jesus Christ who is the light in the darkness. It is relationship that Christ desires. Within you is the power of the Holy Spirit, which you received at Baptism, who is waiting to set you on fire with wisdom, hope and supernatural faith in the victory of Christ. Today is “Gaudete” Sunday which means “Rejoice” so shout with joy for you are greatly loved and your God rejoices over you. Are you hoping for “more things” this Christmas, or are you hoping for “more God”? Want to know more? **Join us at RCIA every Thursday at 7pm in the Parish House. For more information call Msgr. Carroll, 973-838-6838 ext. 100 or Carol Mangani, 973-283-2218.**

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
12/17	Incarnation of God The Epiphany, Mother of God	Grace Davin

RELIGIOUS + EDUCATION

Reminder: Summer Students gr. 6-8 MUST attend Rel. Ed. on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 PM in the church. Dec. 13 & Dec. 14 is our last class for our Winter Program until we meet again on Mon. Jan. 4 and Sun. Jan 10, 2016. The 1st Reconciliation Parents Meetings are on Wed. Jan. 6 OR Thurs., Jan. 7, 7 pm in the church. Please have both parents attend either together or on separate nights.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS OR HAMS

Donations of frozen turkeys or hams will be gratefully accepted for Martin DePorres and Fr. English Christmas dinners. Donations may be brought to the rectory.

GIFTS FOR GIVING TREE

Thank you for your generosity. **If you still have gifts, please drop them off at the Rectory. Thank you!**

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 20th:** Habitat for Humanity - Space is limited
Email for more information
- Dec. 19th:** 3rd Annual Youth Christmas Party; 6-9pm
Gingerbread houses & Ugly Sweater Contest!

Contact Information:

Youth Ministry-youthministry@olmchurch.org
Confirmation-youth@olmchurch.org



THE KNIGHTS CORNER Knights of Columbus Council 14493 News

News:

All Catholic men in the Parish are welcome to join the Knights. Contact Dave Puccia Grand Knight: 973-492-2774
Mike D'Amelio, Deputy Grand Knight: 973-800-4915

Calendar:

12/23: NO MEETING
01/13: Officers at 7:15pm, Business Mtg. at 8pm - Ryan Rm
1/27: Social Meeting 8pm - Ryan Rm

WAIT for the Lord SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

OLM Ladies Guild

Join the OLM Ladies Guild!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE OLM LADIES GUILD!

**Next raffle drawing Sat. Dec. 26 after 5pm Mass!
Good Luck Everyone!**

2016 Meeting Schedule:

**Monday, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14, April 11, May 9 &
June 13, 7pm, Ryan Room**

OLIVEWOOD CARVING SALES EVENT

SAVE THE DATE: Gifts from Bethlehem, Olivewood Art handcrafted from the Holy Land, will be at OLM **Dec. 19 & 20th**. The sale of this art has become of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for their livelihood. More than 65% of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

SANTALAND – BOONTON, USA

If you have never been to Boonton's Santa Land you are missing the best! Come see the extensive train display as well as visiting with Santa Fridays, 5-8pm; Sat. & Sundays, 2-6pm up to and including Dec. 20th. The location is Main St. and North Main St. next to the Water Dept. Bldg. Free of charge!

HOLY SPIRIT 8th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sun., Dec. 13, 3pm, Holy Spirit Church, Pequannock, will present “**Mary had a little Lamb**”, the story of the birth of Christ in word and song, sponsored by the Maureen Piccoli Foundation for the Performing Arts. Suggested offering of \$15 for adult supporters and free for children. Dessert reception will follow. For info please call Kathy at the Rectory, 973-696-1234 or Linda at the School, 973-835-5680.

INVACARE WALKER



If a parishioner, family or friend is in need of a walker that has a seat attached, please call the rectory 973-838-6838 ext.103. We have someone in the parish who is kind enough to donate it.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend with Your help to do penance, to sin no more,
And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
Amen



GIVE YOURSELF A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Monday, December 21st – after 8:15am Mass & 7pm in Church

My Dear Parishioners,

We hear a lot of young people's confessions during Advent but not adults. God's Divine Mercy is a gift freely given to those who wish to take advantage of it. Just come either to the Chapel in the morning after 8:15am Mass or to the Church at night between 7 and 8:30pm and go to confession. Any one of our four priests will be waiting for you.

1. Prayerfully prepare! Do this preparation with an examination of conscience. There are many different ones based on the Ten Commandments. Two general questions should lead to specifics: In what ways did I sin? In what way(s) did I fail to do the good I should have?
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Greed? Pride? Selfishness? Lust? Fear? Think about your sins with respect to who or what you have favored more than God.
3. Be ready to repent! "I'm done with this or that." "I want to change, and I trust in the Lord to help me!"
4. Go to confession! Do it! God promises mercy; He doesn't promise tomorrow.
5. Start by saying, "Bless me, Father for I have sinned, it has been? days/weeks/months/years/decades since my last confession and these are my sins..."
6. State your sins, in kind and in number if it is a serious sin. If it's been a while since your last confession and you don't remember the exact number, you can give some approximation, such as "often", "more than I can remember". Venial sins should be confessed by habit, but with serious (mortal) sin, don't hold back even a single one! Put it all before the Lord. Trust Him. No sin is unforgivable as long as we repent.
7. One last, very important note, Don't give into fear! There is nothing any of us can do that will make God love us ANY less! In confession there is no judgment, just mercy.
8. The Priest will give you a penance and ask you to say an Act of Contrition. If you don't know one, either you can say it in your own words or he will give you one to recite.
9. The Priest will say the words of absolution and make the sign of the cross. You bless yourselves at the same time as God's grace fills you with love and forgiveness. Welcome home!
10. Glorify the Lord's mercy. If you want to be forgiven, healed and freed, the Lord will do all that and much more besides. Trust in His mercy. Know you are: God's daughter, God's son!

*Merry Christmas,
Father Carroll and Fr. Lukasz*