

Mass Intentions

Monday December 25, 2017

6:30 OLC Parishioners
 8:00 OLC Parishioners
 10:00 OLC Parishioners
 12:00 OLC Parishioners

Tuesday December 26, 2017

8:00 James O'Donnell req. by Joan O'Donnell

Wednesday December 27, 2017

8:00 Alfred Firman req. by Daughter

Thursday December 28, 2017

8:00 Adele Wiseman req. by J. Kohler

Friday December 29, 2017

8:00 Kacartheil Family req. by Jeanmarie Kane

Saturday December 30, 2017

8:00 Phyllis Liney req. by Deborah Liney
 5:00 Carmen Neri req. by Family

Sunday December 31, 2017

6:30 Anna DeLuca req. by Kientzy Family
 8:00 Suzanna Murphy req. by Stanley Lucas
 10:00 Alfred Tropiano req. by Lonnie Scacella
 12:00 Michael Steinberg, Sr. req. by Kaiser Family
 5:00PM Sister Mildred (Living) req. by Class of 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 31, 2017

Mass	Communion	Lector	Altar Server
5:00PM	S. Michielli	E. Turzanski	B. Norton
	C. Gola	L. DeLisi	M. Hess
	C. Lepre		J. Gontz
	L. DeLisi		
	J. Teson		
6:30AM	E. Petrosky	J. Hopkins	J. Swift L. Pagano C. McGuigan
8:00AM	J. O'Donnell		M. Davies
	M. Bloesch		C. Kushnerock
	R. Juliano		G. Most
	J. Sweeten		
	S. Cavalcanti		
10:00AM	P. Cummings	P. Cummings	A. Reynolds
	N. Burnosky	P. Kolman	B. Milligan
	N. Burnosky		J. Dunne
	R. Bell		
	P. Cullen		
12:00PM	J. Wojtkielewicz	B. Gibbons	P. Zimmerman
	R. Wojtkielewicz	D. Bores	J. Gizzi
	J. Spear		S. Gizzi
	R. Spear		
	G. Ginter		

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 31, 2017

5:00PM Fr. John
 6:30AM Fr. Kirk
 8:00AM Fr. Kirk
 10:00AM Fr. John
 12:00PM Fr. John



On Sunday, December 17, 2017, two girls received the sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Quinn Susan Byrne – daughter of Sean Byrne and Krista Shevlin

Hailey Grace Joyce – daughter of M/M William Joyce



All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:

Peter Mosher – husband of Doris Mosher

Sarah Pumilia – friend of Kilrain Family

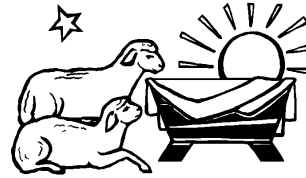
Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – those involved in a car accident

All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:

Patricia Jann – wife of William Jann

Father Paul Quante, OSA – friend of Peggy and Gene Cummings

For those in the armed forces: Joseph Erbrick, III –Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Brad Matz –Army; Tyler Jernigan-Army; Liam Herron-Navy; Christopher Smith-Navy; Alex Mcaneney-Air Force; Brian McGinty-Marines, Dan O'Brien-Air Force; Ashley O'Brien-Air Force; Daniel Patty-Navy, Michael Sheppard- Air Force, Hoku Teson – Army, John McFillin-Navy, Trevor O'Malley-Army, Daniel DiGiuseppe-Marines, Daniel Taylor-Air Force, Stephen Winther-Marines, Bobby Winther-Navy, Amanda Smith-Navy, Joseph Patti-Army, Christian Curtis-Marines, Thomas Campbell-Marines, Michael Bones, Jr-Navy, Brandon Fox-Navy



On behalf of Sister Mildred, Mrs. Costello, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Father Kirk, Deacon Teson, Deacon Bell, the OLC Staff and Myself, we would like to wish all our Parishioners and their Families a Very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

4:00PM UC – Caroling at 3:30PM

4:00PM LC

4:10PM Gym

(The focus of the above Masses will be for the children)

7:00PM UC – Caroling at 6:30PM

11:30PM – Christmas Prelude (Hymns & Music)

12:00AM UC – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

Morning Masses – 6:30m 8:00, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM (No Evening Mass at 6:00PM)

Christmas Week

December 26 through December 30

Daily Mass at 8:00 AM only

Holy Family – December 30 & 31

Saturday, December 30 – Vigil Mass – 5:00PM

Sunday, December 31 – 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM and 12:00PM (No Evening Mass at 6:00PM)

Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, December 31 – 5:00PM

Monday, January 1 – 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM

THANK YOU to Pat Torpey, Sheila Picinich, Adelaide Kelly, Conchetta Quinn, Amanda Gentile and all of our OLC Students and Children's Choir who participated in the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17. It was a beautiful presentation and a job well done.

PLEASE NOTE – NO 6:00PM MASS on Sunday, January 7 and January 14, 2018.

SCRIP HOURS – During the month of December (until December 23) the Scrip hours have been extended – Friday – 9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00; and 6:00-8:00, Saturday – 9:00-2:00 and Sunday 9:00-2:00. Scrip is closed on December 24, 25 and 26, 2017 and January 1, 2018.

Hospital Visits - If you are in the hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the rectory office at 215-637-7515. Due to HIPPA laws we are unable to get information from the hospital, therefore, we must hear directly from the patient.

Maternity B.V.M. Pre-Cana Session – is required for all engage couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Maternity B.V.M. Parish, located at 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115 will be holding their Spring Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Advance registration is necessary. To register, call 215-673-8127.

Christ the King Parish is offering the Pre-Cana Program on Friday, January 26, 2018 and all day Saturday, January 27, 2018. Engaged couples of neighboring parishes, who are planning to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony are welcome. For information, please contact rgreen@christthekingparish.net

PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, December 30, 2017

7:00PM AA Meeting Rectory

Sunday, December 31, 2017

1:15PM Baptism UC

7:00PM Al Anon Meeting LC

THE SCRIP OFFICE is open 7 days a week - Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00PM to 3:00PM and 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Friday, Saturday/Sunday from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Elizabeth Ministry responds to the needs of women during their childbearing years by offering like to like ministry through personal visits. Follow-up contacts are made in person, by phone, and by mail. Please feel free to take a rose for your personal intentions that are in the Adoration Chapel.

PRE-JORDAN BAPTISM CLASS

All parents are required to attend this class in order to have their child baptized. The next **January 7, 2018 at 1:15PM** in the lower church. Thank you for registering in advance to this class by calling the rectory at 215-637-7515.

Men of Calvary Night – The Men of Calvary will meet at 7:00PM in the rectory meeting room on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meetings is December 26th, 2017. All men of the parish are welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP “Community of Hope” invites you to Rejoice in your Baptismal Gifts from the Giver of All Good Gifts on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. All are welcome in the lower church at Our Lady of Calvary.

PRAYER LIST – If you are calling in prayers for the sick/deceased for Sunday, please do so by Friday Noon. Requests received after Friday Noon will be prayed for the following Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS – we have Divine Mercy Prayers every third Sunday after the 10AM Mass in the Adoration Chapel.

Happenings Around the Parish

OLC Mercy Ministry Group

In Support of Young Women Who Have Chosen Life
You can become a part of this life-changing OLC Mercy Ministry by donating monthly Scrip gift cards purchased only for the following Stores: Acme, Burlington Coat Factory, CVS, Kmart, ShopRite, Target, Walmart. SEPTA token packs also can be donated. If you need more info or would consider volunteering, please contact Barbara Janiszewski 215-219-1430 or John Robbins 215-637-3876.

St. Katherine of Siena – 9700 Frankford Avenue will have *Wednesday Prayer* at 7:00 PM. Rosary. Chaplet and Divine Office by Deacon Robert H. Hall.

24th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers –the morning of the March for Life in Washington, DC. Sponsored by the National Pro-life Religious Council on Friday, January 18, 2018 at historic DAR Constitution Hall from 8:30-10:30AM.

Free admission, no tickets required. Homilist: Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life. Special Guests: The Benham Brothers. Email Christ@nprcouncil.org

COME JOIN – Consider becoming a member of the **Northeast Serra Club**. The group meets on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 9AM at Our Lady of Ransom. Refreshments are served. For more details call Joann at 215-941-4583. All are welcome!

Retrouvaille....a lifeline for Marriages – Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples than can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. The next program is February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For information call 1-800-470-2230 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

The Path of Discipleship: Orienting Everything in Your Parish to the Formation of Disciples of Jesus Christ. This workshop is designed to help parish leaders put order and purpose into the activities and events in a parish so that everything has a common goal and direction: the formation of authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. Friday, February 2, 2018 from 9:30AM to 2:30PM (Snow date – February 16). Speakers: Jason Simon, Executive Director, Evangelical Catholic; Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Director, Vocations Office; Meghan Cokely, Director, Office for the New Evangelization. The event will be at St. Charles Seminary College Auditorium – to register - \$25 per person at phillyevang.org/events.

Father Judge HS Winter Open House – Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 6:30-8:30PM. Pre-register @fatherjudge.com for a free gift. *Mandatory 8th grade placement test* – All students applying for Father Judge must take the Placement test – pre register at fatherjudge.com Test dates are January 13 or January 20 at 8:00AM.

The Blessed Margaret Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies is currently seeking help for a house sitter on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well as possibly some fill in days here and there on a volunteer basis from 7:00PM to 7:00 AM. Duties include but aren't limited to: Making sure chores get done, rules are followed, collection electronic devices, (phones, tablets, etc.). Of course, the volunteer will be sleeping at the home. There is a staff bedroom with a private bathroom. Volunteers need to have their PA state criminal and child abuse clearances. Help with obtaining clearances if needed, will be provided. Please contact Jennifer Sedo or Jamie Henson at 215-245-8039 if seriously interested.

Archbishop Ryan High School 7th & 8th Grade Dance – January 20, 2018 from 7-10 PM.

Permissions forms available online – appropriate dress required. No backpacks allowed. Cost: \$5.00 at the door. DJ – Raffle Prizes – Giveaways – Meet your new classmates – water/soda/snacks provided – fun – games – activities. In order to register/complete the online permission form, please go to the Archbishop Ryan website. For questions/additional information call Mr. Matt Beyerly (Assistant Principal for Student Affairs) at 215-637-1800, ext. 210.

Special Notice – **St. Dominic Parish** is pleased to announce a new opportunity. Our cemetery is now offering a new place of rest for the cremains (cremated remains) of our loved ones. Our new columbarium, a name which means “a place for doves,” is located on the main pathway behind the convent. The structure will hold 72 niches (compartments). Each of these niches will hold two sets of cremains. These sacred spaces are available for sale. You may purchase a space or spaces by stopping in or calling the cemetery office. This price of each niche is \$3,000 at this time. This offer is for both parishioners and people in other parishes. Please stop by and view our new columbarium. We hope it meets your approval and will provide some peace of mind for you and your family.

Young Adult Retreat – February 9-11, 2018 at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ – Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost \$130 per person, double occ. Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available.



This Week with the Saints

Monday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 26 – St. Stephen – the First Martyr

Wednesday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Friday, December 29 – St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr – Previously chancellor of England, as the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket defended the Church’s rights against the encroachment of the king. He was murdered in his cathedral in Canterbury.

<p>SPONSOR OF THE WEEK OLC would like to thank <u>TRI-STATE CHAIRLIFTS</u> for advertising in our weekly bulletin.</p>
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Christmas Tree Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
before whom all the trees of the forest sing for joy,
for you have come to rule the earth and all its peoples
in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
By his death on the cross and his rising in glory,
the tree of our defeat has become our tree of victory,
and the pure light of Christ forever gladdens our waiting
world.

We ask you to send your blessing upon this tree
which we have decorated in honor of your Son’s birth.
Let it help us to celebrate this holy season
as living branches of him
and bear the fruit of good works for your glory,
this day and every day,
both now and forever. Amen

-Fr Michael Kwatera

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Between God and the World

In these last days, God has spoken to us through the Son.

Basically, before moving on to personal devotions and contemplation or reading stories of the Holy Night, one should read these weighty verses of [the Letter to the Hebrews] to be spiritually touched by the impact of this holy day we are celebrating. We...run the risk of concealing Christmas behind bourgeois customs and sentimentality, behind all those traditions that make this holiday dear and precious to us. Yet perhaps the deep meaning is still hiding behind all those things.

What this celebration is about is the founding of a final order for the world, a new center of meaning for all existence. We are not celebrating some children’s holiday, but rather the fact that God has spoken His ultimate Word to the world. Christ is the ultimate Word of God to the world. One must let this idea really sink in these days when people are seeking new values. If you take God seriously- this relationship between God and the world – and if you know how important God is to society as well as to private life, then this has to touch you. The ultimate Word of God to the world! God does not contradict Himself and does not repeat Himself. One must use every ounce of willpower to comprehend this, and let this concept sink in: Christ, as the ultimate Word of God to the world.

Alfred Delp (1907-1945) was a German Jesuit imprisoned and later executed by the Nazis for anti-Hitler activities