

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday December 4th	Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	Pauline Russo requested by Thomas Russo
9:00 AM	Lillian Wiltshire requested by Ann and Chris Gannon
10:30 AM	Joseph and Grace Cascone requested by Dave and Pat Cedrone
12:00 PM	Departed Souls requested by Elizabeth Skorski
Monday December 5th	
8:00 AM	Agnes (Bobbie) Roche requested by Darby, Sally and John Roche
Tuesday December 6th	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday December 7th	
8:00 AM	Andrew Bretthauer requested by the Bretthauer Family
7:00 PM	Holy Day Vigil Mass
Thursday December 8th	Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM	Tom and Carole Mazzucco (L - 25 th Anniversary) requested by Joan Smith
6:30 PM	English Holy Day Mass
7:30 PM	Bernadeta Stopka requested by Rodzice
Friday December 9th	
8:00 AM	Andre and Mary Mochan (Living) requested by Jean Paul Mochan
Saturday December 10th	
8:00 AM	Perpetual Mass Intentions
5:00 PM	James Horton III requested by Justine Horton
Sunday December 11th	Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	Joseph & Stella Golembiewski requested by Ronald and Florence Zellin
9:00 AM	Gaetano T. Ridolpho requested by the Strogen Family and Isabel Blood
10:30 AM	Mary D. Fitzsimmons requested by Dave and Pat Cedrone
12:00 PM	Za Dusze Zmarlego Antoniego Lubiejewski requested by the Lubiejewski Family

Father Michael's Desk

Beauty of the Season Advent is a great season in the Liturgical year. It's a preparation period in many ways that we should take advantage of each day.



There are three steps to get us spiritually prepared for Christmas. First, pray daily, but most importantly make prayer part of one's day by praying throughout the day. It may be a simple acknowledgment of thanks that you have an ability or talent, or thanking God that you can see or move your body limbs. Prayer should be unceasing, and consistent in order for one to gather closely in His name. Prayer is the first ingredient in the recipe for a good spiritual life. Secondly, clean the soul by going to Sacramental Confession. We are adding additional Confession times during Advent besides our Saturday scheduled period. This Tuesday at 7:30 PM, we are having a parish penance service with additional priests. On Monday, December 12 & 19, we will have a priest available for Confessions from 7:00 PM till 8:30 PM. This is very similar to the Monday's of Lent when we hear confessions each Monday. The third ingredient in the recipe is doing a little spiritual exercise. This may be a reading from the Bible with some contemplation, or doing a Advent exercise like praying as a family and lighting your family Advent wreath. The last ingredient is the contemplation and quiet which is also another part of preparation.

In order to prepare in Advent for the coming of the Christ Child, see the beauty that God has given you. This past Thursday morning, I decided to take a lengthy drive through the beautiful country roads of West Milford. It is a great way to contemplate the goodness of God, and let the Lord speak to you. I highly recommend it. Prayer needs contemplation. It's the perfect time to give God the opportunity to speak to us in the depths of our hearts.

The last preparation for Christmas this Advent is drowning out the ads from the stores. If the stores in this material world had their way, everyday would be "Black Friday." Don't let the material world drive your soul! Say "no" to the commercialism by turning the television, internet and radio off and listening to God! Have some God time!

It is no doubt that this is a busy time of year, but let's not forget the importance of the season. After all, God didn't forget us when He sent us His Son, Jesus.

Readings for December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



**ALTAR CLEANING
 Week of December 4th
 Team 4 – Alicia Piascik**



A Big Thank You from Patti Cedrone

Thank you for your generosity last weekend which enabled me to exceed my fundraising goal for my El Salvador trip. God truly blessed me with Parish Family members like you. With your help, I will now be able to bring smiles to the children's and elderly's faces in March. I look forward to sharing this trip with all of you when I get back. Thank you again and God bless!

Confessions During Advent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the month of December on the dates:

Saturdays, December 10 and 17 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM
 Sundays in Polish 5, 11, 18 8:15 AM to 8:55 AM

Tuesday December 6, 2011

Reconciliation Service 7:30 PM

Monday December 12, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
 Monday December 19, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 4th

Rosary Society selling Christmas Cards
Share-a-Gift Tags available
Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center
RCIA Children – 11:00 AM/Adults 12:30 AM – Parish Library
Baptisms – 2:00 PM – Church
Antioch – 6:30 PM – Antioch Room
AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, December 5th

Webelos II – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria
Monday CCD – 7:00 PM – Parish Center

Tuesday, December 6th

Tuesday CCD – 4:30 PM – Parish Center
Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church

Wednesday, December 7th

Boy Scout Troop 159 – 7:00 PM – Gym
Open Circle Planning – 7:00 PM – Gathering Space
Holy Day Vigil Mass – 7:00 PM - Church

Thursday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

Morning Mass – 8:00 AM – Church
ABC Playgroup – 10:00 AM - Cafeteria
Children's Choir – 4:00 PM – Church
Bear Den – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria
Holy Day Mass English: 6:30 PM Polish: 7:30 PM – Church
Confirmation 1 – 7:00 PM – Parish Center

Saturday, December 10th

AA – 2:00 pm – Parish Center Room 3

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Please remember in your prayers the following: Denise Armagno, Joann Barker, Scott Behrens, Sean and Nicole Brennan, Helen Bowden, Julia Buske, Jaycee Cahill, Thomas Camp, Lee Charnock, Bridget Cirbes, Lisa Czyzewski, Mary Grace Daly, Nancy d'Angio Olson, Isaac Del Valle, Denise Farro, Ashley Ferraro, Francesco Galzano, Nancy Ann Gallo, Jim Gamble, Jr., Matthew Gangi, Madeline Grace Ricci Johnson, Ted Hajek, Stanley Holuba, Sr. Irene Hudak, Carole Jenkins, Kathleen Jobbagy, Emily Lavey, Jessie and Kristen Kearns, Eleanor Klein, Sandra Long, Rose Martorano, Larry Mayo, Mary and Andre Mochon, John McAloney, Matthew McCormick, Nadine McCormick, Father John Murray, Walter Murray, Bernard Owczarski, Karen Pegande, Luis Pacquing, Nina Roselli, Aldona Sachs, Christina Scienski, Glynne Smith, Elvira Stiglin, Mary Strangia, Marge Starick, Kaylee Stillman, Maureen McSweeney, Anthony Terracino, Carol Vassallo, Loretta R. Victoria, George Vurno, Timothy Waples

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Bernard J. Owczarski

DONATIONS

PARISH OFFERINGS

Sunday Donations

Tithing:	November 27, 2011	\$8,325
	November 28, 2010	\$7,648

Support Elderly Religious

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "we thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, Brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection.

Second Collection next weekend

(checks toward) Retirement for Religious
and (cash toward) Catholic Home Missions

Flowers, Candles, Wine

Candle for Month of December

In Memory of Louis E. Corsaro
Donated by Rae Corsaro

SHOP-RITE and A&P GIFT CARDS

Week Ending November 27, 2011

Sold – \$3,275.00

Profit – \$163.75

Total Profit since July 1 – \$5,753.25

Parish Debt Relief - Today

We are very grateful to our parishioners who continue to support our parish by helping make payment on our outstanding debt to the Diocese. This year we have a great opportunity to have our debts met 1:1 for the first \$50,000, which means we can make a considerable impact on our payments. We are grateful to our anonymous donor for the gift as well. Please support our parish with the debt collection each month. Our mortgage is nearly \$3,900 per month. Thank you.

Finance Committee Opening

Do you have financial, business or banking experience? If so, we ask you to consider sitting on the finance council here at OLQP. Please forward your name to Fr. Michael.

THANK YOU ROSARY SOCIETY

We are very grateful the Rosary Society for its very generous gift of \$5,000 to our Church to meet some immediate needs. This great gift will be used to purchase Missalettes to be used by all our parishioners starting next Sunday, the purchase of albs for our new Altar Servers, and the majority of monies to pay down our debt. The payment of our debt is crucial this year as we have the opportunity to receive a matching gift for all our payments. On behalf of the parish, we say Thank You Rosarians!



Pantry Items for the week

Boxed Ziti and Pasta Sauce



Special Reminders

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Meeting Dates:

Grade 9 Confirmation Class: Thursday, December 8th 7:15-8:45 PM (after 6:30 Mass)

Grade 10 Antioch: Sunday, December 4th and 11th 6:30PM

All – Immaculate Conception Mass for Holy Day, Thursday, December 8, 6:30 PM

COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE!


Don't forget to order your cookbooks. Turn in orders to the parish office:

Attn. Eileen Thompson, Youth Ministry

Any questions call Eileen at 973-728-8162 ext 322.



Bereavement Support Group

 We are offering a support group for all those who have lost a loved one and need help working through their loss. Be it a spouse, child, parent, or close friend whose loss has created a hole in your heart, we are here to help you. It's not too late to join us **Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM** in the Antioch Room of the Parish Center (former school building, first floor – cafeteria entrance). Bring a family member or friend who is also experiencing grief. All are welcome! Please call Mary Beth, ext. 303 with questions or to register.

New Mass Schedule

The new Sunday schedule:

5:00 PM Saturday (no change)

7:30 AM Sunday – Quiet Mass

9:00 AM Sunday – Mass in Polish

10:30 AM Sunday – Choir Mass

NOON Sunday – English Mass returns

Daily Mass

8:00 AM

Food Pantry Thank you

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Thanksgiving Food Basket distribution to needy families such a huge success. More than 80 food baskets were provided to the needy of our township. This was accomplished through your generous donations of food, talent and time. A special mention to the many individuals, groups and businesses, who volunteered so generously of their time. Our heartfelt thanks to one special parishioner, whose monetary donation made it possible to see that each family, received a turkey.

Sincerely, Helena Nowakowski and the Volunteers
of Our Lady Queen of Peace Food Pantry

BAPTISMS – Ryan Abel Heitzman, Leah Eileen Eva Scalcione and Matthew Brian Samples were baptized in God's Life and Love through the waters of Baptism during the month of November. Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Family welcomes them and their parents and godparents to journey with us in faith and love.



Position of Music Director

Our Lady Queen of Peace R.C. Parish in West Milford, N.J. is seeking an individual with keyboard/organ and voice experience, and knowledge of the Catholic Mass. Responsibilities include but not limited to leading a choir, playing keyboard at a Catholic Mass, and music selection for liturgies. Interested parties should forward resumes to the Music selection Committee at the parish office.

Employment Opportunities

With the Christmas holiday coming, we encourage those seeking work to apply to local retail stores for temporary holiday help. Many major stores are adding thousands of jobs nationwide.

Local Job Opportunity

Center for Family Resources in Ringwood is looking for a part time EHS Teacher Aide 2:00-5:30 PM. Fax resume to 973-962-1129, email to jobs@ccffr.net or website: www.centerforfamilyresources.net

Please take note of the **Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Career Transition** support group meetings in Wanaque - details posted on bulletin boards at entrances of church.

Safety Alert – 5 PM Mass Attendees!

We ask parishioners who attend our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday to please park in our parking lot for greatest safety. We do not have a crossing guard for the Mass and it is quite dark to cross busy Union Valley Road.

Census Forms

We ask that all parishioners return their Census Forms as soon as possible. You can mail or drop them off at the Office, or put them into the collection basket. These forms serve a great purpose. First, they update the members in the household. Secondly, they update E-Mail, information, and provide us with information on your availability, and your skills and talents. There is also an area to sign up for ministries. If you did not receive a census form in the mail, please pick one up at the exits of the church, complete and return it. Please don't delay and send it today. Thank you.

Sight and Sound Trip

The Sight and Sound Trip in Lancaster is next Saturday, December 10, 2011. Please arrive at 12:45 for departure by 12:55 PM sharp.

Immaculate Conception - Thursday

Please be advised of the Immaculate Conception Mass schedule for this week. Wednesday anticipated Mass at 7:00 PM, 8:00 AM, and 6:30 PM Thursday, and 7:30 PM in Polish. This is a holy day of obligation.

Eva's Kitchen

We are in the process of planning our next outreach to feed the poor and homeless at Eva's Kitchen on December 31, 2011. We will be feeding approximately 300 people on that day and are in need of the following items. Non-perishable items can be left in the Food Pantry Baskets. Perishable items can be left in the refrigerator in the Annex Kitchen or brought to the Parish House during regular business hours.

Boxed Ziti and Pasta Sauce

Frozen Meatballs and Grated Mozzarella Cheese

Please call Kerry Plokhoy at (973) 728-2573 if you are interested in volunteering your time or talent. Thank you!

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM

Do You Hear What I Hear?

**Sunday, December 18th
at 4:00 PM
in Church**



The Adult and Children's choirs will be presenting a choral concert celebrating the Christmas season. Take a much-needed break and come immerse yourselves in the Sounds of the Season! There is no charge for admission, but be sure to come early to reserve a good seat. Please join us for refreshments immediately following the concert.

Opportunities for Christmas Gifts

Religious Article Store

The Sisters of St. Francis will have medals, cards, and many other items for sale starting this weekend and next in the Gathering Space (formerly called the Rear Annex). Support our Sisters and get a good buy.

Spiritual Christmas Cards

The Rosarians will be selling Spiritual Christmas Cards the first two weekends in December. Fr. Michael will be celebrating a special Mass in honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary for the intentions of all those who receive one of these cards. The cards will be \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00, or 5 cards for \$10.00. The Rosarians will also be selling Queen of Peace ornaments.

In the Spirit of Giving

Share-A-Gift Ministry

Share-A-Gift tags are available on the tree in the Front Annex this weekend, December 3-4 and next, December 10-11 for those who wish to participate in this wonderful ministry of reaching out to needy children. We have more needy families right here in our community than we have had before. We are also including the Special Needs Adults from the Diocese. These are folks with adult bodies and spirits of children who teach us much about love and care. Please help out in any way that you can. Return wrapped TAGGED gifts to the rear annex the weekend of December 17-18. It is very important that you attach the tag you took from the tree to your wrapped gift. **THANK YOU!**



Fun Event and Pictures, too



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

December 18th – 8:30 AM to 12 Noon

Parents: Come enjoy our full breakfast

Only \$7 for adults, \$5 for children,

OR just stop in for coffee and cake for only \$2,

while the kids are in CCD.

Santa will be here for pictures



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards our Seasonal Altar Decorations may do so by completing the form below. The form may be placed with your donation in an envelope in the Sunday Collection baskets or dropped off at the Parish House Office during regular office hours **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th**. Requests received after this date will appear in the January 8th bulletin. Your donation in memory of a loved one will assist us in decorating our Sanctuary for the celebration of Christmas. Suggested Donation - \$10.00

In Honor of:

Donated by:

<u>Perpetual Mass Enrollment</u>	<u>for November 2011</u>
<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Donated by</u>
All unborn, stillborn and aborted babies (D)	Ann Kachler
Peggy Barker (D)	Mary Anne & Chuck Ferraioli
Glenn Beck (L)	A Parishioner
Jane Connen (D)	Lynne Berry
Lena A. Cutillo (D)	Terry & Barbara Bordine
Bette Davis (D)	Steve & Eileen Ricci
Themy Dumlao, MD (D)	Luis & Yvonne Pacquing
Kenneth & Marie Eder (D)	Ann Kachler
Joe, Anne, Kathleen, Nick and their children (L)	Ann Kachler
Alex Jones (L)	A Parishioner
Anne Kinon (D)	Eileen Simmers
Kristy Pordon	Mary Renna
The Rivera Family In Thanksgiving (L)	Cecelia Rivera
Edmond "Ted" Ryerson (D)	Gail & Dennis Post
Stephen Serr	Helen Martin Diana and Steve Schlessinger
Stephen Serr (D)	Lisa & Eric Kerrsen
George Van Alstyne	Ann Kachler