

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	December 18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	Linda Cerino requested by Ed Cerino	
9:00 AM	Tomasz Piascik Od zony i dzieci	Polish Mass
10:30 AM	The DeSimone Family requested by The Brooks Family	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Bernard Owczarski requested by Tomasz Owczarski	Cantor
6:30 PM	Dennis Daly (Living) requested by OLQP Parish Family	YAH Choir
Monday	December 19th	
8:00 AM	Helen and Jack Haviland requested by Peggy White	
Tuesday	December 20th	
8:00 AM	Mary Royle requested by Kathleen Heaney	
Wednesday	December 21st	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Thursday	December 22nd	
8:00 AM	Susan Flood requested by Kathleen Heaney	
Friday	December 23rd	
8:00 AM	The Holy Souls requested by Kathleen Heaney	
Saturday	December 24th Christmas Eve	
8:00 AM	Perpetual Mass Intentions	
4:00 PM	Christa Felice requested by The Masones (RoseMarie, Julie & Frank)	Children's Choir in the Gym
4:15 PM	Elizabeth Wirtz requested by Mary Beth Osiecki	Cantor
6:00 PM	Thomas & Johanna Mahon requested by Ann Mahon	
9:30 PM	The Walters Family	
12:00 PM	John & Grace Castranova requested by Rich Castranova	Adult Choir
Sunday	December 25th Christmas Day	
7:30 AM	Arthur Delling, Viola and Charles Scala requested by Ann Delling	
9:00 AM	Rudy Rodak requested by Fr. Michael Rodak	in the Gym
9:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass	Polish Mass
10:30 AM	George Vurno, Sr. (Living) requested by OLQP Parish	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Jeanne Lano requested by Dave & Lucille Hardin	Cantor

Please remember in your prayers the following: Denise Armagno, Joann Barker, Scott Behrens, 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, Stanley Holuba, 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, Molly Sheehan, Glynne Smith, Elvira Stiglin, Mary Strangia, Marge Starick, Kaylee Stillman, Maureen McSweeney, Anthony Terracino, Carol Vassallo, Loretta R. Victoria, George Vurno, Timothy Waples, Kenneth Wilsusen

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Neal Barbaris

Father Michael's Desk We want Jesus!



There is now just one more week to go before Christmas, and we must ask ourselves, what do we really want on Christmas day?

Madison Avenue marketing pros want us to believe that we want a Lexus for Christmas. Other ads will point to grand jewels, or other expensive items that out price most budgets and will give us the temporary fix of joy.

Shopping this time of year has become an adventure. People racing up and down aisles, pushing others in a frantic approach that this Christmas only exists for them is mind boggling as some of them are only concerned about the gifts. Christmas shopping is not that nice as we come down the stretch with long lines, and a lot of meanness being demonstrated. We seem to lose the sense of importance that really created this day.

Last weekend, some of our parishioners went on a trip to see the *Miracle of Christmas* in Lancaster, PA. The birth of Christ was made evident before our eyes that indeed something special has happened that changed the world. It was God sending forward His Son as a child in human flesh in order that he would grow with us, show us a way to the Father through sacrifice, and by dying on the cross for each of us. In the closing scene, Jesus is paid homage as savior of us all, and one who should be adored. It left you with a great feeling that Christ our Savior is special and we should rejoice!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let not our hearts be troubled, or distracted from the real importance of Christmas. Don't let the last minute chores, or shopping derail our focus on Christ. Keep the eyes on Christ and desire a true want for the newborn king.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael Rodak

Be a herald this Christmas!

We ask you to please spread the word to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates that Christ is present for all of us. Invite others to Mass next weekend to rejoice and praise God. We have a special Mass schedule with additional Masses available for everyone.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE **Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24**

4:00 PM Children's Mass in Church
4:15 PM Mass in Gym
6:00 PM Mass
9:30 PM Mass in Polish
11:30 PM Carols
12:00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

7:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Mass in English in Gym
9:00 AM Mass in Polish in Church
10:30 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass in English

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 18th

Share-a-Gift Returns by 1:00 PM
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast 8:30 AM-12 Noon-Cafeteria
 Pictures with Santa - 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Cafeteria
 Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center
 RCIA for Adults – 12:30 AM – Parish Library
 Christmas Concert – 4:00 PM – Church
 Young At Heart Mass – 6:30 PM – Church
 AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, December 19th

Webelos II – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Confessions – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Church
 Monday CCD – 7:00 PM – Parish Center

Tuesday, December 20th

Share-A-Gift Distribution – 10:00 AM – Annex
 Tuesday CCD – 4:30 PM – Parish Center
 Spirituality Grounding – 6:30 PM – Church Library
 Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church

Wednesday, December 21st

Spirituality Grounding – 10:00 AM – Church Library
 Boy Scout Troop 159 – 7:00 PM – Gym

Thursday, December 22nd

ABC Playgroup – 10:00 AM - Cafeteria
 Children's Choir – 4:00 PM – Church
 Parish Office Hours – 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday, December 23rd

Church Decorating – 6:00 PM – Church/Gym
 Parish Office Hours – 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

Mass in English: 4:00 Children's. 4:15 in Gym, 6:00 PM
 and 12:00 Midnight
 Mass in Polish: 9:30 PM

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th

Mass in English:
 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
 Mass in Polish: 9:00 AM
 AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space



ALTAR CLEANING Week of December 18th

Team 6 – Tonya Cubby&Sondra Bejgrowicz



Readings for December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
 Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
 Gospel: John 1:1-18



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

Tithing:	December 11, 2011	\$9,036
	Religious Retirement	\$2,795
	December 12, 2010	\$9,254

Flowers, Candles, Wine

Wine for week of December 18

In Memory of Michael & Richard Altieri
 Donated by The Altieri Family

Candle for Month of December

In Memory of Louis E. Corsaro
 Donated by Rae Corsaro

SHOP-RITE and A&P GIFT CARDS

Week Ending December 4, 2011

Sold – \$3,730.00

Profit – \$186.50

Total Profit since July 1 – \$6,122.50

Religious Give Thanks

A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Pantry Items for the week

Canned Fruit

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 Pasta Sauce

Frozen Meatballs, Grated Mozzarella Cheese

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

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!



CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY



Special Reminders

Next Meeting Date:

All – Young At Heart Mass – December 18th 6:30 PM

Merry Christmas!

We would like to wish all the students and their families a very Blessed Christmas and our wishes for a wonderful New Year with much love, happiness and peace.

At Christmastime we celebrate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a Baby born more than 2000 years ago. Caught up in the season of lights, and frantic busy days, we may lose sight of the true meaning of the season. Christmas means more than tinsel, trees, lights and presents. The true meaning is this:

**The Child that was born so long ago
came because He loves you.**

He wants to give Himself to you.

He was born for you.

Eileen Thompson and Nick Varsalona
Youth Ministers

CCD Families

There is **NO CCD** on December 25 through 27 or January 1 through 3. CCD resumes for all CCD classes the week of January 8-10, 2012. Wishing you each a **Blessed Christmas** filled with wonder and awe. May you find some time to treat yourself to quiet and peace in the presence of the Lord.



Thank you from Sr Livina

I am very grateful to all the helpers at OLQP Christmas Bazaar. A very special thank you to Carol for making the beautiful gingerbread house that was raffled to benefit the children in our schools in Pakistan. Congratulations to Lisa and her family who won it. Special thanks to the young people for their general helpfulness plus great enthusiasm in selling raffle tickets and encouraging donations. Because of all of you who helped or made purchases and donations, the children will have a happy Christmas in the midst of their poverty and the current dangers in our country. May God bless you and give you peace, Sr Livina

Looking for Children's Books with the REAL story of Christmas?

Check out our own parish library in the back of our gathering space. There are nearly 20 titles to choose from. Look for them on the shelf of Children's Books.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS!

We plan to start decorating the church for Christmas **THIS COMING THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd & 23rd**, starting at 6:00PM! Many hands make light work. So if you can help, please come! It would be greatly appreciated.

USHERS, We Need Your Help!!

Are you a current usher? Do you help to take up the collection at Mass on the weekend? We need **YOUR HELP!** If you have not yet done so, please call Joann at the parish office on Monday or Tuesday, December 19th or 20th. Besides trying to get a list of all those helping with ushering, we would like your help for the many Christmas Masses. It is very important that you call the parish office. **THANK YOU!**

Position of Music Director

We are still taking applications for the Music Director position here at Our Lady Queen of Peace. We are 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. Deadline: Tuesday, December 20th.

New Altar Server Training

Calling all students, Grades 4th - 8th to consider joining the ranks of Altar Server here at OLQP. It's a great, rewarding, and fun ministry to do here at your parish. There will be two required training days: Session 1 is on Saturday January 14th, 9:30-11:00 AM, and Session #2 is on Tuesday, January 17th, 3:30-4:30 PM. All interested students or families should see Fr. Michael.

March for Life

Please join your fellow parishioners on Monday, January 23rd for the March for Life to Washington, DC to pray and express our love for the voiceless: aborted children, their parents, and the future of life. \$20/adults, \$15/students. Depart at 6:00 AM. Arrive home about 10:00 PM. Bagels and juice provided upon departure. Seats are limited. First Come. First Served. Please complete the form below and return no later than January 16th.

March for Life – January 23 – trip to Washington, DC

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Adults _____ # Children _____

Please complete and return before January 16th.

Sight and Sound Trip



54 Pilgrims from Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Magnificat in Kinnelon attended Sight and Sound trip to the ***Miracle of Christmas***. Saturday, December 10th. Included was transportation, dinner and an outstanding depiction of the Birth of Jesus.

DON'T MISS IT!



TODAY

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Sunday, December 18th

at 4:00 PM

in Church

The Adult and Children's Choirs presenting a choral concert celebrating the Christmas season. Immerse yourselves in the Sounds of the Season! No charge for admission, but be sure to come early to reserve a good seat.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Today - 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
between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM**

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

Wrap for Charity

Bring a present and Girl Scout Troop 636 will wrap it for you in return for a food item that will be donated to a local charity. Sunday, December 18, 12:00-3:00 PM at Hillcrest Community Center. Please come and let us wrap gifts for you! Thanks.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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. Meeting **Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM** in the Antioch Room of the Parish Center. Please call Mary Beth, ext. 303 with questions or to register.



Caring Ministry

Are you going to be in the hospital for a few days? Do you have a family member, or know a parishioner who is in the hospital? Please call the parish office and let us know so we can come to visit or help out, as needed.