

**THE WORD OF GOD****THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**IS 61:1-2a, 10-11  
1 THES 5:16-24

JN 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**2 SM 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
ROM 16:25-27  
LK 1:26-38 (11)**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK****\* 7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat.; Chapel)****SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17**

Cub Scouts Bake Sale - After All Masses

7:00p.m. - ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**MONDAY - DECEMBER 18**

6:00p.m. - School Christmas Liturgy

8:00p.m. - Adult Choir &amp; Sounds of Joy

**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 19**

10:00a.m. - Book Discussion (Chapel)

7:00p.m. - Book Discussion (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 20**

3:00p.m. - Youth Bell Choir

6:00-7:00p.m. - REP Classes

7:00p.m. - Adult Bell Choir

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 21**

12:00noon - School Early Dismissal

3:00p.m. - **NO** Youth Choir (moved to 5:30p.m.)

4:30-5:30p.m. - REP Classes

5:30p.m. - REP Choir &amp; School Choir

7:00p.m. - Adult Choir &amp; Sounds of Joy

**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 22**

9:30a.m. - Parish Office Closes

12:00noon - School Early Dismissal

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 23**

5:00p.m. - Mass (for Sunday)

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

7:30a.m. - Mass (for Sunday)

9:00a.m. - Mass (for Sunday)

10:30a.m. - Mass (for Sunday)

12:00noon - Mass (for Sunday)

**5:00p.m. - Christmas Mass (Children's Liturgy-Church)****5:05p.m. - Christmas Mass (Marian Inn)****10:00p.m. - Christmas Carol Program (Church)****10:30p.m. - Christmas Mass (Church)****MONDAY - DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY****9:00a.m. - Christmas Mass****11:30a.m. - Christmas Mass****REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Jane Fertal, Marion Donohue, Robert Dunnigan, Olivia Ameer-Beg, Tim Salabsky, Jesse Salabsky, Corinne Ianelli, Susan Bauer, Theresa Spevak, Marguerite Sobkow, Zachary Balga, Kathleen & Joseph Lippert, Parker Grant, Dorothy Pavlinski, Baby Layla, Ron Makos, Larry Mancino, Baby Avia, Michele Pierzga, Terry & Al Bruch, Sylvia Klepeis, Pat Pavelko, Katie Marie Kislow, Stanley Banas, Anne Gerber,

Dolores Steffie, Maryann Wolfe, Newborn Wyatt, Sheffield, Elizabeth Martlock, John J. Jordan, Rose Lichtenwalner, Donald Pulley, Sr., Dorothy Midash, Cameron Kappus, Ann McAteer, Doris Roscioli, John Dancho, Barbara Tuscher, Rose Jackson, Joseph Midash, Edith & Richard Andresko, Shad Barry, Marie Zullo, William Benzak, Michael Cunningham, Pucci Family, William Huber, Dolores Lengyel, and Adam Recke. Remember the deceased members of our parish family. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

*Names removed after 4 weeks to keep list current. Please call to keep a name on the list for the next month.*

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Sunday Collection:** (Average per week), for the month of **November**, including Electronic Giving: **\$21,336.06**. We thank you for your support. May God bless you for your kindness.

**OLPH FOOD BANK**

\*If you or any parishioner needs food, or info on our Parish Food Bank, call Carol (484-547-4412). God bless each of you!

**REP NEWS**

*Carol.salabsky@my-olph.org or call 484-547-4412.*

**OLPH FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

**TRIP:** New Hampshire White Mountain, Indian Head Resort. June 26-29, 2018. Cost: \$485/pp/dbl. Includes: Indoor & outdoor pool, spas, saunas, tennis, boating, live entertainment, Flume Franconia North Park Tour, Cannon Mt. Aerial Tram Ride, North Conway Village & Scenic Kancamagus Hwy. Breakfasts & Dinners included each day. Deluxe motor coach, baggage handling, all taxes & gratuities. For reservations/flyers call Tom (484-456-6818) or June (484-767-8669).

**YOUTH GROUP CORNER**

**Joey Moser (610-867-8409x25) or [joey.moser@my-olph.org](mailto:joey.moser@my-olph.org)**

**OLPH SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEWS**

\*[facebook.com/olphbeth](https://www.facebook.com/olphbeth) or Twitter @OurLadySchool  
Registration open for new students wishing to enroll. Contact the school: (610-868-6570 or [moserd@olphbeth.org](mailto:moserd@olphbeth.org)) for info.

**Check out the school video on YouTube! #olphschoolspirit**  
**COUGAR CRAWL THANKS:** To those who supported the 5th Annual Cougar Crawl. The students raised appx. \$31,000! Proceeds will go toward updating restrooms and/or classroom lighting in the school. Thank you all for making this a success!

**PROJECT KEEP WARM:** Student, Isabella Applegate (Gr. 5), is collecting new heavy socks & new or gently worn: coats, gloves, hats, scarves, blankets, tarps, sleeping bags, thermal underwear, winter boots, hand/feet warmers for the homeless. Deadline for donating is Dec. 23rd. Info: Cate Applegate at [capplegate@lifepath.org](mailto:capplegate@lifepath.org) or visit [www.projectkeepwarm.org](http://www.projectkeepwarm.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Glee Club students on their spectacular Christmas performance. Special thanks to all those who volunteered!

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MON., DECEMBER 18 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Judy Oliver - Corina Elizan

8:00a.m. - Frank Pope - Family

**TUE., DECEMBER 19 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Mass for the People

8:00a.m. - Lourdes Moli - John Salavedra

**WED., DECEMBER 20 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Rose Kopczynskie - Marakovits Family

8:00a.m. - Francis Dorsam - Mark Bogunovich

**THUR., DEC. 21 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Eric Pollock - Family

8:00a.m. - Dec'd. of Derlunas/Zawarski Family - Family

**FRI, DECEMBER 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Helen Marcincin - Hay Family

&amp; Vincent Memet - Daughters

8:00a.m. - Louis Romanell - Dundon Family

**SAT., DECEMBER 23 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00a.m. - Gene Roscioli - Wife &amp; Family

&amp; Bernard Framhein - Doris Knouse

5:00p.m. - Jim &amp; Wilma Brandt - Bill &amp; Mary Mullins

&amp; Irene Kurtz - Annie Rybak

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30a.m. - Judy Oliver - M/M Lee Kozsey

9:00a.m. - Irene Kurtz - Annie Rabyk

10:30a.m. - Arlene Pierzga - Kathy &amp; Bob Anckaitis

12:00noon - Helen Genovese - Daughters &amp; Family

**5:00p.m.** - Satoria Pineda - Family**5:05p.m.** - Russ Romano - Wife & Family**7:30p.m.** - Valentina Lopez - Family**10:30p.m.** - Mass for the People**OLPH IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP**

Travel with Fr. Abraham Ha & Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 14-26, 2019, for 13 days in Ireland & Scotland (Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dublin, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews Cathedral). Cost: \$4,600. Includes Airfare, Taxes, Security fees, Transfers, 4-5 star hotels, bus transportation, all breakfasts & dinners, tips for driver, hotel, & tour guide, guided tours & fees, luggage handling. Call Proximo Travel at 1-855-842-8001 to register. Visit the website: [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com) for info. Call Fr. Ha with questions!

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE PHOTO PICKUP**

Photos can be picked up at the Parish Center during regular business hours (M-F: 8am-12noon; 1-6:30p.m.).

**SAVE THE DATE - NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next Parish Blood Drive will be Sun., Feb. 4, 2018, from 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m. (There must be 8 weeks between whole blood donations). Questions: Jan Dupont (610-997-3148).

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Best wishes go out to **Isabella Anjolie Chaudhuri, Anthony John Ferreri, Julie Marie Miller, Jeffrey Thomas Wessner, Emma Robin Young, & Maggie Ann Zullo** who have recently been brought into our faith by Baptism. May the Light of Christ always burn in their hearts!

**MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP**

Friday, January 19, 2018. Sign-ups will take place this weekend (December 16th/17th) in the Gathering Space. Cost: \$20 Adults; \$10 Students. Availability on a first come, first served basis. Bus leaves OLPH parking lot at 7:30a.m., arrives back around 9:00p.m. Info: Tony Saldutti: 610-533-2711 or [tsaldutti99@gmail.com](mailto:tsaldutti99@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS VESPERS**

Today, Sun., Dec. 17th, at 2pm in the White House Chapel, St. Francis Center for Renewal (395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem). A reception follows in the Renewal Center Dining Hall. Free Will Offering. All are welcome!

**2018 CHILDRENS ENVELOPES**

Available in the Parish Office, beginning Tue, Jan 2nd, during business hours (Monday-Friday: 8am-12noon & 1-6:30pm).

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN REGIONAL SCHOOL**

(Formerly Sacred Heart School & Assumption BVM School in Palmerton & Slatington), is celebrating 40 Years of Service & Education. Friends, Parents & Alumni, join us for Mass on Jan. 5th (Sacred Heart Parish, Palmerton), & Breakfast on Jan. 6th, 2-4 pm at our Palmerton Campus! RSVP: 610-826-2354 or [sjnsadvancement@gmail.com](mailto:sjnsadvancement@gmail.com) Check us out on Facebook!

**ADVENT THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

Matthew Kelly offers a daily program for your 'Best Advent Ever'. Sign up at: [dynamiccatholic.com/advent](http://dynamiccatholic.com/advent) There are videos, practical tips, & real-life stories of hope. The program is FREE!

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Rejoice in your God, the God of hope and light.

The world literally grows darker each day this time of the year. But as dark as the world grows, the darkness will not overcome the light. Jesus is the Light of the World. He illumines our darkness with His love and truth. We are able to sit in the darkness with confidence that the Lord is with us.