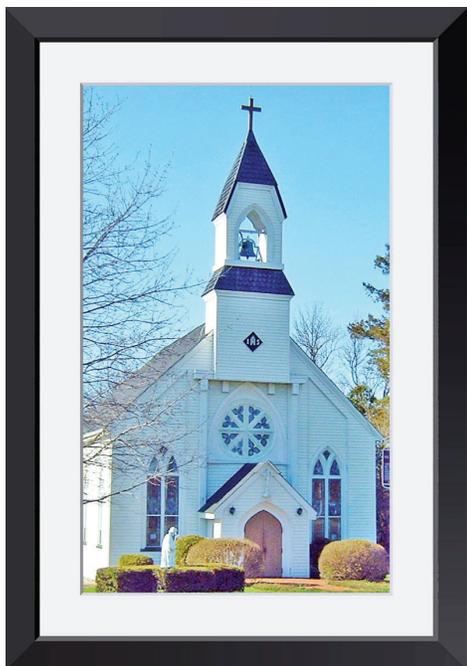


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Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should make arrangements with one of the priests one year in advance of the wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Parish Community celebrates Baptisms on all Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm. One preparation session is required for first time parents. Parents should register by calling the Parish Office after the child's birth.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of the Lord's Forgiveness is celebrated Saturday afternoons at 5:00 pm. Other times for Reconciliation are announced in the bulletin, and by making an appointment with one of the priests.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Parish Community celebrates this Sacrament at a Special Liturgy during the year or at home anytime.



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Mass Calendar for the Week

December 5th, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel will burn this week in memory of Joseph P. Braviak, from his wife.

Saturday December 4th – Vigil 2nd Sunday of Advent

5:30 PM Ronald Proverdi
Kathy Herbert

Sunday December 5th – Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Deceased Members of Guerin Family
Frank Payack, Sr.
The Vezzosi Family

9:30 AM Lena Micliorelli
Paula Cubeta

11:00 AM John Battista Cianci
Carmine & Molly Lafalce
Michael J. Corbitt, Sr. (3rdAn)

Monday December 6th – St. Nicholas

9:00 AM Alice Guerin (52nd An)

Tuesday December 7th – Saint Ambrose

9:00 AM Rose Betelli
Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Boyle (38th An)

5:30 PM Geraldine Emmolo

Wednesday December 8th – The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Harry Gulbrandsen
12:05 PM People of the Parish

Thursday December 9th – St. Juan Diego

9:00 AM Raymond DeMattia
Joseph P. Braviak (15th An)
Gina Lagonigro

Friday December 10th – Our Lady of Loreto

9:00 AM Martha Daly

Friday December 11th – St. Damasus 1, Pope

9:00 AM Jacob Michaluk
Paul Skibic

5:30 PM Jesse Clark (2nd An)
Tony Piotrowski
Teresa Caprio

Collections Report



Collection totals are reported monthly, generally in the second week of the following month.

Remembering OLM

Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we should plan for the health of our faith family. We have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on! There is a way to be an angel for the OLM Parish Family by including us in your Will.

Events Calendar 12/5 – 12/18

DATE	TIME	EVENT
12/5	12:00 pm	Altar Servers' Luncheon - Gym
12/6	6:30 pm	4-H Youth Knitting Class - PC
12/7	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass - Ch
12/7	7:00 pm	Scripture Study Group - PC
12/8	9 & 12:05	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass - Cpl
12/10	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts Pack #40 - Gym
12/14	10:30 am	Arden Court Mass
12/14	11:00 am	Care One Mass
12/14	6:30 pm	Altar Servers Meeting - Ch
12/16	8:00 pm	KofC Officers Meeting - PC

Pray for the Sick

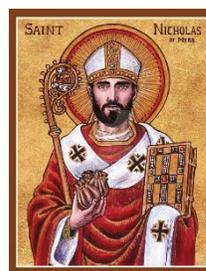


Please remember in your prayers those in our parish and community who are ill, especially:

Nick Agro, Giuseppa Casarrubea, Beverly & Blaine Fresco, Arlene & Fred Gentile, Bertha Gonzalez, Cristopher Gruno, Georgjean Huegler, Anthony LaFerrara, John Lenox, Susan Nicoll, Jaxson Rivera, Bob Roberts, Agnes Ryan, Stella, Theresa Seleski, Belarmino Viegas, Anne Y.

If you wish to have a loved one who is ill placed on our prayer list please call the rectory at 973-887-0050 and provide their name and your contact information. Names will remain on the list for 3-months after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to retain them on the list.

Saint Nicholas



St. Nicholas (270-343) was the bishop of Myra, in Lycia. When he was very young, his parents died and left him a large inheritance, which he shared with children and adults in need. Legends say that when

Nicholas learned of three sisters who had no money for a dowry, he threw three bags of gold through their window one night so they could marry. Consequently, St. Nicholas has become the patron saint of brides as well as the patron saint of children. St. Nicholas, and especially the legend of his generosity toward the three sisters, is the inspiration for Santa Claus (Sinterklaas in Dutch). Many Christmas season traditions and foods have roots in his story. His feast day is December 6.

Thoughts from the Pastor

My Dear Friends,

This Sunday afternoon we are having a meeting with our Altar Servers downstairs at the Parish Center. It is a very simple gathering to share some pizza and thank our Altar Servers for their commitment to serve at our liturgies. We all are grateful to have all these children around the Altar of the Lord serving God and the community. They are very inspiring to all of us. Their devout service shows us the beauty of service. They are certainly enrolled in service at their young age, something we all appreciate. We thank them for their time, their presence and for loving God and our Parish Family the way they do. May God bless us with many more children and adults in this wonderful ministry.

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving celebration with their families and friends. Here at OLM we had a very moving Mass presided by Fr. Manuel and concelebrated by Fr. Alex and myself. The Choir did a beautiful job. Afterwards, we blessed enough bread for everyone to take some home for their Thanksgiving Dinner, thanks to the great generosity of the Sorresse family who always donate the bread for this beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving. Now after Thanksgiving, our sights are set on Advent and soon on the coming of Christmas. Our Giving Trees are set up already in church for us to take a tag and be generous with those in need during Christmas time.

One of the key words to understand and be inserted in the spirit of Advent is **HOPE**. This is a gift we should all cultivate and make grow in our lives, because it's essential for the believer in order to have joy and live according to our Christian faith.

It may be good to define first of all what Hope isn't. Hope is not *"I hope I get a raise this year."* Biblically it isn't wishing for the best all the time. It isn't waiting to see what happens with the fixed idea that it will turn out well. If someone says to you that *"I hope you have a good day,"* there is no guarantee that the day will go well. Hope is not a feeling or an

emotion. Hope is the acknowledgement of facts. A Christian's definition of hope is far superior to that of the world. Instead of wishing or hoping for something to happen, people of God know that their hope is solid, concrete evidence, because it is grounded in the Word of God and we know that God cannot lie. The Christian has a hope that is *"the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"* (Heb 11:1). It is a hope that is like faith...a faith that cannot be moved by circumstances or what the eyes see because an unseen God is seen in His faithfulness. St. Paul tells the believers *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* (Rom 8:31) If God is on your side, how sure is that hope? I believe that every Christian has gone through or will go through a dark night of the soul with deep doubts, fears and anxiety. It seems sometimes that this is part of our human nature.

Our **HOPE**, however, is not set on mankind, on circumstances, or in any other thing in the universe. *"We have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe"* (1 Tim 4:10). We know in every possible way that nothing in this world can give us HOPE. Everything changes: circumstances, places, times, and even more importantly, people, including ourselves. God and His love doesn't change. It is in His merciful and compassionate care for us that we HOPE. Yes, we believe that we are saved in Him, no matter the outcome of our prayers and desires.

May we all experience this deep assurance of faith during the Advent Season. May God bless you all,

Fr. Roberto



Jesse Tree Symbols for 2nd Week

Sunday	Moses - Burning Bush
Monday	The Israelites - Lamb
Tuesday	Moses & Aaron - The Torah
Wednesday	Joshua - Ram's Horn Trumpet
Thursday	Gideon - Clay Water Pitcher
Friday	Ruth - Grain
Saturday	Samuel - Crown

About Advent



Advent can come as a surprise to us sometimes, beginning right after the busy Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. It's not unlike the surprise of Mary when she received news that she was pregnant with Jesus. Like her, we take the season of Advent as a time for pause, reflection, and preparation for the gift of God's love coming to us through the baby Jesus.

History of Advent

The historic origin of Advent is not known for certain; no evidence exists around the feast of the Nativity of the Lord before the end of the fourth century.

Several homilies and synods made mention of a specific liturgical time before Christmas, but no rule existed until a note on the Mass parts appeared during the time of Pope St. Gregory VII from 1073-1085.

Much like a Lenten period of fasting and sacrifice, the early Church urged Christians to dedicate this time to readying themselves for Christ. Their practices remind us that we are also called to be attentive to the message of repentance and the end times. This may seem unexpected considering the extravagant ways we eat, shop, celebrate, and rejoice as Christmas approaches!

Advent Traditions

The four weeks of Advent are popularly considered to symbolize the four-thousand years of darkness before the coming of Christ. We set up Nativity scenes, light Advent candles, and decorate wreaths in our homes to signify Christ's presence coming in the darkness of sin and suffering. Four candles adorn an Advent wreath, one for each week. A fifth candle is

sometimes placed in the center for the beginning of the Christmas season.

Advent colors are worn by the priests and deacons and decorate the church. They are represented in the candles that surround the Advent wreath:

Violet: royalty, repentance, and fasting (First, Second, and Fourth Week of Advent)

Rose: abundant joy (Third Week of Advent, known as *Gaudete* Sunday, joy in Latin)

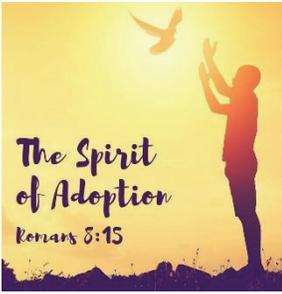
White: light and purity (Christ Candle, center candle completes the season and begins Christmas)

Scripture and Prayers for Advent

During Advent there are three prevalent themes we see as we wait patiently for the coming of Christ. We long for the Messiah, are urged to be alert for Jesus' Second Coming, and meditate on Christ's presence in our lives now. The Scripture readings for the four weeks of Advent and the Liturgy of the Hours revolve around the first two of these themes. They encourage proper preparation, point to the grace and humility of Mary, show us how to adore God in the Incarnation, and recognize the glory of Jesus and how He frees us from sin and ingratitude. We hear from the prophet Isaiah and are drawn to the compelling message of John the Baptist in the Gospels.

It is important to consider how we can grow in spiritual wholeness during such a busy commercial season. Take time for silence and reflection each day with Scripture, a devotional prayer, or with an Advent calendar. Dwell with the scene of the Nativity. What is it like to imagine the journey of Mary and Joseph and to be with them as the baby Jesus comes into the world? St. Ignatius of Loyola had a deep reverence for the Nativity scene, as we see in the Spiritual Exercises. Consider praying with saints like him, with the Liturgy of the Hours, or with the O Antiphons the last week before Christmas. A prayerful journey with the Holy Family and the Church throughout Advent will lead to gifts of gratitude and joy when we enter the Christmas Season.

Scripture Study Group



All are welcome to join the OLM Scripture Study Group meeting on Tuesday December 7th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Lower Level. Our program is based on the video “**The Wild Goose**”

about the work of the Holy Spirit. The next segment of the video is about

“**The Spirit of Adoption**”

Following the video we will share how this aspect of the Holy Spirit’s activity affects our own lives and faith. For further information or questions, call Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or email to lexan@ix.netcom.com.

Compassionate Friends Meeting

The Compassionate Friends is a self-help group for bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings. The program at their next meeting is

“**Yearly Candle Lighting Program**”

(Pictures are always Welcome)

All are welcome at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 9th, 2021, at St. Christopher's Church (room 101) 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany.

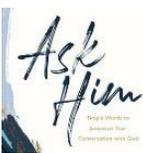
For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164 or email to lilycap1972@gmail.com

Simbang Gabi



All are invited to Sinbang Gabi (Advent Novena Masses) at St. Mary's Church 371 South St. Wharton, NJ from Dec. 15-23 at 7:00 PM (Dec. 18th is at 5:30 PM).

The Mass will be in English with selected Filipino Christmas hymns. Email to minda.pagdanganan@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor one of the Masses or serve as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or choir member.



Ask Him to help you rejoice when you feel empty, since He can pour His spirit into something that is already full.



Liturgy of the Word for next Sunday December 12th

First Reading – *Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

The prophecy of Zephaniah occurred before the exile in Babylon. The northern kingdom of Israel had been defeated by the Assyrians in 721 BC. The southern nation of Judah was now threatened by the Assyrians, but Zephaniah is assuring the people that once they return and live in fidelity with God they will no longer have reason to fear their enemies. Zephaniah offered the people three compelling reasons for hope. First, the Lord had removed their guilt; second, the Lord was in their midst and thirdly, as a direct consequence of God’s love, they had nothing to fear.

Responsorial – *Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6*

Second Reading – *Philippians 4:4-7*

This closing of Paul’s letter to the Philippians serves to recap his major themes, and underlines his invitation to rejoice. This message is reinforced when we recall that it was written while Paul was a prisoner facing a probable death penalty and the Philippians themselves were facing persecution. The phrase “*your kindness to all*” might be better translated as forbearance, patience, courtesy, and mutual respect. Paul urges them to “*make your requests known to God*” that “*surpasses all understanding.*”

Gospel – *Luke 3:10-18*

John the Baptist had created great expectations and those that heard him wanted to know how to respond. In direct language, he called on ordinary folk to be intensely attentive to others. John’s message may be summed up by saying, “*all you need to change is everything.*” For those who wielded power he demanded an end to injustice. For those who had little, he prescribed an opening of eyes and goods. John’s activity gave rise to speculation about the Messiah. He gives an official answer to “*all*” in Israel: “*One mightier than I is coming.*” John contrasts his baptism with that of Jesus. The point is not that one baptism is with water, the other in the Holy Spirit and fire, but that John’s baptism is *only* in water, that is, a ritual sign.

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July 2020 through June 2021

Cash Basis

	Jul '20 - Jun 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
A. - Offertory and Regular Receipts	
4010 - Offertory Collections	342,263.75
4011 - Christmas Collections	23,868.00
4012 - Easter Collections	22,233.50
4013 - Holyday Collections	6,919.00
4050 - Special Parish Collections	403.00
Total A. - Offertory and Regular Receipts	395,687.25
B. - Stipends and Stole Fees	
4710 - Mass Stipend Income	7,221.00
4720 - Stole Fee Income	14,870.00
Total B. - Stipends and Stole Fees	22,091.00
C. - Bequests and Donations	15,361.38
D. - National Collections	8,335.00
E. - Diocesan Ministries Rebate	6,103.50
F. - Partner's in Faith Rebate	888.00
G. - Rental Income	37,494.00
H. - Religious Education Income	10,780.00
I. - Fundraising Income	
4925 - Fundraising Income	
50/50 Raffle	30,880.00
Golf Outing	10,220.00
Total 4925 - Fundraising Income	41,100.00
Total I. - Fundraising Income	41,100.00
K. - Other Income	343,821.34
KK. - Pass Through/Non-Assessable	490.17
Total Income	882,151.64
Expense	
L. - Personnel	171,082.95
M. - Benefit Costs	69,892.65
N. - Extra Clergy	1,475.00
O. - Cost of Provisions	9,549.44
P. - Religious Education Expense	25,393.47
R. - Assessment Paid	51,858.75
S. - Utilities	33,072.27
T. - Building or Repair Costs	
6110 - Building Repairs/Maintenance	19,285.33
6130 - Snow Removal	13,432.50
6136 - Landscaping	11,577.06
6150 - Property & Liability Insurance	46,659.06
6195 - Security Related Costs	2,777.40
Total T. - Building or Repair Costs	93,731.35

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	<u>Jul '20 - Jun 21</u>
U. - Fundraising Expenses	
8500 - Fundraising Costs	
50/50 Raffle	14,759.24
Calendar Raffle	62.00
Golf Outing	5,738.70
	<u>20,559.94</u>
Total 8500 - Fundraising Costs	20,559.94
Total U. - Fundraising Expenses	20,559.94
V. - Other Expenses	46,586.55
VV. - Deducted from Assessment	9,027.05
	<u>532,229.42</u>
Total Expense	532,229.42
Net Ordinary Income	349,922.22
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