

First Friday - Masses: OLQP 7:00AM and 8:30AM

Eucharistic Adoration 9AM to 9PM

First Saturday - Our Lady of Fatima Devotions –
after the 8:30AM Mass

Sunday

9:00AM Rosary & Altar Society Mass followed by
meeting in Fr. Hopkins Hall

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 31st

4:00PM Peter Orleman

7:00PM Edwin Hall-Clarke

Monday, January 1st

7:30AM Graceann Morawek

9:30AM Edward La Mura/Aileen Fox

11:30AM Paula Mitkowski

1:15PM Bill Mirabello

10:00AM OLL Peter Goodwin

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 31st

4:00PM Dan Clifford

7:00PM Denise Hall-Clarke

Monday, January 1st

7:30AM Theresa Maleady

9:30AM Nancy Kinzler

11:30AM Alice Cobb

1:15PM Caroline Ferreri

10:00AM OLL Ray Eger

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CARE COMMITTEE

On-duty the week of December 31 to January 6 - Carol

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, January 7, 2018

Saturday

4:00PM Bonnie Ferretti

7:00PM Maria Mathieu

Sunday

7:30AM Dan Clifford

9:30AM Terry Hurson

11:30AM Theresa Gargano

1:15PM Bill Mirabello

10:00AM OLL Rosanne Allen

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, January 7, 2018

Saturday

4:00PM Peter Montanti

7:00PM Nancy Kinzler

Sunday

7:30AM Maureen Rosko

9:30AM Edwin Hall-Clarke

11:30AM Toni Castelli

1:15PM Cathy McGill

10:00AM OLL Dolores Widlund

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts, and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

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Holy Family

December 31, 2017

VOCATION VIEW

The Old Law said that every first-born male shall be dedicated to the Lord. Is there a priest, brother, sister or deacon from your family? Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation! If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priest-hood, please contact the Vocation Office at (914) 968-1340 or www.NYPRIEST.COM "The World Needs Heroes"

BREAD AND WINE & SANCTUARY LIGHT

We are accepting offerings for the Sanctuary Light and Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. Any questions, please call the rectory 718-351-1093.

Prayer for a Family

O dear Jesus, I implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead. O Mary, as loving Mother of Jesus our Mother too, pray to your Son for our family, and for all families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations. Blessed St. Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assists us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen

Pope's Christmas Homily

Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2:7). In these plain and clear words, Luke brings us to the heart of that holy night: Mary gave birth; she gave us Jesus, the Light of the world. A simple story that plunges us into the event that changes our history forever. Everything that night, became a source of hope.

Let us go back a few verses. By decree of the Emperor, Mary and Joseph found themselves forced to set out. They had to leave their people, their home and their land, and to undertake a journey in order to be registered in the census. This was no comfortable or easy journey for a young couple about to have a child: they had to leave their land. At heart, they were full of hope and expectation because of the child about to be born; yet their steps were weighed down by the uncertainties and dangers that attend those who have to leave their home behind.

Then they found themselves having to face perhaps the most difficult thing of all. They arrived in Bethlehem and experienced that it was a land that was not expecting them. A land where there was no place for them.

And there, where everything was a challenge, Mary gave us Emmanuel. The Son of God had to be born in a stable because his own had no room for him. "He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him" (Jn 1:11). And there, amid the gloom of a city that had no room or place for the stranger from afar, amid the darkness of a bustling city which in this case seemed to want to build itself up by turning its back on others... it was precisely there that the revolutionary spark of God's love was kindled. In Bethlehem, a small chink opens up for those who have lost their land, their country, their dreams; even for those overcome by the asphyxia produced by a life of isolation.

So many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary. We see the tracks of entire families forced to set out in our own day. We see the tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away but, driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones. In many cases this departure is filled with hope, hope for the future; yet for many others this departure can only have one name: survival. Surviving the Herods of today, who, to impose their power and increase their wealth, see no problem in shedding innocent blood.

Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The One who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and the frail.

That night, the One who had no place to be born is proclaimed to those who had no place at the table or in the streets of the city. The shepherds are the first to hear this Good News. By reason of their work, they were men and women forced to live on the edges of society. Their state of life, and the places they had to stay, prevented them from

observing all the ritual prescriptions of religious purification; as a result, they were considered unclean. Their skin, their clothing, their smell, their way of speaking, their origin, all betrayed them. Everything about them generated mistrust. They were men and women to be kept at a distance, to be feared. They were considered pagans among the believers, sinners among the just, foreigners among the citizens. Yet to them – pagans, sinners and foreigners – the angel says: "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11).

This is the joy that we tonight are called to share, to celebrate and to proclaim. The joy with which God, in his infinite mercy, has embraced us pagans, sinners and foreigners, and demands that we do the same.

The faith we proclaim tonight makes us see God present in all those situations where we think he is absent. He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our cities and our neighborhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors.

This same faith impels us to make space for a new social imagination, and not to be afraid of experiencing new forms of relationship, in which none have to feel that there is no room for them on this earth. Christmas is a time for turning the power of fear into the power of charity, into power for a new imagination of charity. The charity that does not grow accustomed to injustice, as if it were something natural, but that has the courage, amid tensions and conflicts, to make itself a "house of bread", a land of hospitality. That is what Saint John Paul II told us: "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ" (Homily for the Inauguration of the Pontificate, 22 October 1978).

In the Child of Bethlehem, God comes to meet us and make us active sharers in the life around us. He offers himself to us, so that we can take him into our arms, lift him and embrace him. So that in him we will not be afraid to take into our arms, raise up and embrace the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned (cf. Mt 25:35-36). "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ". In this Child, God invites us to be messengers of hope. He invites us to become sentinels for all those bowed down by the despair born of encountering so many closed doors. In this child, God makes us agents of his hospitality.

Moved by the joy of the gift, little Child of Bethlehem, we ask that your crying may shake us from our indifference and open our eyes to those who are suffering. May your tenderness awaken our sensitivity and recognize our call to see you in all those who arrive in our cities, in our histories, in our lives. May your revolutionary tenderness persuade us to feel our call to be agents of the hope and tenderness of our people. - Pope Francis

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

Reminder for Religious Education Families
No Classes: Wednesday 1/3 and Thursday 1/4
Classes Resumes: Wednesday 1/10 and Thursday 1/11

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, January 1 – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7:30AM Sally Vento
9:30AM Linda Carrique
11:30AM Edith Balzano
1:15PM Michele Farinaccio

Tuesday, January 2 – Saints Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors

7:00AM Sean Butler
8:30AM Deceased Members of the Hrasch Family

Wednesday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00AM Shirley Marie Kerrigan
8:30AM Christina Krute

Thursday, January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:00AM Catholic Education
8:30AM Rose Rapisarda

Friday, January 5 – Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00AM Deceased Members of the Seaver-Casazza Families
8:30AM Deceased Members of the Brophy Family

Saturday, January 6 – Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

7:00AM Antoinette Cookie Olmeda
8:30AM Rev. Robert I. Gannon
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Hanley-Dillon Family
7:00PM Ethel and Timothy Hogan

Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM People of the Parish
9:30AM Deceased Members of the Rosary and Altar Society
11:30AM Miriam Ludwig
1:15PM Victoria D'Agostino
10:00AM OLL Deacon Ross Calimano

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners and God's comfort for their families
Especially Nicholas Mondelli



2. Kimberly Liguori & Stephen Duhs

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE SUNDAY, January 6, 2018

Saturday

4:00PM N. Barton, J. Bruno
7:00PM A. Arico, A. Scarfuri

Sunday

7:30AM J. DeGuida, C. Brewer
9:30AM J. Guli, L. Lombardi
11:30AM B. Bencivenga, F. Iurlaro
1:15PM C. Emenogu, D. Churba

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Judith Stapleton, Joseph Cali, Patricia De Laurentis, Anthony Magno, William Fannon Jr., Michael Camera, James Adrian, Salvatrice Galatro, Joseph Bilotti, Jr., Al Tabbanella, Ernest Velez, Clara Guglielmi, Jayce Monty, Emily Driscall, Daniela Vanico, Toniann Vigneri, Michael Bifalco, Joseph Bifalco, Susan Moore, Ann Margaret Zaino, Kelsey Heaney, Joe Scirone, John Mandato, Matilda Costanza, Anthony DeAngelis, Jeremy Castillo, Leila Idelfanso, Lorraine Costa, Michael Volpe, Rosaria Sepulveda, Esteban Gonzalez, Paul Rydell, Peter Discenza, Ursula Torre, Frank Aiello, Rose Sgarlato, Danny DeMeo, Patricia DeMeo, Jodiann Altamura, Rose Mattera, Pauline LaFonte, Anthony Schiavone, William Fallon, Angela Ricca, Sophia Madeline Sanzone, Jeanne Sterm, Lillian Bilotti, Violet Buzzanca, Paul Gregis, Christina Corrieri Paradino, Thomas Ciotola, James Remias, Melodi Roy, Marie Diloia, Gerald Frederick, Suzzane Astuo, Derrill Roy, Xavier Castelli, Nicole Viola, Pauline Cipriano, Daniel Woods, Carmen Ramos, Katherine Nikatas, Kriss Murphy, Michael Cianci, Jr., Andre Bocchiaro, James Anthony Parker, Carmen Oliveras, Anna Indio, William Gonzalez, Amy Altuna, Carol Wetmore, John Pape, Cameron King, Valerie Schiavone, Frank DiGregorio, Grace Turner, Elsa Griswold, Joseph Esposito, Baby Juliette Florio-Perez, Rose Stingo, Palma Milano, Christie Schaff, Rose Sullivan, Joel Rivera, Anthony Gerard Donato, Grace Bruno, Craig Inducci, Concetta Friscia, Corrine Alaimo, Marlene Olivieri, Thomas DeAngelis, Christina Blumstein, John Schiera, Michael Goldstein, Katie, Frank Ambrosio, Jenna Esposito, Anthony Bocchetti, Steve Sgarlato, Carol DeCastro, Katherine McHugh, Thomas Keenan, Carol Gilroy, Ann Gray, Alanna Shea, Thomas Gaither, Michael Esposito, Baby Cameron Helmuth, Kejsi Mesutllari, Josephine Dedicos, William Cianci, Anna Vetter, Mary Pollina, Gabriela Surowiec, Rita Scalzo, Janet Logon, Victor Raimondi, Nicholas Ilijic, Michael Spatola, Yolanda Mazza, Rosina Agunzo, Kathleen Fusco, Andrew Biancomano, Muriel McKeon, Salvatore Turturici, Caroline DiBella, Antonia Pistone, Nicky Focchillo, Roseanna Whalen, Deborah Arnold, Robert Arnold, J.R., G. Fraschilla, Rita Orlando, Robert Antonucci, Baby Juliette Tighe, Alfonso De'lia Vicky Sgarlato, Meg, John Rizzo, Cathy Sartzetaks, Maria Guzman, Marty Petosa, Peter Petosa, Joseph Sgarlato, Carol Iacobelli, Lisa Bolton, Josephine Nalbhone, Philip Defonte, Marie Pernice, Paul Cobb, Clifford Fusco, Baby Charlie, Donald Giovanello, Susan Piscopo, Michael Bochetti, Fr. Ronald Lee Green, Michael Hansen, Jack McHugh, Marie Presto, Ralph Romano, Celeste Presto, Enrique Soto, Lynn Crisafulli, Christine Kennette, Karen M., Geri Wahren, Annemarie Rizzo.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE SUNDAY, December 31, 2017

Saturday

4:00PM N. Drew, J. Drew
7:00PM S. MacDonald, J. Guli

Sunday

7:30AM L. Kuhn, B. Ramon
9:30AM M. Sheehan, R. Sheehan
11:30AM A. D'Egidio, J. Maldonado
1:15PM K. Petrik, K. Petrik
4:00PM G. Montanti, G. Russo
7:00PM J. Riley, M. Intartaglia

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Monday January 1, 2018

7:30AM N. Plotkin, E. Plotkin
9:30AM C. Boyle, N. Boyle
11:30AM R. Sheehan, T. Procida
1:15PM O. LaGrua, A. Gumb

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

REPORT ON PARISH FINANCES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 - AUGUST 31, 2017

Ordinary Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 547,291
Christmas, Easter & Holy Days	53,526
Votive Candle Offerings	8,919
Donations & Bequests	6,198
Parish Fund Raisers	19,223
Poor Box, Books & Pamphlets	10,799
Interest/Investment Income	2,080
Miscellaneous/Other Receipts	3,090
Total Ordinary Income	651,126

Ordinary Expenses:

Clergy Salaries & Benefits	127,966
Altar & Liturgy Supplies	12,516

Rectory

Lay Salaries & Benefits	51,782
Printing & Office Expense	25,444
Household Living Expense	21,612

Music Ministry

Lay Salaries & Benefits	62,243
Cost for Organists - Special Events	700
Cost of Christmas Concert	1,841
Choir Supplies	195

Buildings Operations

Building Maintenance & Repairs	57,314
School Building Maintenance & Repairs	78,308
Utilities	34,068
Property & General Insurance	27,688
Archdiocesan Assessment	49,901
Regional School Tax	45,787
Donations, Grants & Scholarships	8,230
Miscellaneous/Other Expenses	854

Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 606,449
Total Surplus From Ordinary Operations	\$ 44,677

Religious Education Program

<u>Total Income</u>	\$ 49,422
<u>Program Expenses</u>	
Lay Salaries & Benefits	31,931
Program Operations	22,188
Total Expenses	\$ 54,119
Total Religious Education Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (4,697)