

**THE WORD OF GOD****FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2 SM 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
ROM 16:25-27

LK 1:26-38 (11)

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 or gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3  
COL 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or HEB 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
LK 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 (17)

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

\* **7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat.; Chapel)**

**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)**

**7:30p.m. - Christmas Mass (Church)**

**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**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 26**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 27**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

3:00p.m. - **NO** Youth Bell Choir

6:00-7:00p.m. - **NO** REP Classes

7:00p.m. - **NO** Adult Bell Choir

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 28**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

3:00p.m. - **NO** Youth Choir

4:30-5:30p.m. - **NO** REP Classes

5:30p.m. - **NO** REP Choir

7:00p.m. - **NO** Adult Choir & Sounds of Joy

**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 29**

School Closed

Parish Office Closed

**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, Bob Walker, Parker Grant, Dorothy Pavlinski, Baby Layla, Ron Makos, Larry Mancino, Baby Avia, Michele Pierzga, Todd Kingsley, 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: **Henry Trexler**. 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**

*Open to all 55+. Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays, 1:30p.m., in the Marian Inn. Info: Susan (610-865-9392), Tom (484-456-6818).*

**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. Ariel 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).

**OLPH LADIES GROUP**

**MEETING:** Wed., January 3, 2018 (weather permitting), at 1:30p.m., in the Marian Inn. Please bring straight pins to pin the baby blankets, that will be donated at a later time.

**COOKIE WRAP:** Many thanks to everyone who baked for our cookie wrap in Dec. We appreciate all your hard work!

**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 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**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MON., DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

9:00a.m. - Aparicio Marquez - Family

&amp; Rose Kopczynskie - Sheila Clarke

11:30a.m. - Thomas Keenan - Bob &amp; Suzanne Fulton

&amp; Joan McKeon-Barry - Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN**

9:00a.m. - Daniel Mullins (Ann.) - Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 - ST. JOHN**

6:45a.m. - William Motko - Daughter, Geri

8:00a.m. - Amy Duh - Family

&amp; Mary Spenzierato - Robert &amp; Carol

**THUR., DEC. 28 - THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

6:45a.m. - Rose Kopczynskie - The Bergey Family

8:00a.m. - M/M John de Wolf - Family

**FRI, DEC. 29 - 5th Day Within Octave of the Nativity**

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

8:00a.m. - Mary Locorrier - M/M Diego Pineda

**SAT., DEC. 30 - 6th Day Within Octave of the Nativity**

8:00a.m. - Richie Frey - Jean Frey

5:00p.m. - Helen Bennett - Bob &amp; Mary Jane Fertal

&amp; Stan Majewski - M/M Joseph Zaun

**SUN., DEC. 31 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

7:30a.m. - Bertha Ference - Helen Dadies &amp; Family

9:00a.m. - Edward Strugala - M/M Matt Medei

&amp; Arthur Donohue, Sr. - Janet Strugala

10:30a.m. - Rev. John Conte - Guerriere Family

&amp; Vicki Karson - OLPH Music Ministry

12:00noon - Art Donohue - M/M Lee Kozsey

**OLPH IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP**

Travel with Fr. Abraham Ha & Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 14-26, 2019, for 13days 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).

**MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP**

Friday, January 19, 2018. **Seats are still available!** 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. Questions: Tony Saldutti: 610-533-2711 or [tsaldutti99@gmail.com](mailto:tsaldutti99@gmail.com)

**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 [sjnrsadvancement@gmail.com](mailto:sjnrsadvancement@gmail.com) Check us out on FaceBook!

**FOR CHRISTIAN BURIAL IN ALLENTOWN DIOCESE**

Contact:

HOLY SAVIOUR CEMETERY (610-866-2372) or  
RESURRECTION CEMETERY (610-395-3819).

**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!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Greetings to all our parishioners,  
families, and friends as we celebrate the  
Birth of Christ.**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Today we celebrate the birth of Christ. In the darkness of this night, God's purest light appears in human history, offering us a share in God's eternal life and mercy

The Christmas story is known to all through word, song and tradition. But it is more an account of a baby born in difficult circumstances. For this is no ordinary child, but one sent to us from the very heart of God - a child who is innocent and powerless, yet has within Him the awesome capacity to reconcile and heal.