

THE WORD OF GOD**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**EX 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
1 COR 1:22-25

JN 2:13-25 (29)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23
EPH 2:4-10

JN 3:14-21 (32)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK*** 7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat.; Chapel)****SUNDAY - MARCH 8**

3:00 p.m. - Gift Fest

6:30-7:30 p.m. - RCIA

MONDAY - MARCH 9

1:30 p.m. - OLPH Fellowship Group

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

TUESDAY - MARCH 10

6:30-8:00p.m. - First Communion Parent Meeting

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Grief Support Group

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Marian Inn)

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 11

9:00-10:30a.m. - Spirituality Discussion Group

3:00 p.m. - Youth Bell Choir

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

7:00p.m. - Adult Bell Choir

THURSDAY - MARCH 12

2:15 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

3:00p.m. - Youth Choir

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

5:30p.m. - REP Choir

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

FRIDAY - MARCH 13

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Music Ministry Fish Dinner

7:00p.m. - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY - MARCH 14

9:20-11:45a.m. - First Communion Retreat

Blood Pressure Screening - After Mass

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jeff Salabsky, Charlotte Bradley, Dcn. Joe Buragino, Chris Dague, Christina Davis, Parker Grant, Eleanor Berg, Marion Donohue, Lillian Sora, Frank Sforza, Betty Doederlein, Barbara Meehan, Rick Amato, Maria DelGrosso Dangelmajer, John Jordan Jr., Kayleigh Galante, Colleen Jijak, Francesca Kostalis, Janice Huber, Rose & Joseph Jackson, David Verniero, Audrey Phillip, Robert & Christopher Roller, Mary Jane Fertal, Olivia Ameer-Beg, Leroy Dye, Joseph Midash, Janet Hefele, Andrea Stoddard Rodriguez, Christina Donatelli, Gary Midash, Gretchen Wagner, Shad Barry, Nolan Guessford, Robert Dunnigan, Michael Cunningham, John Shuttleworth, Jeffrey DeCrosta, Mary Kenihan, Rev. Donald Birch, Kathleen Lippert, Ann Marie LeBeau, Stephanie Pucci, William Huber, Gerry Fox, Dolores Lengyel, John Eyen, Dcn. Ray Goskowski, Mary Basanta, Jay Murphy, Ann Marie Janders, Barbara Martino, Paulette Balshi & Adam Recke. Remember 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

Because our Sunday Collections include electronic giving that is not counted on Sundays, we are now reporting contributions in the following manner: Average weekly contribution, including electronic giving for the month of **January**: \$20,194.57. Last year, the average weekly contribution for **January** was: \$20,896.63. We thank you for your support. May God bless you for your kindness to your parish.

OLPH FOOD BANK

*To make a donation to help a needy family, please call Carol. If you or any parishioner needs food, or for info on our Parish Food Bank, call Carol (484-547-4412). God bless each of you!

REP NEWS**CONFIRMATION DATE**: March 19th, at 4:30p.m..**CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**: March 15th, at 6:00p.m.
carol.salabsky@my-olph.org or call **484-547-4412**.**OLPH FELLOWSHIP GROUP****TRIP: Mount Airy Casino**: Wed., March 25th, leave parking lot 9:30am. Cost: \$20 (rebate \$20 slot play, \$10 food voucher).**TRIP: Villa Roma**: June 2nd-5th (4days/3 nights), three meals daily, shows, shopping, casino, indoor & outdoor pools. Cost: \$435 double/pp; \$535 single (bus, gratuities, taxes, included).**TRIP: Wildwood Crest**: Sept. 7th-11th, 5days/4 nights deluxe accommodations, shows, dinners, bus, gratuities, Atlantic City Casino w/bonus package. Cost: \$415 double/pp; \$515 single.**TRIP: Ehrhardt's Water Front, Lake Wallenpaupack**, Sept. 23rd. Oldies Motown Show, music, dancing, open bar (wine, beer, soda), family-style meal, bus & gratuities. Cost: \$70/pp.**Call Tom DiSante 610-866-8723 if interested.****YOUTH GROUP CORNER****SENIOR HIGH LENTEN SMALL GROUP**: Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. All high schoolers are welcome.**NEXT YOUTH GROUP**: March 10th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**ATTENTION FAMILIES! Faith Alive!** Sun., March 22nd, 6-8p.m., at Holy Family in Nazareth. Come as a family and enjoy faith-filled activities, a guest speaker, & a family meal (pasta, salad, rolls). The event is hosted by the Diocese of Allentown. **Registration: \$10/family (deadline March 11th)**. Registration materials at www.allentowndiocese.org/faithalive.**Joey Moser (610-867-8409x25) or joey.moser@my-olph.org****OLPH SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEWS****[facebook.com/olphbeth](https://www.facebook.com/olphbeth) or Twitter @OurLadySchool*

Registration now open for all new students wishing to enroll for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact the school for information/tour (610-868-6570 or ALTNOLPH@PTD.NET).

Congratulations to Gregory Tomko (Gr. 7), our National Geography Bee winner who will be advancing to the state level!

Thank you to Becahi students who read to the second graders in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday & Read Across America Day.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 9 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

8:00 a.m. - Kathryn A. Ortwein - Agnes E. Horrox

7:00 p.m. - Jean Bohar - M/M Joseph Mies

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - Dominick Mazza - Ron & Ellen Julia

8:00 a.m. - Judy Reese - John O'Malia Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - John Horvath - M/M William Stofanek

8:00 a.m. - The Brown Family (Int.) - Pierog Family

7:00p.m. - Judy Shaughnessy - George & Joanne Kelly

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - Intention

8:00 a.m. - Special Intention - Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - Intention

8:45 a.m. - Richard Stofko - Wife

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. - Francine Long - Husband, Ed

5:00 p.m. - Lorraine Furman - Family

& Daniel Mullins - Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30a.m. - Lawrence Perreault - M/M A. Roscher

9:00a.m. - Marie & Joseph Cavote - Ninfo Family

& Marie Pologruto - Bruce & Beth Dague

10:30 a.m. - Anne MacDonald - Liedl Family

& Thomas Hunt - Jerry O'Grady & Family

12:00 noon - Grace DeFilippo - Frank Vitale & Family

Our Kindergarten held its Dr. Seuss night with Mrs. Kohler, on March 2nd. Thanks to all who participated!

OLPH CYO NEWS

SOCCER SIGN-UPS: Now open. Games held on Sundays from April 12th - June 14th. Register at www.olph.ngin.com. Any questions, contact Mike Pfeiffer mplp2000@gmail.com or Deb Karwacki at debkarwacki@hotmail.com

TRACK AND FIELD SIGN-UPS: Students K-8 welcome. Practices: Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning late March. Track Meets: Saturdays beginning April 11th. To register online go to www.olph.ngin.com. Questions: Julie Dody (610-393-3765).

"OLPH COUNTLESS BLESSINGS"

Total Sales for weekend of 2/28-3/1/15 was \$2,780. Profit from Giant Sales was \$220; all other stores \$28.70. Please consider supporting this program if you're not already doing so! All profits go directly to the parish. Info: Suzanne at (484-226-7375), or Steph at (484-226-7372).

22ND ANNUAL GIFT TRICKY TRAY

Sponsored by the Home School Association, held March 27th (5:00-9:00pm), 28th (1:00-8:00pm), & 29th (8:00am-2:00pm) in the Marian Inn. Drawings begin at 2:15pm on Sunday. You need

not be present to win. Drop off advance ticket orders after Mass, the next two weekends. Delicious food sold throughout the weekend (Lenten menu on Fri. Night). Sat.- Big Ticket, 50/50 Specials (1-4pm). Spend \$5 get two free or \$10 get 5 free.

Come, check out the wonderful prizes - 50" flat screen TV, gas grill, 4 Disney hopper passes & much more!!

PARISH SPRING RETREAT

Come & Journey with Me - March 20th, 21st, & 22nd. The retreat is FREE & held on parish grounds. Join us for great talks, good friends, & sharing our faith. Applications & information available in the Gathering Space after all Masses.

SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION GROUP

Wed., March 11th, 9:00-10:30am, in the Chapel. *Come, Take Time This Lent* - Inviting all women to pause with others to grow in faith, hope, & love as we share our Lenten journey. Info: Katie: 610-317-2765 or kmedwards@ptd.net (Next session will be Wed., April 8th.)

OLPH MUSIC MINISTRY FISH DINNER

Fri., March 13th, from 5:00-7:00p.m. Menu: Baked Haddock; choice of Cabbage & Noodles or Buttered Potatoes; choice of Green Beans or Corn; choice of Coleslaw or Applesauce; Dinner Roll & Butter, Desserts, Beverages. Adults: \$10.00; Children (10 & under) \$5.00. No tickets needed. Take out available!

ECUMENICAL SOUP KITCHEN

The Notre Dame/OLPH 4th Sunday Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to fill out a couple of crews. The volunteers on each crew serve up to four Sunday afternoons a year. If interested, call George Libricz at 610-868-0044 for details.

COACH & VERA BRADLEY BINGO

March 22nd at Bethlehem Catholic High School cafeteria. Doors open at 12:30pm, games begin at 1:30pm. Tickets: \$20. Info: Marge Ferri (610-866-8945). Hosted by Bethlehem Chapter of UNICO, non-profit organization.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

God has given us His commandments to help us direct our lives toward Him.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments so that we could direct our behavior in ways that help us to grow in our love of God and in our love of neighbor. Given that we have received these commandments, you would think it would be easy to live as beloved children of God. However, sometimes the things we want are not the things we need and we can become distracted by what culture would command us to do. The wisdom of God helps us to make decisions for our lives that keep us growing in our love of God and others.