THE WORD OF GOD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BAR 5:1-9 PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11 LK 3:1-6 (6)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ZEP 3:14-18a PHIL 4:4-7 LK 3:10-18 (9)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

* 7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat.; Chapel) SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6

Music Ministry Bake Sale - After All Masses 8:00-11:00am - Breakfast With Santa (Marian Inn) 6:30p.m. - RCIA

MONDAY - DECEMBER 7

4:00pm - Mass for the Holy Day

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 8 - Immaculate Conception

6:45am - Mass for the Holy Day 8:45am - Mass for the Holy Day 12:00noon - Mass for the Holy Day

7:00pm - Mass for the Holy Day

Adult Choir & Sounds of Joy After Mass

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

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 9

3:00p.m. - Youth Bell Choir

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

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Senior Youth Group

7:00 p.m. - Adult Bell Choir

7:00-8:00 p.m. - Family Adoration (Chapel)

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 10

 $9:00\text{-}10:30 am - Spirituality \ Discussion \ Group \ (Chapel)$

3:00 p.m. - School Youth Choir

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

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

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 12

9:00am-3:00pm - Morning of Reflection

6:00-9:00p.m. - Youth Group Christmas Party/Movie Night

Cub Scout Bake Sale - After Mass

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlotte Bradley, Christina Davis, Parker Grant, Eleanor Berg, Marion Donohue, Fay Neimeister, John "Jack" Schreiber, Alyssa Monge, Eloise Lanski, Jeff DeCrosta, Frank Sforza, Betty Doederlein, Ruth Mientus Schaffer, Nora Lee Tarney, Robert Dunnigan, Barbara Meehan, Rick Amato, Lucille Nicholson, Al Popo, Lorraine Macasevich, John Maroski, Linda Mankowski, Carol Sfarra, Marilyn Jacober, Kayleigh Galante, Janice Huber, John J. Jordan, John Mies, Rose & Joseph Jackson, Olivia Ameer-Beg, Kathleen McKenna, John Sobota, Joseph Midash, Norma Luettchau, Janet Hefele, Christina Donatelli, Gretchen Wagner, Robert Mitchell, Shad Barry, Nolan Guessford, Kevin Meister, Michael Cunningham, Greg Makarchuk, Rev. Donald Birch, Kathleen Lippert, Gary Yoder, Stephanie Pucci, William Huber, Dolores Lengyel, Ann Marie Janders, Barbara Martino, & Adam Recke. Remember deceased members of our parish family: John Simoncic. 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

<u>Sunday Collection: Average</u> per week, for month of October, <u>including</u> Electronic Giving: \$21,547.75. We thank you for your support. May God bless you for your kindness.

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

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

OLPH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This 55+ group meets every 2nd & 4th Monday at 1:30pm, in the Marian Inn. Annual Dues: \$10. Info: Anne (610-865-0617) or Susan (610-865-9392). All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

JUNIOR HIGH (6th-8th grs.): Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 6th, from 6-7:30p.m. In the Youth Group House.

SENIOR HIGH (9th-12th grs.): Join us Wednesday, Jan. 20th, from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Group House.

FAMILY ADORATION: Dec. 9th, 7-8pm, in the Chapel.

MORNINGS FOR MOM: Moms are invited to step away from the hecticness of family life, to join us to pray, enjoy fellowship, & grow together. Save the dates: Jan. 9th, Feb. 20th, & May 14th, 8-10am, in our Youth Group House.

CHRISTMAS PARTY/MOVIE NIGHT: (grades 6th-12th) Sat., Dec. 12th, from 6-9pm, in the Marian Inn.

Joey Moser (610-867-8409x25) or <u>joey.moser@my-olph.org</u>

OLPH SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEWS

*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).

*Grs. 1-8 have written the names of their deceased loved ones on leaves & hung them on a tree alongside the altar, to be prayed for & remembered during the month of November.

Check out the school video on YouTube! #olphschoolspirit

OLPH COUNTLESS BLESSINGS"

<u>Total Sales for weekend of 11/28-11/29/15</u> was \$2,325. Profit from Giant Sales was \$120; all other stores \$64.38. <u>Remaining Special Orders for 2015</u>: Dec. 6th, & Dec. 13th. Info: Call Suzanne (484-226-7375), or Steph (484-226-7372).

DECEMBER 6, 2015 Web Site - www.my-olph.org SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE

6:45 a.m. - Mary V. Kedzierski - The Capella Family

8:00 a.m. - Agnes Bazeka - Eleanor Mesko

4:00p.m. - Charles Sancinito - Emily Gilotti

TUES., DEC. 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:45 a.m. - Victoria Hirst-Sweeney - Vetovitz Family

8:45 a.m. - Mary Piechota - M/M Larry Wright

12:00noon - Msgr. Morrison (Int.) - P. C. Staff

7:00p.m. - Craig Stewart - Kinkead Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - Diane Rankin - The Bower Family

8:00 a.m. - Victor Gilotti - Emily Gilotti

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

8:00 a.m. - Gilardo Patino - Pineda Family

& Stephanie Martin - Husband, Joe

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 a.m. - Anna Schram - Family

8:00 a.m. - Robert Zawarski - Barb & Ed

SAT., DECEMBER 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. - Anita Memet (Int.) - Mento Family

5:00 p.m. - John J. Jordan, Sr. - John J. Jordan, Jr.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30a.m. - Herman Gies - M/M Kenneth Russell

& Mary & Stanley Piechota - Family

9:00a.m. - Jose DaSilva - Daughter & Grandchildren

10:30 a.m. - Debbie Libricz - Family

12:00 noon - Randy Skinner - Family

SAVE THE DATE - NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Parish Blood Drive will be Sunday, February 7th, 2016, from 8:15am-1:15pm. (There must be 8 weeks between whole blood donations). If you have any questions, please call Jan Dupont at 610-997-3148.

BETHLEHEM SPECIAL OLYMPICS COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for the Bethlehem Special Olympics on Sat., Dec. 5th and Sun., Dec. 6th after all Masses. Donations received are applied to competitions that the Olympians enter throughout the year.

2016 CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS WAFERS

<u>2016 CALENDARS</u>: Compliments of Connell Funeral Home, will be available in the Gathering Space beginning Sunday, November 29th.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS: Will be available in the Gathering Space beginning Sunday, December 6th.

SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION GROUP

Inviting all women to Come, Pause, to renew your spirit, inspire each other and grow in faith. Thursday, December 10th,

9:00-10:30a.m., in the Chapel. Contact Katie with any questions: 610-317-2765 or *kmedwards@ptd.net* Next: 1/7/16.

2016 CHILDREN'S ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION

In The Gathering Space after all Masses, Dec. 19th & 20th.

OLPH MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

January 22nd, 2016 to Washington DC. Sign-ups will take place this weekend (Dec. 5th & 6th) & next (Dec 12th & 13th), in the Gathering Space. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. <u>Cost</u>: \$20-Adult; \$10-Student. Bus will leave parking lot at 7:30am & arrive back around 9pm. Questions: Tony Saldutti: 610-533-2711 or tsaldutti99@gmail.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New families/singles moving into the area, families/singles who attend our parish, young adults (age 21 or older) living with parents or on their own, that are within our boundaries and are not registered, should register as soon as possible. Membership in the parish is important for occasions such as sacramental reception, or when a sponsor certificate (certificate of eligibility) is needed. You can register in the parish by calling the Parish Center (610-867-8409; M-F). Note: Young adults living on a college campus must obtain sponsor certificates from the church or campus chapel where they attend Mass while away at school.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE PHOTOS

Any remaining photos can be picked up at the Parish Center, M-F, during office hours: 8am-12noon and 1-6pm.

NEW BACKGROUND CHECKS NEEDED FOR ALL

Workers/volunteers for OLPH School/Church <u>MUST do new background checks</u>, plus mandated reporting, to comply with <u>current state laws</u>. Meetings are scheduled to explain compliance with these new laws: <u>Mon., 12/7</u> (6:30pm) Cub Scout Parents; <u>Wed., 12/9</u> (7:00pm) Boy Scout Parents; <u>Mon., 12/14</u> (8:30am) School Parents & Volunteers; <u>Mon., 12/14</u> (6:30pm) Church Employees & Volunteers. All meetings are in the Marian Inn. Questions, call Safe Environment Coordinator, Carol Salabsky at 484-547-4412.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Are we prepared to carry out the will of God?.

Advent is a season of patient waiting, preparation, and action. John the Baptist spent time in the desert in preparation for his mission. When called upon to *proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*, he was ready to carry out the will of God. Are we ready to do this as well?