

THE WORD OF GOD**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**IS 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 COR 1:3-9

MK 13:33-37 (2)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENTIS 40:1-5, 9-11
PT 3:8-14
MK 1:1-8 (5)**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK***** 7:25 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary (Mon-Sat.; Chapel)****SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3**

Music Ministry Bake Sale - After All Masses

8:00-11:00a.m. - Breakfast With Santa (Marian Inn)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 4

4:30-6:30p.m. - Altar Server Training

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 5

10:00a.m. - Book Discussion (Chapel)

7:00p.m. - Book Discussion (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 6

1:30p.m. - Ladies Group Meeting/Cookie Wrap

3:00p.m. - Youth Bell Choir

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

7:00p.m. - Adult Bell Choir

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 7

3:00p.m. - Youth Choir

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

5:30p.m. - REP Choir

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

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 8

7:00p.m. - Glee Club Christmas Play

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 9

7:00p.m. - Glee Club Christmas Play

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Jane Fertal, Marion Donohue, Robert Dunnigan, Olivia Ameer-Beg, Corinne Ianelli, Susan Bauer, Theresa Spevak, Marguerite Sobkow, Zachary Balga, Kathleen & Joseph Lippert, Parker Grant, Dorothy Pavlinski, Baby Layla, Ron Makos, Larry Mancino, Baby Avia, Michele Pierzga, Terry & Al Bruch, Sylvia Klepeis, Pat Pavelko, Katie Marie Kislow, Stanley Banas, James Kotlik, Anne Gerber, Dolores Steffie, Maryann Wolfe, Newborn Wyatt Sheffield, Elizabeth Martlock, John J. Jordan, Rose Lichtenwalner, Donald Pulley, Sr., 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. 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 **October**, including Electronic Giving: **\$20,327.50**. 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.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

ONE SPOT STILL AVAILABLE! Thanks to those of you who have already signed up to help light the Advent candles. We have one spot still available: Sun., December 10th (12 noon Mass). Call Joey Moser (610-597-1840) to sign up your family.

OLPH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

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., Dec. 6th, 1:30p.m., in the Marian Inn, to wrap cookies. Monies will be collected for the Christmas Luncheon (Dec. 13th/Hotel Bethlehem) at that time!

ANNUAL COOKIE WRAP DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Ladies Group will meet on Wed., Dec. 6th, at 1:30p.m., to wrap cookies for distribution to a homeless shelter. Once again, we ask for your contribution of cookies. Cookies may be dropped off at the Parish Center during regular office hours, prior to Dec. 6th, or in the Marian Inn from 1:00-2:30pm on Dec. 6th. We greatly appreciate your support!

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

CHRISTMAS COOKIES & CATECHISM: Thur., Dec. 7th, 6:00-7:30p.m. 6-12th graders are welcome to bring cookies to share, as we dive into church teaching.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!: Dec. 10th, 6-8pm. We've invited other youth groups to join us for food, fun & games, & a movie!

Joey Moser (610-867-8409x25) or *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*) for info.

Check out the school video on YouTube! #olphschoolspirit

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:45a.m. - Rose Kopczynskie - Mary Ann Kelemen

8:00a.m. - John Crampsie, Jr. - Riverport Residents

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45a.m. - Rev. John F. Lipp - M/M Charles Lipp

8:00a.m. - Gerald Lawin - Friends

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS

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

8:00a.m. - Anne Frey - Friends

& Helen Zuk - Friends

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE

6:45a.m. - Rose Kopczynskie - M/M Robert Fertal

8:00a.m. - Marie Gaitley - Betsy & Bill Crawford

4:00p.m. - Thomas Keenan - Family**FRI, DECEMBER 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION****6:45a.m.** - Intention**8:45a.m.** - Francis Petruccielli - Wife, Pina**12:00noon** - Mr. John Krivak - Joe & Phyllis Miller

& Msgr. Morrison (Int.) - P.C. Staff

7:00p.m. - M/M Enrico Marcantognini - Son**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00a.m. - Helen Bennett - Rosemary Nickischer

5:00p.m. - Lawrence Kmetz - M/M Stanley Banas

SUN., DEC. 10 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30a.m. - Shirley Myers - Marian Lamb

& Celso Melendez - Joan Pacala

9:00a.m. - Edward Stragula - M/M Art Donohue, Sr.

& John Majewski (Int.) - Joan Pacala

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

& John Midash - M/M Gary Midash

12:00noon - Irene Kurtz - Julie & Sandy Molnar

& Irene Riccuito - Mullins Family

BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS STARS FOR SALE

OLPH HOME/SCHOOL ASSOCIATION is selling Bethlehem Stars for the Christmas holiday. These beautiful, handmade stars will be individually gift-boxed and ready for gift-giving! Flyers with all ordering information are on the HSA Gift Card table in the Gathering Space. Orders MUST be received by 12/4 to ensure Christmas delivery. Support our school by ordering yours today! Questions: Krista Santos at olphhsa@yahoo.com

OLPH IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP

Travel with Fr. Abraham Ha & Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 14-26, 2019, for 13 days 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 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. Sign-ups will take place the weekends of December 9th/10th & December 16th/17th in the Gathering Space. 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, please contact Tony Saldutti: 610-533-2711 or tsaldutti99@gmail.com

CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS WAFERS

2018 CALENDARS: Compliments of Connell Funeral Home, will be available in the Gathering Space, beginning Dec. 2/3.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS: Will be available in the Gathering Space, the Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 9/10.

2018 CHILDRENS ENVELOPES

Available in the Parish Office, beginning Tue, Jan 2nd, during business hours (Monday-Friday: 8am-12noon & 1-6:30pm).

HELP WANTED

The School Sisters of St. Francis, located in Bethlehem, are in need of help for their Villa Sisters. Home Care workers are needed for part time/full time, overnight & daytime shifts. Also needed is a part-time worker for light housecleaning & light meal preparation. For inquiries, please call 610-866-2597 & ask for Sister Xavier, Sister Virginelle, or Sister Barbara Brown.

ADVENT THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Matthew Kelly offers a daily program for your 'Best Advent Ever'. Sign up at: dynamiccatholic.com/advent There are videos, practical tips, & real-life stories of hope. The program is FREE!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stay awake and watch for the Lord.

The ancient spiritual tradition of *memento mori* is one of calling to mind our own eventual death in order to focus on eternity and live a better life. How easy it is to be lulled into the sleep of the world and to forget that there is a limit to our earthly time. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory. When the Lord comes, will He find us awake?