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JANUARY 8, 2017

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:00 pm Kathy McGroarty req. by Donna & Ken Martin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 am Mike Pelet req. by Tom & Keira Eyre
9:30 am Frank Newman req. by Albert Newman family
11:00 am Jim Fiore (10th Anniversary) req. by Katie
6:30 pm Spanish Mass

DAILY MASS 8:30 AM

Monday Mike Pelet req. by Carbonell family
Tuesday Harry & James req. by Mary Alice
Wednesday Mike Pelet req. by Donna & Ted Gill
Thursday Lynn Conner req. by Gretta Festerman
Friday Carol Hally req. by Cellini family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 pm Julia Bellanca req. by Donna & Ken Martin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 am Connie K. Alferez req. by Mom & family
9:30 am Traci Harding req. by Nancy Fischer
11:00 am Carol Wise req. by Jimmy & Tina Di Antonio
6:30 pm Spanish Mass



If you would like a Mass card or would like to Schedule a Mass, please contact the rectory at 610-857-3510.

New Parishioners

We welcome and encourage you to register as soon as possible after moving into the parish. Please contact the rectory to register. 610-857-3510

Confessions

Saturday after 5:00 pm Mass

Religious Education

*Please contact Janice Dagney-610-857-0511
Early Learning Center-610-857-1163*

Rite of Christian initiation (RCIA)

The process through which adults and children - join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. For additional information please contact the rectory.

Marriages

Couples planning to be married are required to notify the rectory no less than six months prior to the marriage.

Baptism Meetings

*Required for first time parents
1st Sunday of the month.
Register by calling Janice Dagney -610-857-0511*

Baptisms

To schedule a baptism and for available dates and times, please call the rectory.

Anointing of the sick

If you foresee a surgery or procedure, contact the rectory to make arrangements to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion before your hospital visit.

Communion to the homebound

For those unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, arrangements can be made to receive Holy Communion weekly by an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact the rectory.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, which requires the attention of a priest, please contact the rectory at any time. Follow the instructions on how to contact a priest. Please notify the rectory, so that the priests are aware of the situation and can assist as appropriate.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Althouse, Monk Angelo, Jim Arnsberger, Ann Besash, Mandy Beidler, Ron Bleiler, Joanne Cardine, Maria Carew & family, Robert Carpenter & family, Ed & Joan Chapman, Bill Clarkson, Mary Cooper, Poppy Cramer, Linda Crowley, Anne Debiak, Dawn Del Rocini, Vincent Di Antonio, John DiBerardinis, Harry F. Dominick, Jen Ealer, Father Eschbach, Maria Fiore, Stephanie Fox, Blake Gearhard, Mary Ginty, Brenda Hagen, Lillian Helm, Kaylen Jackson, Nancy Kinsman, Florence Laffey, Charlotte Lapp, Kris Lawrence, Nancy Lewis, Joe Logic, Domenick Lubrano, Judi & David MacIntrye, Terri Manley, Ken Martin, Joe McCormick, Paddy McGroarty, Joan Mc Cartney, Nancy McNamara, Gary Miller, Veronica Miller, Jennifer Moore, Missy Mower, Emilie Murphy, John Murphy, Helena Murray, Isabella Nelson, Carl Newswanger, Deborah Pillitteri, Elizabeth Pronesti, Jenny Reece, Kathy Reece, Elsie Rohrer, Jane Roper, William Saalbach, Sr., Mel Shertzer, John Simmons, Sigrid Snow, Kathy Stauffer, Chase Thomas, Rita Tiedemann, Janine Walters, Megan Warfel, Bud & Sue Wilde, Pamela Zorn

Please call the rectory to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

500 Club

We have our winners!
December 24, 2016
\$50– Unsold
\$100–Harod Kerstetter

December 31, 2016
\$50– Peggy Vincent
\$100–Unsold

Drawings began on Saturday, May 7, 2016 and continue for 52 weeks. Winners are contacted ASAP by their ticket seller and are noted in our bulletin.

January 1, 2017

Weekly Offertory \$8,255

The Christmas offering is still trickling in and the total will be included in next week's bulletin.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Please feel free to contact any member to offer suggestions or feedback and to propose issues for consideration by the Council.



WEATHER ADVISORY

Other parishes in Chester County have instituted a policy, that if the local school district is closed or on a delay due to inclement weather, the daily morning Mass is cancelled.

In conformity with these parishes, if the Octorara School District is closed or delayed due to inclement weather, the daily Mass at OLC will be cancelled. We want our parishioners to be safe.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Weekday Mass at 8:30 am-OLC

Sunday-January 8

8:00 am Mass (OLC)
9:30 am Mass (St. Malachy)
9:15-10:45 am-PREP (SPC)
9:15-10:45 am RCIA (SPC)
9:30-10:30 am CAFÉ-Wild Goose (SPC)
11:00 am Mass (SPC)
11:00 am Little Blessings & Children's Church (SPC)
6:30 pm Spanish Mass (OLC)

Monday-January 9

6:00 pm-Zumba (OLC-hall)
7:00 pm- Divine Mercy & Rosary (OLC)
7:00 pm-AA Meeting (SPC)
7:15 pm-Knights of Columbus meeting (OLC-hall)

Tuesday-January 10

6:30 pm-Yoga (OLC-hall)
6:30-8:00 pm-LTJV (SPC)

Wednesday- January 11

7:00 pm-Voices of Praise Choir (OLC)

Thursday-January 12

7:00-8:30 pm-Café -St. Peter (SPC)

Friday-January 13

Saturday-January 14

5:00 pm- Mass (OLC)



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all the men and women who are serving our country in the armed forces. Lord, protect them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

VISION 2020

Our Vision 2020 campaign is off to a great start! We have 78 pledges from parishioners totaling over \$78,000! Currently, we owe \$60,000 on the principal balance and \$115,000 in past assessments. With your continued pledges, we are hoping to be able to pay off the principal portion of the debt by the end of January and the assessments by the end of 2017!

Our Legacy Commitment campaigns averaged 175 participating parishioners. If you have not yet had the opportunity to pledge, it is never too late.

No pledge amount is too small (or too big!).

A special note to those who have been giving electronically in the past to the Legacy campaigns:

Your obligation to Legacy ended as of December 31, 2016. Any amount donated to Legacy **WILL NOT** automatically continue to the VISION 2020 campaign. If you wish to continue your electronic donation, please contact Mary Wishneski at 610-857-3510 or mwishneski@comcast.net. You can also complete a pledge card and mail it or drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you all for your continued support!

OLC-ELC

We hope you all had a nice winter break! We are starting off 2017 with lots of Winter fun! On Thursday, Jan. 19, from 3:00-9:00pm, the OLC will be hosting a FUNdraiser at Chuck-E-Cheese in Downingtown. Proceeds will benefit the OLC-ELC. This is a great opportunity to let your little ones burn off that excess energy! Invite your family & friends too!

On Saturday, Jan 21, OLC-ELC will host its annual Donuts with Dad at 10:00am. Enrolled children will attend with their special someone and enjoy a story, craft, and of course donuts! This event is for enrolled children and their family members only. With the start of a new calendar year comes registration for the next school year! Early registration is now open to all current OLC-ELC families and OLC parishioners. Registration will open to the general public in February. Our classes tend to fill quickly so secure your spot as soon as possible! Feel free to visit our website www.olcelc.com or call our office at 610-857-1163 for more information.

CAFÉ Bible Study on St. Peter

In January the Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment (CAFÉ) team is offering a 10-week class called “Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism”.

The study meets every Thursday from 7-8:30 pm at the SPC and beginning on January 12. Each week we will view a presentation by Dr. Tim Gray, in which he will show us how Jesus transformed a stubborn fisherman into the rock of our Church.

In learning more about Peter we will also learn more about Jesus, the true Cornerstone of our faith. After the video we will have small group discussions and apply what we learned to our own lives.

This program is available free to all parishioners through the FORMED.org web site. The Study Guide can be downloaded to your computer, and printed copies of the Study Guide will be available for purchase.

The short handout includes notes from each lecture and the questions that will be used for the discussion. The longer handout contains detailed questions that can be worked on during the week.

The approximate cost of these handouts will be \$5.00 and \$20.00, respectively.

Please register for this class by sending email to olccafeteam@gmail.com, and indicate which handout you would like to order.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call Paul Harkins at 610-466-7494 or Sue Brown at 610-857-2026.

SAVE THE DATE

When: Sunday, January 15, 2017

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

What: Soup and fellowship

Where: Schneider Parish Center

An insert is in this week’s bulletin with all the details.

Flyers will be available in the back of each worship site in January.



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Epiphany of the Lord

Audio: The History of Salvation

As we commemorate the visit of the wise men, ponder the saying “Wise men still seek Him.” One of the best ways to seek the Lord is by getting to know the Scriptures. This enlightening talk traces the high adventure of God's divine love story revealed through the seven covenants in the Bible that span from Eden to Calvary, beginning with Adam and culminating with Jesus. A very easy way to learn the Bible! Listen on the way to work or errands.



Mark your calendar for the annual “Knight at the Races” at the SPC on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Look for more information in future bulletins.

“Epiphany.” Now there’s a practically fun word to pronounce as well as a spelling bee challenger! It comes to us from ancient Greek through Middle English. Start it off with an upper case letter, and it means today’s feast, commemorating the “manifestation” of Christ to the Gentile world. Its formerly fixed date of January 6 marked the traditional “Twelfth Day of Christmas.” It was moved to a Sunday to give it more prominence. In lower case lettering, the word means “an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity, or a sudden insight into the essential meaning of something.

The story, as Matthew tells it, is a beautiful one, tailor made for a movie. A group of Gentile travelers, numbering anywhere from three to thirty-three (we don’t know the actual figure), come to the feet of Christ bearing three gifts (hence the fabled number) in tribute to Him. We can presume they brought their version of shock and awe to the inhabitants of backwater Bethlehem.

Scholars and saints alike have seen their gifts as spiritually significant. Gold for Christ’s kingship; frankincense for His divinity, and myrrh for His redeemership. That last includes His crucifixion and resurrection anticipated by some three decades.

The background story is all about a paranoid scoundrel named Herod, more afraid of losing his status than his salvation. He becomes the subject of the magi’s collective dream, which is a consistent component of Matthew’s Christmas story. Having been warned, the Magi march into history departing for their own country “by another way.” The late Bishop Sheen tapped into that last line by telling us that “no one who comes to Christ goes away the same.” A helpful observation for us all.

I admit to liking the arrival of the magi, as they come into the seasonal story. They always add a dash of color to the relatively sedate blues and browns of Mary and Joseph in the creche scene. One can almost hear the Oriental music playing in the background as they walk into the stable, or perhaps the “house” that Matthew mentions. The tinkle of camel harnesses and the animals’ telltale grunts added to the “baa’s” of sheep and the “heehaw’s” of donkeys.

Above all, the magi remind me that alongside humble shepherds, where I know I belong, come “the movers and shakers” of the world, where I do not. All this to honor and acknowledge the same Jesus.

In the great diversity we have become as a nation and as a Church, we can do no better than be wise men and women, seeing the Face of Christ in all newcomers. That will indeed be an epiphany for all the world to see.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

One of Isaiah’s “songs” celebrating the glorious restoration of Israel. People from distant lands come together to honor this “light” to their nations bringing them out of darkness.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

St. Paul’s major insight from the gospel story is that all the Gentile nations are also called to become full participants in the Church and members of Christ’s Body.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew draws from his familiar Hebrew Scriptures (our “Old Testament”) to tell his mostly Jewish audience, now converted to Christianity, the truth that the Gentile world, represented by the Magi, is also invited to participate as members of Christ’s Church.

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Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:1-2



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