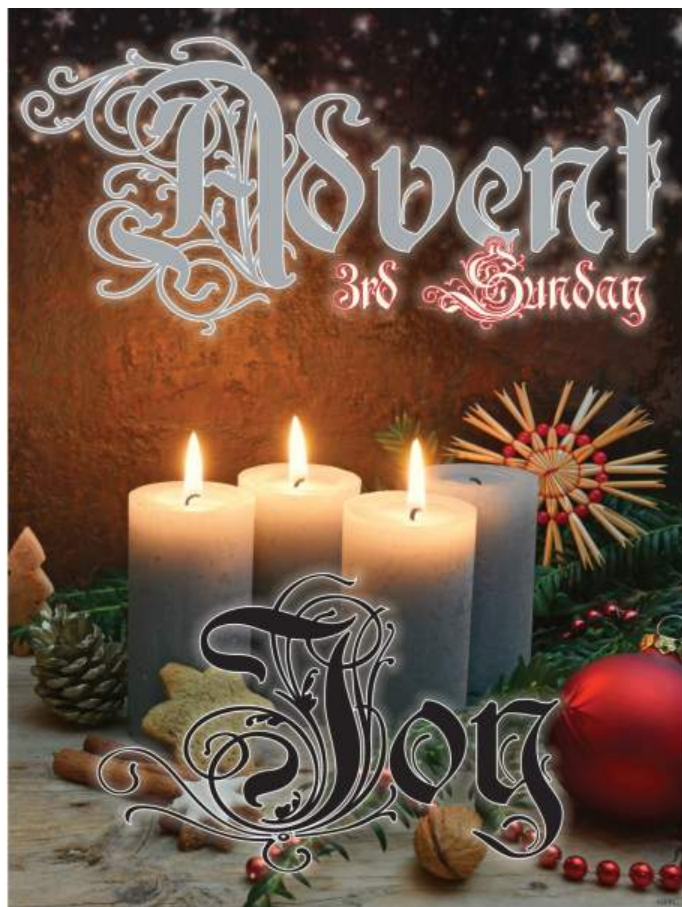


OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH
DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 am—Monday through Friday (OLC)
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
following Mass on Friday

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (OLC)
3:30 pm-4:30 pm Confessions (OLC)
8:30 am-First Saturday Mass (OLC)

SUNDAY

8:00 am-Our Lady of Consolation Church
9:30 am-St. Malachi Chapel
11:15 am-Schneider Parish Center

Holy Days-8:30 am (OLC)
Vigil Mass-7:00 pm (OLC)

St. Malachi Chapel
76 St. Malachi Road
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Schneider Parish Center
2995 Cemetery Road
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**Mission Statement for Our Lady of
Consolation Church**

We, the Joyful Family of God, united in our Catholic Faith, seek to model our patroness, Our Lady of Consolation, by bringing love and comfort to all, teaching God's Children in His ways by word and sacrament, and keeping the vibrant love of Jesus present in our world.

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

Religious Education

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

Order of Christian initiation (OCIA)

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 on the 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.

Letter of Eligibility

Active members in good standing with the church who wish to act as a Godparent of the Sacrament of Baptism or as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation can obtain a letter of eligibility by contacting 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.

Confessions

By appointment or Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

December 10	\$6,742
November	
In Person/Mail:	\$22,378.00
E-Giving:	\$16,143.56
Total:	\$38,521.56

Early deadlines for December and January Bulletins:
During the busy holiday season, the bulletin is due earlier to the publisher. Therefore, all submissions that you would like to appear in the bulletin are due on the following dates:
Bulletin date December 24 due December 15
Bulletin date December 31 due December 22
Bulletin date January 7 due December 29

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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.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00 pm In memory of Pat Nolan req. by Joanne Nolan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 am In memory of Lillian Della Penna req. by Ken & Donna Martin

9:30 am In memory of Mimi Dolan req. by Mom, Maura & Ray

11:15 am In memory of Tom Mariano req. by Ann Marie & Jack

Monday, December 18

8:30 am In memory of Glen Curtis req. by Robin Thiers

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 am In memory of Vicky Nunemaker req. by Bob

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 am In memory of Mary Glasow req. by Robin Thiers

Thursday, December 21

8:30 am In memory of Pete Johnson req. by Robin Thiers

Friday, December 22

8:30 am In memory of Sheridan family req. by Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00 pm In memory of Joe McClay req. by Joanne, Dean & family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 am In memory of Peggy Brown req. by Fr. O'Neill

9:30 am In memory of Paula Hunn-Phipps-Denny req. by Lida Kaat

11:15 am In memory of Joseph req. by Fr. O'Neill

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



Please call the rectory to add/remove and re-add names to our sick list .

Every three months we remove names to help ensure that our list is always up to date.

Frank & Ann Besash, Gail Binns, Becca Budzik, Jim Cain, Mary & Freddie Caridi, Joseph Carpenter, Leo Chung, Florence Clarkson, Ray Crowley, Bill D'Agostino, Jill Daly, Vincent DiAntonio, John DiBerardinis, Carol Anne Ferreira, Donna Gill, Geri Holl, Tom Henderson, Leanna Lawson, Judi MacIntyre, Ken Martin, Joanne & John McCartney & family, Katie Morrison, Matthew Murray, John Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Joann Nolan, Dennis Norton, Arctura May Nowak, Bob Nunemaker, Dewey O'Donnell, Lisa Opdenaker, Gloria Peters, Lonnie Purcell, Sandy Ranaudo, Kathy Reece, Greg Rivera, Donna Ross, Andy Sciarretta, Jerry Simpson, Sigrid Snow, Inez Sokso, Arlo Stone, Macie Hanna Stone, Ann Marie Straley, Robert Tiedemann, Gerry Treadway, Gary Vendetti, Bernadette Vincent, Jenna Wong, George Young, all residents in nursing homes and hospitals. Pray for the protection of all healthcare workers, and first responders.

Let us continue to pray for peace to prevail wherever there is war & violence throughout our world.

Please call the rectory to submit a name and branch of service to be added to our military prayer list.



Army: Anthony O'Neill, Shannon Amole

Air National Guard: Luke Weyhmuller

Marines: John Peabody, Kolton Wunder

Navy: Nick Tygielski



Pray for the soul of John Caffrey.
Pray for the souls of all the faithful departed,
may they rest in eternal peace.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am Mass (OLC)
9:15-10:45 am PREP (SPC)
9:30 am Mass (St. Malachi)
11:15 am Mass (SPC)

Monday, December 18

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
6:00 pm AA Meeting (SPC)
7:00 pm Rosary and Divine Mercy (OLC)

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
6:30-8:00 pm One8 (SPC)
6:30-8:00 pm LTJV (SPC)
7:30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (OLC)

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
6:30 pm O.C.I.A Class (rectory)
6:30 pm Adult Choir (OLC)

Thursday, December 21

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
7:00 pm AA Meeting (SPC)

Friday, December 22

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
Rosary immediately after Mass

Saturday, December 23

7:30 am Josephs Men's "Average Joe" Prayer Group (OLC-hall)
9:00-11:00 am Confessions (OLC)
3:30-4:30 pm Confessions (OLC)
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (OLC)

Our parish has benefited from being included in the wills of parishioners. Your generous gifts strengthen our parish so we can better serve people's needs. Please consider us when writing your wills or planning your estate, it would be sincerely appreciated. For more information, please contact the rectory. Thank you!

OLC-ELC



"Forget your age and search the skies this Christmas Eve, and your heart will be filled with the innocence and warmth of the season.

You are not too old for the celebration; give your heart a chance to catch a star."

Our preschool students had a very busy week with parties while they learned about the birth of Jesus as the reason we celebrate Christmas. They also had fun making special gifts for their families and performing at our annual Christmas Pageant. We are so proud of them. School will be closed until Tuesday, January 2.

MYCHAL'S MESSAGE

Our Franciscan Fraternity, Mary, Queen of the Angels, is collecting new underwear, t shirts and hats (store bought or hand made) for men, women, teens and children. Our collection is sponsored by Mychal's Message, a non-profit organization created in honor of the life of Father Mychal Judge, who died September 11, 2001 in New York City.

Donations can be placed in the earmarked box located at the entrance of church.

Thank you,
Katie Farren (parishioner and fraternity member)

Update your information

Are you new to the area and need to register?
Are you recently married or would like to have your child baptized?
Have you moved, changed your address, phone number or email address or made any other changes in your household?
Are you signed up for electronic giving and still receiving envelopes? Have you stopped receiving envelopes? Please call the rectory at 610-857-3510 to have your records updated. Thank you!

PARISH EMAIL BLASTS

If you are not receiving emails from OLC please notify the rectory and we will add you to our parish email blasts.



PCCO-Parkesburg Churches Community Outreach

We must thank each and every one of the churches that have participated in the Thanksgiving feast this year. We supplied 293 meals to those who requested them. Each church, every year, goes beyond expectations as we always have enough food and some left over to fill up the pantry shelves.

This year was the biggest year ever and included many requests of multiple dinners for individual households. This was a challenge, but everyone came together, provided ideas, and worked together assuring that this event once again went off with no issues.

We sincerely thank all of the pastors who spoke to their congregations on Sundays and explained how this event supplies food to our neighbors.

Our organization is only getting stronger and when we work together a big issue can become so very small when everyone helps out as one big family. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Christmas break.

Diane Sager and Pat Softchin



A wonderful announcement came from Rome regarding the life of our local Church. Pope Francis has named Reverend Keith J. Chylinski, Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary; Reverend Christopher R. Cooke, Dean of Men in the School of Theology at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary; and Reverend Efren V. Esmilla, Pastor of Saint James and Saint Martin of Tours Parishes; as Auxiliary Bishops to serve the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and her people.

Please join in extending hearty congratulations to our new auxiliary bishops and in praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them as they prepare to take on this new role in service to the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVNET

Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Monday: Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Song of Songs 2:8-14 Luke 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56

Saturday: Saint John Kanty, Priest Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38



This Sunday is traditionally called “Gaudete Sunday.” Gaudete is the Latin word that means “Rejoice!”

We call today “Gaudete Sunday” because one of the prayers for today's Mass, taken from Paul's Letter to Philippians, is this: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.”

The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace. Gaudete Sunday reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

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You'll be asked to enter a user name for yourself and create a password. In the future, just log in with your user name & password. Enjoy!

Compliments of our Knights of Columbus Council, the church rugs at OLC were cleaned Thursday, December 14, just in time for Christmas!

Save the date: Saturday, January 6, 2024 for our next community Blood Drive



**OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON, 2023**

Saturday, December 23

9:00-11:00 am and 3:30-4:30 pm Confessions
(OLC) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (OLC)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am Mass (OLC) 9:30 am Mass (St. Malachi)
11:15 am Mass (SPC)

Christmas Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm Mass (SPC)
8:00 pm Mass (St. Malachi)
11:20 pm Christmas Carols (OLC)
Midnight Mass (OLC)

The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am Mass (OLC)
9:30 am Mass (St. Malachi)

Saturday, December 30

3:30-4:30 pm Confessions (OLC) 5:00 pm Vigil
Mass (OLC)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00 am Mass (OLC) 9:30 am Mass (St. Malachi)
11:15 am Mass (SPC)

Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:30 am Mass (OLC)



ADVENT REFLECTION

Christmas Thoughts

Anonymous

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts;
It's not wrapping presents, its being present and
wrapping your arms around the ones you love;
It's not getting Christmas cards out on time, It's send-
ing any card, anytime, at the right time;
It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light
display, It's displaying the Christ light that comes
from your heart;
It's not Santa coming down the chimney,
It's Jesus coming down from heaven, and giving us
the gift of eternal life."



Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Remember your loved ones during this Holy season
by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which
are available at the entrance of church.
These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for
you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to
have them prayed for at our Christmas Masses.
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