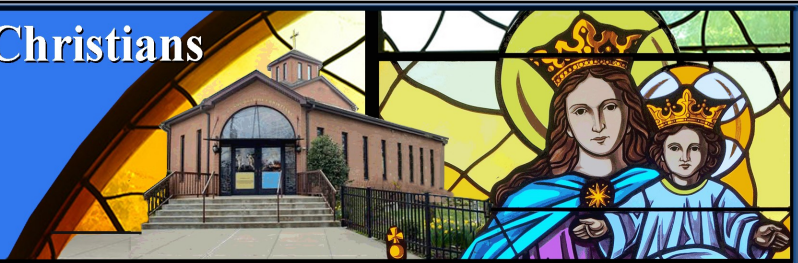


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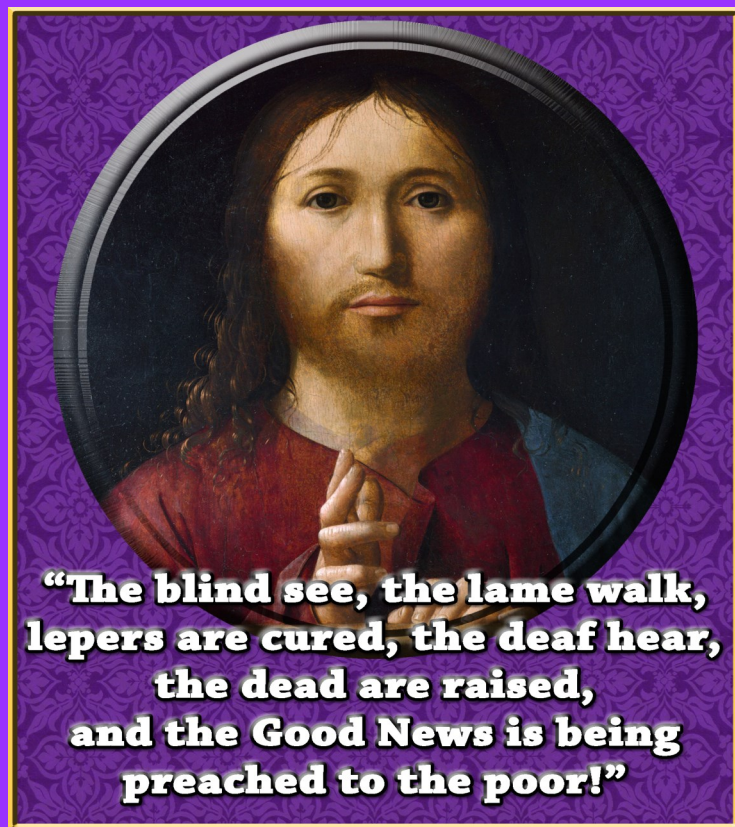
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11, 2022



**"The blind see, the lame walk,
lepers are cured, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the Good News is being
preached to the poor!"**

RECTORY

Office hours: Mon-Fri. 8:00am - 3:00pm

Pastor: Fr. James H. Ferreira

Deacon: Deacon John Singler

Weekend Assistants: Fr. Frank Naccarato

Fr. Michael Reilly

Director of Music: Matthew Hosmer

Email: hosmer@olheparish.org

Secretaries: Maria Byrnes, Ninfa Chiarello

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10:00am - 3:00pm

DRE: Mrs. Joan Baggs

Secretary: Patricia Dresch

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Scheduled on Saturday or Sundays at 1:00 pm. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Reconciliation : Confessions will be every Saturday from 4:00pm-4:25pm (before the 4:30 Mass) and every Monday-Saturday after the 9:00am Mass (approx. 9:20am) Please line up by the Confessional.

Communion to the Homebound: Please call the rectory to make arrangements for those homebound or hospitalized.

Marriage: Couples should call the rectory to arrange a meeting with a priest or deacon at least six months in advance of their wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory at any time.

RCIA: A series of classes presenting a deeper exploration of the Catholic faith for adults which prepares them to make a conscious choice to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please call the rectory.

Sick List: Please update us monthly.

Private Prayer: The church is open weekdays from 9:30am-4:00pm.

Sponsor Certificates: Registered parishioners must fill out paperwork to be signed by the priest.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

9:00am: Giuseppa Geloso
Requested by her loving husband

4:30pm: The People of our Parish

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022

8:00am: Rosemarie Varriano
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. A. D'Esposito

10:00am: Andrew Calabrisotto & Robert Rando
Requested by Joan Calabrisotto and Family

12:00pm: Albert A. Chamberlain
Requested by the Oricchio Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

9:00am: Mildred M. Johnston
Requested by Maria & Robert Byrnes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

9:00am: Nicola DiGiorgio
Requested by Anne Tanzi

6:00 pm: Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

9:00am: John S. Eckert & Rose McGovern
Requested by Agnes Eckert

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

9:00am: Jennie Porcaro
Requested by The Bonventre Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

9:00am: Josephine Bivona (22nd Anniversary)
Requested by The Bivona Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

9:00am: Casar & Ponpon Family
Requested by Your Loving Grandchildren

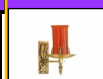
4:30pm: Ann Kovach
Requested by Jaclyn Lurker

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

Week of December 10, 2022



Bread and Wine
Gloria & Judy Williams
and Frank Ragusa
Requested by the Williams Family



Sanctuary Lamp
Biagio and Ida Scotto
& Carlo Ocello
(Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)
Req. by Your Loving Family



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish



Advent Wreath
Pat Lavin
Req. by Marilyn and Family

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

12/10/22 AND 12/11/22: \$7,398.

WHICH INCL. ON-LINE GIVING
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Crossroad Collection

Every 4th Sunday after all Masses
Except December
collection will be 12/17 and 12/18

50/50 Club

\$5.00 Donation
You can't win it if you're not in it!

First Friday

Mass at 9:00 am
followed by Adoration/Benediction

Recitation of the Rosary

Daily after the 9am Mass

Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

The 13th of every month 6:00 pm

St. Edward's Food Pantry

6581 Hylan Boulevard SINY
1st Weekend of the Month

Some people kindly asked me to include the examination of conscience that I referenced in last week's homily in this week's bulletin. Happy to oblige. Below is a reminder of the basic script for confession and an examination of conscience. I hope this is helpful for all to make a good confession for Christmas.

Examination of Conscience based on the Ten Commandments

I. "I am the Lord, thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before Me."

Have I taken part of the rites of the another religion or denied all or parts of the Catholic faith? Have I engaged in occult activities like tarot cards, ouija , boards, fortune tellers, etc. Do I put worldly goods or ambitions before what I owe to God? Do I take time to learn the teaching of the Church?

II. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

Have I used the name of Christ or his Holy Mother in vain or used vulgar speech? Have I disrespected holy objects, consecrated places, or people? Have I ever received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I neglected support of the Church or those in need? Have I ever lied or withheld a mortal sin deliberately in the sacrament of confession?

III. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Have I neglected to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day or on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I respect Sunday as a day of rest? Do I give time to God in prayer on a daily basis?

IV. Honor thy Father and Mother.

Do I respect My Mother and Father? Do I take care of them? Do I pray for them (or their soul if deceased)? Do I respect lawful civil authority, superiors at work? Am I attentive to my family, my spouse, and my children? Do I take seriously the obligation to be the primary educator of my children?

V. Thou shalt not kill.

Have I engaged in any physical violence against another? Have I been verbally abusive to another? Have I participated in an abortion or an act of euthanasia in any way? Have I abused alcohol, drugs, or other substances or put someone in danger because of them? Have I hated anyone or wished evil on another person? Have I mutilated myself in any way including sterilization?

VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery . IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

Have I been faithful in my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control? Was every marital act open to the transmission of life? Have I engaged in acts of self abuse? Have I viewed pornographic material, or gone to immoral shops or massage parlors? Have I engaged in an extramarital sexual activity such as fornication, adultery, or cohabitation? Have I entertained impure thoughts or put myself in the near occasion of sin? Do I think of others as objects for my use? Do I cultivate chastity according to my state in life in my thoughts, speech and actions? Do I dress moderately or dress in a way that might be an occasion of sin for others?

VII. Thou shalt not steal . X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

Have I taken money or objects that don't belong to me? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? Have I knowingly deceived someone in business dealings? Do I waste time at work, school or home? Have I disrespected the property of others, or engaged in vandalism? Do I gamble excessively? Do I pay just wages? Do I pay all my taxes? Do I share what I can with the poor?

VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Have I lied in order to deceive someone? Have I told truths about someone to hurt their reputation? Have I spread rumors or lied to hurt someone's reputation? Have I not fulfilled a promise made under oath? Do I participate in gossip or rejoice in the misfortune of others? Am I critical of others?

Basic script for going to confession:

Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (X amount of time) since my last confession. Here are my sins. After listing your sins in kind and number, the priest will speak, give you a penance and ask you to say the act of contrition. Lastly he will say the prayer of absolution in which the sacrament is conferred.

Act of Contrition (one of many acceptable forms): O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.



Let us pray for all the
deceased of our Parish especially,
**Patricia J. Allen and
Concetta Questel**

Our Lady Help of Christians
welcomes all newly baptized especially
**Giuliana Amelia Mineo &
Alessia Immacolata Castellano**
to your new Parish family.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN**



ANDREW S. ASWARD SC STEVEN DENOBLE AFGHANISTAN
PAUL ALBANESE ROMANIA BRIAN P. FLEMING KUWAIT
DIANA ALBANESE WASH. STATE MASON MORGANTE NC
DAVID BAGGS NY CODY ROBINSON NC
THOMAS BROWN AFGHANISTAN SHAWN ROBINSON, WA
CHRISTOPHER DEDDO, JAPAN THOMAS TELLEFSEN, JR. ALASKA

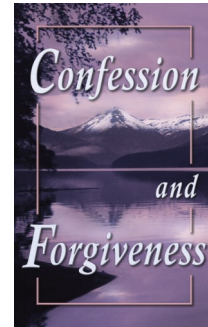
**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE
PEOPLE OF OUR
PARISH**
PLEASE LET THE
RECTORY KNOW IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
REMOVE ANYONE
FROM THIS SICK LIST.
THANK YOU

Alexander
Angelo Alberga
Robert Alongi
Anna Ambrosiole
Jake Aspinall
Aubrey
Gaetano Babbo
Roseann Brock
Joseph Burzo
Stephen Cacase
Theresa Cardinale
Salvatore Cortes
Carmela
Luca Carsen
Dennis Castelli
Mike Chadwick
Stacey Cohen
Sylvia Cohen
Sharonlee D.
Daniel
Danny
Elvira DeLuzio
Ellen Derowki
Andrew DiLorenzo
John Dilgen
Chris Dreizen
Barbara Doty
Marie Dunigan

Dennis Emperor
Nicolette Falzone
Skip Fiore
Ramona Fogelstrom
Nancy Flynn
Emilyrose Gagliardi
George
Gina
Kian Griffiths
Frank Gennuso
Debra Houshmonrad
Thomas Jacob
Jeremy
Kathy
Robert Kilsby
Nancy King
Gianna Kovacs
Rafael Laskowski
Maria LaSorsa
Ginnie Ledwon
Flora Lucchese
Ralph Lucchese
Joseph Liotine
Anthony Lodareo
Scuoto Maisco
Ed Malley
Matthew
Ken McCall
Joseph Mariconda
Peter Marsh
Patty McNichol
Vincent Merola
Franco Migliorini
Roberta Miro
Peter Monfasani
Joan Orena
Linda Palermo
SPC Sean Pesce
Raymond Perry, Jr.
Lynn Phimister

Robert
Robin Rodolfo
Frances Rotunno
Philip Russo
Edward Svennigsen
Jordan S.
Patricia Savino
Stephanie
Christopher Seiler
Judy Singler
Stacey Strongarone
Gladys Tanecredi
Tara
Justin Too
Carl Termine, Jr.
Aiden Truscelli
Annette VanTine
Wayne
Joseph Yasso

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE



Confessions:

- * Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass
- * Monday, December 19, 2022
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm AND 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- * Wednesday, December 21, 2022
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mass Schedule:



Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022
4:30 pm

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2022
12:00 am Midnight
8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm



Saturday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2022
4:30 pm

Sunday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2023
8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The 2022 Fall campaign of the 40 Days for Life has ended. The prayer warriors from OLHC had much encouragement from passersby, asking for literature and even a clergyman joining us for a rosary. But the best of all was the baby born because of the spring campaign! His name is Levi and please, say a prayer for him and his brave mother.

331 other babies were saved across the U.S. this fall. Our God is an awesome God!

PARISH, CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS



The Giving Tree is set up in the church lobby. Tags for those in need are placed on the tree. Please take a tag and bring wrapped gifts back, with the tag attached to it, by December 18, 2022.

It is a special blessing to be a part of this caring tradition every year.



PLEASE PLACE UNWRAPPED TOYS IN THE BOX IN THE LOBBY BY

MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2022.

**THANK YOU FOR
PUTTING A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER**

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

TEL. NO. 347-838-6726

Today is Gaudette Sunday,

or Rejoicing Sunday,

Jesus is Near!!

**The pink candle is lit on the Advent
Wreath.**

7th Grade Service Project

We are collecting Contractor Bags to be used to deliver gifts from the Giving Tree.

Bring to class, or drop in our office in the lower church.

Please mark with your name so we can give you credit.



Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

**May God bless you,
Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE**

THE *Joy* CANDLE

Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

—Luke 1:46-47

