



## *Our Lady of Consolation Church*

*1799 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470*

*A Roman Catholic Community Devoted to Stewardship*

*Founded 1963*

### *Weekly Bulletin*



## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ December 22, 2019*

***Our Mission*** - WE, the people of Our Lady of Consolation Parish guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, pledge to continue the mission of Jesus Christ who announced the reign of God. We accept His challenge to proclaim the Good News of salvation that Jesus, the Christ, died for us, and in Him we have life to the fullest measure. We seek to live as He lived, in service to others, building a community of faith and hope, with God's grace as our strength and the peace of Christ our heart's desire. ***A Parishioner is*** - one who is registered and participates in the liturgical life of the parish and demonstrates their support, as reflected in the Parish Mission Statement, by completing and fulfilling an annual Stewardship Commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure.

### *A Message of Hope*

As Advent comes to a close, we eagerly anticipate the birth of Jesus for Christmas 2019.

As Stewards of God's gifts to us, may we share our blessings of Time, Talent and Treasure with others. In Stewardship we learn of the need to give as compared to giving to a need.

The greeting "Happy Holidays" seems to have replaced a simple "Merry Christmas." Perhaps we all need a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas and Christ's presence in our lives every day.

May the Christ child bring us Peace, Health and Joy.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



*Joe Connolly*  
**Director of Stewardship**



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## Mass Intentions for December 24 thru December 29, 2019

Intention for:		Requested by:
<b>Christmas Eve 12/24</b>	4:00 p.m.	Gerard Piccolo Thomas Zalusky Harry & Mary Snyder Jerry Piro Donald & Mary Pavlak
	6:00 p.m.	Eugene & Bernice Kelley John & Julia Walsh Jane Strych Anthony Tantalla
	11:00 p.m.	George & Veronica Kelly
<b>Christmas Day 12/25</b>	9 :00 a.m.	Thomas Zalusky Anna & Jozef Galus Frances & Carlo Meo Michael Petricko
	11:00 a.m.	Marie Celeste Christopher Basenese John Lepari Sandy Mattera
		The Celeste Family Family Doris Lepari Eleanor Moran
Thur. (12/26)	8:00 a.m.	Bob Trowse
Friday (12/27)	8:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass*
Sat. (12/28)	5:00 p.m.	Amelia Sowa Patrick Twomey Louis Winum David Dragone
Sunday (12/29)	8:00 a.m.	Ann Brown
	10:00 a.m.	Angelo Benedetti
	12:00 p.m.	Lucille & Francis Marshall Thanksgiving for God's Grace

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**\*Friday Memorial Mass at 8:00 a.m. for December:** Father Cassian Miles O.F.M., Father Vincent Grogan O.F.M., Msgr. John Ryan, Edward & Margaret Earles, Mary "Mame" Blazejewski, Amelia Sowa, Itala & Germano Giusti

**a time to be healed....** Dave Parry, Don Neuschaefer, Ann Kelly, Joe Piazza, Kevin O'Leary, Gary Marchese Jr., Father Eugene Boland, Sister Joanne Kokosinski, Donnie Stokem, Elizabeth Mattaliano, Jay La Russo, Joan Fitzpatrick, A.T. Frerichs, Anne Looney, Barbara DeSantis, Barbara Lopez, Marilyn Lane, Joyce Connor, Ray Jelliffe, Tom Olivo, Richard Johnson, Helen Nelson, Fr. Andrew Struzzieri, Edward Cutler, June Polidoro, Nick Roepke, Nancy Caggiano, Kevin Ward, Dorothy Nardi, Jerome Wicker, Linda Krauskopf, Jerry McKinley, Kiera Saunders

**The Sanctuary Lamp...** is burning for the month of November in memory of **Patricia Wanamaker** at the request of her brother, Raymond Jelliffe.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS

**Parish Offices will be closed  
Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
until Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Offices reopen on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**For additional information, please visit our website at [www.olcparish.org](http://www.olcparish.org).**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Monday Dec. 23</b>	Rosary in MC Chapel – 7:40 a.m. Communion Service in MC Chapel – 8:00 a.m. Senior Activities – Cards & Games 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center
<b>Tuesday Dec. 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE – Masses are 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. &amp; 11:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday Dec. 25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY Masses are 9:00 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Thursday Dec. 26</b>	Rosary in MC Chapel - 7:40 a.m. Mass in MC Chapel - 8:00 a.m. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center Seminar Room
<b>Friday Dec. 27</b>	Rosary in MC Chapel - 7:40 a.m. Mass in MC Chapel - 8:00 a.m.

**RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST AT HOME:** If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is temporarily or permanently homebound and would like a visit and/or to receive Holy Communion, we are willing to respond. Please let us know your situation by calling Harriette Peters at 973-839-8472.

**For those of you who contribute to the Sunday offertory by check and do not use envelopes; we ask that you please write your parishioner number in the memo portion of your check. This would be a tremendous help to those who record contributions and we thank you for your cooperation.**

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** If you do not receive your printed offertory envelopes, please contact Joe Donnelly, Director of Stewardship, at 973-839-3444 X 117.

**YOUNG ADULTS OF WORKING AGE, LIVING AT HOME:** Please register independently of your parents. This will enable us to assist at times of requests for sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT:** This is an electronic program that automatically deducts your offertory commitment from your checking account or credit card. Direct deposit can also be used to automatically deduct payments to our debt reduction fund as well as holy day offerings. Contact our Business Manager, Elena Walsh at 973-839-6020 or [e.walsh@olcchurch.com](mailto:e.walsh@olcchurch.com).

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## Financials

### Collection December 15, 2019

Offertory.....	\$	12,238.50
Loose Cash.....		1,385.00
Direct Deposit*.....		7,304.66
Total.....	\$	<u>20,928.16</u>

\*1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of Month Only

### Fiscal Year 7/1/19 - 6/30/20

Collections – Fiscal Year to Date...	\$	351,591.14
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Budget figures for the 2019-2020 fiscal year have not yet been finalized. When they are available we will resume publishing them.

## Memorials

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL:** Flowers to decorate the church for Christmas may be donated by using the envelopes located at the entrances to the church or included in your envelope packet. The Christmas flower offering envelopes will be placed on the altar in memory/honor of those you specify.

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATION:** The Sanctuary Lamp, located near the tabernacle, is a symbol of the “light of Christ”. Your contribution for this “light” can be dedicated in honor of a loved one. **The donation is \$10.00 a week or \$40.00 a month.**

**EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE:** Each week we come together as a parish family to share the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This donation is a special way to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special event. **The donation is \$25.00 a week or \$100.00 a month.**

**MEMORIAL CANDLE & PLAQUE FOR ST. JUDE OR THE BLESSED MOTHER:** In memory of a loved one or as a special devotion, you may dedicate a candle and plaque. **The donation is \$100.00 for one year.**

**MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUE & PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE:** In memory of a loved one, place a plaque on our garden memorial. **A one-time donation is \$250.00.**

## Youth Group

**SERVICE PROJECT - CHRISTMAS EVE:** We are in need of a teen boy and a teen girl to dress up as Mary and Joseph (adult size costumes) and carry Baby Jesus down the aisle and up to the altar during the processional

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**AN INVITATION:** If there is anyone who will be alone on Christmas Eve, the Haftek's invite you to their home after the 4:00 p.m. Mass for dinner! We will transport you, if needed!

**SERVICE PROJECT - VOLLEYBALL & WIFFLEBALL:**

Teens are invited to play in a Volleyball and Wiffleball Benefit on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. "Pay to Play!" **Players must bring \$12.00 in pledges to receive 2 hours of service.** Checks must be made payable to: **Our Lady of Consolation** to benefit building a house for a poor family in Ecuador. Teens should wear sneakers and bring snacks/drink. 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders, ALUMNI and friends invited! (SNOW DATE: 1/4/20).

**SERVICE PROJECT – BUILD A 3<sup>RD</sup> HOME!** A VERY GENEROUS parishioner has pledged to match every dollar that the Youth Group raises in funds to purchase a 3<sup>rd</sup> house for a needy family in Ecuador during the coming year! The homes cost \$5,000 and there is a long list of needy families. Thanks for your anticipated support, as in the past!

**2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR CONFIRMATION SESSION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation session, Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Important** Confirmation paperwork will be sent home! If able, please donate Hershey bars (6 multipack or jumbo) Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate and/or Almond and \$3 to Build another Home in Ecuador. (Snow Date: 3/22/20)

**1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation session, Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. If able, please donate Hershey bars (6 multipack or jumbo) Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate and/or Almond and \$3 to Build another Home in Ecuador. (Snow Date: 3/22/20)

**PEER MINISTRY LOCK-IN RETREAT:** Sunday, January 26, 2020, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Snow Date: 2/8/20)

**YOUTH GROUP "BOWTIE CINEMA MOVIE":** Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Details TBD

**SERVICE PROJECT - NIGHT TO SHINE:** Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is a magical PROM experience for those 14 & older with special needs. Our local event is on Friday, February 7, 2020, at St. Francis in Haskell. Volunteers must be in high school or older and attend a training session in January 2020. You need to get dressed for a PROM! PROM date "Buddies" need to show your love and

accompany/assist your assigned guest at the PROM. You will sit with your guest during dinner, dance together and take them to all of the specialty stations. **MUST REGISTER RIGHT AWAY** for 6 hours of service!! Google: 2020 NTS Volunteer Registration: St. Francis. Then RSVP to Laura also: 201-264-6408!

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:** White & color 8 ½ x 11 copier paper!

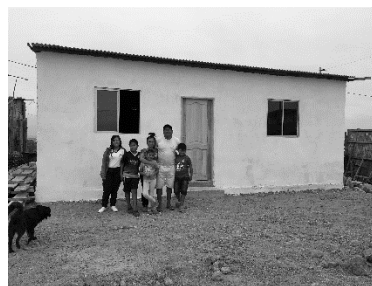
**THANKS FROM ECUADOR** (*translated*):

To Youth Group,

We want to express to you and the youth in your prestigious club so that you know our immense gratefulness for helping us realize the dream of having a proper home for our family and creating a path for a better future for that that



live here. With all our hearts from Joselin, Edward, Jonathan, Emily, Father Luis, Mother Maria are all and will forever be grateful all our lives to you, even without knowing us you have helped us. We will be praying daily asking God to continue blessing all of you and y our families as well as all the families that have collaborated together to help this dream come true. Remaining totally grateful and wishing you many successes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Praying it forward, with that spirit of collaboration and goodness, The Suarez Family



## Religious Education

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

I would like to wish all my CCD families, Catechists, Aides and Helpers a Very Merry Christmas! We are blessed to have so many amazing people involved in our program. May the peace of Christ bring you joy this Christmas season.

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

*Matthew 1:21*

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## Ministries/Activities

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Father Michael, along with the staff of Our Lady of Consolation would like to wish everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.**

**BREAKING BREAD BOOKS:** Breaking Bread books for the new liturgical year are available on the counters at both entrances to the church for your use at Mass. Please return them to the counters when you leave. They are not to be removed from the church.

### **THE GIVING TREE - THANK YOU!!**

***Once again your generosity came shining through!!***



This year, we once again collected close to **500 gifts** for the children of Our Lady of Victories and Catholic Family Services – a very Merry Christmas will be had. **Thanks to all of you who returned your gifts.**

We had close to 25 of our young people helping out on last Sunday afternoon, with the sorting and packaging the gifts for delivery. This amazing work crew got the job done in great time! **You are all very much appreciated. See you again next year!! Blessed Christmas to all!!**



### ***A Christian Tradition... Sharing the "Oplatek"... The Christmas Wafer***

It is a symbol of Peace and Goodness. It reminds us that together we are a family. Sharing the "Oplatek", the Holy Bread, on Christmas Eve is an ancient tradition of the Eastern European Countries. It is simple yet beautiful! When family members gather at the table on Christmas Eve, each person has some Oplatek. They then share a piece of the wafer with everyone at the meal while exchanging a greeting of peace. This symbolizes a sign of love...a sign of forgiveness...a sign that differences are forgotten...a sign of "communion".

As you share the Oplatek with your loved ones this Christmas, may the blessings of peace and happiness of our Savior be with you and yours. ***Oplatek is available at both entrances of the church.***

### **FOOD GIFT CARD COLLECTION**

With the holidays fast approaching, we ask for your donation to help those less fortunate. Now and through January, we will be collecting food gift cards to be used for parish families or anyone in the area who comes to us for assistance. Baskets will be at the entrances of the church. You can either purchase gift cards from your favorite supermarket or drop a check in the basket and we will purchase them. You can also bring them to the Parish Center at any time. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

## Community News

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL**

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### **HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL**

#### **COMEDY NIGHT – SATURDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Holy Spirit will be hosting their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Night at The Holy Spirit School Parish Center – 330 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, NJ 07440. Enjoy a night of laughter featuring RICHIE BYRNE & JOSEPH ANTHONY! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins promptly at 8:30 p.m. Tickets purchased by January 10<sup>th</sup> are \$25.00 each. Tickets purchased after January 10<sup>th</sup> will be \$30.00 each. Coffee and dessert are included. Feel free to bring your own food, beer, wine, soda or any other beverage of your choice to have at your table. For tickets call Holy Spirit School at 973-835-5680 (during school hours) or you may call or text 862-228-3430 evenings and weekends. Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. This is a reserved seating event. If purchasing tickets separately, please let us know the party you would like to be seated with at time of purchasing tickets. All proceeds will benefit the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of Holy Spirit School.

**For additional information, please visit our website at [www.olcparish.org](http://www.olcparish.org).**



# Please Support Those Less Fortunate this Holiday Season

## The Mama Margarita Foundation – Founded in 2012



## This Organization is Near and Dear to OLC Parish

Katie Church is the daughter of Lydia and Andy Church who were parishioners and supporters of our parish for many years. Katie is one of four children. She graduated from OLC Academy, was Confirmed here, was an activate Peer Minister and while in college did her college internship in youth ministry here at OLC for 3 summers. Katie attended Mary Help of Christians Academy and is currently teaching there as part of her mission. She first became involved with the Mama Margarita Foundation in 2015, when she learned about it from a priest at her high school. She continued her involvement with it as a member of a Young Adult group while attending Benedictine College. This will be her 3<sup>rd</sup> mission trip to Nicaragua. She will be leaving December 27<sup>th</sup> and returning January 5<sup>th</sup>. Katie has a strong passion to help others less fortunate. This indeed is a trait she has learned from her parents. As they say, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree"! Therefore, we are asking that you support Katie and her mission to help those in Masaya, Nicaragua. There were baskets at each entrance of the church last week. We will again have the baskets this weekend and next weekend if you care to support the foundation. Thank you to those who already contributed. If you would like to write a check, please make your check payable to *Our Lady of Consolation*. Katie has already received what was collected last week and we hope to collect and send more monies to this worthwhile cause.

### Message from Katie...

In 2015, I went to the Mama Margarita foundation and my heart was set on fire for mission. Serving the poor and seeing the joy in these children brought the biggest smile to my face. I am so excited to be going back for the third time to help



the children and people of Nicaragua. While we are there we tutor the kids since it's their summer break. Education is not important to the country. They pass students along even though they fail, just so they won't get an education. While tutoring, praying the rosary and feeding them a meal, it's a joy to be serving them. Everyone deserves a chance and a future and knowing we are there helping brings me so much joy.

With this desire for service, I am now a Salesian Lay Missioner. I served a year in Cambodia, and now I'm doing a second year at Mary Help of Christians Academy in New Jersey teaching theology and working with Campus Ministry.



**I am so excited to be going back to Nicaragua this December.**

**We want to bring them presents for Christmas.**

**Any donation, big or small would help tremendously. Thank you so much.**