

O come let us adore Him



Our Lady of the Mountain

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 4:00pm Andrew Kmetz
Dennis Doner
6:00pm Parishioners of OLM living and deceased
Emiliano Benerolinda
The intentions of O'Malley Family
10:00pm George & Georgene Wyker
Richard Dzurenko
Will Connell
Dennis McKenna
12:00am Valenty, Anna & Andrzej Michota
Deceased members of Adamczyk family

NATIVITY OF THE LORD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 8:00am Ron Zielensky
Paul Sherna
Scott Shernce
10:45am Judy Lindhorst
Parishioners of OLM
Jane Kafarski
12:15pm Deacon Pat Van Orman
Lorraine Addeo
Healing of Karen Addeo
Doreo & Matilda Mellusi

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen

- 9:30am William Thomas
Ronald Bauer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John, Apostle

- 9:30am Ardra Doherty

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents

- 9:30am CCD students and staff of OLM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 9:30am Thomas Gall Sr.
Robert Froetscher

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

The Holy Family

- 9:30am Walter Graney
Jane Kafarski
Paul Kohmescher

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 5:00pm Margarita Aponte
Margaret Lorraine Zuffa
Spec. Intention Barbara & Peter Michota
Spec. Intention Emma Farrell
Patricia O'Malley McGuire

MOTHERHOOD OF MARY, JANUARY 1

- 8:00am Parishioners of OLM
9:15am Rene Brochu
10:45am
12:15pm Ronald Parkes

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In the loving memory of **Deacon Pat Van Orman**.

Parishioners have the opportunity to sponsor a Weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory/honor of a loved one. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 908.876.4395 to choose an open week.



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

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Monthly\$291.00

Immaculate Conception\$61.00

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THIS WEEK AT OLM

Monday – Friday

9:10am Rosary before the daily Mass

Monday, December 26

No Holy hour

Parish office closed

Tuesday, December 27

During the Mass Blessing of the wine

Wednesday, December 28

During the Mass Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Friday, December 29

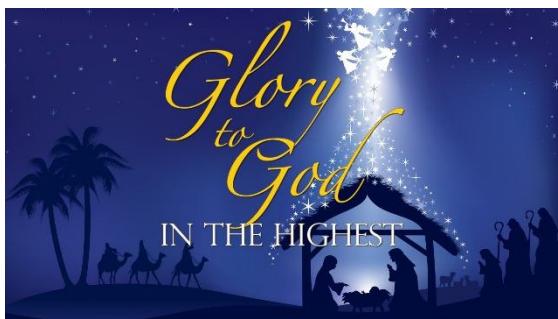
After the Mass Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotion

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Starting with the New Year, we will be using a new email address. Please use **office@ourladyofthemountain.org** to contact us. We won't be checking the old email address any longer. Thank you!



FROM FR. MARCIN'S DESK



"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Today is a beautiful day as we think about God's love for us. Today we are very happy to celebrate what is out of this world, God's love for us, becoming part of this world when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

The gift at Christmas for all of us is Jesus. Jesus will not force Himself into your life, it is up to you to be open and receive Jesus. There was no room for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the inn the first Christmas. Are you making room for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the inn of your heart this Christmas? Let us adore baby Jesus in the manger. A baby easily wins the heart and

love of anyone with human feelings, but how much more does this baby win our heart and love. Let us kneel before baby Jesus and thank him for coming to save us. As we look on baby Jesus, we think of the mystery of God's love for us. Why did God who is almighty and all-powerful become small and powerless as a baby? Quite simply, out of love for us. God became human so that we might become more like God.

As we see baby Jesus in the manger, we reflect on God's way being a way of gentleness and tenderness. God's way is not one of violence but gentleness. There is a lack of goodness and love in the world, but God is tender and loving. As we look on baby Jesus in the manger, we see that he is the answer to today's problems. Instead of violence, in baby Jesus in the manger we see gentleness. Instead of hatred, in baby Jesus in the manger we see tenderness. Instead of selfishness, in baby Jesus in the manger we see love for us. Let us ask baby Jesus to help us to be gentle, tender, and loving with those around us as he was in the manger.

God gave us the greatest gift of all that first Christmas, his Son Jesus. Jesus waits for you to give Him a gift in return, the gift of your heart, the gift of you making room in the inn of your heart for Him not just at Christmas or Easter but every day, and especially to worship Him at Mass every Sunday. Jesus has done everything for you, can you do something for Jesus? Open your heart to Jesus.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace". Baby Jesus, help us to be people of peace and to spread peace everywhere we go.



Thank you very much for everything what you do for our great parish. Thank you for your kindness. God wants to do a miracle in your life. Merry Christmas!!! Do not be afraid to say it...MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



Parish staff, priests and all employees of Our Lady of the Mountain Church wish you all the best. May the peace and Joy of Christ be with you this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Peace and joy of our Lord Jesus be with all of you!

The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of Jesus, our patron – pray for us...

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY AND AT ALL MASSES THIS COMING WEEKEND JANUARY 1ST/2ND WE CONSECRATE OUR

FAMILIES TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY OF JOSEPH

The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are put before us by the Church this week only a few days after Christmas as a model for our families. The family is part of God's plan for us. God wants our families to be holy. The family is the basic unit of society and the Church; we could say the family is a little church. It is in the family that we first learn to communicate. It is in the family that we learn what love is. It is in the family that we first learn to forgive and to pray. It is in the family that we first learn about God and Jesus and Our Lady. It is in the family that first we learn our values and what is good and bad. The future of humanity depends on the family because it is through families that society continues. There are many attempts to destroy the family in our times but if the family will be destroyed in our society, the world will crumble because all humanity comes through the family. There are many attempts today to redefine the family, but they do not reflect God's plan for the family.

"Family, believe in what you are; believe in your vocation to be a luminous sign of God's love"Family, be for the people of our time a "sanctuary of life". Christian family, be a "domestic church", faithful to your evangelical vocation." John Paul II.

"To all I say, revere and protect your family and your family life, for the family is the primary field of Christian action for the Irish laity, the place where your 'royal priesthood' is chiefly exercised. The Christian family has been in the past Ireland's greatest spiritual resource. Modern conditions and social changes have created new patterns and new difficulties for family life and for Christian marriage. I want to say to you: do not be discouraged, do not follow the trends where a close-knit family is seen as outdated; the Christian family is more important for the Church and for society today than ever before." (Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday October 1st, 1979)

Let us thank God for all the graces and blessings our families enjoy and let us also ask God to bless our families and help our families continue to grow to become what they are called to be.



Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. We collected \$1449. Thank you for your generosity. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

FROM FR. MICHAL

Glory to God #4

Why are the Sundays of Advent and Lent without this solemn hymn? It is primarily due to the nature of this period, what is supposed to change in us, and what it prepares us for. The hymn "Glory to God in the highest" has a strictly festive character, and these periods are preparatory and are intended to shape us for the coming feast. It's also about waiting. On Christmas and Resurrection, this hymn is performed solemnly (all bells and gongs in the church are ringing) because it heralds the coming of Christ. The season of Advent and Lent prepares us for this encounter, which is why this beautiful hymn is not sung.



BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Q. 861. What works are generally enjoined for the gaining of Indulgences?

A. The works generally enjoined for the gaining of Indulgences are: The saying of certain prayers, fasting, and the use of certain articles of devotion; visits to Churches or altars, and the giving of alms. For the gaining of Plenary Indulgences, it is generally required to go to confession and Holy Communion and pray for the intention of the Pope.

Q. 862. What does praying for a person's intention mean?

A. Praying for a person's intention means praying for whatever he prays for or desires to obtain through prayer -- some spiritual or temporal favors.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class Schedule – January 2022

Grades K-6:

- Sundays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 (All Sessions)
- Saturday, January 21 **Monthly Mass Gr 4-6**

Grades 7 and 9:

- Monday, January 9

Grade 8:

- Mondays, January 23, 30

Grade 10:

- Monday, January 23
- Saturday, January 28 – Confirmation Retreat

Teen Mass:

- Saturday, January 7: Gr 7-10

ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to become our Altar Server?

Altar servers assist the priest or deacon with sincere devotion by carrying the processional cross and candles. They assist in the washing of hands by the priest and the ringing of the bells. This ministry allows the youth of the parish to become involved and contribute to the Liturgy of the Mass by serving others.



Students from the 3rd grade (after the First Holy Communion) and above are invited to participate. A candidate should be: Baptized, at least in the 3rd grade, have already received Holy Communion for the first time, and an active member of the parish community. Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and carry them out well and with appropriate reverence.

The Altar Server Ministry provides an opportunity for younger parishioners to actively participate in the tradition of Catholic worship.

We are looking for new altar servers! **If you are in 3rd grade or higher and you would like to serve the church in this special ministry, we would love to have you!** If you would like to join us, please contact Fr. Michal at fr.michal.rybinski@gmail.com

OLM & ST. MARK'S NATIVITY PLAY 2022



Children of all ages are welcome to join us for casting, singing, and backstage roles.

We are also recruiting older volunteers for stage crew and other positions.

Our Practice Schedule:

Date: Every Friday this Month

Time: 6:30-7:30PM

Place: Saint Mark's Parish Center

All interested, please register at <https://bit.ly/3sMIVNV> or

If you have any additional questions, please email us at thenativityplay@gmail.com

The Nativity Play family needs help with finding anyone who has an electric or propane scissor lift who is willing to join us or lend us for this year's play. This will be greatly appreciated. Please help us find that special person.

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ST. MARK'S NEW YEAR'S DAY 5K



Plans are underway for St. Mark's 6th annual New Year's Day 5K! Proceeds from this year's race will go towards St. Mark's parish building and grounds fund. PLEASE help us - obtain sponsors, become a sponsor, participate in the race, or volunteer on race day! The registration fee is \$30 until December 31, \$35 day of the race. For more information or to sign up please visit <https://runsignup.com/race/nj/longvalley/stmarksnewyearsday5K> or email Pat Regan at newyearsday5k@outlook.com Thank you for your support!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best wishes for a very merry and safe Christmas to all from the members of Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council #10419.



Reflection for the Week

Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things work. Love makes all things beautiful. May you have all three this Christmas.

May families separated by distance, faith or politics be brought together this Christmas season.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born. LK 2:11

Jesus didn't tell us he would teach us the truth; he told us he was the truth. JN 14:6

O come, let us adore Him.

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ST JOHN'S WINE



Our priests will be doing the traditional blessing of wine for the Feast of St. John following the **9:30 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 27th**. If you would like to have your wine blessed for this feast, bring a bottle or two (or as many as you wish) to Mass.

Wine is blessed on this day because according to legend, St. John was served poisoned wine, but survived because he blessed the wine before he put it to his lips; the poison rose from the chalice in the shape of a serpent. In his happy memory, Catholics bring wine to church, which the priest blesses, turning it into a sacramental called the "Love of St. John." Catholics use this sacramental wine for special occasions throughout the year and to give to the sick. At least some of the wine blessed on the feast should be enjoyed on the day of the feast itself. When it is drunk on his Feast Day, we drink it before dinner as a toast to St. John. The Father of the house lifts his glass toward Mother and says, "I drink you the love of St. John." The Mother replies "I thank you for the Love of St. John" and then turns to the oldest child, lifts her glass, and says, "I drink you the love of St. John..." –and on it goes down the line until each has been toasted.

The wine may be drunk as is, out of the bottle, or may be prepared as in this recipe:

St. John's Love (serves 8)

1 quart red wine

3 whole cloves

1/16 teaspoon ground cardamom

2 two-inch cinnamon sticks

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 cup sugar

Pour the wine into a large saucepan. Add the remaining ingredients. Boil for 5 minutes (this pretty much evaporates all of the alcohol). Serve hot.

GIVING TREE AND FLOWER DONATION'S

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual giving tree project. Domestic Abuse received plenty of toys. Our local needs were met with generous gift cards to Shop Rite, Weiss, Walmart, and Target. Your kindness and generosity have gone a long way this holiday season and is deeply appreciated. Thank you, all and God Bless You!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Help us keep our sick list up to date. Contact the parish office if you know if someone's name should be added or removed. Thank you.

Anthony Arbolino, Grace Barbagallo, Hannah Bell, Bernie Bonner, Katelynn Brown, Nancy Buchman, Diane Chiappe, Louise Chiusano Mario Cucciniello, Bobby Curtis, Fr. Ed Davey, Lorraine DeAngelis, Josephine DiPiazza, Doug Drukker, Rose Anna Dvornicky, Teresa Gaidis, Suzanne Gallagher, Barbara Jenkins, Barbara Leyden, Msgr. Ray Lopatesky, Jim Mackie, Jennifer Miller, Doug & Nora Ochwat, Robert Ortiz, Mary Pace, Louise Palazzo, Arlene Parikh, Edith Pettineo, James Quinn, Annette Rauscher, Barbara Rogers, Margaret Rowland, Helen Schuettler, Cynthia Sturla, Judy Svaasand, Kathy Szmidt, Kathleen Uber, Helen VanOrman, Baby Brandon, Auggie Vinti, Audrey Lopez, Anne Wengrin, & Michael R. Szmidt.

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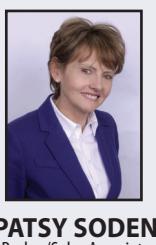


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