



*V. Behold
the handmaid
of the Lord.*

*R. Be it done
unto me according
to Thy word.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

As we move along our yearly Advent journey many opportunities are presented to help us grow in our love for God. In keeping with the spiritual nature of this season we should avail ourselves of the prayerful events offered. You will find a complete list of liturgical events elsewhere in the bulletin. Making a good confession and/or offering a day of prayer every week helps to deepen our relationship with God; setting our lives right before Him. So, I encourage everyone to "make a visit" and pray before the Eucharist during this season. This visit can happen daily in our parish because our Church building is open all day. Days of adoration are often personally revealing to those who avail themselves of the opportunity. We also have ample opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation during this season. Asking for the Lord's assistance and admitting our fault before the Lord is a tremendous way to clear our hearts and open room for Jesus to enter, the Tuesdays of Advent should be very helpful for all of us in this regard. We will have adoration and exposition every Tuesday of Advent as well as confessions at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please take time to prepare your heart and make straight the way of the Lord this Advent season. There is no time like the present to begin this life of prayerful preparation.

Wednesday, December 8th, is our national Catholic feast day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will celebrate Masses on Wednesday, 12/8, at 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is our national feast day and is an important time for us to gather and pray for our country and faith. The Immaculate Conception is the conception of Mary in the womb of St. Anne. Therefore, we dedicate our country to the prayer and hope of Our Lady and ask her assistance in keeping our worship and land free and true. Please remember to join us for Mass on Wednesday.

I thank everyone who is participating in our annual giving tree project. We have distributed some 700 tags off the tree

already and with your generosity we will be able to make Christmas enjoyable for many in need. Please remember all gifts are due back by Sunday, 12/19. Please put your item in a gift bag and bring it to the Altar area. Please remember to attach your "tag" to the outside of the gift as well. If you have food items, please bring them to the main vestibule of the Church and leave them there. This formula helps us with the sorting of the tags and makes things a bit easier for distribution. Thank you once again for your kindness and generous spirit.

Next weekend we will participate in our annual collection for the *retirement fund for the religious*. Please be as generous as you can to this collection as it goes to support many religious communities who have served our Church so invaluable over the years. Many of us have been positively influenced by religious priests and sisters, now they need our financial help in retirement. Their years of service and dedication are good examples of faith and hope. So, if you can find it in heart, please donate to this worthy collection next weekend.

Our Gospel this week presents the person of St. John the Baptist. In our account, the Evangelist Luke describes John as the forerunner of the Christ. He is the one appearing in the desert, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah, exhorting us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." This is a wonderful reminder that we ought to be a people preparing our own hearts to receive Christ Jesus. So, questions remain such as: what are we actively doing to receive Him with joy? Are we seizing the opportunities offered us in readying ourselves for our meeting the Lord? Are we actively helping others to make this path to the Lord straight? Now is the time to measure up and actively do the right before our God and Father.

*God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott*

Thought for the week: Preparing the way of the Lord is not a simple suggestion; it is, however, an invitation to Grace.

VOILAND'S VIEW

For years, as I attended Mass each week, I had an underlying feeling that I never really quite "got it." It seemed that there was always something going on that was always just out of reach, something that I couldn't quite wrap my mind around. Depending on what day it happened to be, my "church experience" always hung on some particular element of the Mass: good or bad music, invigorating or awful preaching, the reverence of the priest, the quality of lecturing, finding the right seat, the hospitality or rudeness of fellow parishioners, the temperature of the building – all kinds of things that led me to judge whether or not it was worth my while to be there. Not that all of these elements aren't important parts of good worship but, being so easily distracted, I often had a sense that I was missing something. How could a rotten homily crash my whole Mass? Or how could an unprepared lector or grumpy lady protecting her precious seat at the end of the pew have such a lasting effect on me? There really was something missing.

Problem was, I was there to determine what Mass should be. I was the Mass critic. Good intentioned as I might have been, this was one of those situations where a little knowledge was enough to be dangerous. I knew just enough about the Mass to pretend I was a liturgy expert. But there was much going on at every Mass that I could not even see, not appreciate. The profound mystery of Mass is something that has to be received and participated in, not analyzed. We cannot grasp the immensity of the Mass. This realization was too hard for me to admit. I always figured that if I kept going to Mass often enough that, at some point, everything would become quite clear to me – just like it was to the Saints. All of the things like the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Communion of Saints with us at Mass, our participation in the actual offering of Jesus on the

cross and at the Last Supper – all of this would click in my brain. But that's not how faith works.

We receive bits and pieces of understanding as we are given grace on the journey. Each of us is at a different stage of spiritual development. Some of us move quickly. Some of us seem to move with painful slowness. Yet, if we genuinely trust the Lord, we progress at the pace we need. Baby steps are truly significant. Constant growth and movement *toward* God are what is important. Catholic life isn't a race; it's a battle. Victory comes in staying the course, in keeping our eyes on Jesus – because the victory is in him alone. It is the same with Mass. The focus is on Jesus. The music, the preaching, the reverence, the hospitality have to be done with our sights set on the Lord. If the music lacks, we need to sing better and louder. When the homily stinks, we need to reflect on what the Lord is saying to us. (Did you prepare the Scriptures before Mass?) When a fellow parishioner is rude, cold, or distracted, we need to fill the gap with warmth and a smile.

Faith happens a day at a time, a prayer at a time, a tear at a time, in God's time. We don't have to figure it all out ourselves. We just have to stay the course – with eyes on the One sees perfectly.

Blessed Advent!

Fr. Bob



Christmas Concert
Sunday December 12 at 4 PM
In the Church

Our Lady of the Lakes Adult Choir and Youth Choir will present a Christmas concert Sunday Dec 12 at 4 PM in the church. A reception will immediately follow in St. Joseph Hall. Come join us for an afternoon of Advent and Christmas celebration.



This Week's Liturgies

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:15 AM Fr. Scott's Deaconate Ordination Anniversary
† James Radich by Anne Zubalik

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:15 AM † Sidney A Centilli, Jr by Family
† Doris Oliver by Patti & Kevin Oliver

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:15 AM † James Kraft by Karen Romkema
† Mary Catherine Gibbs by Adam Kravetz Family
10:00AM † Philip Horowitz by St Vincent De Paul
† Al Knake by Bernie Tomko
7:00PM † Kathryn Leddy by Daniel & Jeanne Fayder
† John & Ada Frushour by Their Daughter

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:15AM Int of Fr. Christopher on his Birthday
† Rachel Trask

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Increase in Vocations
† Pat Kravetz by Adam Kravetz Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory by Reitemeier Family
Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM † Doris Oliver by Oliver Family
† James Radich III
9:30 AM † Joe Sutherland by Elaine Konczal
Margy Campbell by Her Daughter
11:00 AM † Karen Lynn Wise by Family
† Ignatius Sutherland by Mary Alfes
12:30 PM † All Saints
† Emily Zubalik by Anne Zubalik

*all flesh shall see the
salvation of God*

LUKE 3:6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday Saint Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,
12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Our Lady of Loreto

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

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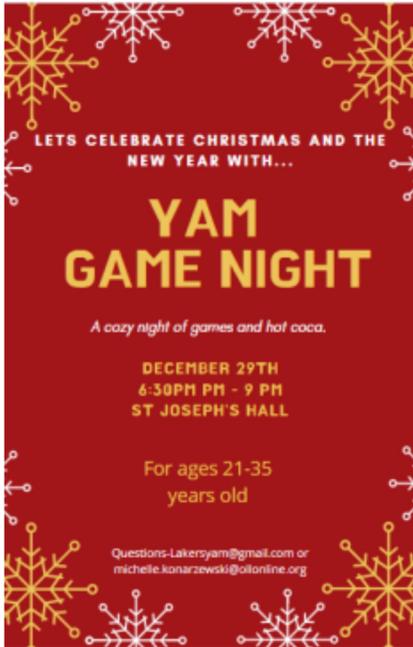
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Our Parish Life Together

MISSION & MINISTRY

High School Youth Group:

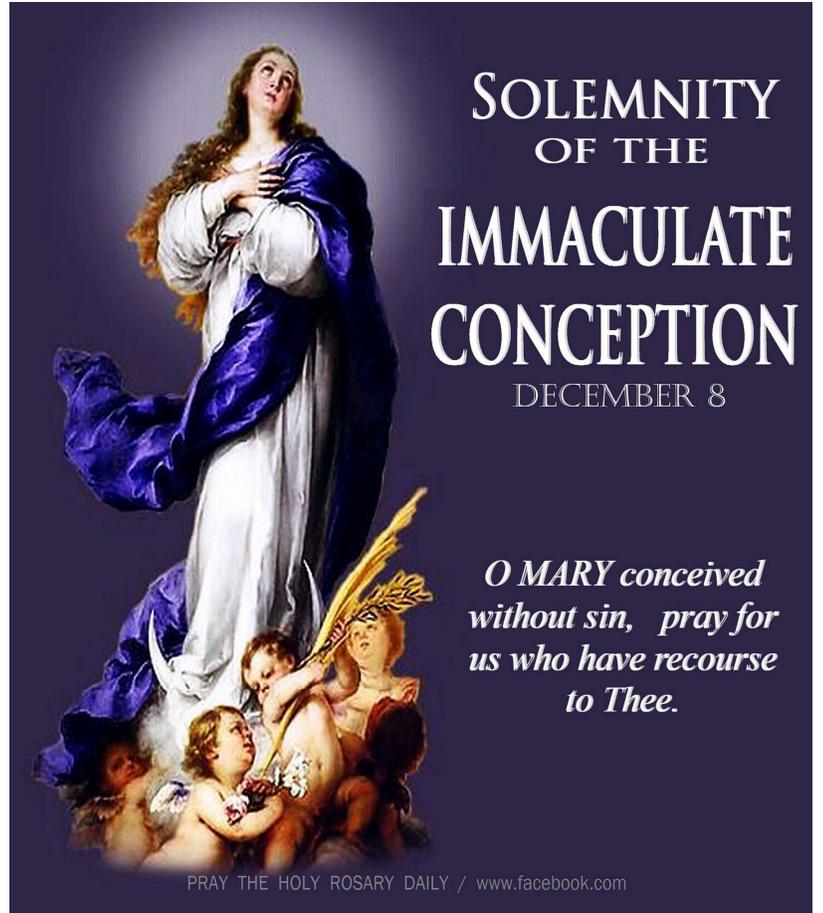
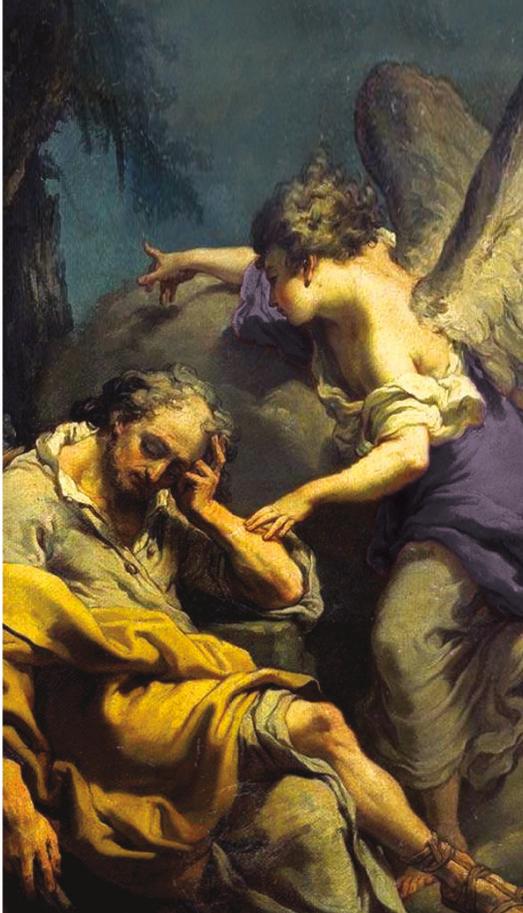
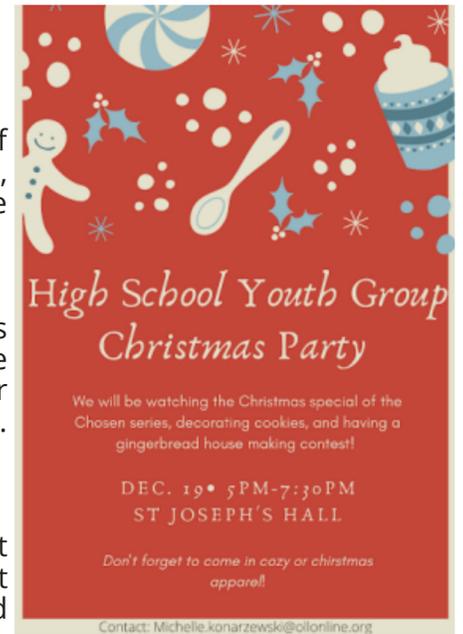
December 19th-High School Christmas Party. Join us for a cozy night of watching a Christmas special of The Chosen series, decorating cookies, gingerbread house contest, and some faith-filled games! This will be located in St. Joseph's hall at 5pm.



Young Adult Ministry (YAM):

December 29th-Game Night. This group is for ages 21-35 years old. We will be celebrating Christmas and the new year with a cozy game night located in St. Joseph's hall on December 29th at 6:30pm

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at 248-820-6670 or by email at michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org God Bless, Michelle Konarzewski, Director of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization



"John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Congratulations to all those in our parish that celebrated their first Reconciliation before Thanksgiving...they are showing us the way to prepare our hearts during this Advent Season. Thank you again to all the teachers, catechist and parents that helped prepare them for this wonderful Sacrament of Healing.

If you have not celebrated Reconciliation in this past year or longer, know that I am praying that you find this to be the right time for you to engage in the graces of this Sacrament. We as a community are broken when one of us is separated from the Lord. We as a community are hurting when one of us is hurting. When you are sick, you go to a doctor. When you are in physical pain you seek ways to alleviate your pain. When our hearts are separated from our Lord why don't we take the steps that will take away the separation that has formed in our relationship with Christ and our community?

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen!
Peace and prayers,

Jean, DRE

PEACE



All Day Adoration After Daily Mass Tuesdays Ending with Benediction at 7pm

December 7, 2021

December 14, 2021

December 21, 2021

Private Confessions Tuesdays

11:30am & 6:30pm

December 7, 2021

December 14, 2021

December 21, 2021

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Holy Day of Obligation

8:15am

10:00am

7:00pm

Taize Prayer

Thursday, December 9, 2021 @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Mass December 24, 2021

4:00pm Church

4:00pm Hall

6:00pm Church

Christmas Day Mass

Midnight Mass 12:00am

9:30am

11:00am

Solemnity of the Blessed Mother

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

January 1, 2022 9:30am

Christmas Concert

December 12, 2021

4:00pm Church



Again this year our gift program will be geared toward helping our neighbors in need with basic necessities. The organizations we have paired with in the past are still working under the "new normal" hence the decision to support other charities will remain. Below is a description of the new charities. Please take a tag and return all items in a Christmas gift bag. Attach the tag to the gift bag and return it to the church by Sunday, December 19th. If you are in need of a gift bag, please stop by the Parish Office.

St. Aloysius Parish Neighborhood Services

exists to provide emergency assistance for the homeless, working poor and seniors in the community. St. Aloysius has provided us a significant list of needs that have been added to the giving tree.

Waterford Goodfellows

Each year the Goodfellows help families in Waterford with their Christmas needs. Again this year they will not gather to sort the items that the parish so generously donates to them so they are asking for food gift cards to help feed the families that normally benefit from area charities as well as the schools.

Mother and Unborn Baby Care

Mother and Unborn Baby serves women in crisis pregnancies and their families. MAUBC operates a pregnancy resource serving women of many varied backgrounds. Most clients reside in Oakland County or Wayne County. See gift tags for the center's needs

OLL Christian Service

Our Lady of the Lakes has needy individuals walk into the Parish Center almost daily in crisis situations. To help those people we are in need of gas, food and clothing gift cards.



Knights Korner

The Knights have placed boxes at the back of church to collect new coats for kids in the area that don't have one to wear this winter.



Knights at Sea?

Not quite, but we do love our lighthouse. Specifically the Lighthouse of Clarkston! We have been partners with this organization for many years and our commitment to them and our community remains strong. If you don't know, the Lighthouse of Clarkston is a food pantry. And just like lighthouses at sea, it is truly a beacon of light in the darkness for so many. All year round, we impact this cause with food contributions, monetary contributions, and physical volunteer work.

In the first above picture you can see members of our council after a food sorting session. During this particular drive, we helped to sort over 2500 pounds of food. This physical and organizational feat truly helps to get the right foods to the right people.



In the second picture, brothers from our parish got together with brothers from St. Dan's to make Thanksgiving dinner happen for so many!

This is all part of our Food for Families initiative. We know that one cannot be fed spiritually without being fed physically too. God united our bodies and souls for a reason as well as putting us on mission to help the poor. Pray for us, pray to discern a way to get involved here. In the Our Father, we pray, "give us this day, our daily bread". Maybe, just maybe, we're doing our part, with your help, to answer some of those prayers.



Ready to join the Knights?

For those men over the age of 18 interested in becoming a Knight, please contact: Grand Knight Chris Scheuer GK5436@mikofc.org or Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk MD5436@mikofc.org



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saying, "Whom shall I
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-Isaiah 6:8

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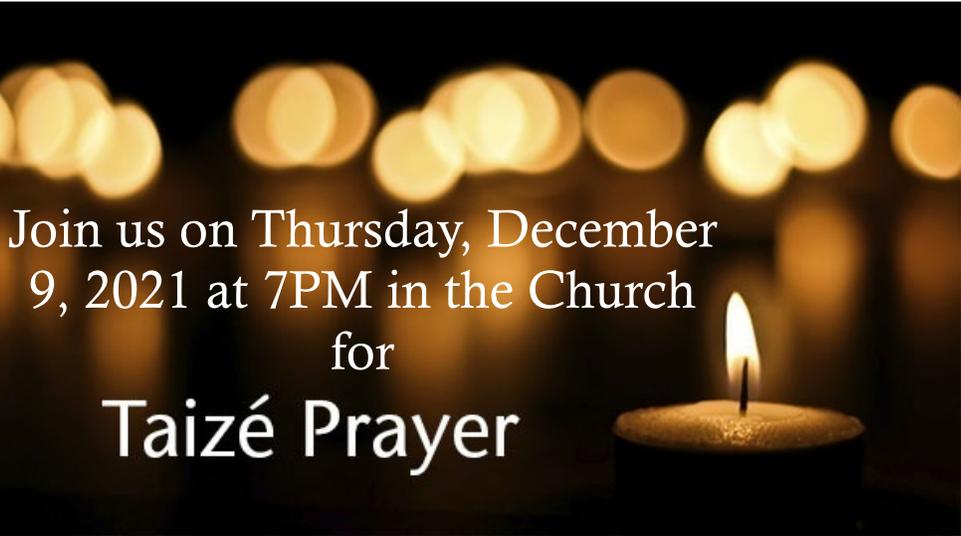
Adelyn Detassany
Suzette Zawifza
Maggie Sans
Julia Sidebottom
Paula Jean Cullison-Burke
Francine Bailey
Karen Phelps
Beverly Armstrong
Greta Ferguson
Rose Jones
Marilyn McMurray
Jill Rafferty

To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office.

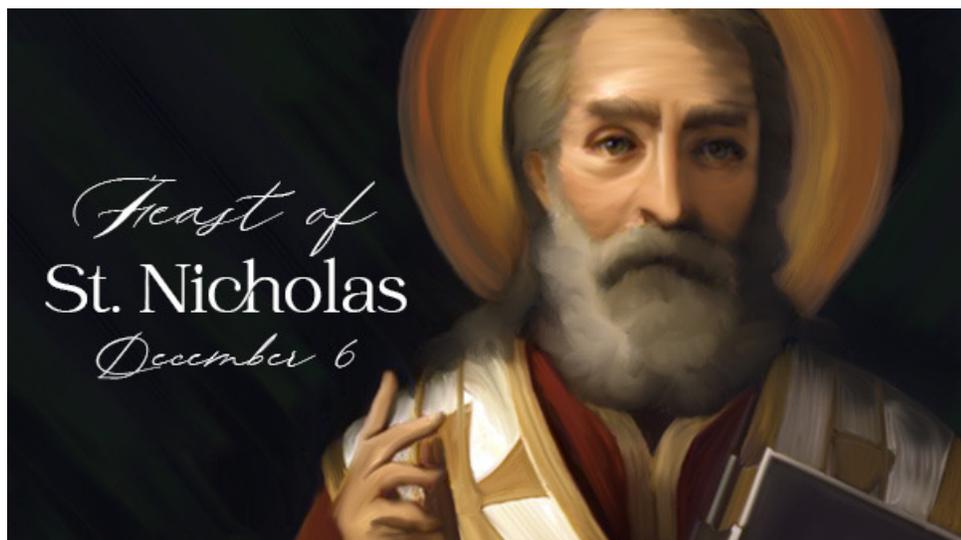
FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno, Army
Capt Kelsey Beno, Army
† Jenna Beno died 10/15/12
AMN Stewart Blaquiere, Air Force
† PFC Damian Bushart, Army, died 11/22/03
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres, Marines
Eddy DeRocher
Jacob Dumont, Army
SFC Scott Emanuel
2LT William Gischia, Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr., Army
Dillan Johnson, Air Force
Jackson Jones, Army
Msgt Justin Jones, Air Force
Matt Koetting, Marines
Robert Maher & Crew, Navy
† Sgt. Joseph Martin, Army, died 8/16/18
Francesca Meno, Army
Karolyn Meno, Air Force
† PFC Joseph Miracle, Army, died 7/5/07
LCP Derek Monday, Marines
Gunnar Ottman, Army
Amanda Paczynski, Army
Capt. Matthew Richards, Army
Katie Rounds
CPTN Daniel Schasser
Anthony Schmidt, Marines
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk, Air Force
Cory Vaught, Army
James Whitlow, Navy
Max Kravetz, National Gaurd

To update an individual's rank or to add someone to the list, please contact us at the parish office.



Join us on Thursday, December
9, 2021 at 7PM in the Church
for
Taizé Prayer



Stewardship Thoughts

Second Sunday of Advent

In today's Scripture readings, both the prophet Baruch and the evangelist St. Luke declare that every valley be filled, every mountain and hill leveled, and all paths made straight in the Lord. St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, urges us, through the love of Jesus, to value only those things that truly matter so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. These inspiring texts remind us that, through our Lord and Savior, we can find true fulfillment; reconciliation and healing can happen in the most trying circumstances; and all can find spiritual wholeness. What a beautiful message for faith-filled stewards during this holy Advent season. As we again prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Second Sunday

Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight
his paths.

Matthew 3:3



Next Weekend December 11 & 12

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Sacristans</i>
Saturday, 5:00 pm	Fr. Bob	G. McCarthy S. McCarthy B. McCarthy	John Arzenti	Tom Brown
Sunday, 8:00 am	Fr. Scott	B. Chestnut J. Leddy N. Leddy	Tom Scholler	Rob Ratz
Sunday, 9:30 am*	Fr. Scott	D. Comerford G. Drouin K. Kashorek	Brad Hasenfratz	Brad Hasenfratz
Sunday, 11:00 am*	Fr. Bob	B. Eubanks C. Luptowski N. Neiman	John Clark	Phil Nickerson
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Fr. Bob	J. Soliman V. Soliman A. Melicor	David Smith	Kristen Suran
Altar Help				
December 9	Group 2: Art Robak, Patty Oliver			
December 16	Group 3: Theresa Johnson, David & Deborah Tardiff			
 LIVE 9:30am & 11:00am Masses streamed live at ollonline.org/live and facebook.com/ollwaterford/live				

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday through Friday 8:15am

Baptisms
Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard.

Choir Wednesday's at 7:30pm

Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass until Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm

Faith Formation

Ages 4/5 Sundays | 9:30am
Mondays Grades 1-8 | 6:15pm
Family Catechesis One Sunday of Each Month | 11:00am
RCIA Tuesday | 7:00pm

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

Registration

Register online at ollonline.org/join or stop by the office
Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email changes by phone or online at ollonline.org/update

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