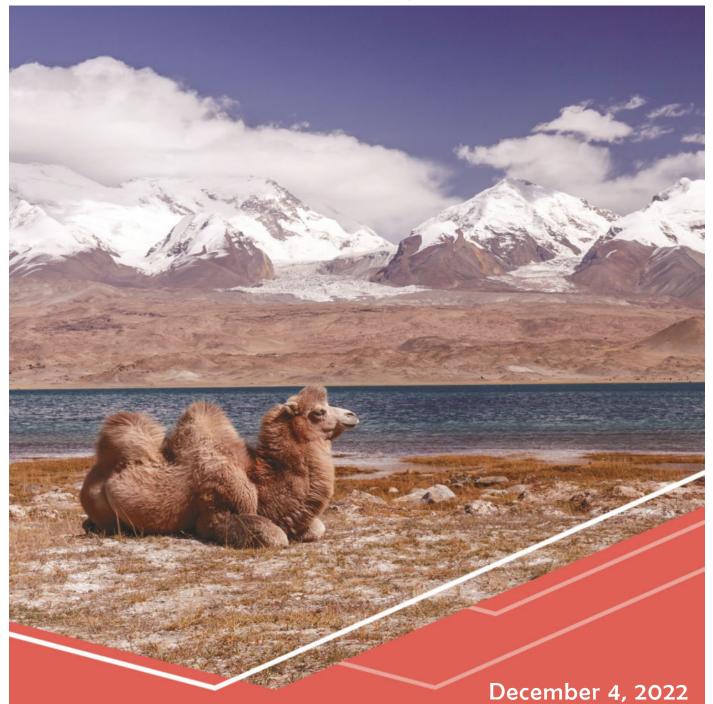
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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00pm	Saint Victor Church
	6:00pm	Transfiguration Church
Sunday	9:00am	Transfiguration Church
	11:00am	Saint Victor Church

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church
Tuesday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church
Wednesday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church
Thursday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church
Friday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church
Saturday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:15pm at the Saint Victor Campus -or- by Appointment

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the office to schedule. Must attend a Baptism Seminar (preferably before the birth of the child) once.

Marriage: Contact parish at least 6 months prior to wedding.

RCIA: Are you 18+ and want to become a Catholic Christian? Call the Admin Center at 724-265-2070 for more info.

Priesthood / Vocations: Call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 412-456-3123.

Anointing of the Sick / Ministry to the Homebound: Call the office if you have a serious illness or injury and need a special anointing or to receive communion. If someone is in need of Last Rites, or for a sacramental emergency, please contact Father Holland directly on his cell phone at 412-977-6589.



Safe Environment Clearances: Every volunteer role in the parish, even if it does not involve children, requires clearances to be obtained before participating in ministry or volunteering. We are happy to help. Clearance applications can be completed easily on-line at home. Contact Laura Smagala at 724-265-2070x504 or via email at safeoll@ollakes.org with any questions.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235 PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313 Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 7th 6:00pm at Saint Victor Church Guest Celebrant: Father Marty Miller

Thursday, December 8th 8:00am at Transfiguration Church 7:00pm at Transfiguration Church

Please note: There will be no 8:00am Daily Morning Mass on Wednesday, December 7th.



We remember those who have passed from this life, especially:

Kenneth J. Noftz Jodí L. Adamsky

Please remember our recently deceased and their families in your prayers.



Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Transfiguration Church

Sanctuary Lamp is lit beginning December 4th

"In Loving Memory of John & Mary O'Brien"

by David & Betsy Harrison

Young and Restless Holiday Dinner ~ Tuesday, December 20, at 6:00pm. Entertainment is the Deer Lakes Choir. Reservation only. Call Lillian McAtee at 724-443-1878.

Young and Restless Trips ~ Lancaster Trip (Moses Sights & Sound Theatre) on April 26-27, 2023; Seneca Niagara on June 28-30, 2023. Call Renee Wagner at 412-551-0526.

Sing-Along Practices ~ Singers for the Christmas Sing-Along will be practicing at 7:00pm at Transfiguration Church on the following nights:

Monday, December 5th, Monday, December 12th, and Friday, December 16th

We welcome new singers and invite you to the above practices. Contact music@ollakes.org with any questions.

Contemporary Choir Practice ~ The Our Lady of the Lakes Contemporary Choir will have a practice at Transfiguration Church on Wednesday, December 7, from 7:30-8:30pm. Please note the new start time for the practice for that evening. The choir will be singing at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, December 11. Any questions, please send an email to music@ollakes.org.

Christmas Day Meat Raffle ~ These make great stocking stuffers! Tickets are available now!

Light-Up Creche Night at Our Lady of the Lakes

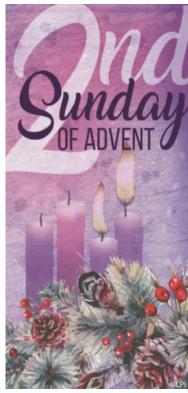
The Knights of Columbus Council 5501 will hold a brief light-up ceremony at the newly constructed creche in front of St. Victor Church, immediately after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 3rd. All are invited. In past years, the Knights have begun the Advent Season with this light-up ceremony at their former Knight Hall. Now that OLOL is our new home, we want to inaugurate that tradition at our parish. Immediately after the brief ceremony that recalls the events leading to the birth of Christ, and singing a few traditional Christmas Carols, the Knights invite all in attendance to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and desserts in the Activity Building.

Come join the NEW Knights of Columbus ~ It is NOW easy and free. Via your computer or smart phone, browse to kofc.org, then select JOIN (top center on computer screen) or option JOIN NOW (on smart phone). Complete the one-page information request form. Specify Council 5501 to become a member at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish. Otherwise, leave that field blank. You will be contacted to join and learn about the Knights.

Monthly Rosary ~ Saturday, December 17th, at 12 noon at TRC Church. Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary asking that the celebration of the birth of our Redeemer may bring peace, love, and hope to all people of good will.



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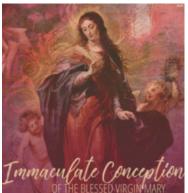




7	Saturday,	December 3	Saint Francis Xavier
	8:00am	Thomas O'Toole by Pam Tedesco	Transfiguration Church
	4:00pm	Birthday of Gregory Kunkel by Janet Kunkel	St. Victor Church
1	6:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish	Transfiguration Church
ē	Sunday, D	ecember 4	Second Sunday of Advent
è	9:00am	Robert G. Corcoran by Ernes Luetto	Transfiguration Church
	11:00am	Anniversary of Death of John J. Pegnato by parents, John & Theres	sa St. Victor Church
	Monday, D	December 5	Advent Weekday
	8:00am	Birth Remembrance of Janice Napierkowski by Bob Napierkowski	St. Victor Church
1000	Tuesday, [December 6	Advent Weekday
	8:00am	Frank & Stephanie Frank by Virginia Speer	St. Victor Church
V	Wednesda	y, December 7	Saint Ambrose
2	No Morr	ning Daily Mass	
W	<u>6:00pm</u>	Patricia Proco by the Kozlowski Family	St. Victor Church
	Thursday,	December 8 The Immaculate Conception	of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2	8:00am	Jack Kraig by Shelia, Jeff, & Jared Hanlon	Transfiguration Church
.Pi	7:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish	Transfiguration Church
	Friday, De	cember 9	Advent Weekday
G	8:00am	Michael Holland by Marcy Yourish	Transfiguration Church
100	Saturday,	December 10	Advent Weekday
	8:00am	Pamela Pettit by Annie Catanese & Family	Transfiguration Church
The second	4:00pm	In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Cavanaugh Far	mily
		by the Wall Family	St. Victor Church
2	6:00pm	Bob Pflumm by Family & Friends	Transfiguration Church
	Sunday, D	ecember 11	Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am 2nd Anniversary of Death of Carol Pavlik by Tony Pavlik & Family

11:00am Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

PRAY FOR OUR SICK ~ Edward Adams, Christine Ahlin, Renee Arturo, Suzie Bachman, Robert Bamrick, Sr., Salvatore Bennardo, Logan Best, Brian, John Bullick, Frank Capan, Jennifer Carr, Cameron Carter, Helen Cavanaugh, Matt Cellante, George Cingle, Barbara Compson, Sandy Culley, Alice Diana, John Dickun, Phyllis Doutt, Bob Eaton, Charles Eichner, Amy Ellwood, Mary Rose Farr, Robyn Fleischman, Al Fletcher, Jean Flick, Linda Frazier, Rita Gallow, Karen Geragi, Jason Godek, Mary Ann Goldbach, Helen Goodhart, Hazel Groscost, Hannah Grunden, Joseph M. Grunden, Len Guerre, Amanda Gwinn, Scott Halapin, Jeffrey Hein, Alysa Hutchison, Chad Hutchison, Calvin Ingle, Al & Edie Intrieri, Alex Intrieri, Lou Ippolito, Greg Janicki, Joanne Jeckavitch, Jennifer, Carolyn Jones, Dorothy M. Kane, Gary Kelly, John Kisic, Robert Kobik, Valerie Komoroski, Camie & Talor Kovos, Rich Krahe, Gregory Kunkel, Janet Kunkel, Mary Kunkel, Helen Laczek, Mary Lager, Sandy Lancia, Donna Lauterbach, Cassandra Lee, Dominic Lettrich, Sam Liptak, Alexander Lloyd, Brad Lutz, Marco Mangieri, Jack Marmarella, Patty Matthews, Judy McBride, Arlene McCullough, Michael McGrath, Carol Mendor, Elmer Meyer, Kristen Michaels, Dan Momberger, Melissa Mondron, Jimmy Monos, Nicholas Mote, Dean Murray, Alice Mueller, Jackie Mueller, Elaine Nase, Stuart Nicholas, Diane Noullet, Luke Noullet, Irene Novak, Mary Jo O'Rourke, Rich Papania, Joe Parison, Matt Payne, Frank Pellegrano, Audrey Peterson, Eugene Phillips, Annie Pluciniczak, Karen Pompe, Kilah Robinson, Janice Romano, Jene Rossini, Silvano Rossini, Stanley Rutkowski, Tammy Schaeffer, Margaret Schaler, Bill & Flo Siard, Nancy Slabodnik, The Slimick Family, Laurina Smith, Jim Smullen, Kathy Stephan, Martin Stephan, Terry Stiger, Barb Thompson, John Thomson, Geoffrey Thor, George Tymas. Lucas Ujazdowski-Parks, James Van Velson, Justin Wagner, Luann Gaggini Walters, Deborah (Paszek) Weber, Katie Wessel, Michael Whitico, Sr., Margaret Wilson, the recipients of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, and all those who prefer to remain anonymous.

Active Parish Membership Means:

Transfiguration Church

St. Victor Church

- Registration (18+ required) in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the envelope system or electronic giving in support of the parish
- → Volunteer and participate in parish activities



Parish News & Notes

This Week at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Location Key:

TRC - Transfiguration Campus STV - Saint Victor Campus

Saturday, December 3

Ladies of Charity Soup & Chili Sale, after all Masses - STV & TRC Churches Knights of Columbus Light Up Night, 5:00pm - STV Campus

Sunday, December 4

Ladies of Charity Soup & Chili Sale, after all Masses - STV & TRC Churches STV CCD (K-5), 9:15-10:45am - STV Classrooms TRC CCD (K-8), 10:15-11:45am - TRC Classrooms

Monday, December 5

STV CCD (6-7-8), 7:00-8:30pm - STV Classrooms Christmas Sing-Along Practice, 7:00pm - TRC Church

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

No Morning Daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration, 2:00pm - STV Church

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00pm - STV Church

Advent Evening Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions (celebrant, Father Marty Miller), 6:00pm - STV Church

Contemporary Choir Practice, 7:30-8:30pm - TRC Church

Thursday, December 8

Parish Bingo, 7:00pm - STV Activity Building

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

Sunday, December 11

STV CCD (K-5), 9:15-10:45am - STV Classrooms TRC CCD (K-8), 10:15-11:45am - TRC Classrooms



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Visit www.ollakes.org, click on the on-line giving icon,

Collection Report

Week of November 6, 2022

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal	\$ 8,500
This Week	\$ 8,489
Budget Year to Date	\$ 161,500
Actual Year to Date	\$ 144,332
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (17.168)

Parish Assessments

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,064
This Week	\$ 1,409
Budget Year to Date	\$ 58,216
Actual Year to Date	\$ 29,300
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (28 916)

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATION



2022 Our Lady of the Lakes Angel Tree

To benefit the clients/residents of:

Holy Family Institute
Hope Center
Cheswick Rehabilitation
Poppin' Tags Free Store

Trees are up at both Churches this weekend!

All gifts MUST be returned to Transfiguration Church no later than December 11th.

Please do NOT leave any gifts at St. Victor Church.

Transfiguration Church will be open for your gifts to be returned at the following times:

- Tuesday 3:30pm to 6:00pm
- · Wednesday 3:30pm to 7:00pm
- · Thursday 4:00pm to 6:00pm
- · Thursday through Saturday from 7:30am to 9:00am
- · Before and after weekend Masses
- * Please do NOT wrap gifts. Gift bags are nice, but not necessary.
- * Attach the tag to the gift.

Altar Servers: Alex Godinez; Colin Rodgers

- * Leave gift in the back of Transfiguration Church ONLY.
- * All gifts must be returned to TRC Church by December 11th.

Thank you and know that your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Free Health Care ~ If you do not have health insurance, call Catholic Charities Free Care Center at 412-456-6911.

Prayer Shawls ~ If anyone is in need of a prayer shawl for a loved one who is ill or in a nursing home, contact Laura Smagala at lsmagala@ollakes.org or 724-713-1453.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 10	4:00pm at St. Victor Church
Lectors: Patrick Connell	EMHC: Raymond O'Rourke, Sr.
Altar Servers: Francesco Zottola	,,
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Saturday, December 10	6:00pm at Transfiguration Church
Lector: Vicki Mlinarcik	EMHC: Ken Murphy
Altar Servers: Makenzie Cypher; Lauren I	
Sunday, December 11	9:00am at Transfiguration Church
Lector: Rose Donatelli	EMHC: Tom DeMartini
Altar Servers: Elaina & Eric Dietrich	
Sunday, December 11	11:00am at St. Victor Church
Lector: Bill Burdett	EMHC: Jenn Rodgers

Attention Liturgical Ministers ~ The cut-off date to submit availability and requests for 1st quarter 2023 ministry schedules (January thru March) will be Friday, December 9th. Please use ONLY the Liturgical Ministry Information Update form on the parish website (no e-mails, texts, and/or phone calls, please).

Growing with the Gospel

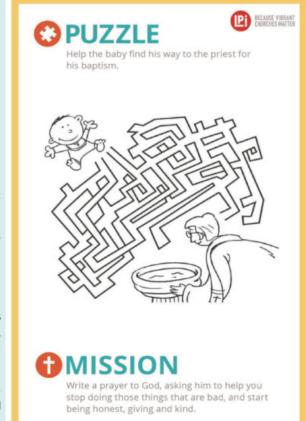
"Church 101"

Are there things about the Mass or the Catholic Church that you've always wondered about but never asked?

- Why do we sit, stand and kneel at different times of the Mass?
- How does the priest decide what color vestments to wear during Mass?
- Why does the date of Easter change year to year, but Christmas is always on December 25?
- Why can't non-Catholics receive communion when at a Catholic mass?
- Why do we genuflect and does it really matter which knee hits the ground?
- What's the significance of the Advent wreath and the colors?
 Does it matter in which order the candles are lit?

Here's your chance to ask all those questions you've been curious about. Email your questions to lsmagala@ollakes.org, and we will tap into the vast knowledge of our priests, deacons, liturgy coordinators, and religious ed staff to get your questions answered.

Don't be afraid to ask the questions - we won't publish your name. Look for "Church 101 - Questions and Answers" in the upcoming bulletins.





Orders due Sunday, December 11th

PICKUP AT THE CHURCH (after All Masses):

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As the cold weather sets in, it's time to warm up!

Ladies of Charity Soup & Chili Sale December 3 & 4, 2022

Quart - \$6

Pick up after all Masses:

TRC: in the kitchen area

STV: in the back of the church

Delicious Homemade Soup hits the Spot!

Thank you for your Support!

Community News

High School Placement Test ~ Held at Saint Joseph High School on Saturday, December 10. Required for all 8th grade students looking to attend SJHS. Apply for admission before the exam date and test fee will be waived! Register and apply at SaintJosephHS.com. Call 724-226-4932 for info.

Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra Christmas Concert ~ Sunday, December 11, at 4:00pm, at St. Richard Church (3841 Dickey Road, Gibsonia). Pablo Ardilies, Conductor. Listen to the beautiful Sounds of the Season as these gifted students share their talents. Concert is part of the newly established Saints Martha & Mary Parish Concert Series, which will foster a deeper appreciation of sacred music through high-quality concerts that are accessible and free to all attendees. Free-will offerings accepted. Visit https://stsmarthaandmaryparish.org/ for more information.

Great Gift Idea! 2023 Lucky Number Event ~ Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number ticket based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day and Pick 3 Evening numbers are available. Your number is yours every day for the entire 2023 calendar year. Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. Visit cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber to purchase online, or call 412-635-5401 for more information. Tickets are going fast - get yours today!

Retrouvaille Weekend ~ Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. For information about our February 17-19 weekend, visit HelpOurMarriage.org, or call 412-277-3434.



OVERNIGHT & COMMUTER OPTIONS

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Dear Father Jim.

Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families mission would like to express humble appreciation to you for allowing us to visit Our Lady of the Lakes Parish. With your kindness and through the generosity of you and your parishioners, the sales of the olive wood carvings received a total amount of \$2701.

It was really a great excitement to observe so many kind people at your parish, who were interested in our religious articles, and some expressed their intention to visit the Holy Land! Please remember that you, and the members of your parish, are included in our prayers.

Thank you for your support in helping us and our brothers and sisters in Christ with compassion, dignity, and respect especially in these difficult times. May you enjoy God's many glorious blessings!

> Peace be with you always! Roni Salsa, MSM, KofC



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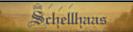
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