



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017**



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

“The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises, though some consider it ‘delay.’ Rather He shows you generous patience since He wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance... I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald voice in the desert crying, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord clear him a straight path.’”

The letter of Peter and Isaiah’s message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of Advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a savior, to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father’s love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?

Let’s face it, our messed up world needs a savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need from the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready, the way of the Lord, to have Him into our hearts and the hearts of others. ‘Come Lord Jesus.’

ADVENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During the season of Advent, Confession will be available on Monday evenings Dec. 11th & 18th from 7pm - 8:30pm in the Reconciliation Room.

A Penance Service for our 2nd graders will also be held on December 11th at 7pm.

Concert

Please join our music ministry for an Advent Concert on Sunday, December 17th at 4pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to relax during this busy season. Light refreshments will be served and free will offerings will be accepted to benefit the Grains of Hope.



Giving Trees

All items donated for Straight and Narrow should be wrapped and delivered to the church NO LATER than Sunday, Dec. 17th. Items for the Mission of Hope do not have to be wrapped. Donations for Grains of Hope can be made out to OLG, write “Grains of Hope” on the memo, checks for Several Sources can be made out directly to them.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 9th

8:00AM Joan Viola †
Jude Peter †

5:00PM Henry Ullrich †
Ramon Ricafort †

SUNDAY, December 10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00AM Joseph Troy †
10:00AM Sr. Rosemary McSorley †
Gary Delehanty †
12:00PM Dianne Vigorito †
Gloria Territo †
Gloria Broant †

MONDAY, December 11th

8:00 AM Gary LaFountain †
Anna Gardyasz - Special Intention

TUESDAY, December 12th - Feast, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Liz Flores - Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 13th - Mem. St. Lucy

8:00 AM Lucille Caputo †
James Turner †

THURSDAY, December 14th - Mem. St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM Dr. Joseph Viola †

FRIDAY, December 15th

8:00AM Angelika Glander †
Bonnie Stopka - Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 16th

8:00AM James Stringer †
5:00PM Angelika Glander †
Col. Rev. Francis L.Elliot †
Catherine Malinski †
Charles Malinski - Special Intention

SUNDAY, December 17th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00AM Betsy Malone † - 5th Anniversary
Nicholas Chciuk † - 1st Anniversary
10:00AM People of the Parish †
12:00PM Mae Tierney †
Joe Guzzo †
Gladys DePreker †
Dominick Catanzerite †

Our deepest sympathy to...

The Family & Friends of
John Sass

may he rest in peace.





We Are A Parish Family



Save the Date

December 17th – Carols by Candlelight, OLGC’s Music Ministry will present this Advent Concert at 4pm. Refreshments will follow, free will offerings will be received to benefit Grains of Hope.

Simbang Gabi, a traditional Filipino Mass that is part of a nine-day novena of Masses, 7pm.

December 25th - The Parish office will be closed today and Tues., Dec. 26th for Christmas.

January 1st - Mary, Mother of God, a Holy day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 11am, there is no 8am mass. A Vigil Mass will be offered on Sunday, Dec. 31st at 5pm.

The parish office will be closed Monday for New Year’s Day.

LIFE:

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHOICE

The four weeks leading up to Christmas mark the beginning of the Western Church's liturgical year. The following from Priests for Life (priestsforlife.org) is a way for us to reflect and meditate on this week's readings in preparation to receive our Savior. Are you ready to receive Him?

Advent leads the Church to the Silent Night when God Himself is revealed as one of us. This season leads us to the joy of His birth. If God has joined His nature to ours, how can we ever allow our nature to be despised? If He has come to bring us Divine Life, and will return to take us to the skies, how can it be alright to throw people in the garbage? May His birth shed protection on all about to be born, and as we work to end abortion, may we "wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ."

The theme of repentance again is stressed in today’s readings. As John the Baptizer prepared the people for the coming of Christ by proclaiming repentance, so the Church prepares the world for His second coming by likewise proclaiming, and opening the way, for repentance. The Church not only gives the message of repentance, but gives us all the grace we need to live it out. The straight path that has to be prepared in the wasteland, the lowering of the mountains and filling of the valleys, all represent the arduous task of making our own hearts right in the sight of God, and also the task of making the “terrain” of society and culture right with God.

Here, the building of a Culture of Life is central. It is, in its essence, a preparation for Christ’s coming. We make straight the way for welcoming him by welcoming all who are created in his image, particularly the poor, the marginalized, and the unborn. We strive “to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in his sight” (2nd reading) by being at peace with all our brothers and sisters, including the unborn, and not stained with the sin of rejecting them.

May God richly bless you!

Heather



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 24th is Christmas Eve!

4pm, Church & 4pm, School
8pm, Church

10:30pm, Church (Caroling at 10pm)

Monday, Dec. 25th is Christmas Day!

8am, Church
10am, Church
12noon, Church

Women of Faith - Advent Program

December 14 & 21 in the Holy Family Room at 7:30pm. Their program, "Advent Awakenings" from Renew International, will review and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel reading. Each session is independent of the others so please feel free to attend one or all of the sessions as your schedule permits.

Hospital Ministry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with our hospital ministry. Members of this ministry bring the Body of Christ to patients at Chilton Hospital. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister we will train you! OLGC is responsible for bringing Communion to the hospital on Tuesdays each week, volunteers serve about once a month. If interested please call Carla in the office at 973-839-2447 or email ministries@goodcounsel.org.

Pre K Story Time

Help is needed for our ministry for 3-5 year olds. Adult volunteers provide a nurturing, faith based program during the 10am Mass. All materials are provided. If interested or for more information, please contact Carla in the parish ministry office at ministries@goodcounsel.org or 973-839-2447. Volunteers must meet the Protecting God’s Children requirements which include a background check and VIRTUS Training.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus welcomes all Catholic men 18+ to their membership. The K of C is an organization of Catholic men whose foundation is based on the principles of **Unity**, **Charity**, and **Fraternity**. For details contact Grand Knight Ed Huresky at 973-835-4114.

From the Diocese...

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat - Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Week-end retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. A Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat will be held Friday evening, Jan. 26 through Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28, 2018 in the Stirling area. To register or for more information, contact Marie at (973) 377-1004, ext. 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.



WE SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!



STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE

Weekly Collection:	Diocesan Assessment: \$78,000.
Collected (12/3): \$10,192.00	Needed monthly: \$ 7,800.
Pennies for Poor (12/3): \$188.00	Collection 11/12: \$ 2,278.
	Collected to date: \$ 6,298.

Gift Card Profit to date: \$8,050.

Second Collection: This weekend (12/10): Diocesan Assessment
Next Weekend (12/17): There is only one collection

Thank you for your generosity!

Simbang Gabi

OLGC will host a traditional Filipino Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 7:30pm. Simbang Gabi is Filipino for “Mass of the Night or Evening”. This mass is part of a nine-day novena of Masses that is being sponsored by the Diocese in preparation for the Nativity of our Savior, Jesus. Fr. Steve will be the main celebrant. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the gathering area.

Game On! Gavin



The Paterson Firefighters Association (PFA) is sponsoring a holiday fundraiser to benefit Gavin Brady in his fight against Leukemia. Please consider purchasing an ultra-soft plush toy “Gavin the Lion”. This adorable stuffed animal is perfect for all ages and costs \$20. Purchase one for yourself or donate it back to the PFA.

This weekend only, lions will be available to purchase in the gathering area and credit cards will be accepted.

All donated lions will be delivered to sick and injured children at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Paterson, NJ. All proceeds will go towards medical expenses, medications and items needed for Gavin’s overall care. For information please call Beth Fournier at 201-522-6090 or email bethpfd@optonline.net. Donations may be mailed to The Paterson Firefighters Association, PO Box 6624, Paterson, NJ 07509.

At Holy Spirit

10th Annual Christmas Tree Sale - The sale includes a variety of trees and wreaths. Hours are Monday thru Thursdays 6 - 9pm, Fridays 6 -10pm, Saturdays 9am -10pm, Sundays 9am - 9pm. All proceeds benefit the students at Holy Spirit School. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 973-835-5680.

COMEDY NIGHT – Saturday, Jan. 6th at Holy Spirit School Parish Center. Enjoy a night of laughter featuring New Jersey’s **Bad Boy MIKE MARINO**. Doors open at 7:00PM. Show begins promptly at 8:30PM. **Tickets are \$25 each** (coffee and dessert included). **Feel free to bring you 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 862-228-3430 (evenings and weekends). To qualify for a special drawing, **purchase tickets by January 1st.** Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. This is a reserved seating event. All proceeds will benefit the 2018 graduating class of Holy Spirit School.



December GIFT Classes

Classes will meet for the second time this month on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, December 17, 18 and 20.

Christmas Pageant 12/10

Join us for our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 10th at 11:30am. All families are invited to attend and stay for Noon Mass!

2nd Grade Reconciliation

Children preparing for First Communion will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 11th beginning at 7pm. Please arrive 10 minutes early to be seated by class in the church.

Christmas LOOP!

Our annual Christmas Party is next Sunday, December 17th from 7:30-9pm. Anyone interested in participating in the Christmas grab-bag should bring a \$5 gift.

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KORNER

Cycle B

Gospel Today
Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

BE AWARE, PREPARE!
John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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SECOND WEEK OF
ADVENT
ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.
Draw flames on 2 purple candles and color the holly leaves green.

Pray for the Sick

Jennifer Abramson	Michael LoPresti
Sarah Antonucci	Marc Lymych
Carol Asimou	Jim Mackin, Jr.
Lori Beck	Katelyn Mann
Donald Berard	William Mara
Anastasia Borovskis	Diane Marra
Gavin Brady	Serafina Mayor
Trace Bulger	Thomas Joseph McCloughy
Evelina Capelli	Deanna Melone
Mary Coppa	Michael Meyer
Paul Cook	Helen Mier
Adelaide Elliott	Maryann Miksits
Richard Engelhardt	Jesse Morella
Donna Finnegin	Margaret Mary Ochner
Julie Fischer	Nancy Paulison
Vince Gallipoli	Fr. John Pierce, OFM
Jean Gormley	Constance Quarantino
Patricia Grant	Gary Ragusa
Dominick J. Gurrieri	Fr. William L. Scully, OFM
Dolores Henze	Kara Skafalstad
James Horvath	Kathryn Smith
Andre Jacobsen	John Stanton
Maureen Karsen	Vinko Stipanov
Eileen Kapotes	JoAnn Suckiel
Jennifer Kraft	Charlotte Tomaszewski
Bob LoFaro	John Tozzi

The residents of Mountainview Gardens at Cedar Crest

Please call the office at 973-839-2447 to let us know when someone should be added to or removed from the prayers for the sick.

Communion for the Homebound

When a member of your family is ill or confined to the house and unable to come to the Celebration of the Eucharist, please contact the church office. Arrangements will be made for Communion to be brought to your home. Contact Carla at ministries@goodcounsel.org or call the office 973-839-2447.

Mass Intentions & Memorials

If you wish to have a mass offered for someone living or deceased, please fill out an envelope available in the gathering area. The suggested offering is \$20 for a weekend mass and \$10 for a weekday mass.

Flower, Sanctuary Candle and Bread & Wine memorials are another good way to remember a loved one. Please contact the parish office at 973-839-2447 for details. Office hours are M-Th 9am - 5pm, Fridays 9am - 3pm.

Support Youth Ministry

Tip: Follow us on Twitter @olgcyouthmin for Advent season tweets!

**Mass Music for next weekend...
December 16th/17th**

10am Mass: Celebration Choir



Please Pray

For Those Serving Our Country



**PFC Christian Baxter
Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli
Capt. Jacob A. Impellizzeri
PFC Bryan E. Laumbach
PFC Stephen Jordan Seifried
Sgt. Brendan P. Smith**

If you have a loved one currently deployed please contact the parish office so we may include them in our prayers!

THIS WEEK AT OLG:

Monday, December 11, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg	Holy Family Rm
07:00 PM	Reconciliation Service	Church
	for 2nd graders	
07:00 PM	Confession	Reconciliation Rm

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
11:00 AM	Bible Timeline	Holy Family Room
06:00 PM	Teen Singers	Choir Room
07:00 PM	Bible Timeline	Holy Family Room

Thursday, December 14, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg.	Holy Family Room
07:30 PM	Women of Faith	Holy Family Room
07:30 PM	Celebration Choir	Choir Room

Friday, December 15, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after mass in the chapel.	
07:00 PM	Rosary	Chapel
08:00 PM	Servants of Holy Cross	Chapel

Saturday, December 16, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
11:30 AM	Baptism	Church
03:45 PM	Confession	Reconciliation Rm
05:00 PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
08:45 AM	GIFT, K-5	School
09:00 AM	Men of Courage	Holy Family Room
10:00 AM	Mass	Church
11:00 AM	Kidz4Christ Choir	Choir Room
12:00 PM	Mass	Church
	Baptisms immediately after the noon mass	
04:00 PM	Advent Concert	Church
	Followed by refreshments in the gathering area	
06:00 PM	Confirmation Classes	School
07:30 PM	LOOP	School
07:30 PM	Simbang Gabi Mass	Church
	Followed by refreshments in the gathering area	