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WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please introduce yourself to Fr. John or Linda and register at St. Mary of the Assumption or Our Lady of Grace! We want to get to know you and hope you become part of our community.

Confessions

Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm at St. Mary's
or by appointment.

Faith Formation

Call Donna DiGregorio at 781-284-5252

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Lady's: 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm.
St. Mary's: 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.
Prep for Parents and Godparents is the previous
Saturday at 11 am. Register three weeks in advance.

Care of the Sick

Please let us know of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we may pray for, and when possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in church is urged to let us know, that we might bring them Communion at home. Please call us!

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage must contact Fr. John at least **six months** in advance. Participation in a marriage prep program is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 22

9 AM SMA John Hickey by Helen
4 PM SMA Bob, Italo & Family
by wife & mother

Sunday, Dec. 23 4th Sunday in Advent

8 AM OLG Benny & Benedetta Gallo
9:30 AM SMA Guiseppe Salvaggio
by Vincenza Salvaggio
Laura Surdo by Loving Family

11 AM OLG All the People of the Parish
12:30 PM OLG

Monday, Dec. 24

9 AM SMA A Special Intention
4 PM OLG Family Mass
6 PM SMA Family Mass
8 PM SMA Creole Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8 AM OLG

9:30 AM SMA

11 AM OLG

Thursday, Dec. 27

9 AM SMA

Friday, Dec. 28

9 AM SMA

Saturday, Dec. 29

9 AM SMA Emily Ursino
4 PM SMA Patricia Reeves
by Albano family

Sunday, Dec. 30 Feast of the Holy Family

8 AM OLG All the People of the Parish

9:30 AM SMA A Special Intention

11 AM OLG All the People of the Parish

12:30 PM OLG

Please Note!

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary,
a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are 4 pm at SMA on Dec. 31
and 10 am at OLG on Jan. 1.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The priests in the Archdiocese of Boston are here for us each day throughout the year. Every Christmas, we hold a special collection for the health and well-being of 580 active and senior priests in good standing. Amid these difficult times for our Church, these priests need your support now more than ever.

Please take this opportunity to say thank you to all the priests, including our senior priests, who have devoted their lives to our Church... and to all of us.

To donate online, please visit clergytrust.org or text the word **PRIEST25** to **20222** to donate \$25. Msg. and data rates may apply. Visit clergyfunds.org for a heartwarming testimony from a family about our priests.

A Request for Christmas Eve

At the 4 pm Family Mass at OLG and the 6 pm Family Mass at SMA, I ask that every family bring the Christ child from their family creche.

Second Collections OLG

This weekend: Parish Deficit

Next weekend:

Our sister parish in L'Asile, Haiti

SMA Memorial Society

John McGrath, Josephine Curcio,
Fannie & John Cammarata,
Betty & Michael Mercurio,
Charlie Perullo, Mary & Benny Abbene,
Nicholas DiMauro, Alice Fucci, Adolfo &
Adelina Cillo, Michael & Inez DeFronzo,
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Steblecki Family, Carmella Bocelli,
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Morning Star Catholic Collaborative

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Holy Name

2nd Sundays, @ 10:30 am @ SMA Hall

Boy Scouts

Tuesdays, 6 pm @ OLG Hall

Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesdays, 7 pm @ OLG Hall

My Brother's Table

4th Wednesdays, 4 pm

St. Vincent de Paul

Thursdays, 10 am @ SMA Hall

Women's Club

1st Thursdays, 7 pm @ SMA Hall

St. Mary's Bingo

Fridays, 6:45 pm @ SMA Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturdays, 10 am @ OLG Hall

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

Please note that our Collaborative
offices will be closed Dec. 22-25
and Dec. 29- Jan. 1.

Marking the season:

A Reverse Advent Calendar

A beautiful way to live Advent's season of giving is to drop your Advent basket off next week-end through Epiphany in the containers at OLG or SMA—half will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society and half will go to our sister parish in Haiti!

LAUDATO SI

The meaning of work needs to be understood

We are convinced that “man is the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life.”

However, once our human capacity for contemplation and reverence is impaired, it becomes easy for the meaning of work to be misunderstood. We need to remember that men and women have “the capacity to improve their lot, to further their moral growth and to develop their spiritual endowments.

”Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God. It follows that, in the reality of today's global society, it is essential that “we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone,” no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning. #127

We on the Laudato Si team hope you found the **SIMPLY CHRISTMAS** insert from the first week of Advent useful during this prayerful season- look for an insert with a Christmas prayer and a blessing!

Morning Star Women's Club

Christmas Calendars are now on sale!!

Please see a Women's Club member
after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays
at coffee hour at SMA.

The Club would like to thank all who donated the games and Christmas cards for the nursing home. Your generosity is appreciated!

St. Mary's Coffee Hour

Thank you to Louise, Dina, Ella & Mary for hosting last week's Coffee Hour. If you'd like to host, please call us at 781-284-5252!

A New Light

Our new logo was designed by the very gifted graphic artist Paul Ferraro- he donated his talents, and we are grateful. We also thank Jeanne Conte for helping bring this about!

This represents what we do together- it doesn't supersede the parishes in any way- in fact, I'd like to see each parish develop its own logo. Thanks again, Paul,
for your beautiful work!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gerry Foster	Barbara Heinle
Linda DeCicco	Anne Ciampa
Paula Zattoni	Anne Cerere
George Daus	Kevin D'Amelio
Kathy Irons	Bob Bourque
Ann McCarthy	Barbara Ostler
Virginia Resca	Debbie Curcuro
Sheila Laliberte	Andres Frias
Beth Ann Fisher	George Ostler, Sr.
Larry Heise	Nathan DeRoache
Elizabeth Raneli	Francis Condon
Dorothy Irons	Rosario Cirmia
John Carroll	Salvatore Cirmia
Diane Janvrin	Mario Cirmia
Linda Carafa	Bob Bellomo
Marie Ienello	



Coming in January: The Legion of Mary

Our Blessed Mother leads us to her Son, where we find peace and hope resting in Him. The Legion of Mary- a Catholic organization dedicated to our Blessed Mother almost a century old- brings us closer to her.

Soon, folks in our community will be hosting here an Informational Social about the Legion - hear heart-warming stories from current members. **Watch this space!**

A Heartfelt Thank You

Fr. John and I would like to thank all the children who participated in our Christmas Pageant and Christmas Pageant Choir this year.

To all the volunteers who help me with the Pageant and Children's Party, words cannot describe how thankful I am for your help.

Special thanks to St. Mary's Holy Name Society, St. Mary's Bingo, Elm Street Bakery and Linda McElwaney for their donations to support the Children's Christmas Party. Your support is greatly appreciated.

What a beautiful way for our children and parish community to come together and celebrate such a joyous time of the year.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Donna

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