

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

33 Adams Street, Easthampton, MA 01027



Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low

Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:15am 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm
(Mass in Polish is last Sunday of the month at 8:30am)

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri. - 8am Wed. - 6pm and Sat. - 9am

Eucharist Adoration after the Friday 8:00am Mass

Live Stream on You Tube:

Daily Mass, Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8:30am

OLV Masses are televised on Channel 191

Thursday & Friday at 3pm
Saturday & Sunday at 2pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 -3:45pm

Before each daily 8am Mass

After the 6pm Mass on Wednesdays

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

Catholic School families wishing parish sponsorship and/or tuition assistance in any Parochial School must be registered, practicing, and supporting members who volunteer at some level. Call the rectory for a copy of our policy.

Contact: Tel: 413 - 527- 9778
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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8am - 3pm

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Baptism

By Appointment. Contact the Rectory.

Marriages

Contact the rectory at least one year in advance. Please consult the Pastor prior to setting the date.

Ministry to the Sick & Shut-ins

Please contact the rectory if you become unable to attend Mass and wish to receive the Eucharist.

Prayer Line

Please call the rectory at 527-9778. Prayer Intentions are prayed for 2 months. Please call to reinstate if necessary.

LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>Dec 18- Dec 19 Lector</u>		<u>EMHC</u>
4:00pm	T. Kowalski	D. Aubrey
7:15am	A. Bialek	
8:30am	B. Labrie	R. L'Heureux
11:00am	A.M. Picard	

<u>Christmas Eve Lector</u>		<u>EMHC</u>
4:00pm	M. Nadeau	R. L'Heureux
6:00pm	R. Labato-Baily	L. Jacque
Midnight	K. Williams	G. Delozier

<u>Christmas Day Lector</u>		<u>EMHC</u>
8:00am	D. Laprade	T. Brown

<u>Dec 26</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>
7:15am	E. Bernier-Feeley	
8:30am	M. Stochel	L. Zoltowski
11:00am	S. Glatki	

AUDIO UPGRADE UPDATE

Thanks to all who have donated to update our audio system. We have already raised \$11,575 which is nearly fifty percent of our total goal. There's still time to donate and every little bit helps!

Receiving Communion at Mass
for parishioners with mobility issues

For all parishioners with mobility issues there will now be reserved seating at the very back pew against the wall and also behind the gift table both left and right. Communion will be brought to you at these locations. Please call the office at 527-9778 should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

The Parish Office Will Be Closed

Thursday, December 23

Friday, December 24th

Monday, December 27



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

9:00am †Elaine (Nicpon) †Marieb (3rd Anniv.)
– Richard Weibel & Family

4:00am †John & †Lois Oelrich – Son Jay

Sunday, December 19 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:15am †Joseph Kapinos

8:30am †Roger Malouin – Chris & Carol

11:00am †Eugene "Buddy" Burgielewicz – Brothers & Sisters

12:30pm (Latin) *Missa Pro Populo*

Monday, December 20

8:00am †John & †Mary Pacocha (60th Anniv.) – Ella

Tuesday, December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

8:00am †Donald Poulin – His Family

Wednesday, December 22

6:00pm †Bertha Greenough – Daughter Mary Murray

Thursday, December 23 *St. John of Kenty*

8:00am †Robert Brown (65th Anniv.) – His Family

Friday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

8:00am †Eva (19th Anniv.) †Arthur (26th Anniv.) Sears – Ella

4:00pm †John Kowalski, Sr. – Loving Family

6:00pm †Nancy Mazeski – Loving Niece Eleanor & Albert
Korsak

Saturday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

Midnight †Roland & †Gertrude Cote; †Doretta Picard &
†Baby Naveah – Frank & Anne Marie Picard

8:00am †Dolores Gawle (37th Anniv.)

– Sister Mary Tharaldson, Charles & Stan Gawle

10:00am (Latin) †Ann Boulanger – Her family

Sunday, December 26 *Holy Family*

7:15am †Thomas Szumowski – Brother Tony

8:30am †Genowefa & †Edmund Zoltowski – Family

11:00am †John & †Genevieve Woodman – Daughter Jeanne

12:30pm (Latin) †Maria Yacuzzo (2nd Anniv.) – Loving Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Seven-Day Candle at the Statue of Mary

Dec 20- Dec 26: Mary & Charlie O'Connell & Kevin Cahill
– Loving Family

Seven-Day Candle at the Statue of Mary

Dec 20- Dec 26: Roman Kubacki – Loving Family

Dec 20- Dec 26: Armand Perron (59th Anniv.)

– Granddaughter, Daughter & Family

Dec 20- Dec 26: Rita Graham – The Graham Family

Dec 20- Dec 26: Glenn Yarnell – Family

Seven-Day Candle at the Black Madonna

Dec 20- Dec 26: Ferdynand Dabek – Family

Dec 20- Dec 26: Adela Kusiak – Dabek Family

Dec 20- Dec 26: Stanley & Janet Growhoski

– Son Chuck & Carol

Dec 20- Dec 26: Veronica, Florian, & Genevieve Bimbane

– Daughter Carol & Chuck



KEEP THE MASS IN CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4pm | 6pm | Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY: 8am | 10am (Latin)

Overflow Mass in the Parish Hall, 4:05pm

Venite, Adoramus!

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

DECEMBER 31: 6pm

JANUARY 1: 9am | 4pm

CAN YOU HELP THE COUNTERS?

The computer that the counters have used for many years to keep track of parish donations has just about run its course. Do you have a old laptop that you could donate to the parish for their use? Call the office 527-9778 if you can help!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion: Sunday, December 19th 10am

Confirmation: Sunday, December 19th 6pm

Final Sessions Until Lent!

Angel's Attic Hours:

Thursdays 4pm - 7pm

Saturdays 9am - 1pm



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During Open Hours

Angel's Attic will be closed Saturday, December 25;

Thursday, December 30 and Saturday, January 1.

Will reopen Thursday, January 6 regular hours.

Thank you to all for a very profitable 2021.



Parish Support

Thank you for your generosity

Dec 11 & 12: \$10,191.25

(includes electronic offertory)

Retired Religious: \$1,111.00

Immaculate Conception: \$423.00



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Our Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, **December 22nd**. The service includes recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, confession, & Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

OPLATEK



Christmas Wafers
(Oplatek)

Oplatek Christmas Wafers (\$3/per

packet) will be sold at the rectory Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm, at Angel's

Attic, 34 Franklin St., Easthampton, Thursday 4pm -

7pm and Saturday's 9am - 1pm and in the sacristy after

Masses. Please call the rectory office at 527-9778 with

any questions.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. JOHN OF KENTY



The people of Olkusz in Bohemia in 1431 had every reason to be suspicious of their new pastor. They knew what a Cracow professor would think of their small rural town. But even more insulting, their town was once again being used as a dumping ground for a priest who was "in disgrace."

John had indeed been removed from his university position -- unjustly. Rivals who resented John's popularity with the students had cooked up a false charge against him. John was not even allowed to appear at his own hearing or testify in his own defense. So at age 41, he was shipped off to be an apprentice pastor.

Certainly no one would have blamed John if he was furious at such injustice. However, he was determined that his new parishioners would not suffer because of what he happened to him.

But there was no overnight miracle waiting of him in Olkusz. He was nervous and afraid of his new responsibilities. And, despite the energy he put into his new job, the parishioners remained hostile. But John's plan was very simple, and came not from the mind but from the heart. He let his genuine interest and concern for these people show in everything he did. Despite working for years without any sign of success, he was very careful not to demonstrate impatience or anger. He knew that people could never be bullied into love, so he gave them what he hoped they would find in themselves.

After eight years, he was exonerated and transferred back to Cracow. He had been so successful that these once-hostile people followed him several miles down the road, begging him to stay.

For the rest of his life, he was professor of sacred Scripture at the university. He was so well-liked that he was often invited to dinner with nobility. Once, he was turned away at the door by a servant who thought John's cassock was too frayed. John didn't argue but went home, changed into a new cassock, and returned. During the meal, a servant spilled a dish on John's new clothes. "No matter," he joked. "My clothes deserve some dinner, too. If it hadn't been for them I wouldn't be here at all."

Coffee Shop

Stop by the coffee shop after the 7:15 and 8:30 AM Masses and get to know your fellow parishioners! We hope to remain open through May of 2022. All are welcome to enjoy donuts, coffee, tea or juice for just \$1 each. Since the church hall is very big, safe distancing can be practiced.

Workers Schedule:

Dec 19	Mission Committee
Dec 26	Closed for Christmas!
Jan 2	Closed for New Years!

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **Richard Morrow** who died last week.

HOLY BAPTISM

In your kindness, please pray for **Aleksandra Wojcicki**, daughter of **Garrett & Adriana Wojcicki**, who was baptized in the Church last week.

In our baptism, we have been buried with him, died like him, that so, just as Christ was raised up by his Father's power from the dead, we too might live and move in a new kind of existence. – Romans 6:4

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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We also wish to thank **Robert & Karen Cadieux** for their donations to **Take & Eat** in memory of **Arlene Cole & Jane Kovalski**, as well as **Paul & Cynthia Iannacci** for their donation to **Take & Eat** in memory of **Edward Bilski**.

FROM DOM GUERANGER "ON THE GREAT O ANTIPHONS"



The Church enters this week on the seven days, which precede the Vigil of Christmas, and which are known in the Liturgy under the name of the Greater Ferias. The ordinary of the Advent Office becomes more solemn; the Antiphons of the Psalms, both for Lauds and the Hours of the day, are proper,

and allude expressly to the great Coming. Every day, at Vespers, is sung a solemn Antiphon, which consists of a fervent prayers to the *Messias*, whom it addresses by one of the titles given him by the sacred Scriptures.

In the Roman Church, there are seven of these Antiphons, one for each of the Greater Ferias, They are commonly called the O's of Advent, because they all begin with that interjection. In other Churches, during the Middle Ages, two more were added to these seven; one to our Blessed Lady, *O Virgo Virginum*; and the other to the Angel Gabriel, *O Gabriel*; or to St. Thomas the Apostle, whose feast comes during the Greater Ferias; it began *O Thoma Didyme* (It is more modern than the *O Gabriel*; but dating from the 13th century, it was almost universally used in its stead.) There were even Churches, where twelve Great Antiphons were sung; that is, besides the nine we have just mentioned, there was *Rex Pacifice* to our Lord, *O mundi Domina* to our Lady, and *O Hierusalem* to the city of the people of God.

The canonical Hour of Vespers has been selected as the most appropriate time for this solemn supplication to our Saviour, because, as the Church sings in one of her hymns, it was in the Evening of the world (*vergente mundi vespere*) that the *Messias* came amongst us. These Antiphons are sung at the Magnificat, to show us that the Saviour, whom we expect, is to come to us by Mary. They are sung twice; once before and once after the Canticle, as on Double Feasts, and this to show their great solemnity. In some Churches it was formerly the practice to sing them thrice; that is, before the Canticle, before the Gloria Patri, and after the *Sicut erat*. Lastly, these admirable Antiphons, which contain the whole pith of the Advent Liturgy, are accompanied by a chant replete with melodious gravity, and by ceremonies of great expressiveness, though, in these latter, there is no uniform practice followed. Let us enter into the spirit of the Church; let us reflect on the great Day which is coming; that thus we may take our share in these the last and most earnest solicitations of the Church imploring her Spouse to come, and to which He at length yields.



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