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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.

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>Jan 15- Jan 16</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>
4:00pm	T. Kowalski	N. Latinville
7:15am	M. Lecko	
8:30am	M. Stochel	R. L'Heureux
11:00am	S. Glatki	

<u>Jan 22- Jan 23</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>
4:00pm	M. Nadeau	M. Bouthilette
7:15am	A. Bialek	
8:30am	D. Laprade	T. Brown
11:00am	K. Williams	

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP



Our Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, **January 19**. The service includes recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, confession, & Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner
Raymond Gosselin.



Heart of Mary, Most Humble
Pray for Us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15

9:00am †James & †Alice Mutter – Loving daughter & family
4:00pm †John A. †Mary I. †John A. St. Onge – Mary & Chris

Sunday, January 16

7:15am †Cecilia Malinowski – Mary Moszynski & Gloria Tremblay
8:30am †Fred & †Helen Korona – Children & Grandchildren
11:00am †James Dunham – Graney Family
12:30pm (Latin) *Missa Pro Populo*

Monday, January 17 *St. Anthony*

9:00am †Madeline Pack – SCC Group: Elise, Connie, Mary Kate, & Anne

Tuesday, January 18

8:00am †Ray (13th Anniv.) & †Shirley (51st Anniv) Sears – Ella

Wednesday, January 19

6:00pm †Marie Raucher – Friend Pat

Thursday, January 20

8:00am †Esther B. Farrell – Estate

Friday, January 21 *St. Agnes*

8:00am †Corrine Willard – Estate

Saturday, January 22

9:00am †Douglas McNeish – Pat Parsons
4:00pm †Anna & †William Whichelow – Lorraine, Tom & Family

Sunday, January 23

7:15am †Ceil Malinowski – Bob & Agnes Banas
8:30am †Karl Berger – Marcel Veilleux & Anne Floyd
11:00am †Ronnie Gendron – Fred & Jane Gendron
12:30pm (Latin) *Missa Pro Populo*

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Seven-Day Sanctuary Lamp

Jan 17 – Jan 23: Special Intention

Seven-Day Candle at the Statue of Mary

Jan 17 – Jan 23: For all those on the Prayer Line & in the Book of Intention

Seven-Day Candle at the Black Madonna

Jan 17 – Jan 23: Ferdynand Dabek – Dabek Family

Jan 17 – Jan 23: Adela Kusiak – Dabek Family

Jan 17 – Jan 23: Helen Dickinson – Friends

Jan 17 – Jan 23: Frank Brummer – Friends

2022 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Available now: This 2022 beautifully crafted Christmas ornament (Visitation Window) is the seventh in a series. Each year a new ornament will be released featuring one of our magnificent stained glass windows. On sale at the Rectory during office hours!
All proceeds will benefit the Beautification Fund.

Please note! In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the office will be closed & Mass will be at 9am on **Monday, January 17**.

PARISH NOTES

AUDIO UPGRADE UPDATE

Thanks to all who have donated to update our audio system. We have already raised \$14,340 which is nearly fifty percent of our total goal. There's still time to donate and every little bit helps!

USED CHRISTMAS TREES WANTED

Looking to get rid of your Christmas tree? Following Epiphany, our Knights of Columbus Council will once again be offering free curbside pickup of Christmas trees. Call Bill at 413-539-3209 if interested.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many thanks to **Ralph & Nancy Strycharz** and **Susan & Ron Piziak** for their donations in memory of **Patricia Morrier**; **Lorena Belhumeur** and **Francine Hayward** for their donations to the Beautification Fund in memory of **Frederick Speckles**.

We also wish to thank **Kathleen & Timothy McDonald** for their donation to Take & Eat in memory of **Tom Wallace**; **Bonnie Dowd** for her donation to Take & Eat in memory of **Edwina Watroba**, and to **Mary Hynes** for her donation in memory of **Cheryl Geryk**.

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for a Holy Hour on Thursday January 20th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Valley church. With the anniversary of Roe V. Wade on January 22nd this is a perfect opportunity to pray for the souls of the unborn.

The Knights also wish to thank parishioners for their continued support of our Eyeglass Donation Initiative.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

Join the Knights of Columbus after the 8:30am Mass on **Sunday, January 30th** for a special recitation of the Rosary.

"The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and a theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it."

— Pope St. John Paul II

BOTTLES & CANS

As you know for many years, parishioners have generously been donating returnable bottles and cans to benefit the Parish. Over time it has become more and more difficult for our volunteers to process the returns and to find a place that will accept large quantities. Therefore, we will no longer be accepting bottle and can returns. Thank you for your donations over the years.

Angel's Attic Hours:

Thursdays 4pm - 7pm

Saturdays 9am - 1pm

email: angelsattic01027@gmail.com or call the rectory

at 413-527-9778 for contact information.

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OPEN REGULAR HOURS

We are accepting clean sellable donations during open hours only. Please email us for assistance as certain donations are collected at different buildings to be processed. Thank you for your support! Email angelsattic01027@gmail.com with any questions



2022 OLV CALENDAR

Free calendars, with beautiful religious art and important dates, are available at the entrances of the Church.

Sunday Coffee Shop

After the 7:15 and 8:30 AM Masses

Everyone is Welcome

Our Menu: 7 varieties of donuts/crullers, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate, Fruit Punch or Apple Juice All items are still \$1 each

Workers Schedule:

Jan 16	Mission Committee
Jan 23	Women's Club
Jan 30	Knights of Columbus



SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. ANTHONY

‘FROM THE SAYINGS OF ABBA ANTHONY’



1. When the holy Abba Anthony lived in the desert he was beset by accidie, and attacked by many sinful thoughts. He said to God, ‘Lord, I want to be saved but these thoughts do not leave me alone; what shall I do in my affliction? How can I be saved?’ A short while afterwards, when he got up to go out, Anthony saw a man like

himself sitting at his work, getting up from his work to pray, then sitting down and plaiting a rope, then getting up again to pray. It was an angel of the Lord sent to correct and reassure him. He heard the angel saying to him, ‘Do this and you will be saved.’ At these words, Anthony was filled with joy and courage. He did this, and he was saved.

2. When the same Abba Anthony thought about the depth of the judgements of God, he asked, ‘Lord, how is it that some die when they are young, while others drag on to extreme old age? Why are there those who are poor and those who are rich? Why do wicked men prosper and why are the just in need?’ He heard a voice answering him, ‘Anthony, keep your attention on yourself; these things are according to the judgement of God, and it is not to your advantage to know anything about them.’

3. Someone asked Abba Anthony, ‘What must one do in order to please God?’ The old man replied, ‘Pay attention to what I tell you: whoever you may be, always have God before your eyes; whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the holy Scriptures; in whatever place you live, do not easily leave it. Keep these three precepts and you will be saved.’

DONATION STATEMENTS

To request your 2021 contribution statement, please call the rectory (527-9778) during office hours, or email olveasthampton@gmail.com with the subject line “donation statement request. Please note: Annual Catholic Appeal Contributions will not be on the statement issued by OLV.

CEMETERY FEES

Increase in price for a grave at St Brigid and St Stan begins April 1, 2022. A single grave will increase from \$750.00 to \$850.00 for parishioners and \$850.00 to \$950.00 for non-parishioners, (upright headstone). St Brigid 2x2 cremation lot –Parishioner - \$400.00 to \$500.00. Non-Parishioner - \$500.00 to \$600.00 , (flat/flush marker only). Anyone who would like to purchase grave/s with the old prices before April 1, 2022 may do so. Please call Carol at 413-527-9778.



December 11 & 12

Weekly: \$10,191.25

Retired Religious: \$1,243.00

December 18 & 19

Weekly: \$10,065.35

Fuel: \$5,999.00

December 25 & 26

Weekly: \$13,604.00

Christmas: \$8,537.00

Uganda: \$666.50

Blessed Sacrament: \$666.50

Angel’s Attic: \$7,808.93

January 1 & 2

Weekly: \$9,793.00

Elms College: \$446.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$1,452.00

January 8 & 9

Weekly: \$9,183.00

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

“There are different forms of service but the same Lord;” is your form of service to become a priest, or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write: vocations@diospringfield.org



FROM FR. RYAN

Dear Friends,

Remember the Year of the Eucharist; and in that connection, I have a couple of items for you this week.

First, an advertisement of sorts. At 7PM on Thursday, 20 January, our Knights of Columbus council has organized a Holy Hour. As with all Holy Hours, this will be a time of solemn worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It entails time for silent personal prayer as well as verbal formal prayer. A Holy Hour needs no real justification; any time with Our Lord is well spent. But this Holy Hour has in mind the praying for reparation and healing in view of abortion. (The SCOTUS decision of Roe vs. Wade was issued on 24 January, 1973.) Beyond that, the Holy Eucharist was instituted on a Thursday evening, and our Holy Hour will take place on a Thursday evening. We remember this and are grateful. Therefore, I strongly encourage all to attend who can.

Second, a bit of what we might call Eucharistic house-keeping. I would ask everyone—and I remind myself—to take extra care when receiving Holy Communion at Mass. Over the past couple of months, there have been an unusual number of sacred hosts that have fallen to the ground during Mass. Obviously no one ever does this intentionally, and this remark is not to single anyone out, to be sure. But most of these accidents are caused by a number of things. This time of year, our hands are dry and the hosts can become difficult to handle. Sometimes communicants struggle with removing the mask. Sometimes it is simply a matter of rushing or inadvertence.

Whatever the case, as I say, I would simply ask us all to be extra cautious. And I add this one thought. Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue often reduces the risk of dropping the sacred host. The reason for this is obvious: it is easier, and simply removes extra movement. Assuredly, there is nothing strange or especially unsanitary about this way of receiving—in fact, it is the ordinary way to receive Communion in the Roman Rite (but stay tuned: more on that some other time!)

In the meantime, whatever your practice, I'm grateful for your attention. As I am always saying, even our smallest observances have an important part to play in our devotion. And to receive Holy Communion is, without exaggeration, the most important moment of our day or week. Perfectly obvious, then, that we show great care and devotion. So the Year of the Eucharist will serve to remind us of this, and more. God love you!

Fr. Ryan



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