# OUR LADY *of the Valley*

**DECEMBER 20, 2020**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Our Lady of the Valley**
Rectory: 99 Maple Ave., P.O. Box 515
Sheffield, MA 01257
Masses:
Saturday: 4:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 19, 2020: Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent**
Sheffield 4:00 PM Repose of the Soul of Richard Flintoft*
Month's Mind
Requested by the Parish

**Sunday, December 20, 2020: 4th Sunday of Advent**
Sheffield 7:30 AM Repose of the Soul of John Hart*
Requested by his wife
Sheffield 9:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Cindy Boardman*
Requested by the Parish

**Thursday, December 24, 2020: Vigil of Christmas**
Sheffield 4:00 PM Repose of the Soul of Wendy Elizabeth Smith
Requested by the Parish
Sheffield 6:00 PM Repose of the Soul of Lucy Negrini
Requested by Donna and Sean Mulholland

**Friday, December 25, 2020: Christmas Day**
Sheffield 7:30 AM The Intentions of Steve Posey, our Acolyte
Requested by the Parish
Sheffield 9:00 AM Repose of the Souls of the Gulotta Brothers
Requested by the Gulotta Family

**Saturday, December 26, 2020: Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family**
Sheffield 4:00 PM Repose of the Soul of Joseph Banach
2nd Anniversary
Requested by Dotty

**Sunday, December 27, 2020: Feast of the Holy Family**
Sheffield 7:30 AM Repose of the Soul of Margaret Paul
Requested by Betsey Pezzee
Sheffield 9:00 AM The Intentions of our Religious Education Volunteers
Requested by the Parish

***Denotes Mass celebrated by Father Peter in Lenox Chapel**

Due to the closing of the Church building through at least December 22nd, our Wednesday morning Communion Service will be suspended until further notice. Please keep in mind that any weekend Masses that are celebrated by Father Peter from his chapel in Lenox will be live streamed on our website at their regularly scheduled time. In order to communicate any last minute updates we need your e-mail address. If you have not been receiving our e-mails, please send your e-mail address to our.lady.valley@gmail.com and you will be added to the list.

We sincerely hope that the remembrance of Christ's birth brings you much peace and hope. Know that we pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. We give thanks for the many parishioners and volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents making this parish an energetic faith-filled community. May you have the grace to find happiness and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

*Peace, Deacon Sean and Father Peter*

**Thank you to all who have continued to send in their financial support or donate via PayPal on the website. Your kind generosity through this uncertain time will allow the parish to continue as a stable and welcoming home for all who seek the love and peace of the Lord.**

**To everyone who has stepped up to keep the church a clean and heathy place to worship, Thank You, doesn't say nearly enough.**

Submissions for the January 9/10 Bulletin must be received no later than 2:00 PM, Saturday, December 26 2020.

## Sacraments

**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**WEDDINGS:** Register one year before wedding date.

**RECONCILIATION:** By Appointment. See Fr. Peter or email: proclamo.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Is a very special sacrament that God gives us to represent the Healing Love of Jesus Christ. It is one of the seven sacraments and serves as a channel for special graces from God that comfort and heal, physically and/or spiritually, people who are seriously ill and/or in danger of death. (CC1520) This sacrament is available to all who are ill, elderly or infirm. However, due to privacy laws and HIPAA, the parish relies solely on family and friends to inform the Rectory if anyone is in need of this sacrament or would like a visit at 413-229-3028.

## PARISH SUPPORT

| FOR MONTH OF November | OLV | IC | OLH |
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| **5 Weekly Collections** Includes PayPal and On-Line Giving | $10,411.87 | | $600.00 |
| **Energy** | $200.00 | | |
| **Building Fund** | $200.00 | | |
| **Cemetery** | $97.00 | | |
| **All Saints Day** | $317.00 | | |
| **Initial Offering** | $148.00 | | |
| **Human Development** | $47.00 | | |
| **All Souls Day** | $1,116.00 | | |
| **4 Weekly Collections in October.** | $8,056.16 | | $480.00 |

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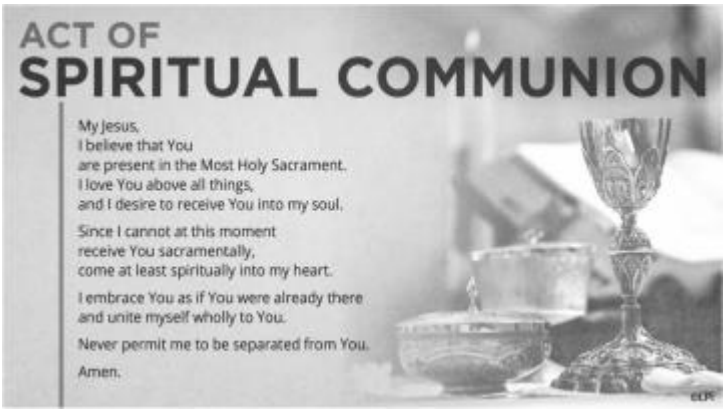


## MASS INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass Intentions can be made by calling Tom Tighe at 229-8747 or by putting your request in an envelope with your name, phone number and e-mail address. We will acknowledge your request by phone or e-mail. The requested Mass offering is $10.

**THIS THURSDAY!**

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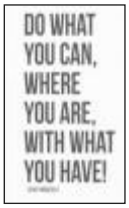
*Please, take a moment today to pray for a forgotten soul .*




## CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

will be sent out by the Mill River Bible Study Group to community members who are ill, people who need a reminder they are in our thoughts and prayers, those who have lost a loved one or are celebrating a special moment in their lives.

To request a card please contact Virginia Howden at 229-8046 or Claudette Callahan at 229-7771.

To report suspected child abuse/neglect call 1-800-292-5022 during business hours or after hours call 1-800-792-5200.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES -** Due to the Church building being closed this weekend, tickets for our Christmas Masses will be sent to everyone who signed up and currently receives envelopes. If you have signed up but do not receive envelopes, please e-mail your name and address to our.lady.valley@gmail.com and we will send you your tickets. Remember, No Ticket...No Entry. A final decision on "in person" Christmas Masses will be made by December 22nd. In any case, all four Christmas Masses will be live streamed on our website.

If the Christmas Masses are live streamed by Father Peter at our Church the 30 minute musical preludes prior to each Mass will be live streamed as well.

**First Sunday Gathering:** Dates TBD
**Pastoral Council :** By Teleconference
**Finance Council :** Date TBD in the Rectory at 6:00 PM
**CCD:** At Home -Call Kathy Staropoli at 229-0490 for info
**Bell Choir:** Wednesdays in the Rectory TBD
**Breaking Bread:** Thursdays, Sheffield, American Legion
Reserve your 'To Go' dinner: 413-229-7037

**The Journey**

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?' I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

*— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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