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LIGHT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

JOHN 1:6-7

ABOUT OUR PARISH

PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

Holy Name Society/Father's Club - 8:00pm, First Monday after Second Sunday (Fr. Hopkins Hall)

Rosary & Altar Society (OLQP) - First Sunday following 9:00am Mass

Rosary & Altar Society (OLL) - 7:30pm Eve of First Friday (KofC Hall)

Sports Program - Olympic League, CYO, 8:00pm third Monday (Cafeteria)

Joe Marinaro - 917-214-9055

STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful to all who contribute so generously, thank you for your support!

We recommend that you use Parish Envelopes or online giving with WeShare. Please call the Rectory to register.

Sunday Collection	\$5,407.00
Shrine Candles	\$157.00
Christmas Gift	\$233.00

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Sundays during Mass. Scheduling should be made as early as possible, to allow the parents to attend the preparation meetings.

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am-8:00am
Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm
(Our Lady of Lourdes) Sunday | Before 10:00am Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes)

MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Please contact the rectory at least one year in advance of the wedding to schedule and appointment with one of the Parish priests. Participation in the Marriage Preparation Program offered by the Archdiocese of New York, along with Natural Family Planning classes, are required. To register for Marriage Preparation sessions, contact the Family Life/Respect Life website at www.flrl.org. Before setting a date; one of the parties must be a practicing Catholic and a contributing registered member of the Parish for at least six months.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The fourth Saturday of each month after the 4:00pm mass.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal | After morning Mass
Novena to St. Joseph | Wednesday after morning Mass
Novena to St. Peregrine | Thursday after morning Mass
Novena to the Sacred Heart | Friday after morning Mass
Divine Mercy | After morning Mass
Our Lady of Fatima Rosary | After morning Mass
Legion of Mary | Thursday 7:00pm
Cenacle of Life Prayer Group | Friday 4:00pm
Charismatic Prayer Group | Second Friday of the month, 7:30pm
Eucharist Adoration | Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00am-8:00am
First Fridays | 8:00am-6:00pm
Common Holy Hour and Confession | 6:00pm-7:00pm
Healing Mass | First Friday of the month, 7:00pm

Live Stream Mass

2-ways to view live.

YouTube: OLQP CHURCH Staten Island, our church channel will open, then click on the Arrow.

From the Pastor's Desk:

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* is Latin for "rejoice." Advent should be a time of joy for us. We recognize that once again we shall celebrate and remember the birth of Jesus, the birth of God who has chosen to take on our human nature, the birth of the Redeemer. We should take just a few minutes today and sit in silence and let our hearts rest in this great mystery of our faith: God become man, God redeeming us because He loves us. May Advent help us open our hearts even more to the Lord and continue with total confidence our struggle against sin and our striving for holiness.

It is beautiful to see the memorial wreaths on the fence of the church. This is a beautiful and sweet memory of our beloved departed, especially during this holy season. And a great remembrance that they are not forgotten and that we are thankful for them and a sign for our dear Lord to remember them.

I really want to thank you for your most generous support for all parish needs. During these difficult times remember, you may also donate online. Donations have been down, but still would like to remind you to remember your parish at Christmas!

Please note, we will be again live streaming our Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 11 am Masses via our parish website and YouTube.

May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives.

Father Dominic

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



This year we are offering an opportunity to memorialize your family or loved ones with evergreen Christmas wreaths to be displayed outside the Church. Those interested in a Christmas memorial should contact the rectory. Only 50 wreaths are for purchase and minimum donation for the wreath is \$75.00. Wreaths will be also be available at Our Lady of Lourdes. Wreaths will be inside on the Church wall. These will be a different size and the donation will be \$100. Please note, only 10 will be available.

Make the most of Advent

Practice penance

Form an “Advent habit.” Advent is a great time to start a holy habit. Maybe it’s replacing negative comments with positive ones, or getting up ten minutes earlier to pray. To pray. See if you can keep up your “Advent habits” through the Christmas season.

Electronic Fasting. Create a space for God and the gifts he wants to give you. Consider limiting the amount of time spent on your electronic devices: no Facebook during the work day, no texting during dinner, or while someone is talking to you (unless it’s an emergency), etc.

Make a nightly examination of conscience. This will help you spot any patterns of sin that are preventing you from connecting with God. Remember to thank God for the good things about the day, too. Close prayers by choosing one sinful habit that you’d like to change and resolve to change it by the end of Advent.

Experience God’s mercy. Just as we would clean and decorate the house for Christmas, we need to “clean and decorate” our souls by frequenting the sacrament of Confession. Make a heartfelt Confession to greet the Messiah this Christmas with a joyful heart.



Why Advent?

Advent is a time of warning, a time of preparation, a time of urgency. It is when the Church wants us to ask, “What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?” We know Jesus will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of Advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet him next.

Grow in prayer

Our prayer life can mature and grow when we pray for intentions that are outside ourselves. For example, we can pray for the victims of war, the sick, for the people who don’t believe in God, and for those in jails and prisons, whether we know them or not. The best kind of prayer is the kind that comes from the heart.

“She will bear a Son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21)

---Growing in Faith

WORSHIP TOGETHER

TODAY'S READING

FIRST READING

Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

SECOND READING

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

GOSPEL

John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?



VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is sick at home or in the hospital and or homebound who would like a visit from one of the priests, deacons or Sr. Madeleine at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Please call 718-351-1093 or email olqpchurch@verizon.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:00PM † Hanley-Dillon Family,
Marie & Joseph Babbino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00AM † Timothy and Ethel Hogan
9:00AM † Jeanne Ryan & Holy Name
Society-Father's Club
11:00AM † Michael Canca, Anthony
& Vivian Licata

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00AM † Adrian J. Maleady

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00AM † Leonard Brown

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00AM † Dorothy & Chris Sharp

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00AM † John Reilly

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM † Richard & Peggy McGee

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

† Joseph Kasparik

4:00PM + Florence D'Amico, Keith E.
Johnson, Frank McGinnis

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00AM † Robert Conroy

9:00AM † William Koffer, Saramma
Samuel

11:00AM † Ronald Lukowicz, Mark
Fernandez, Anita Nebbia



Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**Dennis Van Dina
Emily Musalo,**



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tara LaBarca, Baby Gabriel, Jane Miller, Jeanine Gallagher, Riyan Richard.



Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

2:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:30PM, 9:00PM

9:00PM—Our Lady of Lourdes

Christmas Day, December 25th

7:00AM, 10:00AM(OLL), 11:00AM & 1:15PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was



Christmas Flower Offering

You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your envelope packet and in the back of the Church. Donations can be given in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones and your intentions will be remembered during each Mass throughout the Christmas Season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Christmas flower donations have been made in memory of their loved ones by the following:

Michael & Marie Porzio, Mr. Robert Collegio, Patricia Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Alan Anderson, Mrs. Carmelina D'Amato, Mrs. Robert Russo, Mr. & Mrs. B. Bossert, Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Tax Alvarez, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gargano, Mr. & Mrs. James Acuna, Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Stazzone, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Platt, M. & Mrs. James Rinaldo, Mr. & Mrs. George Baran, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bourmos, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mainolfi, Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Valenti, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Brennan, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Koeth, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lipiro, Ms. Joan Altomonte, Mrs. Nancy Kinzler, Mr. & Mrs. James Gasparino, Mr. & Mrs. Nicola Padula, Mrs. Keith Johnson, Randy Fanciullo, Mr. & Mrs. Vito Cannavo.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 21st

Confessions are heard from 4:00pm to 8:00pm in every parish. Advent gives us a wonderful opportunity to preach on the importance the Sacrament of Penance, and to remind our people that this Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

FATHER GANNON SCHOL- ARSHIP FUND

This Fund helps students who attend OLQP School to remain in school when their family suffers a long term set back. Please make checks payable to: OLQP/ Father Gannon Scholarship Fund.



Our Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. There are several dates still open for dedication in 2020 Book. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Light for this week is donated in loving memory of William Brander requested by Deacon Dennis and Judy Hogan.

BREAD AND WINE

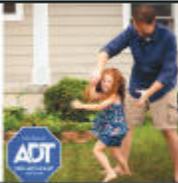
We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. Any questions, please call the Parish office 718-351-1093.

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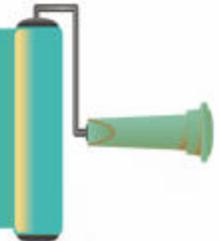
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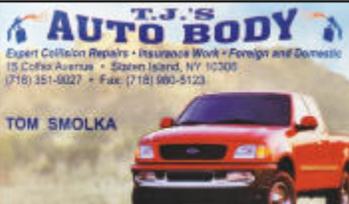
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