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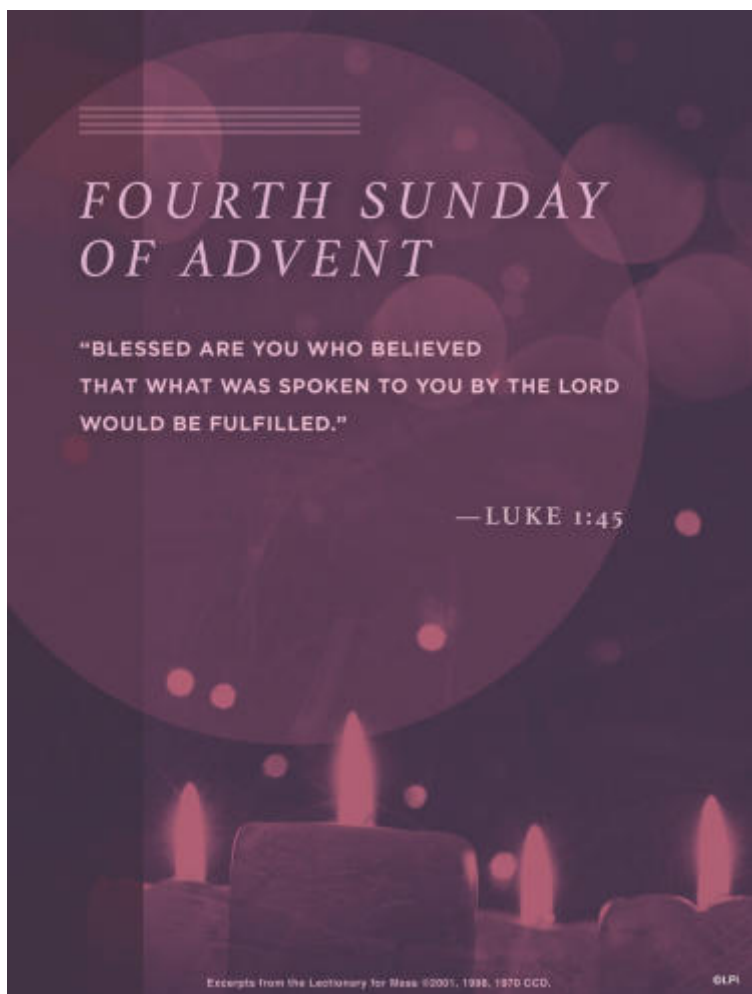


Our Lady of Victory Church | Troy, NY

Our Lady of the Snow Mission | Grafton, NY

Christ Sun of Justice Parish | Troy, NY

December 19, 2021— Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mass Times and Devotions

Daily Mass at OLV: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:15PM, Thursday at 8:30AM. No Monday Mass

Daily Monthly Mass at OLS: First Thursday of the Month at 12:15PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturdays from 3:00pm–4:00PM at OLV and Wednesdays after the 12:15PM Mass.

Weekend Mass Schedule at OLV:
Saturday 4:00PM Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:15AM and
11:15AM (Family Mass, live streamed)

Weekend Mass at OLS: Sunday, 9:45AM

Baptism: Call the Parish Office to arrange for infant baptisms which take place on the first Sunday of every month after the 11:15AM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Wednesdays until 5:00PM at OLV

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass on Thursdays at OLV

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From Father Tom

Merry Christmas!

This Saturday, we celebrate Christmas Day when we'll commemorate the birth of our Savior. I want to take the opportunity to wish all parishioners a blessed and happy Christmas. Along with Father Nathaniel, Father Hohenstein, Deacon Lewis, Deacon and Mrs. Willis and our entire staff, I pray that these days of Christmas will renew our common faith and that we'll experience the great gift of peace that Christ offers to all who open their hearts to him.

As you know, we Catholics celebrate Christmas for about two weeks – from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. While the secular world will be taking down decorations in a few days, we're just beginning to enter into the joy of Christmas. During the Christmas season, many beautiful Christmas feasts take place, all of which highlight different aspects of the Lord's coming -- the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Epiphany and, then, the Baptism of the Lord. Let's remember to follow the lead of the Church at this time and not the culture...two full weeks of gratitude, praise and joy begin on Christmas Day and we're in a two-week celebration of grace!

Christmas is a "light" feast – a fact determined by the calendar and not a historical fact. As you know, December 25th is not the historical anniversary of Christ's birth for that date is unknown. The winter solstice was chosen by the Church for the feast early on in order to supplant and "Christianize" the pagan festivities associated with the birth of the sun god, Sol Invictus. (His birthday was remembered on December 25th with much fanfare.) Christ is the true sun-God who overcomes the darkness of sin, death and despair. His birth was most appropriately placed at that point of time when the sun begins its ascent and to supplant the pagan commemoration of this false god. In later years, Christians gave a touching expression to this truth --- they brought into their homes a radiant Christmas tree, beaming with lights, to remind all that Christ is the Light of the world and of all human hearts. Let us, who are the Lord's faithful, ask our Savior, this Christmas, to keep the flame of his love and faith burning brightly within us for – a light has shone upon us when we were baptized. And may that Light continue to illuminate our darkness and bring us hope and Christmas peace.



The Nativity of the Lord



This Wednesday's Advent Spiritual Enrichment Session:

Confessions this Wednesday at 7:00 PM

A reminder that we will hold a Communal Reconciliation Service this coming Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Victory Church. Several priest-confessors will be available to hear confessions. Please make every attempt to get to this Sacrament of God's mercy before Christmas.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Our Lady of Victory

Saturday	December 18
4:00 PM	Gary Holt (7th Anniversary) by <i>Maureen and Family</i> Piccirillo and Lynick Families by <i>Family</i> Philip Purcell and Allison Bodnar by <i>Dean and Anne Bodnar</i> Jean Molloy by <i>Molloy Family</i> Anthony Doyle by <i>Angela Messina</i>
Sunday	December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:15 AM	Michele Lasky by <i>Dad, Mom & Sue</i> Joseph Strang by <i>Family</i>
11:15 AM	Angela Gutierrez, Frank and Catherine Tavella by <i>Dr. Gutierrez</i> Dolores Farina by <i>Eaton Family</i> Anthony J. Murray by <i>OLV Visitation Ministry</i>
Tuesday	December 21 12:15 PM Those remembered in the Memory Garden
Wednesday	December 22 12:15 PM Deceased Parish Members
Thursday	December 23 8:30 AM The People of OLV, OLS and Christ Sun of Justice
Friday	December 24 4:00 PM The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil) 9:00 PM The Nativity of the Lord Midnight The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Mass during the Night)
Saturday	December 25 The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 AM	Christmas Mass during the Day
Sunday	December Holy Family
8:15 AM	
11:15 AM	
Our Lady of the Snow	
Sunday	Dec 19
9:45 AM	The People of Our Lady of the Snow
Sunday	Dec 26
9:45 AM	The People of Our Lady of the Snow
Sunday	Jan 2
9:45 AM	The People of Our Lady of the Snow

Stewardship

Because of an early Bulletin Submission, stewardship for December 11th and 2th will be in the next bulletin.



December 24th, Friday | Closed
December 27th, Monday | Closed
December 28th, Tuesday
 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
December 29th, Wednesday
 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
December 30th, Thursday | Closed
December 31st, Friday | Closed

Our Beloved Dead...

Amelia Scardino | Richard Wickers | Gladys Urquhart

Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light near the reservation chapel, burns in memory of Ernest Rocque and Carol Scriven by Family for November 16th—December 31st. The Sanctuary Light announces the reservation of the Eucharist in all Roman Catholic churches throughout the world. It is a unique sign of the deep devotion and reverence we have for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Altar Bread and Wine

A donation in memory of Deceased Members of the Piccirillo and Lynick Family, has been made by Mary Anne Lynick to purchase the altar wine and bread for December 1st-31st. These gifts remind us that the bread and wine which we offer at each Eucharistic celebration comes from the people and is consecrated, broken and shared.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th, Friday | Christmas Eve
 4:00 PM at OLS and OLV
 9:00 PM, and Midnight at OLV
December 25th, Saturday | Christmas Day
 10:00 AM at OLV | No 4:00 PM Vigil
December 26th, Sunday |
Feast of the Holy Family
 8:15 AM & 11:15 PM at OLV
 9:45 AM at OLS
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
 December 31st, Friday | 6:00 PM Vigil
 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 1st at OLV



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Food Pantry needs:

- granulated sugar
- baked beans
- canned pineapple rings
- boxes of assorted chocolates

We distributed 35 complete meal bags to feed 105 people for Thanksgiving, and 137 People benefited from food distributions throughout November. Thank you .

Our work continues. Christmas dinner packages will be given out on Wednesday 12/22. Because of generosity we are able to purchase turkeys and hams . Choicest Christmas Blessings To All!



OLV OLS FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

DECEMBER

December 19 | Fourth Week of Advent

Grades K-6 Sessions 9:45- 10:45 AM

Grades 7-10 Sessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM

December 26—January 2 | No Sessions

Wishing all of our Families a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

January 9 | The Baptism of the Lord

Grades K-6 Sessions 9:45- 10:45 AM

Grade 2 First Communion Prep Begins

Grades 7-10 Sessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM

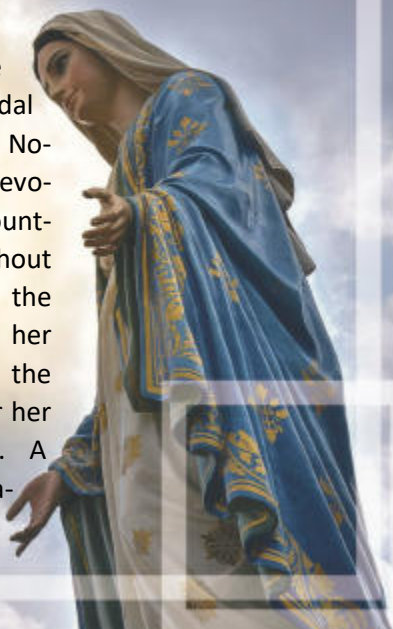
Our Liturgical Ministries Schedule will be available soon for the next quarter, January 1st—March 31st. If you are interested in joining a ministry at OLV or OLS for the Masses please contact our parish office.

Ministries available are:

- Greeters
- Ushers
- AV—Ministers work the slides on the screens during Mass
- Lectors—Reading Scripture during Mass for the First and Second Readings
- Altar Servers—Can be any age, but is a wonderful option for children who have received their First Holy Communion.

Miraculous Medal Novena Every Thursday

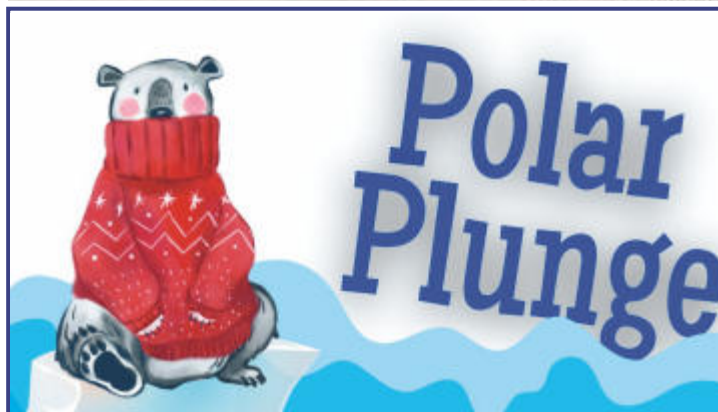
After the 8:30 AM Mass, we will recite the Miraculous Medal Novena in OLV. This Novena is a traditional devotion that is used in countless churches throughout the world. It invokes the Blessed Virgin, under her title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, for her powerful intercession. A hand-out will be available for participants.



MINISTRY Opportunities

- **Cozy Kids Collection:** If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider making something for these children. However, children can be warmed with purchased items too! A basket will be in the resource room for your donations.

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K of C presents POLAR PLUNGE 2022!

Saturday, January 22nd

Registration on olvols.org under upcoming or at the link below.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO JUMP IN THE LAKE to participate in the POLAR PLUNGE you can give to the OLV-OLS food pantry by giving a donation to the Knights of Columbus polar plunge fundraiser by sending a check to "K of C Polar Plunge c/o R Dozois 210 Keefe Rd. Troy NY 12180" until Jan 22, 2022.

Check out the FB page --[search for] K of C council 14164 or web page for polar plunge <https://kofc-council-14164.org/polar-plunge/>



DECEMBER 19, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



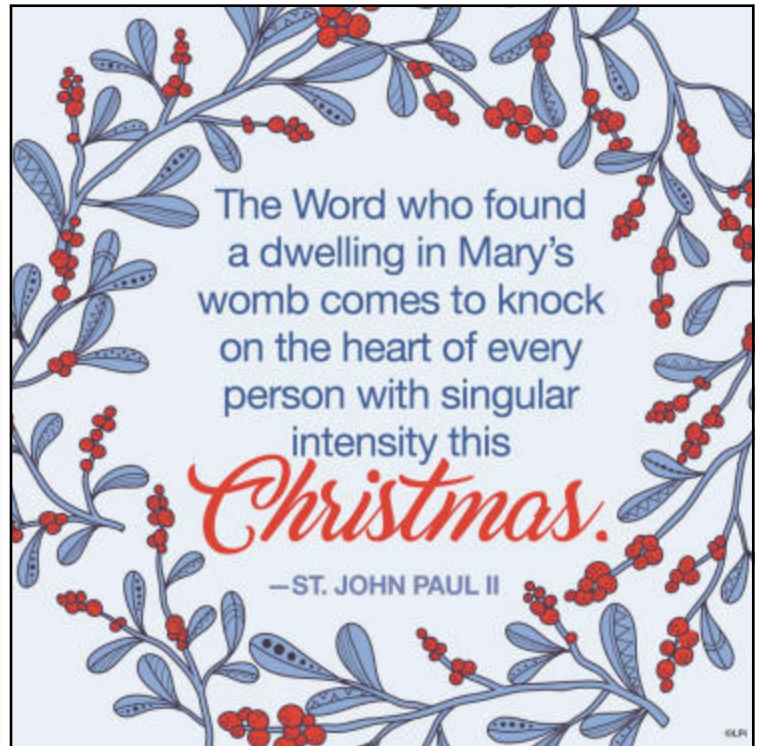
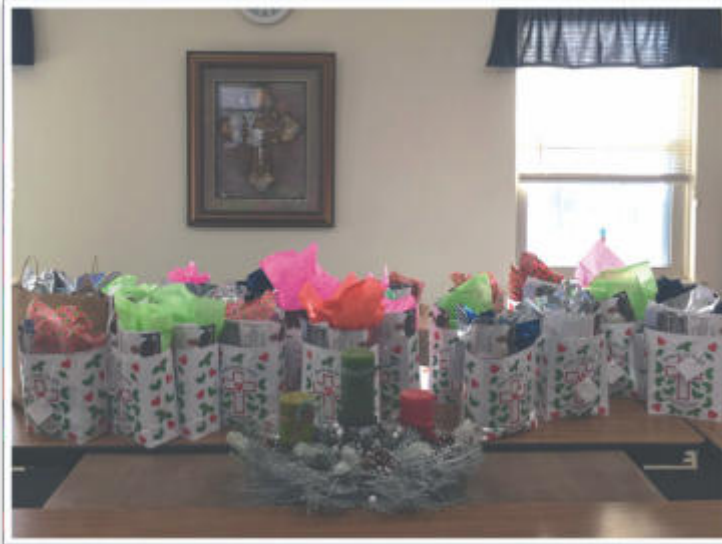
Liturgical Ministers

The Liturgical Schedule does not cover the Holiday Masses, so there will need to be sign up sheets posted so people can sign up for their ministries. Masses and sign up sheets are posted in the Bride's Room.

December 26th	Lector	Greeter	Altar Server	AV Minister	Ushers
Saturday 4:00 PM OLV					
Sunday 8:15 AM OLV	Jack LeMay Bill Mahoney	Maggie Rutolo Plus 3 Openings	James Brennan Bill Youzwak	Sara Detmer	Michael DiNova Michael Golden Dick King John Mulligan
Sunday 9:45 AM OLS Mission	Denise Byrne John Oliver	Julie Darling Warren Dolan Jamie Meehan Plus 10 Openings	Noah Lowe		Joe Allain Toni Dolan Dave Huskie Pat Ivory
Sunday 11:15 AM OLV	John Sodorsky Martin Steinbach	Julia Milos Jean Purcell Eliza Stewart Plus 1 Opening	Brianna Gettings Peter Ogno, Jr Matthew Spain	NOT FILLED	Dave Clements Lou Hutter Darren Purcell Walt Talbot

Gift bags for our Homebound parishioners from the Priests and People of OLV/OLS.

Christmas Blessings! We love you!



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