

A community of joyful disciples knowing, loving, and serving God and each other.



Our Lady of Victory Church | Troy, NY

Our Lady of the Snow Mission | Grafton, NY

Christ Sun of Justice Parish | Troy, NY

January 2, 2022— The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt. 2:6

Illustration from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

Stay Connected to OLV—OLS

55 North Lake Avenue, Troy, NY 12180

Phone: (518) 273 7602

fax: (518) 273-0310

email: parishoffice@olvols.org

website: www.olvols.org

Office Hours

Starting January 3rd Office Hours will change to
Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00 PM



Rev. Thomas Morrette, Pastor
tmorrette1950@gmail.com

Rev. Nathaniel Resila, Parochial Vicar
associatepastor@olvols.org

Rev. Larry Rice, CSP | Chaplain, RPI
lrice@paulist.org

Constant Contact enables us to contact you immediately via email. Please give us your email address! Call the Parish Office!

**From Father Tom:
A New Year of Grace**

In an old prayer-book of the Church, the opening meditation for New Year's Day is: "All earthly things pass away but You, O Lord, remain the same. Everything grows old like clothing, and as old clothing you put it away. But You, Yourself, O Lord, are always the same and Your years never multiply."

One can't help but think of "time" on New Year's Day. As we count the years, we think about past, happy memories shared with spouses, loved ones and friends. How grateful we should be for these blessings at this time of year. New Year's also makes us think about the "bigger picture" too – how fast time passes, how short life is and how quickly it goes by. We are travelers on this earth. St. Therese of Lisieux writes: "The world is our ship, not our port of call."

However, we will, for the most of us (God-willing) have this year ahead of us and still be on pilgrimage. How do we live out this time ahead as we should? Once again, Christ shows us the way. We rely on His strength and power in all that is ahead and we'll put our faith in Him as we have in years past. With Him, we can make good in 2022. With Him, the year ahead can be fruitful and fulfilling.

We'll follow the Commandments and the way of life Christ said would bring us real happiness. We'll perform our duties well and try to live our lives with integrity. When we fail, we repent and accept God's mercy, never discouraged. We'll reach out to the forgotten and lost. We'll live in an atmosphere of prayer and worship. We'll contribute to human progress and to all that uplifts and lightens the load of those who find life burdensome. We'll act. We'll serve and volunteer. We'll be generous. We'll reach out. We'll lean on a secret joy within us when trouble comes our way, that all is well for we are God's and "His", we will always be.

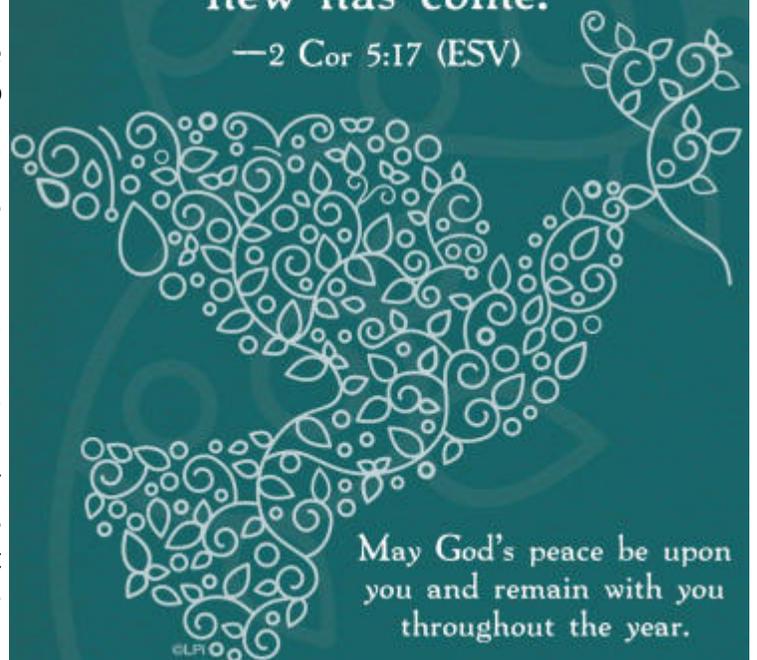
Some New Year's advice: Dream less of the past and future and concentrate on the opportunities in the present. The Lord told us: "Every day has its sorrow. Don't be solicitous for the morrow." (See Mt. 6.34) Yesterday is past, tomorrow is uncertain, but today is entirely in our hands. We always have the choice to "seize the day" or to dreadfully endure it. Our goal should be to do what we can, with what we have, where we are, and with who we are. And then leave the rest to God.

The Church calls every year a "Year of Grace" because the Divine Sun hovers over all that is to come. He sanctifies the seasons and give us enough grace for each day. Throughout the entire year, the Church also puts its arms around us and braids the mystery of grace into every moment of our lives. We're never alone, we Christians. From Christ and the Church flow a fountain of sacramental grace and support. In addition to our friends, coworkers and family members, God and his Church are with us in all things. And with them – what comes our way in the year ahead will always be surrounded with heavenly power.



Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Our Lady of Victory

Saturday January 1 | Holy Day (No Obligation this year)
 10:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday January 2 | Epiphany of the Lord
 8:15 AM Carmen Rutolo(4th Anniversary) by wife Maggie
 Christopher Goyette by Al and Linda Goyette
 11:15 AM People of OLS, OLV and Christ Sun of Justice

Tuesday January 4 | 12:15 PM | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 John Armao (7 year Anniversary) by Armao

Wednesday January 5 | 12:15 PM | St. John Neumann
 Henry Miller by Daughter Jean Purcell
 Stacey Sanders by Ruth Minahan

Thursday January 6 | 8:30 AM | St. Andre' Besette
 Mary Lee Brown by Visitation Ministry
 Anna & Theodore by the Pafundi Family

Friday January 7 | 12:15 PM | St. Raymond of Penafort
 Memorial Fund Members

Saturday January 8 |
 4:00 PM Joseph Piccirillo (Anniversary) by Family
 Thomas & Dorothy Ryan (6 yr Anniv) by Daughters, Lynn and Sharon
 Catherine Rocque by Maggie Rutolo
 Donald Stallmer by Family

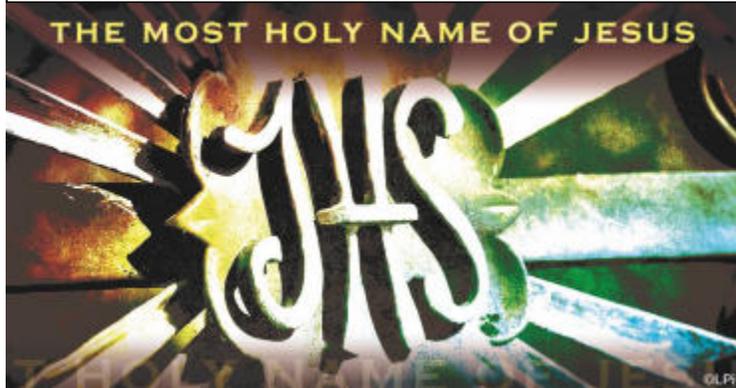
Sunday January 9 | Baptism of the Lord
 8:15 AM Deceased Memorial Fund Members
 11:15 AM James Magur by wife, children

Our Lady of the Snow

Sunday Jan 2
 9:45 AM The People of Our Lady of the Snow

Sunday Jan 9
 9:45 AM The People of Our Lady of the Snow

Sunday Jan 16
 9:45 AM Peter & Anthony Ficalora by Peter & Marilyn Ficalora



When you give...

We are always so grateful for the contributions that support the parish operations, mission of the church and the ministries, however, each week we are getting several checks refused by Sunmark Credit Union. Sunmark has acceptable "payee to" for contributions/ gifts/ donations and they refuse unacceptable nicknames or titles.

Please make checks payable to:

- ⇒Our Lady of Victory ⇒OLS Church
- ⇒Our Lady of the Snow ⇒OLOTS
- ⇒OLV ⇒OLV Food Pantry
- ⇒OLV ⇒OLS Food Pantry
- ⇒OLOVC

Unacceptable payee's are, Cash, Food Pantry or any other adaptation, anagram or abbreviation that is not listed above. Thank you for your continued support!

Stewardship

Due to Early Bulletin Submission we are showing stewardship for December 18th & 19th

OLV & OLS Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$8,461.00
Offertory Collection OLV	\$6,835.00
Offertory Collection OLS	\$460.00
E-Giving weekly amount	\$1,330.00
Total Collection	\$8,625.00
Over Budget	\$164.00
OLV & OLS Other Collections	
Debt Reduction.....	\$30.00
Parish Needs.....	\$110.00
Evangelist	\$5.00
Maintenance & Grounds	\$90.00
Flowers (Christmas)	\$760.00
Christmas Appeal.....	\$5,665.00
Total Other Collection.....	\$6,660.00
Candles and Poor Box \$654.00	

Our Beloved Dead...

For all those suffering with Covid19 and for those who have died from Covid19

New Administrative Assistant

Recently Fr. Tom hired ALYSSA SCESNY and MARYANNE LYNICK as administrative assistants for the parish. Alyssa will work four days each week. Maryanne will work one day. Alyssa will work on Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday. Maryanne will work on Tuesdays. Alyssa has two children, one in our Pre-K program, she lives nearby, and has worked for Homeland security in the past. She begins work on January 10th. Let us welcome her to our Parish Office with warm hellos! Many thanks to Maryanne Lynick and Jean Purcell who have helped at the Parish Office since our last transition. Maryanne will offer ongoing training for Alyssa as the weeks progress.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY BULLETINS AND UPDATES STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX?



We have been using Constant Contact, an email company that we will use only to email you important events, bulletins and newsletters from the parish. This is an important step to stay connected not only in this day in age, but it especially helps us to stay connected to you as the pandemic is still a concern. All you have to do is sign up with your email address and name and we will do the rest.

Join our list for email updates!

Email List Sign-up

Name _____

Email _____



OLV OLS FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

JANUARY

January 2 | No Sessions

Happy New Year!

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



Gr. 10 Confirmation Preparation

Wednesday, January 26

Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 – 8:15 pm

Parish Office Building

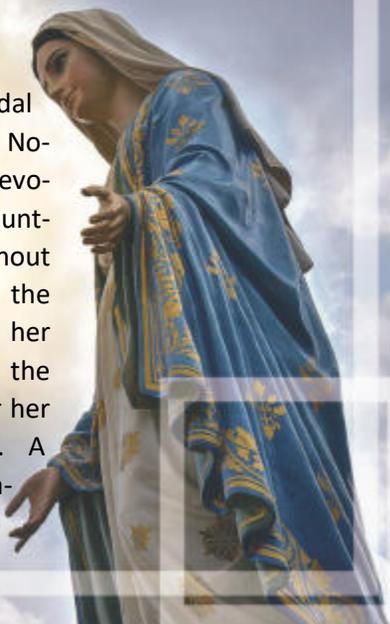
Sunday, January 30

Gr. 10 Rite of Blessing @11:15 am Mass

Candidates and Families OLV Church

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

Liturgical Ministries: 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.



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/>



NO CLOTHING DONATIONS AT THIS TIME...

We have been finding bags of donated clothes dropped off at the Church. We are not accepting donated clothing at this time. Please donate any unwanted clothes to area bins that accept clothing and shoes. Do not leave bags of clothes at the doors, in the resource library or in the gathering area.

We are accepting new or handmade hats and gloves for our Cozy Kids Collection. There is a collection basket for this in the resource library

JANUARY 2, 2022 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

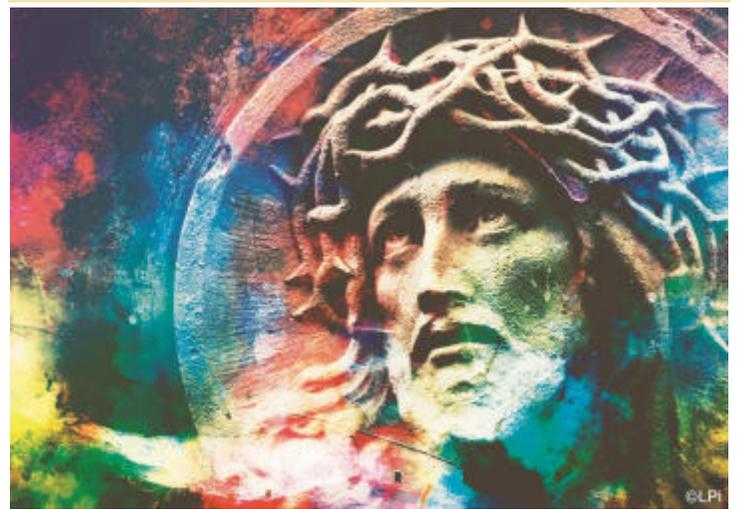
Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPI



Our Liturgical Ministries Schedule will be available soon for the next quarter, January 1st—March 31st.

We are currently working on the Liturgical Schedule and will email those on the roster as soon as it becomes available. After that email the schedule will be available on the website and in the upcoming bulletins.



Parish Office | parishoffice@olvols.org | p. (518) 273-7602

Clergy				Parish Office
Rev. Thomas Morrette Pastor tmorrette1950@gmail.com (518) 273-7602	Rev. Nathaniel Resila Parochial Vicar associatepastor@olvols.org (518) 273-7602	Rev. Larry Rice, CSP RPI Chaplain lrice@paulist.org (614) 327-0521	Deacon Brian Lewis Deacon Willis Wolfe (518) 273-7602	parishoffice@olvols.org (518) 273-7602
Faith Formation	Digital Outreach	Accounting	Music Ministry OLV Church	Chaplain Samaritan Hospital
Mary Eaton Director Faith Formation & Youth Ministry faithformation@olvols.org (518) 274-6269	Amanda DeSalvatore Digital Outreach Specialist & Bulletin Editor digitaloutreach@olvols.org (518) 273-7602 ext. 134	Melissa McCann Accountant bookkeeper@olvols.org (518) 273-7602 ext.105	Marjorie Voytko, Director Musicministry@olvols.org (518) 273-7602	Philip Hira Hospital Chaplain 7:00 am—3:00 pm (518) 961-1146
OLV Early Childhood Program	Filly Fitzgerald OLVPrek@olvols.org (518) 274-6202 ext. 120	Trustees Chuck Ciaccia (518) 279-4502 Connie Steinbach (518) 339-3208 trustees@olvols.org	Councils Pastoral Council David Benjamin, President (518) 238-8479 Finance Committee Maureen Cox (518) 279-4839 Knights of Columbus Keith Purcell, Grand Knight (518) 308-7570 Columbiettes Megan Williams, President (518) 225-3355	
Contacts at Our Lady of the Snow Mission			Food Pantry	Prayer Request Network
Julie Darling OLS Site Coordinator darlingj127@gmail.com (518) 421-5070	Michael Crandall Music Ministry (518) 279-4943 Sarah's Circle Patti (518) 658-2029 Patricia (518) 658-2205	Julie Darling (518) 421-5070 Gloria Kieber (518) 892-6722 Foodpantry@olvols.org	Barbara (518) 279-9065 Ellie (518) 960-8191 Joyce (518) 272-6733	

ALLIED TELCOM TELEPHONE SYSTEMS
Sales & Service

Ph. 518-279-1999
Fax 519-279-1954
www.alliedbusiness.com

Angela Fecko
Max Fecko
120 Park Ave.
Cohoes, NY 12047

JOHN A. MAINELLO

Possibly Thinking of:
BUYING OR SELLING?
I'll make it simple for you
One Call - Evaluations given
& No obligations!

HEER REALTY, INC.

Call/ Text 518-209-1424
JohnMainello@HeerRealty.com



787 Hoosick Rd. • Troy, NY 12180
dicarloautobody@gmail.com
(Phone) 279-0586
(Fax) 279-4450

24 HOUR TOWING

OFFICE (518) 272-3471
(518) 273-6205 Fax

Wm. J. Fagan & Sons, Inc.
INSURANCE SINCE 1910

15 FIRST STREET
TROY, N.Y. 12180



*Over 100 years of
Dedication & Class
at a Reasonable Cost*

**Pre-Plan
Custom Video
Tributes**

518.272.7281

brycefuneralhome.com

*Hoosick
Street*



Fine Wines and Spirits
273-0970

260 Hoosick St., Troy, NY 12180

**Matthew J. Clemente
D.D.S.**



325 Oakwood Avenue
Troy, New York 12182

Tel.: (518) 237-2202
Fax: (518) 237-7371

Office Hours By Appointment

DUNCAN'S DAIRY BAR

890 Hoosick Road, Troy
518-279-9985
7 Days a Week
4am - 8pm



Stop Down After Mass!

HOWIE'S

Family Since 1982
Engagement
Fine Jewelry
Watches
Engraving
Custom Designs



344 Hoosick Road, Troy
518-237-7779
www.howies.com

*Morris-Stebbins
Miner & Sanvidge*
FUNERAL HOME
312 Hoosick Street
Troy, NY 12180
518-272-3930
or 518-272-5802

**AVAILABLE FOR
A LIMITED TIME!**
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Victoria Russo** to place
an ad today! vrusso@4LPi.com
or **(800) 477-4574 x6283**

Jack Byrne

1003 Hudson River Road
Mechanicville, NY 12118
518-664-9841
www.jackbyrne.com

FARRELL HOMES
MODULAR CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

Builder/Developer • 6 Model Display Center
Communities & Developments • Your Property
or Ours • Turn Key Projects Available
40 Years of Modular Experience
518-279-3222
FarrellHomesCorp.com
2306 State Hwy 2 • Grafton, NY

**FREE
AD DESIGN**

WITH PURCHASE
OF THIS SPACE

CALL
800.477.4574

Angelica
Healthaid Inc

Companions Providing A Helping Hand

Companionship
Light Housekeeping
Meal Prep

Call Today!
(800) 680-7960
(518) 833-3852

angelichealthaidinc.com
angelichealthaid@gmail.com
1843 Central Ave.
#229 Colonie NY 12205

Cb
CrisafulliBros.
PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING • ELECTRICAL

**FULL HOME
SERVICE &
SOLUTIONS**

www.crisbro.com

Notty Pine Tavern
DINING ROOM & BAR

Troy's Finest Pizza Since 1946
2301 15TH STREET | TROY, NY
ORDER ONLINE
WWW.NOTTYPINETAVERN.COM

**Catholic Central
High School**

Home of
Crusader Spirit

Apply Today!
apply.cchstroy.org

Co-ed, Grades 7-12 • Since 1923
www.cchstroy.org

River Career Counseling Inc.
Do What You Love. Love What You Do.

Cherie Plante, MS, CRC
Career and Vocational Expert

518-339-4421/Fax 518-874-5232
cherie.plante@rivercareerconsultinginc.com
www.rivercareerconsultinginc.com

MM

**McLOUGHLIN & MASON
FUNERAL HOME**

Pre Arranged Funerals
Burial and Cremations

8 109th Street, Troy
518-235-1722
www.mcloughlinmason.com

**SIMPLE CHOICES
INC.**
Cremation with Confidence™

**Cremation
WITH
CONFIDENCE
GUARANTEE**

Excellence • Compassion
Affordability • Peace of Mind
218 2nd Avenue, Troy NY 12180

**Simple Choices is the only "Cremation
with Confidence" provider in the Capital Region**

Call us today to receive our informative brochure on
"The Catholic Cremation Plan"

**Roy F. Bordeau
Owner/Manager**

**Call 518-435-8030 Any Hour, Day or Night or visit us
online at SimpleChoicesCremation.com**