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Baby
Changes
Everything!



Pastor's Desk

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

May the celebration of this Christmas be one that the gift you hold most dear is the presence of God in those you love.

THANK YOU!

I need to repeat what I said last year as I am in awe of the spirit and generosity of our parish. In the midst of all the needs and demands that are placed on us through the pandemic the people of Our Lady of Sorrows have placed their parish as a priority. Your financial support has not waived, your generosity at Thanksgiving and Christmas with food and gifts has been tremendous. The attention to the needs of our neighbors through the whole pandemic has been

overwhelming with the generosity to the pantry which is so inspiring it leaves me without words. So, there are just two words that cannot be repeated enough. THANK YOU!

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Pantry volunteers under the direction of Julie Slattery who have served hundreds of people in the past 4 weeks. Also, to Lisa Arnone who has assisted so many families with your donations from the gift angels.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Parish office will be closed this week. Messages will be checked regularly. There will be morning Masses Monday - Wednesday at 7:30.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEW YEAR'S DAY

Since the feast falls on a Saturday, it is not a day of obligation. Thus, there will be a 9:00 am Mass as we do each Saturday. There will be confessions, 4:00- 4:45 pm, and the 5:15 pm Vigil of Epiphany.

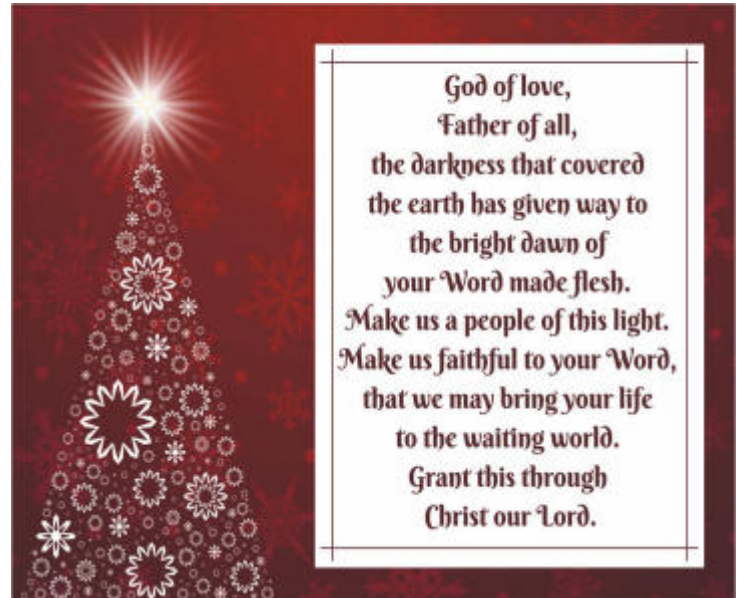
Father Donovan

The Nativity of the Lord

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandonment a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.



God of love,
Father of all,
the darkness that covered
the earth has given way to
the bright dawn of
your Word made flesh.
Make us a people of this light.
Make us faithful to your Word,
that we may bring your life
to the waiting world.
Grant this through
Christ our Lord.

Pastoral Care Corner

It is my sincere prayer for our "great" parish that we feel the true presence of our newborn Savior this season.



As I continue to share the Eucharist with many, I am blessed to be part of such a warm and welcoming community of faith. It is my pleasure to be your ambassador to so many and to help those who cannot be with us in person to continue to feel connected. Their thoughts and prayers are with you as well. I pray for a blessed Christmas season for you all.

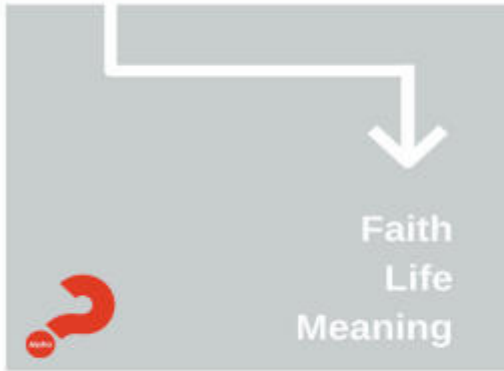
Jackie Adams

Upcoming Parish Events

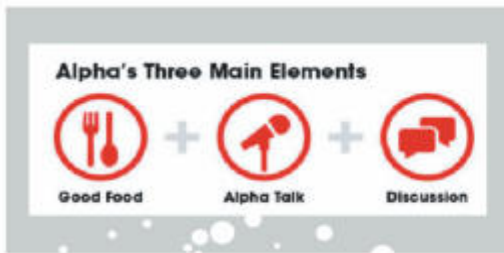
Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith & is a place to ask questions and share points of view.



We share a meal, a video and have small group discussions to help you have spiritual conversations with others that explore life's biggest question in a safe respectful way.



**Alpha is back!
February of 2022**



If you attended Alpha before, now is the time to invite & bring a friend to one of our most popular programs at OLS. If you have not participated, you can come and check it out!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Steve Angrisano will be bringing his Mercy Mission to Our Lady of Sorrows March 5-7, 2022.



Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope, and love woven throughout music and storytelling. Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ.



Steve will be at all weekend liturgies, with Mission nights, Sunday, March 6th and Monday, March 7th at 7:00 pm.

We hope you can join us for this beautiful message of Mercy. Please watch the bulletin and our website for further details.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry



ALPHA YOUTH Series

Alpha

Students in grades 9+
 Sundays from 12:00-1:30pm
 in the café
 Beginning January 30th

Nazareth Farm

August 14-20, 2022

Nazareth Farm is a Catholic community in rural West Virginia that transforms lives through a service-retreat experience. Nazareth Farm is founded upon four cornerstones of prayer, simplicity, community, and service as the foundation and reason behind everything that they do. Students must be 16 years or older, or rising Juniors. **Please sign-up if you are interested** so that further information can be distributed to those who would like to consider this trip. Questions about upcoming youth activities may be directed to: Kelly Soprano - ksoprano@olsvestal.org

HOOP SHOOT

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2021 Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot. The competition will be held January 9, 2022 at 1pm in our gym. (Registration begins at 12:30pm.) Please note that participants are required to furnish proof of age. Entry forms will be available at the registration table.

Weekly Prayer

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sun 12/26	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52
Mon 12/27	First Reading Gospel	1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1a, 2-8
Tues 12/28	First Reading Gospel	1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18
Wed 12/29	First Reading Gospel	1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35
Thurs 12/30	First Reading Gospel	1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40
Fri 12/31	First Reading Gospel	1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18
Sat 01/01	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Number 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
Sun 01/02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Observances for the Week

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket
Friday:	St. Sylvester; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day
Next Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27

7:30am Rev. Donald Van Amburgh (15th Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 28

7:30am Jeffrey Paul Cornick (Anniversary) – Family & Friends

Wednesday, December 29

7:30am Dominick Annunziata, Jackie Foley & Gerald Mullins
Family

Saturday, January 1

9:00am James Carroll – Gloria & Maxine

5:15pm Robert & Ethel Estep – Keith & Rita Barney

Sunday, January 2

8:30am Zenaida Grepo Victa – Dominjo Jimenez & Family

11:00am Thomas Lynch – Dolly Menichello

Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Giving Tree. Each year with your generous support, we are able to help many of our neighbors in need celebrate the joy of Christmas. This year, through our Food Pantry, we provided Christmas food baskets and gifts to 145 families including 163 children. We also provided 108 children with gift cards at our two local elementary schools (Glenwood & Clayton Avenue) and gave gifts to 35 seniors through the Silver Bell program. The Giving Tree is meant to be a living symbol of the true meaning of Christmas. As we all know, "Jesus is the reason for the season." God has been good to us and thank you for expressing your thankfulness by sharing with others.



Please Remember in Prayer



... All those who have recently died & their families:

Robert Klein,
former parishioner.

Sanctuary Lamps

...are burning in memory of Tonina Best,
requested by Don & Tina.



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Information

December 26, 2021 Parish Calendar

**Daily Mass (Church) Monday-Wednesday 7:30am
Saturday 9:00am**

Sunday, December 26

8:30am	Mass
11:00am	Mass

Monday, December 27

Parish Office Closed
7:00am Rosary

Tuesday, December 28

Parish Office Closed
7:00am Rosary

Wednesday, December 29

Parish Office Closed
7:00am Rosary
8:00am Adoration & Divine Mercy
6:00pm Youth Christmas Brunch (Café)

Thursday, December 30

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 31

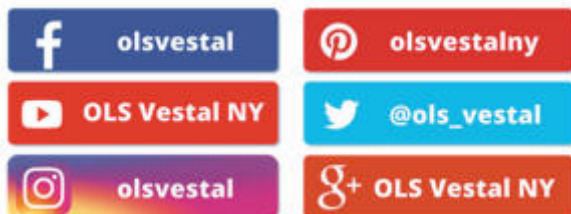
Saturday, January 1

4:pm-4:45pm	Confessions
5:15pm	Mass

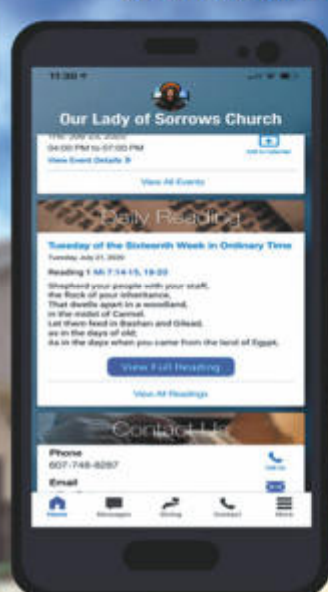
Sunday, January 2

8:30am	Mass
11:00am	Mass

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Our Giving

Please note: This bulletin was sent to the publisher before any information about last weekend's offering was available.



Your generosity, charity and sacrifice are deeply appreciated. Thank you very much!

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Dennis Slattery	Parish Council
Tom Boslet (Grand Knight)	tboslet02@gmail.com

Sacraments

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. If this is your first child, a baptism prep online class is required. Any questions please call Diane Rigotti at 748-8287.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

First Sacraments & Confirmation

Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, ksoprano@olsvestal.org.

Ministry to the Sick

If a family member is hospitalized or homebound, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Privacy laws may prevent a hospital from telling us your loved one is there.

If you are moving ...

Please call or email the Parish Office with your new address and phone number, or let us know if you are leaving the parish.

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