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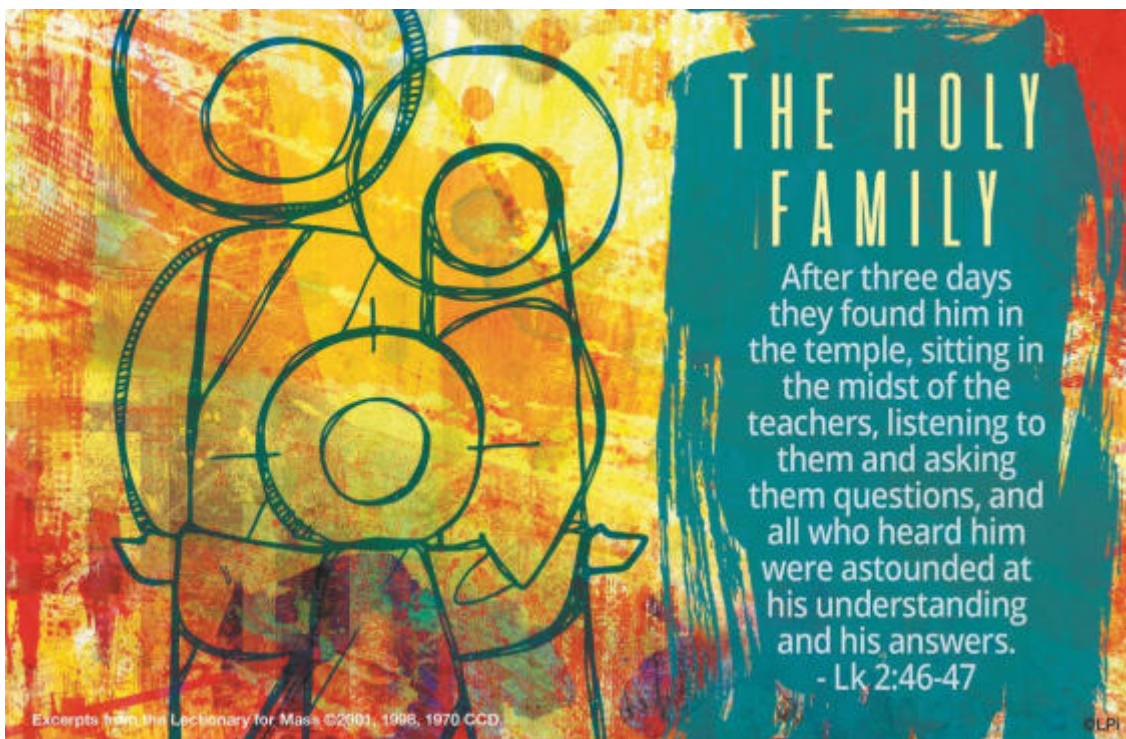
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**December 26, 2021**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**WEEKDAY Schedule: Monday—Friday**

Monday and Friday 12 Noon

Tuesday and Thursday, 8 AM

Wednesday, 6 PM

**SAT, DEC 25**

5:00 PM

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Friends and Relatives

**SUN, DEC 26**

8:00 AM

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

Vicki Morandini † (Richard Pitts Agency)

10:30 AM

Carol Ann Kosturic Cashner † (Joan Kozlowsky Family)

**MON, DEC 27**

12:00 Noon

**SAINT JOHN**

Ralph Carapellotti (Greco Family)

**NO MASS AT OLQA**

**TUE, DEC 28**

8:00 AM

**THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

Sylvester Miller birthday (E. Nowacki daughters)

**NO MASS AT OLQA**

**WED, DEC 29**

6:00 PM

**5TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

Helen Pieszak † (Gene & Pat Saeger)

**NO MASS AT OLQA**

**THU, DEC 30**

8:00 AM

**6TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

**NO MASS**

**FRI, DEC 31**

12:00 Noon

**7TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

**NO MASS**

**SAT, JAN 1**

5:00 PM

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Vicki Morandini † (Richard Pitts Agency)

**SUN, JAN 2**

8:00 AM

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Patricia Burnett † (George Berlin)

10:30 AM

Joe Zello † (Carolyn Agnew)

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday & Thursday 9AM—3PM

*Closed for Lunch 12:00—12:30 PM daily*

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BY 3:00 PM, Monday

**CLOSED FRIDAY**



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**SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM**

Call Parish Office for information

**RECONCILIATION**

By appointment Wednesday ONLY until further notice

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

Call the Parish office for information (form on back of bulletin)

**ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church and/or becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish office.

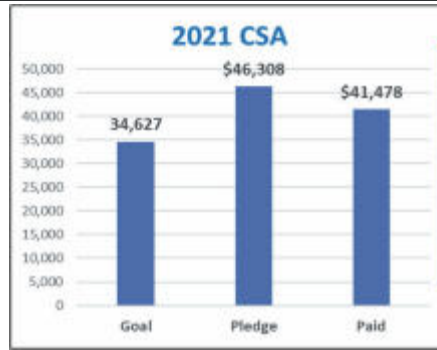


**Sunday Mass  
10:30 AM**

youTube  
or  
olqachurch.org



SUN, Dec 26	<b>9 AM NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES</b> <b>10:30 AM Live-Stream Mass</b> (youTube or olqachurch.org)
FRI, Dec 31	<b>12 Noon, Mass</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 3, 2022</b>






**Offertory, Dec 13 = \$3,351.36**

- \*CSA \$662
- \*Cemetery \$37
- \*Back Packs \$5
- \*Samaritans \$185
- \*Christmas Flowers \$280

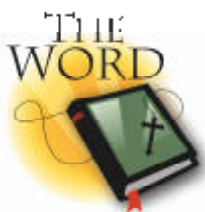
\* not included in "Offertory"



BARBARA GREIL, #227, was the lucky winner of week #18 of our "300 Club" for \$100. Congratulations, Barbara!

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**All in the Family**



At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Family Prayer**

God made us a family.  
We need one another.  
We love one another.  
We forgive one another.  
We work together.  
We play together.  
We worship together.  
Together we learn God's Word.  
Together we grow in Christ.  
Together we love all people.  
Together we serve our God.  
Together we hope for Heaven.  
These are our hopes.  
Help us obtain them, Father,  
through Jesus your Son,  
Our Lord. Amen.

*"A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who ... raise their mind with humble confidence to God."*

**May GOD be with you through NEW YEAR**

and fill your life with  
**COMFORT, LOVE and CHEER.**

May this day and the days ahead,  
Hold many **BLESSINGS**  
for you and yours.

*Happy New Year!*

OLQA Parish Staff

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT**

JANUARY		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	H Morini	D Haylett	B Slevin L Slevin	B Greco P Greco	
SUN	8:00 AM	P&P Karastory	M Hornfeck S Treacy	T Sovisky J Treacy	B Semian R Garnet	
SUN	10:30 AM	C Dickey J Kullen	G Ellis K Slywczak	P Simonetta S Simonetta	S Uzelac V Leap	
OFFERING COUNTERS		Jan 2 J Elwell M Staahl	Jan 9 Office Staff	Jan 16 J Elwell J Smock	Jan 23 Office Staff	Jan 30 R Bullock L Helch

**Birthday Blessings**


Dec 27: Cynthia DeMarco  
 Dec 28: Sylvester Miller  
 Dec 29: Samantha Bohr, Noah Scott  
 Dec 30: James Kullen, Cynthia Perfett  
 Dec 31: Kathleen Barton, Linda Wason

**Anniversary Blessings**

Dec 28: Thomas & Amanda Sovisky (3)  
 Dec 29: Richard & Elizabeth Gero

*If you find an error in any of these listings, please call the office to update your records. Thank you*


**C. A. R. E.**



Conneaut Area Religious Education

For more information, or an appointment contact  
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“Like this, explained Francis - I want you to put a manger filled with hay in a cave you own on the mountain, and I would like you to bring an ox and an ass there exactly as in Bethlehem. On Christmas night, I will come up there and, together, we will pray in the cave. Francis enters the cave, caresses the poor and humble creatures with his gaze, and experiences a joy he has never felt before. The priest starts the Christmas Mass and Francis takes in his arms the child laid on the hay which, through Francis’ faith, seemed to come to life and be born again in the hearts of those present.”



**JANUARY FAITH FORMATION**

SUN, Jan 2	NO CLASS—New Year
SUN, Jan 9	CLASS <b>WELCOME BACK</b>
SUN, Jan 16	NO CLASS
SUN, Jan 23	CLASS
SUN, Jan 30	CLASS


**DIOCESE OF ERIE-news** **MASS ATTENDANCE CONTINUES TO DWINDLE IN THE DIOCESE**

The October Count, as it’s known, resulting in a single figure for each parish averaged from attendance numbers collected all four Sundays of the month. It demonstrates that the challenges ahead are not merely the result of fewer men becoming priests, but also because there are fewer people in the pews. The number of church buildings and parishes will no doubt continue to decrease into the foreseeable future

“We need to evangelize, of course,” Bishop Persico says. “That has always been our mission. Part of the New Evangelization is about inspiring those who are still practicing the faith and reaching out to those who have left it. Those are among our most pressing priorities.”  
*Ann-Marie Welsh*


**Knights Korner** Council 6037 found out that the Spirit of Christmas is a great feeling, **especially** if you stretch it out from January through December! As a group, we tried to adhere to the real meaning of Christmas by giving out gifts of Love, Hope and Faith all year to numerous other local non-profits. We were impressed with those who, undeterred by their lack of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, nonetheless pressed onward to pay homage to the gift God placed in the manger by assisting others less fortunate.

As our last Christmas giveaway of the year, we are waving the initiation cost to any practicing Catholic man over 18 who would like to join Council 6037. To claim this \$20 gift, simply put down your cup of eggnog for a minute and call Rocco at 814-382-6875.



Finally, we wish every parishioner a Happy and Holy Christmas.

**OLQA Altar Rosary Society** ARS invites all the women of the parish to join us on **January 9 from 2-4 pm** in the social hall for a showing of “**Queen Esther** .” This original production was done at Sight and Sound theatre in Lancaster this year. There will be a brief intermission for light refreshments per CDC guideline. Feel free to bring a comfortable chair ( our regular folding chairs are provided). This is a reenactment of the Old Testament book that is sure to take us back in time and rediscover our faith formation.



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