

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24
4:00 P.M. Saturday Anticipated Mass
7:00, 9:00 and 10:30 A.M.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24
4:00 P.M. (Mass with Children's Choirs
and Children's Story)
6:00 P.M.

12:00 Midnight
Our adult choir will begin singing
Christmas Carols at 11:45 P.M.

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25
7:00 and 9:00 A.M.
(No 10:30 A.M. or Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, Dec. 31
4:00 P.M. Saturday Anticipated Mass
7:00, 9:00 and 10:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary, Monday, Jan. 1
(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
10:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.



OBLIGATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASS: The following applies to attending Mass on Christmas weekend this year:

- Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday, Dec. 24) and Christmas Day (Monday, Dec. 25).
- You must attend a separate Mass for each obligation.
- Going to Mass once only on Christmas Eve will not fulfill both obligations. The 4:00 and 6:00 P.M. Masses on Christmas Eve can be considered as fulfilling either obligation.

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE is this Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 P.M. in the church.

THERE WILL BE no 8:00 A.M. Mass this Friday and no 8:00 A.M. Mass on Thursday or Friday of the next two weeks while OLPS School is out for the Christmas holidays. The school Masses will resume on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, December 18

10:00 A.M. Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
6:00 P.M. Men's ACTS (MR)

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 A.M. School Pre-K Christmas Pageant (Church)
3:00 P.M. Girls on the Run (OH)
3:00 P.M. St. Cecilia Choir (Music Room)
6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:30 P.M. **NO** RCIA (Youth Room)

Wednesday, December 20

5:00 P.M. Parish Supper (DPC)
5:45 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir (Music Room)
6:15 P.M. Junior High Youth (DPC-Fr. Menard Room)
6:25 P.M. **NO** CCD (School)
6:30 P.M. Advent Penance Service (Church)

Thursday, December 21

9:30 A.M. Priests bring Communion to Nursing Homes
11:30 A.M. OLPS School dismisses for Christmas
3:00 P.M. **NO** Girls on the Run (OH)
6:00 P.M. KC Council 8029 Christmas Party (DPC)

Friday, December 22

7:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (L)
8:30 A.M. Church being decorated for Christmas
9:30 A.M. Priests bring Communion to Homebound
6:00 P.M. Christmas Concert, 'The Kingdom Comes' (DPC)

Sunday, December 24

10:30 A.M. **NO** Children's Liturgy (L)
2:30 P.M. **NO** Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M. **NO** Children's Liturgy (L)
7:00 P.M. **NO** High School Youth (DPC)

Madonna Room (MR) Lourdes (L) Fatima (F) Notre Dame (ND)
Divine Providence Center (DPC) Olinger Hall (OH)
St. Timothy Center

'THE KINGDOM COMES,' A CHRISTMAS CONCERT:
Celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with The Josh Blakesley Band, Faith Leglue, and James and Kristyn Opdenhoff on Friday, Dec. 22 at 6:00 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Tickets are \$12 each. Four or more tickets are \$10 each. Purchase tickets at www.eventbrite.com or at the church office.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Altar Society members and their families will decorate the church for Christmas this Friday, Dec. 22 beginning at 8:30 A.M. You are welcome to join us for this OLPS tradition as we prepare the church for the celebration of Christ's birth. For more information, contact Melinda Milton at 613-6290. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE IN THE LOURDES ROOM ON FRIDAY, DEC. 22.**

OLPS SCHOOL
BULLDOG BYTES

IT IS A BUSY WEEK as our students prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus.

PRE-K CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Pre-K will perform its annual Christmas Pageant in the church on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 8:30 A.M.

THIRD GRADE PARENTS LUNCH: Third grade parents will eat in the cafeteria on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 11:05 A.M.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Kindergarten through sixth grade will perform their Christmas concerts on Tuesday, Dec. 19 in the Divine Providence Center.

Grades 1 through 6 will celebrate Mass together at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

School will dismiss at 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, Dec. 21 for the Christmas holiday. NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

SPOONS NIGHT: Pick up a holiday treat at Spoons Night on Thursday, Dec. 21. Spoons Frozen Yogurt will donate a percentage of all sales to OLPS from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the location across from Albertson's. Please tell them, "Thank you for supporting OLPS!"

The OLPS School family wishes you and your family a wonderful, safe and blessed Christmas season. We look forward to a new year full of exciting new discoveries. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless!

THE FLOWERS ON EACH SIDE OF THE TABERNACLE are given in loving memory of **JOYCE BAMBER AND SHERRY ANN BAMBER** by Martha Kay Gleason.

THE FLOWERS BY OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR are given in loving memory of **KEITH N. BONNETTE** by his parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. J. Bonnette Jr.

THE ALTAR CANDLES will burn this week in loving memory of **BILL SANSING** by his Family.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week in loving memory of **ADAM JEANSONNE** by his Family.

SECOND COLLECTION: Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a second collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the Church Vocations collection, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please be generous. – Bishop Talley

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL DONATIONS: Envelopes are available on the tables at the church doors. Memorials must be received in the church office no later than Monday, Dec. 18 to be published in the Christmas bulletin. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or sent to the church office.

OLPS YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH: Our Junior High group (grades 7-8 from all schools) meets on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, contact Rebekah Brocato at 447-7861 or 445-9748, ext. 228.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP: High school youth meets on Sunday after the 5:30 P.M. Mass in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, call Ben Lesnfsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'CHILDREN OF HOPE': The next First Friday holy hour will be Friday, Feb. 2 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in church. (The children will not meet in January when they are out of school for Christmas vacation.) The program includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, music, rosary and meditations for children especially in grades two through six.

OUR SEMINARIANS: Deacon Luke LaFleur, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH; David Keran, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE: Bill Aldridge

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women serving at home and abroad, among them **Michael Adamson, Paul Arbour, Jesse Barth, Chad Bordelon, Luke Borrel; Bobby Bounds, Beau Bradford, John Paul Brumley; Shawn D. Bryant, Gregory Carbo II, Ray Constantino, Scott Deville, Billy Dove III, Dirk Erickson, David Fields, Chaplain Father John Gabriel, Carl Greene, Zach Jeansonne; Michael Kelley, Dustin Martin, Victor Odom; Jared Slay, Francis Jerome Vanderlick, Michael Ware, Nicholas Waters, and William Whisenant.** If you know someone serving whose name is not on our list, please contact the church office.

OLPS PARISH SUPPERS are held every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. The Knights of Columbus Council 8029 prepares the suppers. Meals are \$5.00 per plate. Take outs are available, but you are encouraged to stay and eat in the Center and visit with other members of our church family. You may check the bulletin online at www.olpschurch.org for the updated menu. **Menu Dec, 20: Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, French bread, and dessert.**

ALTAR SOCIETY JAZZ BRUNCH: The Altar Society will host a "Krewe of OLPS" Jazz Brunch on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. in the Divine Providence Center. The Krewe will be celebrating our priests, RCIA candidates and church family. There will be a 10-piece jazz band, great food and fellowship. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$10 for children. Proceeds help the Altar Society keep the church beautiful and purchase the bread and wine needed to celebrate Mass.

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Fr. John Wiltse, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Joy Retnazihomoni, In Residence
Fr. Chris Nayak, In Residence
Mary Floyd, Parish Manager

Colleen "Dee" Gilbert, Bookkeeper/Margaret Shiver, Receptionist
Jo Tassin, Principal of OLPS School
Linda Perot, Director of Music Ministry
Josh Blakesley, Associate Director of Music Ministry
Grae McCullough, Music Minister
Ben Lesnefsky, Director of Youth Ministry
Rebekah Brocato, Coordinator of Junior High Ministry
Michelle Lemoine, Director of Religious Education
Renee Aldridge, Coordinator of Program Development
Sarah Duncan Mealer, Church Nursery Coordinator
Brandon Callahan, Maintenance Supervisor
Michael Upton, Finance Council Chair + John Lyons, Pastoral Council Chair

Maria Olagues, School Council Chair
SACRAMENTS/LITURGY/DEVOTIONS

Mass: Saturday 4 PM
 Sunday 7, 9 & 10:30 AM; 5:30 PM
 (Nursery Available for 9, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM for Newborns through 3 yrs.)

Weekdays: 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil - 5:30 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM; 12:05 P.M. & 5:30 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word (For ages 4 - 8 yrs.)

Sundays at 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 3:00 - 3:50 PM; Sundays 5:15 - 5:25 PM and Weekdays before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptismal Preparation Class by appointment.

Register in advance by calling the Church Office (445-3693).

Baptisms are ministered by appointment.

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: For the sick and homebound.

Contact Renee Aldridge at the church office, 445-3693.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact our Parish Priests at 445-3693.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM every Friday in the Church.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAMS

CCD - Wednesdays during the School year, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Junior High - Wednesdays during the School year, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 24: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

IN MEMORY: NELLIE LABORDE; CLEVE RITCHIE

Please pray for Mrs. Laborde (mother of Mrs. Rachel Voinche); Mr. Ritchie (brother of Mr. Matt Ritchie); and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Father Terry Allen; Debra Baker; John 'Lad' Baker; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Lois Carbo; Theresa DeBona; Austin Dick; Vincent Drago; Marie Finley; Connie Fiorenza; Frances Floyd; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Bishop Ronald Herzog; Tom Hirchak; Monsignor Ronald Hoppe; Jack Hubley; Sister Pat Kimball; Angel LaJaunie; Andrew Ryan Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Mike Lofton; David W. Michiels; Richard Norem; Cindy Pinkerton; Lottie Pinkerton; Mary Alice Poe; Norma Rhame; Hazel Slocum; Lurline Stone; Gustavia Thibeaux; Father August Thompson; Father Baby Elliott Trahan; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Sarah K. Vincent; Jacob Williamson; Lenora Yeager; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., DECEMBER 17:

7:00 A.M. David Schexnyder
 9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Living and deceased members of the Clarence Flynn Family; Tom Stafford; Jim and Bob Foster; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Hiram Bradford II; Mark Daiy; Michael Cazes; Pauline Mafouz; Intention of Debbie and Steve Head
 10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family
 5:30 P.M. Joe King and Fran McGinty

MON., DECEMBER 18:

6:30 A.M. Peggy St. John
 5:30 P.M. Beverly Bohrer

TUES., DECEMBER 19:

6:30 A.M. Lee Suk Ha
 5:30 P.M. Winifred Richard

WED., DECEMBER 20:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger
 5:30 P.M. Marjorie Kalb

THURS., DECEMBER 21:

6:30 A.M. Shirley Paul
 8:00 A.M. Hazel Roberts
 5:30 P.M. Ronnie Buford

FRI., DECEMBER 22:

6:30 A.M. Charles L. Carbo Sr.
 5:30 P.M. Deceased members of the Josephine and Edmund Lewis Family

SAT., DECEMBER 23:

8:00 A.M. Rosemary St. Clergy
 4:00 P.M. Josephine Chestovich; Bill Sansing (anniv.); Leo Duplissey; Deacon Charles Jones; Tracy Wiltse; John W. Thornhill; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Tom Stafford; Marilyn Macmurdy; Intention of Lynn Muscat; Horace Thibeaux; Davie Poe; Jennifer Manuel; O'Hearn and Brent Mathews; Vincent Provenza; Msgr. J. Albert LeBlanc; John David, Jr.

SUN., DECEMBER 24:

7:00 A.M. Intention of Mary Bush
 9:00 A.M. Intention of Thomas Paul St. Romain; Michael Cazes
 10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family
 4:00 P.M. Priests Intentions
 6:00 P.M. Priests Intentions

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Dec. (five Sundays)	\$108,750.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Dec.	\$23,788.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$23,726.00
Amount still needed for Dec.	\$61,236.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT and payment by credit card are available for our contributions to church support. If interested please contact Mary Floyd at the church office by calling 445-9748, ext. 201.



ARE WE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY?

"Wherever hospitality is practiced out of gratitude, the face of a loving, accepting God is made manifest, appealing to those yearning for a faith community that they can call home." - from *Company's Coming: A Spiritual Process for Creating More Welcoming Parishes*

