

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH 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.



THE CLERGY AND STAFF of OLPS Parish and School wish
you and yours a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

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.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
10:00 A.M. NO Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)

Tuesday, December 26
3:00 P.M. NO St. Cecilia Choir (Music Room)
6:00 P.M. NO Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:30 P.M. NO RCIA (Youth Room)

Wednesday, December 27
5:00 P.M. NO Parish Supper (DPC)
5:45 P.M. NO Joyful Noise Choir (Music Room)
6:15 P.M. NO Junior High Youth (DPC-Fr. Menard Room)
6:25 P.M. NO CCD (School)

Friday, December 28
7:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (L)

Sunday, December 31
10:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
2:30 P.M. NO Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M. 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

THERE WILL BE 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.

THANKS TO EVERYONE who donated food, money and/or gifts to help provide a Merry Christmas for some of our community's neediest families. Your participation through our parish in the Christmas Cheer Program has blessed those who would otherwise do without during this holiday season. It has also blessed the needy and homebound in our own church parish. Your generosity assisted more families this year than ever. May God grant you peace and joy this Christmas. – Chris Bayone, OLPS Christmas Cheer Coordinator

CHURCH VOCATIONS COLLECTIONS: Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a second collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our future priests. Through this 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. Thank you for your generosity. – Bishop Talley

OLPS SCHOOL

BULLDOG BYTES

The OLPS School family wishes you and your family a wonderful, safe and blessed Christmas season. Classes will resume on Jan. 8, 2018. We look forward to a new year full of exciting discoveries.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless!

THE ALTAR CANDLES will burn this week in loving memory of **SAM AND EDITH TAMBURO, COLINGO AND TAMBURO FAMILIES, SIMON AND MAMIE CAMPO AND CAMPO FAMILY.**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week in loving memory of **ENSIGN KEITH N. BONNETTE** by his Family.

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.

FEED YOUR SPIRIT: The next scheduled event in our parish's monthly *Adult Faith Formation* is Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. The series is sponsored by the Spirituality and Education Commission. Childcare is provided for newborns through age 12 in the church nursery. To register for childcare, please email olpschildcare@gmail.com with the name of the event and number of children.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK: The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated Jan. 7-13 as National Migration Week. The following is a prayer from the USCCB:

*Merciful and loving Father,
We beseech you, open our hearts
so that we may provide hospitality and refuge
to migrants who are lonely, afraid,
and far from their homes.
Give us the courage to welcome every stranger
As Christ in our midst,
To invite them into our communities
As a demonstration of Christ's love for us.
We pray that when we encounter the other,
We see in her the face of your Son,
When we meet a stranger,
That we take his hand in welcome.
Help us to live in solidarity with one another,
to seek justice for those who are persecuted
and comfort for those who are suffering.*

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 Lesnefsky 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. **OUR COOKS WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME ON JAN. 10, 2018.**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: GREETER MINISTRY: The greeter ministry at Our Lady of Prompt Succor church is going through a revitalization. We are currently seeking greeters for all Masses, and a lead greeter for the 4pm, 10:30am and the 5:30pm Masses. Greeters serve once a month, arrive at church 20 minutes early, put on a name tag, and stand at the entrances of the church to welcome guests, visitors and parishioners. If you are an outgoing person with a friendly smile, and have a desire to be welcoming and create the first impression of a positive liturgical experience, we NEED you. Terms are one year, 20 minutes per month. Please call Renee Aldridge at 445-9748, ext. 216.

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Fr. Daniel P. O'Connor, Pastor
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 31: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 105; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

READINGS FOR JANUARY 1: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

IN MEMORY:

Please pray for 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 Hirschak; 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 Thibaux; Father August Thompson; r 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 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

MON., DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 A.M. **(Midnight Mass)** Our Parish Family; Priests Intentions
 7:00 A.M. Priests Intentions
 9:00 A.M. Priests Intentions

TUES., DECEMBER 26:

6:30 A.M. Emily Briggs Carbo
 5:30 P.M. Rev. Gerald Lewis S.V.D. and Bishop Carlos Lewis S.V.D.

WED., DECEMBER 27:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger
 5:30 P.M. Melinda LaJaunie

THURS., DECEMBER 28:

6:30 A.M. Helen Ann St. Romain
 5:30 P.M. Mary Jean Simpson (anniv.)

FRI., DECEMBER 29:

6:30 A.M. Steven Gerard Carbo
 5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

SAT., DECEMBER 30:

8:00 A.M. Sophie Chestovich
 4:00 P.M. Josephine Chestovich; Tracy Wiltse; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Intention of Lynn Muscat; Alfred Cook Sr.; Sam and Edith Tamburo, Colingo and Tamburo families, Simon and Mamie Campo and Campo families; Thomas Brocato; Intention of Jennifer Manuel; Donald J. Gremillion; Ruby Dantin; Chuck, Joan and Harry (anniv.) Hardy; Huey Peterman; Michael Hussey

SUN., DECEMBER 31:

7:00 A.M. Joseph Marien Jr.
 9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Jim and Bob Foster; In Honor of Elizabeth; Allen (anniv.) and Virgie Aymond; Al Beach and Living and deceased members of the Verzwylvelt families; Ronnie Buford; Gerald Flynn; Mark Daiy; Tom Stafford; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard families
 10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family
 5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Dec. (five Sundays)	\$108,750.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Dec.	\$47,514.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$17,078.00
Amount still needed for Dec.	\$44,158.00

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?

"Creating a culture of hospitality in today's parishes requires catechesis, deliberate planning and careful implementation. This should be the goal of any good parish plan for creating more welcoming communities." - from *Company's Coming: A Spiritual Process for Creating More Welcoming Parishes*

