

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY	December 24, 2011
4:00PM	OLM Parishioners
6:00PM	BethAnn, Brian, Paul Mackie Deceased Members of DiRienzo and Kohmescher Families
10:00PM	Melanie Grevera
SUNDAY	December 25, 2011
7:45AM	JoAnn Peach Rosaline Peach
9:15AM	Henry & Lucy Scala Patrick & Louise Soranno
10:45AM	Vincent & Florence Novinski Mary Ellen Smith
12:15PM	Peter N. Hagen Helen Higgins Astrid S. Peterson
MONDAY	December 26, 2011
9:30AM	OLM Parishioners
TUESDAY	December 27, 2011
9:30AM	Loretta & 3D's
WEDNESDAY	December 28, 2011
9:30AM	Ellen Curran
THURSDAY	December 29, 2011
9:30AM	Charles Foley
FRIDAY	December 30, 2011
9:30AM	Paul Kohmescher
SATURDAY	December 31, 2011
5:00PM	John McCarthy Cornelius & Gertrude Shea John Sheppard
7:00PM	Wanda Grevera
SUNDAY	January 1, 2012
7:45AM	OLM Parishioners
9:15AM	Judith Farrall
10:45AM	Kristin Collinson
12:15PM	Elena Marianacci

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish community who have requested our prayers.



CONTACT INFORMATION

FATHER JOE AND FATHER ABUCHI

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To receive email updates of OLM news and events,
please go to our website and sign up:
www.ourladyofthemountain.org.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

12/18/11

Weekly Collection	\$10,676.00
Hope for the Poor	3,411.00
Christmas Flowers	554.00
Food Pantry	125.00
Christmas	151.00
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	\$14,917.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

REMINDER: If you attend Mass at either St. Luke's or St. Mark's, you can drop your Our Lady of the Mountain envelope in the collection basket and it will be credited as your donation to Our Lady of the Mountain.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

OLM's Goal was \$30,000. As of December 19th, \$67,266 was pledged by 292 donors. Thank you so much for your generosity.

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN

Saturday, December 31

5:00PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
7:00PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu

Sunday, January 1

7:45AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Goode
9:15AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Goode
10:45AM Rev. Msgr. Stanley Schinski
12:15PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu

ST. MARK'S

Saturday, December 31

5:30PM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Goode

Sunday, January 1

8:30AM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
9:30AM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
11:00AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Goode

ST. LUKE'S WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM, Sunday: 7:45AM, 9:30AM, 11:15AM

DECEMBER 25, 2011 ~ NATIVITY OF THE LORD



CHRISTMAS 2011

The world has gone through a lot this past year. There were revolts (The Arab Spring) and the new emergence of struggling new leaderships. There was discontent and upheaval in the world economic markets. There were weather related incidents that took their toll - even here in Long Valley. We are in the midst of government stalemates and long political campaigns. Yet in the midst of these things that will eventually come and go on and on – we gather to celebrate one event that has changed the course of our history as a people of God. Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary was born in Bethlehem of Judea. To those of us who profess Him as our God born among us, we celebrate the hope for the future that His birth gave us. The birth of Jesus among us means that God still has hope and love for humankind and the desire that we live our lives as Jesus lived His in selfless service to others. Sometimes the world forgets this important message and we too can get so involved in these other issues that we lose focus on what is really important in our lives. We as followers of Jesus are called to still bring a sense of hopefulness to world as we seek to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters. I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and pray the spirit of Jesus will always live in your hearts.

Father Joe

ISRAEL (Part 6 and Final) Reflections on Recent Trip to the Holy Land

Our final day in Israel began with Mass in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. This was the second Mass there during our trip. This day we were in a small grotto-like chapel and it was a peaceful and prayerful celebration as we realized where we were, and also that it was our last Mass together as a pilgrimage group.

After Mass, we traveled for an hour or more southeast from Jerusalem along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho (we passed the "Good Samaritan Inn") and saw much of the real desert area. Then we arrived at the Dead Sea and continued to the furthest point south on our trip to the mountain fortress of Masada. Masada is high mountain plateau reached by cable car. It is there that in 72 AD a group of Jewish freedom fighters held out against the Roman legions for well over a year. There was a movie several years ago that depicted their courageous stand. This is one of the national monuments of Israel and a must for every Israeli soldier to visit in order to gain a sense of the history of the Jewish people.

After Masada the group journeyed north to a beach along the Dead Sea, and a good number tried out the water. I didn't because I really don't like to get too much sun, but those who did described the salty experience as trying to swim in Jell-O. You cannot sink - this is true! It was a fun a couple of hours.

Our final stop on the way back to Jerusalem was to visit Qumran – this is the archeological remains of a monastic type community of early Jewish settlers who are believed to have written the Dead Sea Scrolls. It was in the caves in this area that the Scrolls were found in 1947. The Scrolls are part of the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures). Tradition sometimes also relates that perhaps John the Baptist was familiar with the monastic type community from his years in the desert before he came forth to proclaim the coming of the Messiah.

I did not plan it this way but thus on Christmas Day ends my account of the journey to the Holy Land. Like John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph, Angels and Shepherds we are called to still announce the presence of Jesus into the world. I hope I gave you a little insight to what we experienced and maybe a desire to make such a pilgrimage yourself some day.

Father Joe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-8) NEWS

Merry Christmas from Maryanne and the entire Religious Education staff! May the newborn Babe in Bethlehem fill your hearts and minds with the peace that only Jesus Christ can bring! There are no classes today or next Sunday, January 1, 2012. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2012 in the morning for Grades K-6 and in the evening for Grades 7 & 8, beginning with the Teen Mass at 5:30PM.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Classes meet in the lower level of the Parish Center at 7:30-9:00PM

confirmationolm@comcast.net

CPI (9th Grade)

Monday, January 23 Formation 1, Part 1

CPII (10th Grade)

Monday, January 9 Pam Stenzel 3&4

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NO CLASSES DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2!

Information and Service Hours:

KellyAnn Routhier, 908-876-5024.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meet in Teen Center (basement parish office)

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00PM

youtholm@comcast.net

Attention all High School Juniors and Seniors -

If you are interested in joining Peer Ministry, please contact Mrs. Gartley.

Teen Mass - January 8, 2012, 5:30PM

Information: Caroline Gartley, 908-876-5024

OUR LADY'S CUPBOARD

Our food pantry is in need of cereals, breakfast treats, condiments, tuna fish, crackers, cookies, and paper goods. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



CATHOLICS COME HOME

Have you seen any of the 2-minute "Catholics Come Home" commercials which began airing on TV/cable networks on December 16th? They are part of a nationwide advertising campaign to invite Catholics home to the Church. If anyone is here today in response to the "Catholics Come Home" initiative, we want you to know that Bishop Arthur Serratelli is providing an added opportunity for you. The Evangelization Team of St. Paul's Inside the Walls Evangelization Center is hosting "Come Home" gatherings at various locations throughout the diocese. These meetings will offer a reverential setting for listening, healing and fielding questions. They are scheduled as follows:

Monday, January 23, 2012

St. Paul's Inside the Walls
205 Madison Avenue
Madison
7:30 to 9:00PM

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

St. John Vianney Parish
2823 Route 23
Stockholm
7:30 to 9:00PM

Saturday, January 28, 2012

St. Philip the Apostle Parish
797 Valley Rd.
Clifton
1:00 to 2:30PM

Monday, January 30, 2012

St. Mary's Parish
181 Market St.
Passaic
7:30 to 9:00PM

For additional information, please call Pat Terranella at 973-437-9741 or go to www.insidethewalls.org.

TODDLER BED NEEDED

A single mom of three children is in need of a toddler bed. If you can help, please call Judy at 908-399-7305.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Flowers.

Carmel Balz in memory of *Paul Balz*
Don & Lorraine Bartek in memory of *John Tereman*
Bob & Betsy Brown in memory of *Mary Anne Gibboney*
Rosalie & Vincent Ciccia in memory of *Tom & Pearl Cepriano* and *Salvatore Ambrosio*
Steve & Evelina Cochrane in memory of *Victor C. Cochrane* and *Cecilia B. Cochrane*
Patrick & Pamela Collinson in memory of *Kristin Collinson*
Brian & Kathleen Cox in memory of the *Cox and Foynes Families*
The Crane Family in memory of *Anna & Thomas Healy* and *Emma & James Crane*
Ed & Eileen Croot in memory of the *Croot and Morley Families*
Bill & Kathy Deisenroth in memory of *Walt & Jane Haviar* and *Helen Assenheimer*
Georgene Dewald in memory of *Jean A. Walsh*
Don J. DiCindio in memory of *Debra J. DiCindio*
Bruce & Ellen Dietlein in memory of *Deceased Dietlein* and *Jaklitsch Family Members*
Rita DiRienzo in memory of *Mary & Patrick DiRienzo*
Mr. & Mrs. S. DiStasi in memory of *Jennie & Charles Briscolina*
Russ & Carol Dittmar in memory of *Jonathan Dittmar, Val Symanski, Sakiko Ikeda*
Michael & Carol Feula in memory of *The Feula* and *Centanni Families*
Maureen Foley in memory of *Theresa & James Brady*
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Gall in memory of *Rose & Joseph Oshinski Sr.* and *Sophie & Thomas Gall, Sr.*
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Galli in memory of *Frank Orefice, Thomas Galli* and *Mark Relovsky*
The Gardner Family in memory of *John McMahon*
William & Maureen Garry in memory of *Kiernan & Garry Families*
Jean & Carmen Greco in memory of *Albert & Malvina Kuczynski* and *Charles & Katie Greco*
Don Grevera in memory of *Melanie Grevera*
John Polizzi Grilli & Gerald Grilli in memory of *Lou Polizzi* and *Charlotte Grilli*
Marty & Gerry Grogan in memory of the *Grogan and Zaikowski Families*
Joyce & Roger Hines in memory of *Jean & James Flaherty,* and *Mary & Roger Hines*
Patricia & Thomas Holden in memory of *Laura & Anthony Aro* and *Agnes & Thomas Holden*
The Horn Family in memory of *Charles & Rosemary Schmitt,* and *Fred Horn*
Geri Kerr & Family in memory of *Rank & Louise Beszczak* and *Ruth & Bob Kerr*
Fred & Mary Kessler in memory of *Bertha & James Krovatine* and *Fred and Jennie Kessler*
Margie Kohmescher in memory of *Deceased Members of the Kohmescher & DiRienzo Families*
Annie Lane in memory of *Curtin, Lane, Leahy, Bialecki, Gandet* and *Keane Families*
July & Albert Leier in memory of *Nagel Family, Dorothy Leier* and *Doerflein Family*
The Litkenhaus Family in loving memory of *Anthony Manitta*
Mary Lobasso in memory of *Lawrence & Rose DeNoto*
Marion A. Lynch in memory of *Joseph & Anna Anselmo*
Maione Family in memory of *Michael Clemenza*
Mr. & Mrs. V. Mangiapane in memory of *Michael Giannetti*
William Masker in memory of *Marie Masker*
Paul and Diane Meyer in memory of *DeNonno, Liamero, Huppach* and *Meyer Families*
Mary McCarthy in memory of *Robert McCarthy* and *Theresa Donovan*
John & Rosemary McNary in memory of *Louis & Rose Girgenti, Joseph Cottone,* and *Savario Palazzo*
John & Carol Meola in memory of *Anthony & Anne DeVenezia* and *Dorfe & Josephine Meola*
Edward Michonski in memory of *Theresa Michonski*
Marlene Mirtich in memory of *Agnes & Edward O'Holla* and *Gerald Franey*
Lou & JoAnne Monteforte in memory of *Vera Monteforte* and *Angelina Curasi*
Bob & Maryanne Moore in memory of *Joe & Marge Kossage* and *Jack & Winnie Moore*
Margaret Murphy & Family in memory of *James & Bridget Conlon*

Louise G. Palazzo in memory of *John & Antoinette Girgenti, Vincent & Charlotte Corvo, Jennie & Vincent Mulè, Rose & Sam Corvo, Mary Longo, Martin Volpe, Saverio Palazzo, Louise & Rose Girgenti, Angelina & Joseph Palazzo, Marie Girgenti, Joseph Cottone, James White and Sr. Rosalie Girgenti*

Ann Prisco & Family in memory of *Anthony Prisco and Maria Ann Spangenberg*

Joanne Riley in memory of *William Hedstrom*

Evelyn Rogan in memory of *Michael Rogan and Sr. Bonaventure CSJB*

Joe & Barbara Rogers in memory of *Emily & Robert Meringer, Howard & Kathleen Rogers, Charles Brattain, and Madeline Neidecker*

The Rolser Family in memory of *Janet Hockin and Robert Rolser*

Cornelia J. Shea Sheppard in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Shea and John Sheppard*

Maureen Smith in memory of *Msgr. Louis Gallo, Father Ralph Sodano, Msgr. Jack Dericks, Buddy Smith, Diane LoLarasso and Beatrice Borino*

The Smith Family in memory of *Mary Ellen Smith*

Joan Sullivan in memory of *Thomas & Gerald Sullivan*

Larry & Veronika Swisher in memory of *Robert A. Swisher, Sr.*

Benjamin & Elizabeth Szamreta in memory of *Krystyna Wladyka and Benjamin Szamreta Sr.*

The Turner Family in memory of *John Turner & George Holland*

Frank & Ellin Uhl in memory of *Paul J. Uhl, Frank & Edna Ulatowski, and Basil & Jean Skelly*

Debbie Ungemach in memory of *Violet Vernall Coe*

The Vacca/Canning Family in memory of *Mary Casalino*

Mr. & Mrs. John Verrilli in memory of *Minnie Verilli and Edward Vazquez*

Claudia & Rick Wagner in memory of *Claire Mika and Quentin Wagner*

Mary Wehrenberg in memory of *Tony DeVenezia and Harry Wehrenberg*

Susan Wendt-Przybyzewski in memory of *Doreo Mellusi and Carol Grosvenor*

Ryan Wehmeyer in memory of *Tom "Pop" Golembeski*

Jane White in memory of *George White, Jr.*

Martin Winkler in memory of *Martin & Elsa Winkler*

Brian & Mary Wood in memory of *The Wood and Coleman Families*

Sue & Joe Youngman in memory of *Deleporte & Youngman Families*

In Memory of *Al Wilson, Wayne Flagg, Tomislav Pokler*

