

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY 5:00PM	December 17, 2011 Anna DeTrolio Edward Windt – 3 rd Anniversary
7:00PM	Joseph Grosch Sr.
SUNDAY 7:45AM	December 18, 2011 Adele Kuchno
9:15AM	Helen Rush
10:45AM	William Carpenter
12:15PM	Lorie Lachbeck Helen Wenger Charles Wilson
MONDAY 9:30AM	December 19, 2011 Louise Soranno
TUESDAY 9:30AM	December 20, 2011 Gail Carpenter (Living)
WEDNESDAY 9:30AM	December 21, 2011 Deceased Members of the Carty Family
THURSDAY 9:30AM	December 22, 2011 Loretta & 3D's
FRIDAY 9:30AM	December 23, 2011 Patrick Moylan
SATURDAY 4:00PM	December 24, 2011 OLM Parishioners
6:00PM	BethAnn, Brian, Paul Mackie Deceased Members of DiRienzo and Kohmescher Families
10:00PM	Melanie Grevera
SUNDAY 7:45AM	December 25, 2011 JoAnn Peach Rosaline Peach
9:15AM	Henry & Lucy Scala Patrick & Louise Soranno
10:45AM	Vincent & Florence Novinski Mary Ellen Smith
12:15PM	Helen Higgins

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

COOKIE SALE

The Long Valley Columbiettes will be holding a cookie sale after all Masses in the Gathering Room this weekend.

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

Weekly Collection	\$12,522.00
Retired Religious	4,484.00
Immaculate Conception	1,651.00
Christmas Flowers	520.00
Food Pantry	20.00
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TOTAL	\$19,197.00

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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN

Saturday, December 24

4:00PM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Goode
6:00PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
10:00PM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Goode

Sunday, December 25

7:45AM Rev. Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky
9:15AM Rev. Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky
10:45AM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
12:15PM Rev. Msgr. Stanley Schinski

ST. MARK'S

Saturday, December 24

4:30PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
6:30PM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Goode
10:00PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu

Sunday, December 25

9:30AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Goode
11:00AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Goode

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 3:30PM, 5:00PM, 6:30PM, 8:30PM
Christmas Day: 7:45AM, 9:30AM, 11:15AM

DECEMBER 18, 2011 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



THE TIME IS NEAR....

The circle of lights is complete this week as we light the fourth Advent candle. The candles of the first two weeks reminded us to be watchful and to be prepared. Last week's theme was rejoicing and this week it is joy. We are to be joyful as Mary was as we welcome the presence of Jesus among us. Mary was the chosen one of God. She was a worthy mother for Jesus. This fourth week of Advent can be a time of quietness of heart in the midst of the busyness around us. Really make an effort to allow the peaceful presence of Jesus to fill your spirit as you go about doing good. Recognize the presence of Jesus in each person you meet and like Mary, you will be able to proclaim the greatness of God's works among us.

I may not see all of you next weekend on Christmas, but know that you are in my prayers as I celebrate this first Christmas with you. I appreciate your prayers as we all can benefit from the prayerful support of others.

Blessings, Father Joe

ISRAEL (PART 5 of 6) REFLECTIONS BY FATHER JOE ON RECENT TRIP TO HOLY LAND

We began our third day in Jerusalem with Mass at the church named "Peter Gallicantus," "*Peter of the Cock Crowing.*" In this church basement is a dungeon verified to be of the first century, and tradition has it that this is the site of the house of the high priest to whom Jesus was brought following His arrest. It is also the place of Peter's denials of Jesus, thus the name of the church. After Mass we made our way again into the OLD CITY to visit the Western Wall (Wailing Wall). In 70 A.D. the Roman Army destroyed Jerusalem to put down a revolt by Jewish freedom fighters. This one wall of the temple was not destroyed and the Jewish people come there to pray. In recent years Pope Benedict was there and we, like him and many thousands of others, wrote our personal prayers on a slip of paper and inserted them into the cracks of the wall. Each month these prayer slips are taken from the wall and buried on the Mount of Olives. Recent archeological excavations discovered a massive tunnel/water system below the Western Wall and some of us from the group walked this underground system.

During a free afternoon, the group scattered for various activities, including shopping in the OLD CITY market places. I went back by myself into the OLD CITY, re-visited the Upper Room and just walked the busy streets of the OLD CITY to take in its history, both past and present.

Our next to last day was different. We visited the Holocaust Memorial. This visit takes most of the morning and one cannot really describe the experience. As you walk from one room to another, you realize that each room represents a country in which you experience the horrors of the Holocaust that was inflicted upon the Jewish people, as well as other people of good will. Our guide was a son of holocaust survivors and he told us that he does not go in too often because the experiences are still too painful of a remembrance for him. Afterward we went to a place called "The Shrine of the Book." This is the museum of the Dead Sea Scrolls which are parchments which were found in 1947 along the Dead Sea in various caves. These scrolls were greatly helpful to Scripture scholars over the years. In fact, there is an exhibition of them now on display in the New York Times Square Discovery center. I visited there recently and the exhibit is quite a learning experience. We made our way south of Jerusalem to the town of Ein Karim, which is the birthplace of John the Baptist and site of Mary's visitation to Elizabeth. This is a little town nestled in the hill country of Judea, just like the Gospel describes. There are two churches – the church of the birth John the Baptist is at the foot of a hill and we prayed the Benedictus prayer of praise offered by Zachariah (John's father). We then walked up to the church of visitation (it was more like a hike) and celebrated an outdoor Mass in a small garden setting for the group. Each place holds its special meaning, and to say one Mass site was more special than others would be difficult. Mary holds a special place in our Catholic tradition and to visit some of these traditional special sites is very powerful. Groups come from all over the world to visit the Holy Land. In one day, I remember hearing Spanish, Polish, Nigerian, French, German, Italian, Russian and a few others I did not recognize – all spoken by pilgrims like ourselves.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-8) NEWS

There are no classes on Sunday, December 25th or Sunday, January 1st, 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

NO CLASSES DECEMBER 19, 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 -

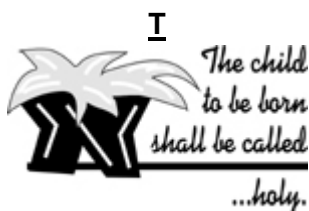
If you are interested in joining Peer Ministry, please contact Mrs. Gartley.

Information: Caroline Gartley, 908-876-5024

2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST IN EVERYONE

Please take advantage of the remaining weeks of 2011 to make a year-end gift to our Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your pledge is essential so that the Church of Paterson can continue to help tens of thousands of people throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties each year. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's Appeal goal are returned to the parish for their own needs. By contributing to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are also helping your local faith community. May God bless you for your generous support!



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.

OUR LADY'S CUPBOARD

Our food pantry is in need of coffee, tea, soup, can goods, condiments, and paper goods. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Marks will be hosting its annual Invitational Christmas Concert today at 4:00PM. All are welcome! Admission will be a freewill offering. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 850-0652.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, ALTAR SERVERS

Signup sheets are in the sacristy for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses for Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. Ushers' signup sheets are on the shelf outside of the Gift Shop. Please sign up!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes are on the usher's tables for Flower Donations in honor or in memory of your loved ones this Christmas season. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24th

- 4:00PM ~ Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass
- 6:00PM ~ Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass, Children's Liturgy and Pageant
- 10:00PM ~ Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass, featuring the "Our Lady of the Mountain Choir" performing a musical ensemble. Caroling begins at 9:30PM.

Christmas Day ~ Sunday, December 25th

7:45AM, 9:15AM, 10:45AM, 12:15PM
Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Children's Liturgy Program is looking for volunteers to share the Word of God with our little ones during the 9:15AM Mass. Lessons are already planned and are lots of fun! Confirmation Candidates welcome for service hours! For more information, please call Debi Pinelli at 813-1982.

OLM CAREER SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting of the OLM Career Support Group on Tuesday evening, December 20th at 7:30PM in the Conference Room of the OLM Parish Center. If you are seeking employment, looking to change jobs, or know of job openings, please join us. For more information, please contact Paul Richartz at 908-876-9601.

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 9:00 PM

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

ADVENT READINGS-FOURTH WEEK

Spend a little time with the Lord this Advent season as we await the birth of Jesus. The following are the readings that can be used for reflection this week:

Sunday, December 18	Isaiah 60:1-2
Monday, December 19	2 Corinthians 4:5-6
Tuesday, December 20	John 1:1-5
Wednesday, December 21	John 12:44-46
Thursday, December 22	Ephesians 5:8-11
Friday, December 23	John 8:12
Saturday, December 24	John 12:35-36

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday

Song of Songs 2:8-14 or
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

Thursday

1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Friday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Saturday

Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Luke 1:67-79

Vigil of Christmas:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25