

 **Mass Intentions**

- MON., 12/14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**
8:00 A.M. - John Kotermanski (Dorothea Hoag)
- TUE., 12/15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Margaret Anderson (Marion Huber)
- THU., 12/17 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Marge Blossat (Florence Marsh)
- FRI., 12/18 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Stephen Biernacki (Tom & Joanne)
- SAT., 12/19 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
5:00 P.M. - Clyde Cottrell (Birthday) (Olga Cottrell)
- SUN., 12/20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00 A.M. - The Parishioners
10:30 A.M. - Balzer & Pieszak Families (Ed & Helen)



Last Sunday's offertory, \$2,617.75 (368 envelopes mailed and 162 envelopes received) and loose, \$792.25. Children's offering, \$19.34.. Average gift of envelope users: \$16.16. **And also from our children . . .** "I read a story about St. John Newman . . . I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament . . . I did laundry . . . I said my blessing . . . I helped with chores . . . I vacuumed Grandma's floor . . ."

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
 Diocesan Goal: \$31,729
Pledged to Date: \$60,671
 191% of Diocesan Goal
 Amount Received to Date: \$50,883
271 contributors = 68% of Parish

Ruth Jezak won last week's "300 Club" drawing for \$200— #231 for week 17. Congratulations! **TWO NUMBERS** will be drawn today for \$250 each! Good luck to all!

Please notice that there is an envelope in your monthly packet for "Christmas Flowers". Please be sure to mark the other side of this envelope with the names of those you wish to remember with this memorial. The Masses on Christmas eve and Day will be celebrated for these individuals. Please be as generous as you always are. If you do not have envelopes and still wish to memorialize someone with a donation, you can do so in any envelope and just mark what it's for. Thanks so much.

Please remember in our prayers the soul of **John Ringler** who recently died. May those who loved him find strength in the presence of the Risen Christ and His promise of eternal life.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY** Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 8:00 Mass until 11:30 A.M.
Penance Service at St. Peter's in Conneautville at 7 P.M.
- TUESDAY** Penance Service at OLQA at 7 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY** Penance Service at St. Philip's in Linesville at 7 P.M.
- SUNDAY** Confessions for students in Grades 10-12.
Liturgy of the Word for children during the 10:30 Mass.
RCIA after the 10:30 Mass.



Bible Quote: "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." *Luke 3:11*

* There are **NO Religious Education** classes next week— Sunday, December 27th and Monday, December 28th. **Have a Blessed Christmas!** * **Thank you to Saint Nicholas (Santa & Mrs. Claus)**, who came and visited with our Monday night Religious Education students! * Child Protection release forms sent to parents of High School students absent the day of the video **MUST turn in the completed and signed form** ASAP! These forms were mailed home! * **Congratulations to Amanda Novosel** who won a \$10 Gift Card to "Five Guys Burger & Fries" in this months "Test your Catholic Knowledge" drawing. "Test your Catholic Knowledge" - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the celebration of the grace bestowed on (a) Jesus; (b) Blessed Virgin Mary; (c) Gabriel. Write your answer along with your name and phone number on a piece of paper and place it in the collection basket for a chance to win our monthly drawing. **GOOD LUCK!**

There will be **Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this Monday morning from after the 8:00 Mass until 11:30 A.M. (December 14th). Take some time if you can and come before the Lord on the altar, praying for your own personal intentions and for the needs of so many. This is a quiet time of prayer and meditation and is so rich in grace for all of us. Come, spend time with Jesus, and make this truly a blessed Advent day! **Prayer intentions can be written down this weekend and on Monday morning.**

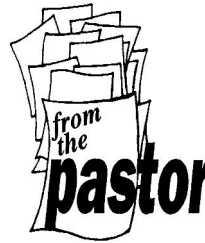
Advent is an excellent opportunity for you to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Make Confession part of your preparation for the great feast of Christmas. We will be holding our **Penance Services** with St. Peter's and St. Philips's this week. Each service begins at **7:00 P.M.** and consists of a short prayer service and then an opportunity for individual confession. **Monday we will gather at St. Peter's in Conneautville, Tuesday here at OLQA, and Wednesday at St. Philip in Linesville.** This is the week to celebrate Confession and prepare for the hold day of Christ's birth.

Oplatki (wafers) will be available the weekend of December 19th and 20th for you to use in your homes at your holiday celebrations and to send to family and friends.

		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	Cody Slevin Kary Grieser	Jerry Waldron	John Lauffer, Bob & Linda Slevin	Tom Donegan (c) Bill Greco Bob Russell Mary Donegan	Mary Beth Jacobs
SUN	8:00 AM	Rebecca & Amanda Novosel	Helen Biemer	Diana Conroy, Bob & Paula Hilton	Ken Novosel (c) Bob Burns Rich Starn Bob Harrison	Grace Bossard
SUN	10:30 AM	Rachel Verno Erika Krachkowski	Sandy Ragozine	Marlene Gross, Pete & Sue Simonetta	Dave Perfett (c) Ed Pieszak John Meyerhoff Mark Sobieski	Sue Keas



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:
DECEMBER 13, Stephanie Baker; **DECEMBER 14,** Alan Wise; **DECEMBER 15,** Dan Bazylak, Amy Detelich, Judy Duffy, Karl Josefson, Don Schrall; **DECEMBER 16,** Jessica Bartges, John Hilla; **DECEMBER 17,** Madison Hornstein, Krista Longoria; **DECEMBER 18,** Ella Lang, Pat Saeger, Christina Wells, Roy Wilson. **ENJOY YOUR DAY!**



The Advent anticipation is growing. It is nearly here! As we celebrate this Third Sunday of Advent, we REJOICE! This is GAUDETE SUNDAY—meaning “rejoice” - rejoice always in the Lord. Again, I say, rejoice! The third candle of the Advent wreath is a lighter shade of purple—a rose, or pink color. It is meant to signify how our hearts are

joyfully anticipating what is about to happen in a few short weeks . . . the birth of our Savior. GAUDETE, my friends! And how we in particular rejoice here at OLQA. This weekend we celebrate our patronal feast day—Our Lady of Guadalupe. We remember with joy how Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego in December of 1531. This Lady of Guadalupe has become the patroness of the Americas, and the patroness of the unborn. She is the patroness of our parish as well. We are privileged to be called the parish of Our Lady, Queen of the Americas. And so, as we remember our Blessed Mother this weekend, and celebrate together our “family feast”, we ask Our Lady to bless not only the Americas, but to bless this parish in magnificent ways. May she ask her Son to grant us all we need to continue to be a family of believers who worship, celebrate, pray together, and serve each other as brother and sister. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Fa. Atkins

As you are out shopping, please know that on January 3rd, the Feast of the Epiphany, we will be gathering items for newborn children and infants as a “baby shower” effort. You will be able to place these gifts near the Nativity scene that weekend and all gifts will be distributed to the Pregnancy Center and to Family Services. Wish list items include: diapers, wipes, lotions, shampoo, ointments, powder, newborn outfits, rattles, blankets, etc. Let’s make this a real “shower” in honor of the Infant Jesus for the infants of today’s world. Thank you!

Husbands, searching for a special gift for Christmas this year? Give the gift of yourself for an entire weekend. Bring your wife to **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** and enrich your relationship. Next is February 19-21, 2010. For information call (814) 823-4600.

Please plan accordingly: our Christmas Mass Schedule will be **Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24th: 5:00 and Midnight Mass.** This Midnight Mass will be preceded by a half hour of Lessons and carols from the choir, beginning at 11:30 P.M. **Mass on Christmas Day, December 25th will be celebrated at 9:30 A.M.** There will be the regular weekend Masses celebrated on December 26th and 27th. **Masses for the New Year, January 1st: Thursday, December 31st at 6:00 and Friday, January 1st at 9:00 A.M.** January 2nd is the First Saturday of the month, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 A.M. and the regular weekend Mass schedule for the 2nd and 3rd.

There is a bus that has been reserved to attend the **March for Life** in Washington D.C. The bus will leave St. Philip’s in Linesville. The March for Life is on Friday, January 22, 2010. Anyone interested, please call Rebecca at 382-6363.

Today’s Readings

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18. Rejoice, for the Lord is in your midst.
Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7. Rejoice in the Lord always.
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18. John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah.
Question of the Week: How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?