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***** FROM THE PASTOR *****

“Christmas 2017”

My dear brothers and sisters tomorrow we celebrate Christmas the great feast of our Savior’s birth. Christmas is the most wonderful time when we rejoice in the love that God has for us. During the Christmas Season, we recall the dramatic story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. How can we not be moved by God’s love for us as we recall the Son of God humbling himself by taking on human flesh and being born in a manger.

Let us rejoice as we recall that Jesus came into the world for each one of us. Let us contemplate during this Holy Season that each of us is special to our Father in heaven. On Christmas Day, we recall the fulfillment of God’s promise to not leave us orphans. Rather, by sending his son into the world to be our brother, he made us his adopted sons and daughters.

As we contemplate his love for us let us recognize at the same time his love for each person. Jesus at Christmas wants each of us to respect, care for and love one another.

The joy of Christmas is the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, among us. As you celebrate Christmas with your family and friends, we ask you to remember that we, the Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, are your family too and you and your family are part of our family.

Parish Calendar Raffle

Our Annual “Calendar Raffle” will be coming soon. As you know a calendar raffle is one where you buy a ticket for a chance to win a prize each day for three (3) months, a total of 89 chances to win. Our raffle will cost \$10 a ticket; the prizes run from \$30 to \$200 dollars. The raffle will run from February 1st to April 30th. Each time a winning ticket is drawn it is put back into the box so that it can be drawn again and again. You could be chosen multiple times over the course of the raffle. This is a fun way to support the parish and to win some cash. The Proceeds from the raffle will go toward updating the School Facility. You should receive your raffle books in early January.

Winter Weather and Our Little Ones

With the weather getting colder I want to let all our parents, with little ones in their arms, know that if you need to move with your children don’t go outside where it is cold. In the Little Church please feel free to go into the confessional where it is nice and warm. You can put the children down and let them stretch. In the Marian Center, you can go in the hallway or the lobby.

Also, know that our little ones making noise doesn’t bother us. So, don’t feel you must wrestle with them. They are joining in our prayers in their own way. As Jesus says in the Gospel: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these”. (Luke 18: 16)

***On behalf of Fr. Ray Rodrigue, Deacon Bob Glasner, Deacon Bruce Olsen, Deacon Ron Romano,
Teresa Gagliostro and all the staff of Our Lady of Good Counsel I wish each of you a very peaceful,
joyful and
“Merry Christmas”
Fr. Stephen Cinque***

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 24TH

As we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, let our prayer intention for these Eight Days of Christmas be for Peace in the World, the peace that was meant to be, the peace that Jesus came to bring to all people.



2017 Christmas Schedule



Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24

5:00 pm Mass in the Marian Center

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25

8:00 am Mass in the Small Church

10:30 am Mass in the Marian Center

12:00 pm Mass in the Small Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

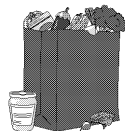
Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in the Christmas Pageant.

YOUTH MINISTRY

There will be no Youth Group meetings on December 27th January 3rd and 10th. Regular Wednesday meetings will resume on January 17th at 7:340 pm in the Youth Room..

PARISH NEWS

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION - Let us not forget our food pantry. There is still a great need for non-perishable food, paper products, personal hygiene items, etc. Monetary donations are accepted and turned into Shoprite gift cards. The suggested donation for the week of December 31st is **Breakfast Cereal**. If you or someone you know is in need of help through our food pantry, feel free to contact Claudia Carroll at 201-664-1679.



This will be on a strictly confidential basis. If necessary, arrangements for delivery to your home can be made. Although our pantry is small our parish heart is huge and we are willing to help.

DAILY MASS - There will be no 7:30 am Masses this week.

STEWARDSHIP

The budgeted amount per week is \$10,000.00. The collection for December 16th and 17th was \$7,240.00, leaving a deficit of \$2,760. The monthly **Archdiocesan Assessment** is \$6,000.00. This week's assessment collection amounted to \$2,184.00 leaving a deficit of \$3,816.00. Thank you for your support.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH announces "Discovering Christ", a seven-week experience, beginning January 28th through March 18th with a Saturday retreat on March 3rd. The Sunday

sessions will be held from 4:00-6:30 pm. Sessions are held once a week at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 120 Washington Avenue in Westwood. Each session consists of a simple Sunday dinner, an inspirational talk by dynamic guest speakers, small group discussions and dessert. Registration deadline is January 8th. For more information, call the parish center at 201-666-1100- or visit www.standrewcc.com.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS who are grieving the death of a child is sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. The groups are led by trained facilitators - parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. Groups meet at **St. Thomas the Apostle Church**, Parish Center, 60 Boyd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm (July and August is 7:00 pm) and **St. Peter the Apostle Church**, Rectory Basement, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ on the Third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. There is no fee to participate and pre-registration is not needed. Please call Lauren Egan 973-497-4327 or email eganlaur@#rcan.org for further information.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Of all God's gifts to man, laughter is the most subtle and one of the most precious. It has neither nationality nor religion. As an equalizer, it has no equal. Even science, which can do so many things, can't teach us to laugh. Mirth is from God, dullness from the devil. When we laugh we agree with God that all is good. - from "Christian Clippings"

WORD OF LIFE

"Human Life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the right of a person among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." - *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the week of December 24th in memory of Frank McGrath. 586

THIS WEEK AT OLGC

SUNDAY:	No Rel. Ed. Classes
MONDAY:	Merry Christmas
TUESDAY:	No Rel. Ed. Classes
WEDNESDAY:	No Youth Group
THURSDAY:	
FRIDAY:	8:00 pm AA Meeting
SATURDAY:	4:00-4:30 pm Confessions
SUNDAY:	No Rel. Ed. Classes

REMINDER

SUNDAY COMMITTEE - Next Sunday, December 31st, Group B under the direction of Bob Grados is scheduled for duty at the rectory.

ARCHDIOCESAN CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE - 1-888-4 OPTIONS.

WEBSITE - Our website, www.olgcwt.org, is up and running. You can find our bulletin on it, schedules and Religious Education news and parish activities. Check us out.

THE SUNDAY MASS - Every Sunday the televised Mass produced by the Passionist Community is available in the New York Metropolitan area. (WPXN at 9:30 am; WLNY at 9:00 am; WNYW at 5:30 am.) Mass is also available on EWTN at 8:00 am and noon. Check your newspaper or television listing for the channel number. Closed Captioning is also available.

MISA EN ESPANOL, DOMINGO 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's Church, Washington Avenue in Westwood, 201-666-1100.

MASS TIMES - Free Ministry to traveling Catholics for Nationwide Mass times and locations on the internet at: www.Masstimes.org, or by phone at 858-207-6277 and then entering the zip code for where you are going.

CATHOLIC RADIO - "Relevant Radio" is a Catholic program with music and interesting information located at 1430 AM. In addition to the general audience, this might be appealing to the home-bound and/or visually impaired.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

of December 24, 2017.

SATURDAY:	5:00 pm	Robert Burke
SUNDAY:	8:00 am	Maurice Murphy
	10:30 am	Vincent Karabatsos
	12:00 pm	Maurice Murphy
	5:00 pm	William Zitko
MONDAY:	8:00 am	Ann Delcasale
	10:30 am	Maurice Murphy
	12:00 pm	Maurice Murphy
TUESDAY:	8:45 am	John Babich
WEDNESDAY:	8:45 am	Stella Blecha
THURSDAY:	8:45 am	Anne Lepis
FRIDAY:	8:45 am	Joseph Busanich
SATURDAY:	8:45 am	People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Mickey, Rose & Pat Cavallo
SUNDAY:	8:00 am	Deceased Members of Law & McGlone Family
	10:30 am	Edward Marcinek
	12:00 pm	Bill & Ann Heina

SCRIPTURE READING

SUNDAY:	2 sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
MONDAY:	Vigil Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; Night Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; Dawn Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; Day Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
TUESDAY:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
WEDNESDAY:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a,2-8
THURSDAY:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
FRIDAY:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
SATURDAY:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
SUNDAY:	Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

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