

Merry Christmas!! This will certainly be the last time you hear this most blessed greeting for the next eleven months. Before we turn around twice it will be August and the commercialism of Christmas will begin anew. Now is it time to savor past blessings and accept the invitation to reflect on and bless others with the wonderful Gift that our loving God has so generously provided for our health of mind, body and spirit.

Although today is the last day of the Christmas Season I feel confident in saying that most Christmas decorations are packed away for the season. Hopefully our Christmas Spirit is not also packed up and forgotten because now is the time, like Jesus, to get serious about our Christianity.

Earlier this week I received an advertisement packet from a R-Garden Inc. touting a new wonder vitamin – Vitamin O. The pages of claims in the booklet were just short of miraculous on every level. This vitamin will cure everything from hangnails to heart problems, from insomnia to narcolepsy and everything kind of fatigue known to human kind. I'm sure that many thousands of people will initially "jump on the band wagon" and try this oxygen supplement only to find that it comes up radically short of the claims. People will then shake their heads, wonder why they got 'sucked in' and then impatiently wait for the next miracle drug or supplement to come along and start in all over again.

When I see these claims I think of the sign I saw outside a Church some months ago, it read: "The only vitamin a Christian needs is B-1." What an incredibly simple and profound message. This message of course is at the heart of this weekend's Readings. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord we are reminded by Jesus himself what the discipline is to B-1. That discipline is first of all to acknowledge that we are all sinners and in dire need of the healing forgiveness which Jesus provides for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Baptism of John of which Jesus partook was the first known instance of a "Communal Reconciliation Service." At this moment Jesus began to take upon himself the 'sins of the world' and from this experience he was able to feel our pain and share in our miseries. What an awesome God we have who not only 'walks a mile in our sinful shoes' but gives us the means to reject sin and claim our inheritance of sons and daughters of the Living God. This is the gift of "rejoicing" in the Lord.

It was not so many years ago that we experienced long lines at the confessionals on Saturday, now they are almost non-existent, did 'sin' disappear? I think not for its effects are more real and obvious today than ever before and the debt of sin is overburdening our spiritual resources. If ever you are going to make a "new year's resolution" make it simple and profound – B-1 and begin with the discipline of Reconciliation, it may simply save your life. God Bless.

Week at OLA...

Sunday

Monday **K of C-7:00PM Hall**
 Senior Group-1:00PM Hall

Tuesday **Bridge Club-10:30AM Hall**
 Prayer Meeting-7PM
 RCIA- 7:00PM St. Michael's

Wednesday **Peace Mass-6:15PM**

Thursday **Bridge Club- Hall**

Friday

Saturday **Confession-4:00-4:30PM**

Parish Cruise-1/23/2016

Join Father John and fellow parishioners for a winter getaway in 2016 aboard Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas. We've reserved staterooms for the 1/23/16 departure from Ft. Lauderdale for a 7 day Eastern Caribbean itinerary. Book early for best selection. For more information call Michelle & Bob Dooley at 609-287-9205 or Trudy & Don Trappler at 609-465-0054 (or send an email to trappler@msn.com).

Remember Our Sick List

If anyone's name is on the sick list longer than 30 days we remove them. Please call us if they need to stay on longer and we will keep them on prayer list.



Remember Our Sick



Nicolas Dzury	Bob McGowan	Joseph Malloy
Ron Jost	Charlie Redolfi	Bill Ravenkamp
Cathy Cornell	Theresa Capuzzi	Jeremy Craig
Jared Kerr	Helen Pulaski	Jeanine Aylmer
Owen O'Neill	John Adams	Ed Levering
John Tomlin	Marian Fields	Bob Schekel
Robert Burns	Paul Roller	Klara Pedersen
Bob Jones	Jos. Stella, Sr.	Eleanor Oelkers
Elsie Swartz	Michele Dzury	Hannah McStay
Adriana Dzury	Keira Dzury	Bill Hollingsworth
Peter Linkewicz	Steve Dzury	Meg Dougherty
John Sweeney	Mary Kelly	Ray O'Donnell
Jacque Young	Eliz Callahan	Pat Hartzell
Mary Jane Tyrrell	Jim Hulme	Robert Pavese
Kathleen Ferguson	Albert Burns, Jr.	Ingrid Tornari
Barb Schuman	Kanen Keating Wears	Helen Murray
Bob White	Mickey Balzell	Elaine Toth
Jayla Hillegass	Baby Worman	Jay Bunting
Doris & John Ruppel	John Dorricott	Stephanie Macloud
Bob Behl	Dominick Dematteo	Ray Edwards
Marie Fenton	Larry Gadeleta	Rich & Dottie Brys
Chris Pugliese	John Davis	John Hee
Shirley McVey	Wm. J Maher	David Tack
Dominic Gaetano	Mary Janice Fenton	Kathryn & Berney Brill
Joanne Preston	Macy Scanlon	
Jimmy Sweitzer		

OLA Council #12184



Men, 18 or older, consider joining Council #12184. To learn more about the council, call Grand Knight Bob Podolski at 609-408-0291 or 609 889-1489.

Call Frank Angelone at 463-0939 for crab cakes made by members of Council #12184. The price is \$5.00 per crab cake. You get a great tasting start for a meal and you help the Knights charitable efforts.

The Senior Club

All seniors are encouraged to join our group! Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 1:00 PM. For information call Frank Angelone 463-0939. "Senior Group" of OLA is looking for New Members. They have a speaker or a singing group, a short meeting and play Bingo after. Come on out for an afternoon of fun. Refreshments served.

Scrip Gift Card

Thank You parishioners for purchasing scrip. Your continued support makes this effort a success. Special thanks to the scrip team for volunteering their time to sell scrip, and of course, the office staff. Checks are most welcome. Your continued support is appreciated and an easy way to ensure our parish's financial health.

Parish Nurse January Topic:

Winter Safety for Seniors

Get your pamphlet on the wall in vestibule. For further information or confidential assistance call Barbara Dix 465-2658.

Social Justice

"About 70 million people suffer from hunger and malnutrition worldwide. Thirty five countries out of about 200 are identified to be in crisis. They have to endure crop failures, armed conflicts and natural disasters; and we wonder why we have so many immigrants. The US budget for foreign aide is less than 1%." Rev. Robert Gregorio, Catholic Star Herald.

Thank you for donations of used cell phones and cartridges to the blue box in back of church to help support our impoverished Haiti village. Please remember the need for part time work opportunities for our young disabled parishioners-(see shoe box on table in vestibule with number to call if you have info in that regard.) Our next OLA Social Justice meeting is Monday, Jan. 19 at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Sunday Mass Preview Readings

"Neighborhood prayer and preview of following Sunday liturgy readings. No books, no fees. Tuesday 4PM to 5PM or 6PM to 7PM in my home in CMCH. Call Betty at 463-0063.

Women's Prayer Group and Scripture Study

On Mondays at 4PM the women will continue to meet for a scripture study of the following Sunday's readings and to pray for our Families, our Parish and our World.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Chapel there is a meeting of a new prayer group led by the Holy Spirit and Carlos and Debbie Rodriguez. Come and join us as we pray for our needs, Healing of the Sick and Peace in the world. Rosary begins at 7:00 PM followed by the Prayer Group Meeting.

From the Office of Faith Formation

Religious Ed sessions:

Gr. 6 Sunday, 1/11- 9:15-10:30AM and Monday, 1/12- 6:30-7:45PM.

Gr. 1 & 2 Tuesday, 1/13-3:45-5:00PM.

Gr. 3-5 Wednesday, 1/14-3:45-5:00PM.

Gr. 7 & 8 Confirmation session on Monday, January 12th at 6:30PM in Church.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will meet each Tuesday at 7PM in St. Michael's. All are welcome to come to share faith and to learn what it means to be Catholic. If you have any questions, please call Mary Joan at 536-2259.

Hope and Help Outreach

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10:00AM-12:00PM (Noon). We are open on an emergency basis, please call our hotline at 536-8331.

Thank you for your continued support, if you know of anyone who is in need, please contact our food pantry.

Respect Life

There will be two fare-free buses going from Cape May County to the 2015 Washington, DC March for Life on Thursday, January 22, 2015. Each bus seats 54 passengers and is restroom equipped. The bus picks up at two locations. 6:45 am at Our Lady of the Angels Church, CMCH or 7:00 am Garden State Pkwy Mile Post 18 Service Area, Middle Township. Contacts Steve Atzert 465-7765 or sartzert1@verizon.net or Alvin 374-0499.

Pray the Rosary

After Peace Mass on Wednesdays Legion of Mary Presidium "OLA" members will pray the Rosary in the Chapel. All are welcome!

Pastoral Council

We are looking for a better way to inform our community about the happenings and events going on in our parish on a timely basis. We are actually seeking a more effective way to communicate with all of you. We request that you read and fill out one of our 'WE NEED YOU' flyers in the gathering space and place into the collection basket if you have not yet done so. Even if you think the parish already has this information, please fill out the form.

There is a mailbox in the gathering space with a communication form under it. If you have any questions, suggestions, thoughts to share, please fill out one of the forms and place in mailbox. If you complete your name and phone number, we will respond.

The members of Pastoral Council are: Clare Herm, Steve Mendel, Ann Herron, Beth Denham, Steve Atzert, Rita Sicilia, Gene Sicilia, Nancy Condran, Jaime Loftus; Ted Roman and Jerry Adamczyk from St. Elizabeth and Fr. John, Fr. Cosme, Mary Joan Piechocki. We are available if you wish to speak with any of us. God bless you all!

Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic Schools

BMRS provides a quality Catholic education to all its students. Each year there are qualified students who would benefit from our programs and school, but whose families cannot afford tuition. To meet this need, we have developed an opportunity for friends of BMRS to adopt a student by sponsoring a student's tuition. Forms available on tables in Church or call 609-624-1900 ext #22. Thank you for your support.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 10, 2015

8:00 AM: Frank DiGennaro by Ralph DeShan

5:00 PM: Vistenzo Family by Kathleen

Sunday, January 11, 2015

8:00 AM: Betty Vinci by Catherine Grove

9:30 AM: Margaret Slack by John & Barbara Beltel

11:00 AM: Veronika Scholz by Son

Monday, January 12, 2015

8:00 AM: Paul Lengyel, Sr. by Mary Durkin

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

8:00AM: Eliz. Lannigan by Michael & Pat Vallone

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Masses: Edward Robinson by Denise & David Watson

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Masses: Rodger Lindsley by Denise & David

Friday, January 16, 2015

8:00 AM: Adele O'Such by O'Such Family

Saturday, January 17, 2015

8:00 AM: Glen J. Ortman by Ele & Joe Latini

5:00 PM: Michael Dunn by Family

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:00 AM: Glen Ortman by Pam

9:30 AM: Hazel Sharp by Kerry Harvey

11:00 AM: Kay Sullivan by Ralph DeShan

St Elizabeth Church established 1879

We have Masses at St. Elizabeth every Sunday at 10:15AM.

Sunday, January 11, 2015

10:15AM: Sheila O'Gorman Hutchinson by Family

Sunday, January 18, 2015

10:15AM: Special Intention by Peg Dougherty

Blood Pressure screenings will be the 1st Sunday of every month. Rosaries are available in the vestibule provided by our Rosary makers.

Fr. Chris Bakey is running
A PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

October 9-19, 2015

For more information
please visit: www.pilgrimages.com/frbakey
or contact Stephanie or Melissa
800-206-TOUR (8687)
Brochures on tables in
Gathering Space

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Please remember Our Lady of the Angels in your Will.