January 1, 2017 Solemnity of Blessed Mary, the Mother of God & World Day of Prayer for Peace

Mass Readings: Num. 6:22-27, Gal. 4:4-7, Lk. 2:16-21

Events for the week of Jan. 1-8

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each week Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Please come & spend an hour with our Lord.

Sun. 10:00 am Mass Mon. 7:35 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass — Annie Nieth

Tues. 7:35 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass — Special Intention—Susan &

Dick Nieth

Wed. 7:35 am Rosary

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Thurs. 7:35 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass — Special Intention—Susan &

Dick Nieth

Fri. 8:00 am Mass — First Friday Mass

Sat. 4:00 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Vigil Mass — The Epiphany of the Lord

Sun. 10:00 am Mass — The Epiphany of the Lord

Babysitting during 10:00 am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Janet Hume,

Mary Fiorillo, Debbie Knight, Gayle Knight, Roxanne Gibson, Bill Brown, Ella Rogers, Kathy Gorham, Valentino Ricciotti, Quenten Fabiano, Laurel Olmsted, Beth Upshaw, Marie Hannah-Hamer, Laulima Lyman, Ruby Annalora, Cindy Hagness, Kay Frost, Louise Mitchell, Boomer Doell, Joseph Vaughan, Todd Wilson, Frank Elliott, Katie Sheere, Bob McBride, Kay Sheere, Maxine Hermens, Bird Dobbins, Merrill Gorham, Correne Bonkowski, Maria Haney, Rita Ellison, Maria Luz Jimenez, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Denise McDaniel , Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Roger Upshaw, Chelsea Tose, Amado Cristoba, Ken Gannon, Zoe Alayna Kemp, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson, David Tishmack, Jere McCarthy, James Allen Kemp & our Troops. Please help us keep this list current. Call the parish office (963-7341) when your health or the health of your loved ones has improved, or if a name needs to be taken off this list.

Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those that are passing through, those that have made this their home, and those still searching for their parish family. We are glad you are here and celebrating God's word with us today.

Marian Mass

Devotion to Mary Mass 1st Saturday of the Month at 8:00 am.

Rosary

Each Morning at 7:35 am. Marian Rosary is every Saturday at 3:00 pm.

Divine Mercy

The chaplet of the Divine Mercy is said every Friday and Saturday at 3:00 pm.

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Mary Grover 963-3042 or Theresa Beery 963-2372.

Baptism

Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.

Marriage

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, contact the parish office at 963-7341.

Reconciliation

Every Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm or call Fr. Saji for an appointment 963-0006.

Website

www.olvcatholic.org

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Online resources to build your faith. Register for free at

Adoration

"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament..." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei). If you are available on a flexible basis, please call Mary Calder 541-963-7906 to be added to the substitute list. For those who have committed to an hour, please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to be with our Lord during your scheduled time.

Altar Servers

Parents, please encourage your children to serve at the altar. Training is provided. If you have questions or would like to serve, please leave your name with Fr. Saji or the parish office.

<u>Hispanic Ministries New Year's Celebration</u> and Planning Session

Sunday, January 15, at 5 pm, OLV Hispanic Ministries will have a New Year's celebration, including prayer, faith formation, and a potluck. We will also discuss plans for Hispanic Ministries for 2017. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Have you visited our Facebook page?

For information about upcoming events as well as pictures from those that have occurred, see the "Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church" Facebook page.

Youth Programs Support Youth Sessions

Our Wednesday night religious education and youth ministry sessions will **resume** this week **Wednesday**, **January 4.** We look forward to starting again. Parents, please watch for the January youth newsletter that will be sent home with your kids this Wednesday.

<u>First Reconciliation/First Communion</u> <u>Parent-Child Workshop</u>

The next First Reconciliation/First Communion workshop will be on Saturday, January 28th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. All children preparing for the sacraments and at least one parent are required to attend.

Youth Programs Support

Fourteen dedicated volunteers in our 1st grade - 12th grade youth programs have contributed a total of 135 ½ hours of contact time this academic year. Additional time was spent in planning as well as setting and cleaning up. Seventeen families have provided meals for the middle and high school youth. Contact Amanda at avillagomez@olvcatholic.org to find out how you can support our youth programs.

Bulletin Support

PLEASE support the businesses listed on the back of the Bulletin. Their sponsorship allows us to provide a weekly Bulletin to Parishioners at NO cost to the parish. Tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

Celebrating 50+ Years of Marriage

Please mark your calendars! On January 8th, at the 10 am Mass, we will be celebrating those in our Union County parishioners who have been married for 50 years or more. During Mass, they will be renewing their vows. Following Mass, there will be a reception in the hall.

Please plan to attend this celebration of the commitment and dedication that these couples represent through the sacrament of marriage.

COLLECTION NEEDED TO:

THRIVE \$5,000 SURVIVE \$3,400 Collection for 12/25 \$6,118

Ministers of the Liturgy January 7-8:

Saturday, 1/7, 5:30 pm Vigil Mass:

Reader: Janet McLaughlin Altar Servers: Celeste Villagomez,

Cecilia Villagomez Acolyte: John Herman

Eucharistic Ministers: Caroline Ward,

Mary Calder

Sunday, 1/8, 10:00 am Mass:

Reader: Phil Mendiguren

Altar Servers: Natalia Robles, Rosie Aguiler, Maritza Villag-

omez

Acolyte: Jason Kehr

Eucharistic Ministers: Gustavo Robles, Elizabeth Robles,

Cathy Petrusek, Joe Petrusek

All Eucharistic Ministers , Readers, and Altar Servers please be 15 minutes early and meet in the sacristy.

Thank you.

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

Needs: sheets/ blankets/ towels/bedding. Estate Sales items and any furniture to start a home. Need washers, dryers, microwaves, sheets for Queen & King size beds. **If you have donations, please call 963-2282.**

Are you still celebrating? Christmas isn't over yet!

The Christmas feast proper ends on the final day of its octave, which is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, on January 1st. Keep your feasting, parties, and merriment going for the full 8 days.

The 'peak' of the Christmas 'season' is January 6th—Epiphany—the end of the 12 Days of Christmas (in the United State celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8) as Jesus is now revealed as a light to the Gentile nations. Keep your Christmas decorations, especially your Christmas tree and lights, up at least until this day is over.

The official end of the entire Christmas season is the Baptism of the Lord, the Sunday after Epiphany (but Monday, January 9, this year). Ordinary Time begins the following weekend. Keep your nativity scene displayed up through this day, or better yet until the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (which is a feast of the Baby Jesus). For more information see

https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/does-christmas-end-on-epiphany/