

## Liturgy Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 Theodore Neff (Joanne and Family)  
 9:30 Dorothy and Mark Horan (Family)  
 11:30 Our Lady of Grace Parish

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:45 William Segeleon (Beth and Tony)  
 9:00 Roland Yorke (Family)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:45 Eugene Engleson (Family)  
 9:00 Nicholas Vansach (Family)  
 6:15 CCD Mass

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:45 Robert Bennett (Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Ferguson)  
 9:00 Mary Louise Tracy (Margaret Morris)  
 7:00 Intention of Religious Education/CCD

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:45 Mae Meadows (Karen and Tony Bernardo)  
 9:00 Chuck McClelland (Family)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45 Harriet Ludwig (Don and Sue Newton)  
 9:00 Carl Jansen (Wife)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 Susan Bametzreider (Family)  
 11-12 Sacramental Reconciliation  
 6:00 Joan Malarkey (Family)  
 7:00 Sacramental Reconciliation

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 Our Lady of Grace Parish  
 9:30 Hilda Flecker (Miriam and Leonard Kist)  
 11:30 William Feiertag, Jr. (George and Jeannie Bencho)  
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### MONEY COUNTERS

This week: M. Pendleton, M. Klauss, L. DeCello  
 Next week: D. Kohser, J. Thieman

### ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 21

V. Dunn



**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS** - In the past, the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace have made memorial contributions to the **Christmas Flower Fund**.

This has become one of our loveliest traditions. Your contributions help defray the cost of the flowers and in a special way, present a beautiful, living memorial to your deceased loved ones. Please put your name, those to be remembered, and your donation in an envelope marked "**Christmas Flowers**" and place it in the collection basket.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** - One of our Christmas traditions is the sharing of oplatki at our family tables. This year Christmas wafers are available at the parish office Monday thru Friday, 9:00-4:30 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24.

## Activities Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Holiday Bake Sale, Keefer Hall after Masses  
 9:30 Children's Liturgy of Word, Church, PC Room  
 10:45 Religious Education, School, Conroy Hall  
 3:00 People of God, Keefer Hall  
 7:30 AA, Conroy Hall

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 St. Vincent de Paul, Staff Center  
 6:30 Advent Program, Conroy Hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

3:30 Children Choir Practice, Church  
 7:00 Rosary, Church  
 7:00 Pgh. Civ. Orch., Conroy Hall  
 8:00 Choir, Church

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 Rel. Ed., OLG School, Conroy Hall

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:45 Respect Life, Church (bridesroom)  
 3:30 Children Choir Practice, Church  
 7:00 Boy Scouts, Conroy Hall

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30 AA, Conroy Hall



### Stewardship

**Treasure** - Last Week's Collection - \$13,028  
 Collection for the Immaculate Conception - \$3,107

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** PFC Daniel Mulvihill, 1st Lt. William J. Shields, Pvt. Anthony J. Laitta, Pvt. 1st Class Angelo Morasca, Lt. Kelsey Barley, 2nd Lt. Christopher Lauff, 1st Sgt. Rick Oddi, Sr. Airman Dion Julian, Capt. Aaron L. B. Cox, Capt. Steven Tingley, Lt. Steve Fichter, David Clay, Jr., Col. Gregory Mark Ferketish, Capt. Sam Gazzo, Lnc. Cpl Ryan Kelsey, Maj. Gen. Scott Gray, Maj. Ken Wheeler, Sgt. Dustin Huff, 2nd Lt. Meghan Cumpston, SSgt. Stephen Lorenzetty, Lt. Jason Simon, Capt. J. J. Serowik, Sgt. Matthew Tardio, PV2 Erik Lind, Maj. Thomas H. Huzzard, PFC Mark Grosso. If you have a family member in the military and would like him/her remembered in prayer, please submit the name and branch of service to the parish office. Their families have let us know they are grateful for our prayers.



**TWAS ONLY TEN DAYS BEFORE**

**CHRISTMAS**, and all through the town . . .

OLG parishioners were wondering where

Christmas gifts could be found . . . Ahhh!

Shopping Certificates! What a great idea!

They're easy and quick! . . . and they're available this week at the parish office, school and after masses today. Put an end to your gift search!

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to order a copy of the **Enjoyment Book 2008**. Call Charlie Scarvace at 412-429-4224 and start enjoying yours today!



This Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Guadete Sunday in Latin, or Sunday of Joy and Rejoicing. It is as if our exuberance in anticipation of Christmas cannot be contained and we must rejoice as that longed for day draws near. Liturgically, the rose colored vestment and rose advent candle indicates this joyful expression in Mass. Most family advent wreaths also include a rose or pink candle for this Third Sunday. The rose color is more vibrant than the somber purple used during the rest of Advent.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, includes an outpouring of natural wonders at the day of the Lord's vindication. "Flowers blooming in the desert!" "The parched land exulting!" "The steppe rejoicing with song!" The prophet saw the whole arid and dying land refreshed, replenished and redeemed with the day of the Lord's coming. He foretold that the blind will see, the lame will leap, the dumb will sing, and the deaf will hear with the coming of the promised Messiah, words echoed by Jesus Himself in Matthew's gospel.

In the wonder of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, we see the source of our joy and hope in Jesus Christ. How can our hearts not be stirred with rejoicing as we anxiously await the celebration of the Lord's nativity come Christmas Day? In our second reading, St. James encourages us: "Steady your hearts because the coming of the Lord is at hand." Christmas is just ten days away.

Rev. Richard A. Infante  
Pastor



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

those who are sick, especially Sue Sweeney, Laura Seli, Bernadette Hale, Alberta Taylor, Connie All, Adele Koczaja, Mark Vernino, Ron Morris, Carl Rupprecht, Joe Wilhem, Jane Herscoe, Theresa Hawkins, Matthew Werner, Carl Murawski, James Selden, Ann Lee, Fannie Calderone, Dorothy Barley, Virginia Daniels, Mary Weidl, Ryan Markel, Rosemary Serowik, Jeannine Mongelli, Glenn Mamula, Bill Snyder, Charlie Scarvace, Debbie Wessolek, Marge Wallace.

### OLG ACTION YOUTH GROUP

Prayer-Service-Fun! All are welcome. THANK YOU for your generous support of our Appalachia Mission trip by purchasing the live Christmas wreaths. Enjoy the fresh scent and knowing you helped. Gathering, Youth Group, Sunday, December 16; Staff Center; following 9:30 Mass. New members are ALWAYS invited and encouraged to come.

March for Life: Jan. 21 - One day trip; \$5. March for Life: Jan. 20-21; Awesome 2-day trip to D.C. with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Roman Catholic church in the Western Hemisphere. Cost \$50. We will visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum. Money and permission forms turn in NO LATER than Sunday, Jan. 6. Super Bowl: Feb. 2; to help the homeless of Pittsburgh. 18th LOVEWALK for the Poor; Feb. 10.

March Lenten Winter/Ski Retreat: Que Vadis? -- "Where are you going?" Freedom Trails Fri., March 7-Sun., March 9. Cost for retreat is \$85. Additional group rate if you want to ski, snowboard, snowtube, indoor swimming, bowling, miniature golf, etc., during our free time. If any parishioners would like to donate to help reduce the cost of the \$85 retreat expense, please contact the rectory. Thank you.

High School Boys Basketball Sign Up: First games Jan. 6; 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Jan. 7, 9:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Questions: call Coach Mike Durr.

### THE CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR, will

sing Monday afternoon, December 24, at the 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, December 18, and Thursday, December 20. Time of the rehearsals will be 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the church. Children in grades 3-6 are invited to participate in the choir.



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS? MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH?** Please let the parish office (412-279-7070) know so we can update our records. Thank you!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH ENVELOPES** - Children who have not received their boxed church envelopes, whether you go to OLG School, participate in the CCD Program or are home-schooled, can contact the Religious Education Office (412-276-0277) to pick up a box.

### SCHOOL NEWS

The faculty and students of Our Lady of Grace School are continuing to do **Random Acts of Kindness** for those in our building. In the months of October and November, the following students performed an act of kindness: Alyssa Cardone, Matthew Brandwein, Lauren Wagner, Sarah Sams, Adrienne Blice, Sydney Lundquist, Darby Lundquist, April Bittner, Dylan Trainor, Katherine Satler, Nathan Trusiak, Eleanor Sgro, Sarah Centore, Mitchell Hill, Danny O'Neill, Amber Watson, Gabriella White, Alana Felix, Aubrey Hetland, Megan Swentosky, Julia Skrzycki, Jeff Jenkins, A. J. Mazzarini, Joseph McCann, Sal Oliverio, Lizzie Musial, Caroline DeFrank, Josh Centore, Room 310, Room 313, Nick Reza, Henrietta O'Brien, Alexa Arnone, Paige Geary, Ben Aiello, Anna Graeb, Mackenzie Wagner, Joe Pipilo, Anthony DeBello, Mary Sgro, Grant Rodriguez, Carson Rodriguez, Armondo Novelli, Maria DeCello, Sarah Cannon, Dallas Zuk, Christian Apitsch, Ryan Reicoff, Katherine Manolios.

Students in **Grade 3** will be visiting the patients at **Kane Hospital** on Monday, December 17. Students in **Grade 2** will be presenting the annual **Nativity Play** on Tuesday, December 18, at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Students in **Grade 8** will be performing their **Christmas play** on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Students in **grades K-8** will be attending **Mass** on Friday, December 21, at 9:00 a.m. before breaking for **Christmas vacation**. There will also be an **early dismissal** for students on this day.

**Little Tiger Basketball Clinic** begins in January. It's a great way for grades K thru 3 to learn fundamentals while having fun with their friends.

**GRACE TRAVELS COAST TO COAST** - The Auction Committee is looking for out-of-town relatives to send them postcards or items from as many states as possible. So this Christmas Season as your loved ones come home or are sending you gifts, ask them if they can send a few goodies from their states.

### REST IN PEACE

Carl Koch, father of Eileen Woodring, grandfather of Jeffrey, Megan, Kim and Vicky...  
David Brown, former parishioner.





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**Special Instructions:**

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