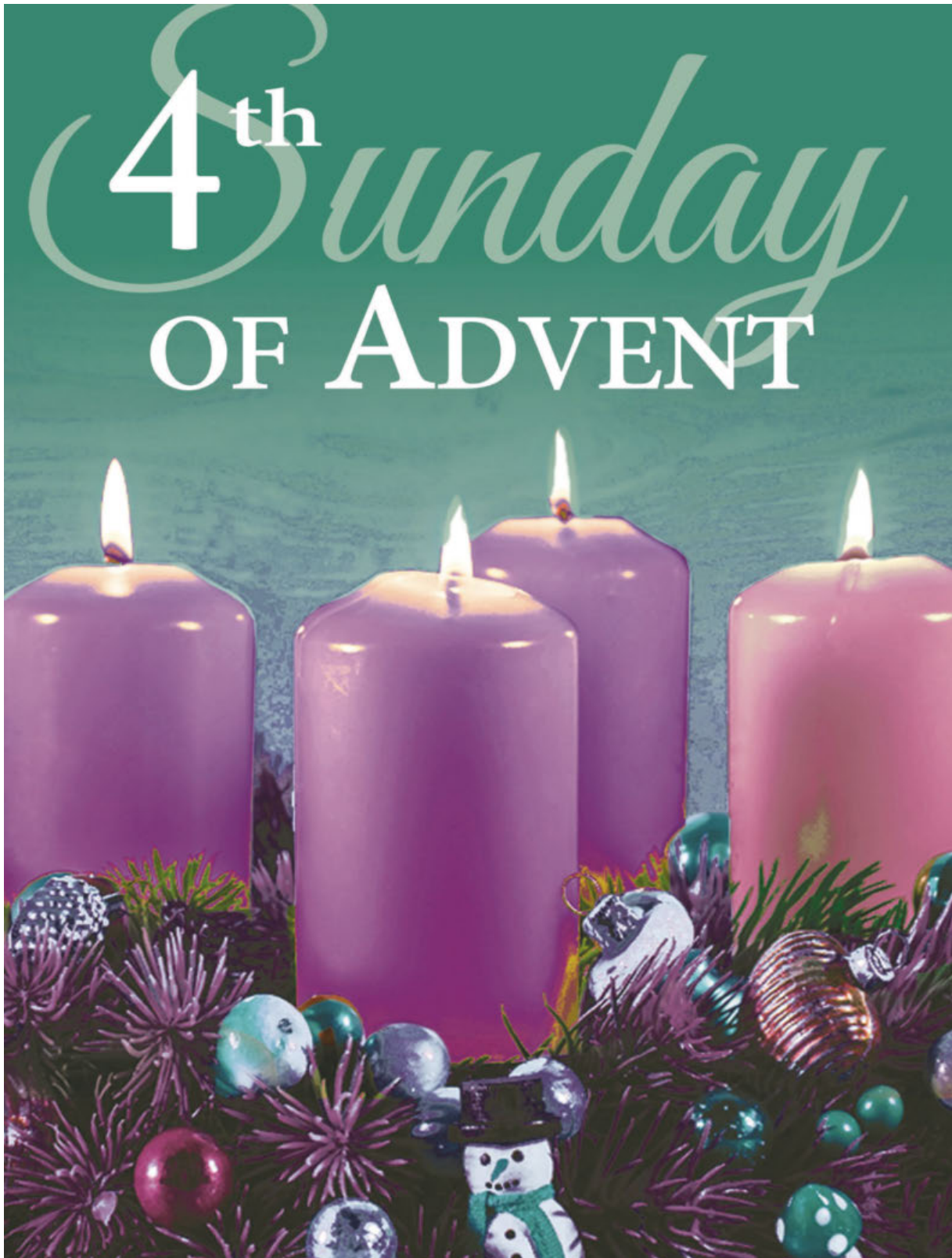




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DECEMBER 24th, 2023 | 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MISSION STATEMENT:

We exist to be
a light to the world,
and we live out Christ's
call on our lives
by worship and witness.

In prayer and sacrament
God enkindles our hearts
that we might bring
the fire of his love
to everyone we encounter.

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:15pm &
7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday Morning: 7:30am, 9:00am,
& 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00am - Monday-Saturday

All Masses Livestreamed

CONFESSIONS

IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 8:30am-9:30am &
4:00pm-5:00pm

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Call the parish office or email
pastor@olmcboonton.org

ADORATION:

Friday 8:30am-Saturday
8:00am



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PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Saints,

I have some friends whose daughter was born on December 24th, and they're always very careful to wrap her presents in birthday wrapping paper. The reason, of course, is so that her special day doesn't get subsumed by Christmas; after all, her birth is worth celebrating too! In the same way, today is still Advent, and we'd do well to celebrate it as such.



We have a few hours of waiting to go, and we'll find no better companion in our time of expectancy than Mary. Her final answer to Gabriel - "may it be done to me according to your word" - is a model for us all. No matter what tomorrow brings, all we ever need to do is hear and heed God's call on our lives. That doesn't mean easy sailing from here on out; in fact, we were promised quite the opposite. Nor does it guarantee success; we almost certainly have a lot of failing in our future. But it puts us on the right side of history. Our "yes" to God continues the work Mary began with hers. Her simple *fiat* rolled back centuries of refusals to love and serve; if we follow her example in all things, ours will too.

Christ's Peace,

Father Daniel
δοῦλος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ



We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works.
- Hebrews 10:24

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Welcome New Members!

Join us

Are you ready to light up the world with God's love? Please stop by the Parish Office during the week or register online at www.olmc.church.

4 PRAY

December 24th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

8:00am In Honor of St. Jude
Lee Paterno
John Thomas Michelsen
Liv. Int. Susanne Billeter
5:15pm Robert Bentley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

7:30am Deceased members of the Nicola
Bevacqua Family
9:00am The People of the Parish
11:00am Liv. Int. Catherine Obis
4:00pm Hugo VonBurg
6:00pm Martha Gannoe Haas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

12:0am People of the Parish
9:00am Nello DiBonaventura
11:00am Samuel Joeph

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

8:00am Ann Kutcha

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

8:00am Gaetano & Katia Giorgio

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

8:00am Antonio Salafia

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

8:00am Frank Gaccione
Liv. Int. Lynn Ray
Marjorie Goodhear Dahle
Teresa Mary O'Boyle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

8:00am Alfred Bacchhetta 9th Anniversary
Clarence & Roberta Place
Liv. Int. Amanda Salvo
Liv. Int. Katie Martinson
5:15pm Monica & Robert Kirschmann Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

7:30am Michael Osterhoudt
9:00am Robert Whritenour Sr.
11:00am The People of the Parish

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

...FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK:

Adriane Selesky-Eoga, Tim McCormick Family, Daniel Paporello, Edward Bochinski, Jose Oliveira, Marion Gentile, Lois Tirrell, Tiffany Barnish, MacKenzie Navarro, Bob Peideia, John O'Leary, Barbara Ann Burton, Joseph Paulose, Bonaventure Joseph Rodeiro, Michelina Guiliano, Ginny Dolce, George Gayet, John Patin, Adrian Navarro, Nancy Hahn, Hahn, Campos, & Fonseca families, William Amend, Connie Barnish, Tom Davis, Elisa Warganz, Edith Aquino, Mike Sabloff, The Fehsal family, Margaret Ellis, Kayla Norvis, Charlie Zarzecki, Lauren Lewis, Sueli Campos, Patrick Glennon, Albert J. DiCarlo, Hannah Cerullo, Joyce Ramirez, Avery Miller, Lisa Evans, Victoria Gormley, Patrick DeMare, Denise Doty Cabezas, Andrea Case, Elaine Mazurek, Lindsey Lampach, Paul Picconi

...FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Molly Webber USMA, Annalise Webber USAFA, Joseph S. Filippello USAF, Captain Mark Vogel USMC, Captain Robert Beagen, SPC. Raymond McCormick, LT Anthony John Kline, LTC Matthew Pride

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24:

The Mass and Vigil Light is offered for the People of the Parish
The Bread and Wine is offered for John R. Hodgson
The Altar Flowers are offered for Nicola J. Bevacqua Jr.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Mon 25 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,
16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-
17, 22-25/

Tues 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps
31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wed 27 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11
-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thurs 28 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4
-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Fri 29 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-
3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Sat 30 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Sun 31 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;
21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

NATIONAL COLLECTION

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious communities in the United States do not have sufficient income and savings to provide for retired women and men religious. Many religious nuns, sisters, priests, and brothers worked for years for small stipends and now leave their religious communities with a tremendous gap in retirement funding. Please visit olmc.church/monthly-appeals for more information or to make an online donation.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

“The Practice of the Presence of God” by Brother Lawrence

Join us for a 4-week study of a spiritual classic from a seventeenth-century Carmelite. **Tuesdays, 1pm – 2pm, beginning January 16.** For more information and to register forms will be in the church Narthex or contact Catherine Porter at cporter@olmcboonton.org

Please note; The parish office will be closed Monday, 12/25/23 through Monday, 1/1/24

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Make 2024 the last year you worry about your finances and join us for Financial Peace University! This nine-week course provides you the tools to pay off debt, learn how to budget, and make better decisions about your family’s financial future. This class will take place in-person, beginning on Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 2-4PM for nine consecutive weeks, ending on March 10th. Babysitting will be available. Space is limited and the deadline to sign up is January 10th. Please contact Christine Snyder at cmgsnyder@gmail.com for further information.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 12/25	TUES 12/26	WED 12/27	THURS 12/28	FRI 12/29	SAT 12/30	SUN 12/31
Christmas Day Mass: 9:00am and 11:00am	Mass: 8:00am followed by the Rosary	Mass: 8:00am followed by Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 9:00am AA Meeting 8:00pm-9:30pm	Mass: 8:00am followed by the Rosary	Mass: 8:00am followed by the Rosary Eucharistic Adoration: Exposition, 8:30am Adoration continues until Benediction, just prior to 8:00am Mass on Sat.	Mass: 8:00am followed by Rosary Confessions: 8:30-9:30am and 4:00- 5:00pm Vigil Mass: 5:15pm and 7:00pm (Spanish)	Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, & 11:00am

MORE ON WWW.OLMC.CHURCH/EVENTS

December 24th, 2023

Taddeo Gaddi, *Annunciation to the Shepherds*,
c.1330, Santa Croce, Florence.

“The Christian story is precisely the story of one grand miracle, the Christian assertion being that what is beyond all space and time, which is uncreated, eternal, came into Nature, into human nature, descended into His own universe, and rose again, bringing Nature up with Him.”

-C.S. Lewis



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HALLOW THIS ADVENT

We're excited to announce a partnership with Hallow this Advent. Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps people deepen their relationship with God and create a daily habit of prayer through audio-guided prayer sessions ranging from 1-to-60 minutes long - there are over 10,000 prayer sessions available on the app!

Our partnership with Hallow offers each of you the opportunity to subscribe to Hallow from now until Easter for only one dollar!! We as a parish have paid the remainder of what that subscription would normally cost. We hope you'll take advantage of this gift! In order to have full access to Hallow, including the Advent Pray 25 Challenge, you can scan the QR code in your bulletin, pew card, or banner, then follow the signup instructions to pay for your \$1 subscription. **Parishioner Registration Link: hallow.com/holiday**



12/10/23: TrailLife dads' Breakfast with St. Nicholas



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT
OLMC

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM AND 6PM
11:30PM CAROLS

12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY
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