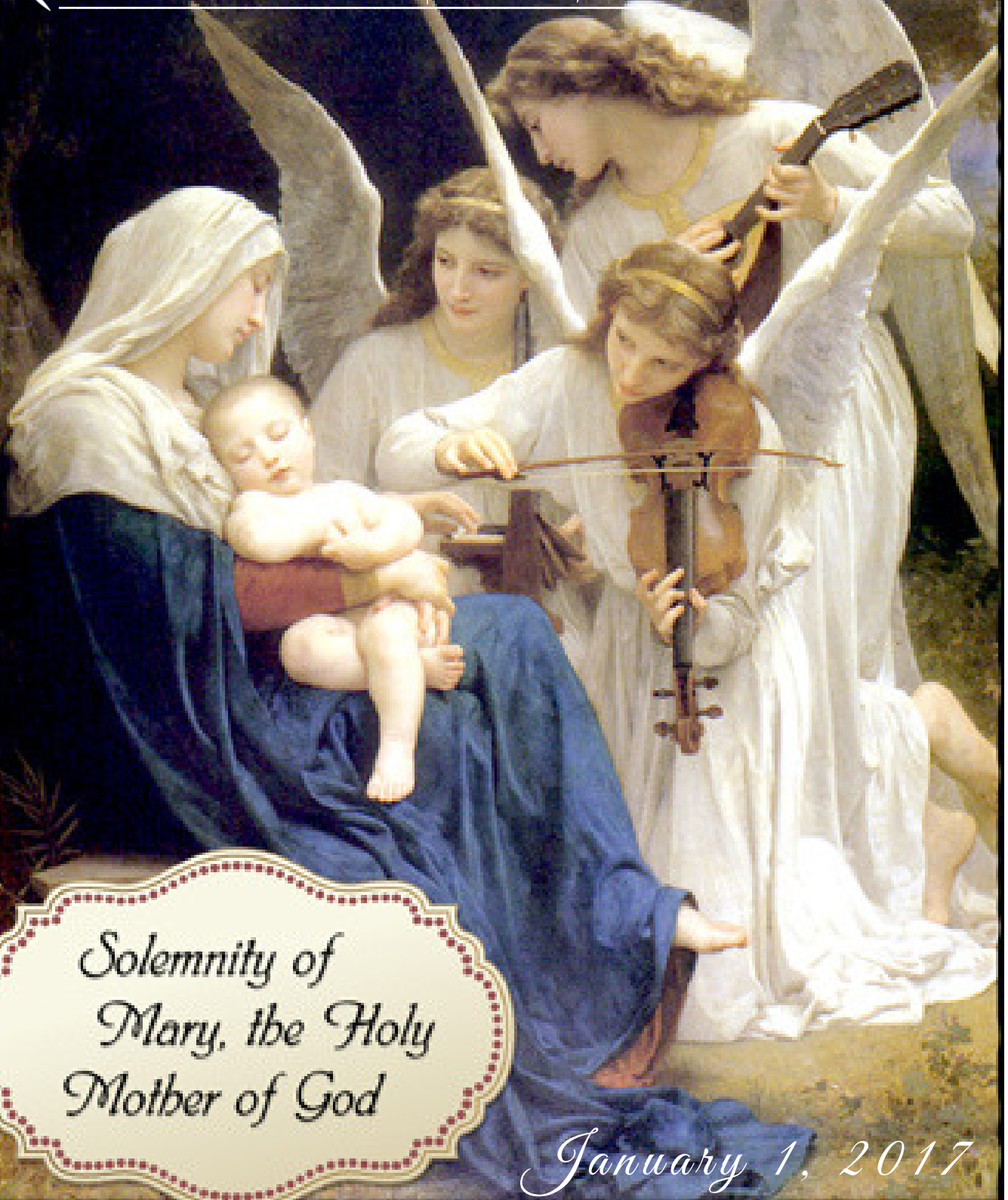




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CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Welcome, Worship, Witness*

167 MOUNT BETHEL RD | WARREN, NJ



*Solemnity of  
Mary, the Holy  
Mother of God*

*January 1, 2017*

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## Parish Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

9:30AM - 4:30PM

### Friday

9:30-Noon

### Closed Daily for Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

## Baptisms

Please contact the parish office to schedule and register for the required baptismal preparation for parents.

## Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of desired date to begin preparation.

*\*Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than 10 AM on the Friday prior to our Wednesday publication deadline to cstpierre@olmwarren.org. Thanks!*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Vigil - 5:00PM Church

Sun. - 8:00, 10:00,

11:30AM, & 5:00 PM Church

## DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Sat. 9:00AM Chapel

## HOLY DAY MASSES

9:00AM & 7:30PM Church

*The Octave Day of Christmas*

*Solemnity of Mary,*

*the Holy Mother of God*

Ever since December 25, we have been celebrating Christ's birth. On the last day of His octave, we honor His Mother. There is much to contemplate on this day — it's the day of Christ's naming, it's a day to pray for peace and it's the start of a new year of grace.\*

As the New Year begins, look at Mary as a model for renewed Christian life: in her openness to the Holy Spirit, her radical assent to God's will for her life, her patience through suffering, and her willingness to bring the Savior into the world. Those are all qualities that would make any of us better people in the coming year.\*

Today is also the World Day of Peace. Take time today to pray for peace in our troubled world. Reflect on Pope Francis' words for the World Day of Peace and find other resources for the day here.\*\*

\*Adapted from *The Advent, Christmas, Epiphany Journey* by Msgr. Vincent Haut, St. Augustine Catholic courtesy Diocese of St. Augustine, \*\* USCCB

## Parish Offertory

*Christmas & New Year's Offertory will appear in the January 8th bulletin.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

Join Us For Mass

# Daily Mass Intentions

**Sunday, January 1** *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*

9:00 AM For the Deceased Priests of OLM

11:00 AM For the Deceased Priests of OLM

**Monday, January 2** *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory*

9:00 AM Kevin Lang r/o Barbara Lorenzo

**Tuesday, January 3** *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

9:00 AM Edward Sanger r/o Bob Sanger

Erin Tiernan r/o Dick & Claire Birmingham

**Wednesday, January 4** *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

9:00 AM Pamela Wentzheimer r/o Ruth B. Aye

**Thursday, January 5** *St. John Neumann*

9:00 AM Harold Stoback r/o The Sowinski Family

Ann Olander r/o The Sowinski Family

**Friday, January 6** *St. Andre Bessette*

9:00 AM Dorothy Ribauda r/o The Minishak

**Saturday, January 7** *St. Raymond of Penyafort*

9:00 AM Mass of Remembrance

5:00 PM Fr. Chris Ciccarino r/o George & Joan Keller  
*20th Ordination Anniversary*

**Sunday, January 8** *The Epiphany*

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

10:00 AM William McGovern r/o The Maddalone Family  
*1st Year Anniversary*

11:30 AM Eileen DiCorcia r/o Kathy Pulvirenti

*Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.*

Coming Soon

## Christ Life

A life-changing series of seven weekly meetings  
• Dinner • Video Teaching • Discussion • Fellowship • Prayer

A great way to grow in your faith together with your fellow OLM parishioners and friends

## Sacrament of Marriage

Jenna Gargas

&

Louis Struniewski

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the band of life and love and the font of family.



## MINISTERS OF THE WEEK | JANUARY 8, 2017

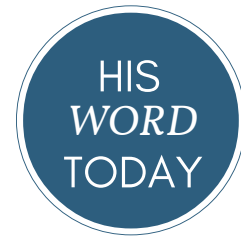
5:00 PM Church	8:00 AM Church	10:00 AM Church	11:30 AM Church
Celebrant: Fr. Sean	Celebrant: Fr. Sean	Celebrant: Msgr. Capik	Celebrant: Fr. Sean
Reader: Bernadette Chiselko	Reader: Mark Swetley	Reader: Mazin Gilbert	Reader: Karina Lucid
Altar Servers: Morgan Groff Davis Perry	Altar Servers: Tim Stein Ian Zohn	Altar Servers: Elisabeth Decker Luke Andersen	Altar Servers: Christopher Miller Salvatore Miller

# A fresh perspective on the Sunday readings

by Rev. William J. Reilly

January 1, 2017

*Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*



“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report... Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”

Does it surprise me that the first to come and encounter Christ were lowly shepherds? They were certainly not the persons I would expect to greet a newborn baby. Obviously, they accepted the good news and then reported it to others. We who know the Bethlehem story so well, might not have even bothered to go to the cave where Christ was born. We might, like the shepherds, have just returned to the night watch guarding themselves and their flocks. Obviously their story moved others as well.

At the same time Mary both treasured and reflected, sometimes the scriptures say ‘pondered’ or weighed what she knew, saw and heard. How she felt may best be known by the mother of a newborn. It might be fitting to sit quietly like Mary and reflect upon the events. Christmas comes and goes so fast that we might overlook the great outpouring of the Father in giving us a needed Savior, and the role model of Mary treasuring and reflecting. May we treasure the coming of the Lord.

## Readings for the week

*Solemnity of Mary,  
Holy Mother of God*

Sunday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Monday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:28, 31-34, 36, 38

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

## Preparing for next Sunday

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

*First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6*

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

*Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

*Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12*

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

*“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” LUKE 2:19*

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said “yes” to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God’s providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

# In Gratitude

Dear OLM parish family,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to my Eagle Scout Project. I have now completed all the work in the Prayer Garden. Without your help, I would not have been able to finish the project.

Many people have already mentioned to me that they visited the garden to see my project, and they thought it looked very nice. This project was designed to withstand the test of time and help draw people closer to God. I invite all of you to visit the Prayer Garden to see the Stations of the Cross.

Sincerely,  
Timothy Stein

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Brenda Hann and Emma DeBorja of the Office of Faith Formation, the Catechists and Our Lady of the Mount Faith Formation students for participating in the Knights of Columbus "Letters to the Seminarians" Program. The students wrote a combined total of 120 letters and cards to seminarians Tholitho and Brother Demetrius Thomas. Seminarians Tholitho and Brother Demetrius Thomas are studying for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University.

The letters and cards contained words of encouragement to Seminarian Tholitho and Brother Demetrius in their pursuit of the priesthood, and wished them Christmas greetings.

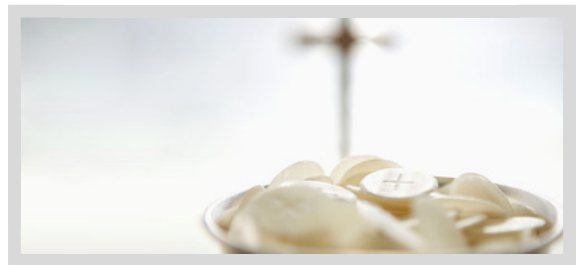
# We Invite You



## Confirmation

**Are you an adult seeking to be Confirmed in the Catholic Faith?** Confirmation preparation sessions are now available for Catholics 18 years of age and older who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion.

Please contact Laura Sepesi in the parish office at 908-647-1075 x103 or by email: [lsepesi@olmwarren.org](mailto:lsepesi@olmwarren.org), if you are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Mount.



## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

While we are blessed to have several EMs who regularly serve our parish, the ministry has incurred recent losses - some temporary and some permanent - which has put a strain on those who currently serve.

The demands are particularly high on those in our Homebound ministry. **Are you hearing the call to serve?** Please contact Linda Montelione at 908-380-0163 if you are interested in either of these ministries.

# calendar

## Monday, January 2

9:00AM Mass Chapel

## Tuesday, January 3

8:45AM Our Lady of the Miraculous Chapel

9:00AM Mass Chapel

9:30AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel

## Wednesday, January 4

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel

9:00AM Mass Chapel

## Thursday, January 5

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel

9:00AM Mass Chapel

## Friday, January 6

9:00AM Mass Chapel

9:30AM Adoration Chapel

9:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel

3:00PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Chapel

7:00 PM Benediction Chapel

## Saturday, January 7

9:00 AM Mass Chapel

5:00PM Mass Church

8:00PM AA Fr. Russell Room

## Sunday, January 8

8:00 AM Mass Church

10:00 AM Mass Church

11:30 AM Mass Church

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## upcoming events

### Sunday, January 8

*Young Adult Holy Hour*

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

### Monday, January 9

*Natural Family Planning Course*

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

Piscataway NJ

(732) 562-1990 ext. 1705

[family.life@diometuchen.org](mailto:family.life@diometuchen.org)

### Sunday, January 15

*Young Adult Retreat*

This retreat series is for all young adults who want to live life to the fullest in peace and joy!

We will focus on one aspect of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.

2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Loyola Retreat House, Morristown

### Monday, January 16-March 13

*Bereavement Ministry*

Holy Trinity Parish, Bridgewater

7:30-9:00 PM John Phalen @ (908) 725-0828

### Monday, January 23

*Rally for Life • Trenton, NJ*

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Statehouse Steps

125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

(732) 562-1990 ext. 1543 or 1629

[amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)

### FEBRUARY 15-24

*Come experience the Holy Land!*

Sister Margaret Tierney and Fr. Garry Koch will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

If interested contact Kristine Smart (800) 842-4842 or [kristine@select-intl.com](mailto:kristine@select-intl.com).

## STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?  
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?  
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?  
Have you thought about separation or divorce?  
Does talking about it only make it worse?

...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

THE NEXT WEEKEND IS

**February 10-12, 2017**

For more information please call:

Family Life Office: 732-243-4573

To register call:

Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468; or

Rich & Annette Colasunno 732-236-0671



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