

**+MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+**

**MONDAY - January 20**

8:00 A.M. - Richard Rydzewski - Aunt Dolores

**TUESDAY - January 21**

8:00 A.M. - Arthur Stahnton - The Lepre Family

**WEDNESDAY - January 22**

8:00 A.M. - Communion Service

**THURSDAY - January 23**

8:00 A.M. - Dec'd Garbincius & Kolesk Families

**FRIDAY - January 24**

8:00 A.M. - John H. Wubbel - The Family

**SATURDAY - January 25**

8:00 A.M. - Mildred Bilotto - The Illardi Family

5:00 P.M. - Henry Matheis - Janette & Jim Russo

**SUNDAY - January 26**

8:30 A.M. - Marie Metzgar -

Brenda & Brick Quinn

10:30 A.M. - David Dunham - The Law Family

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH:** Wasted time is not a prized commodity in our society today. We seem to be a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful and controlled activity which is productive of things that can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time.



Our Creator is described in the Scriptures as the original and best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel what they have done is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as a gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or Eucharist. We are now in Ordinary Time in the liturgical life of the Church. Ordinary time is not very ordinary at all. It is not a time that is boring but one that is creative in our everyday lives. It is a time to see the grace of God active in our routine actions. It is a time to recognize that God is always with us and not simply when a crisis occurs. Sunday Mass may seem just routine to some people – same gestures, same prayers, and sometimes the same people around us. But our creative side sees Mass differently each week. We see a gift from God and the loving sacrifice of Jesus. God created in us something special, unique, and creative. Let's allow that to be seen and experienced in the ordinary times of our lives.

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

Monday ..... Adoration & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.  
 Liturgy Committee, 7:00 P.M.  
 Quilter's Club, 7:00 P.M.  
 Compassionate Friends. 7:00 P.M.  
 Tuesday ..... Social Concerns Comm., 7:00 P.M.  
 Thursday ..... Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00 P.M.

**FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH**

Jan. 27 ..... Pierogi Making  
 Jan. 28 ..... Parish Finance Committee  
 Feb. 5 ..... Our Lady's Guild  
 Feb. 6 ..... Knights of Columbus  
 Feb. 16 ..... Parish Breakfast  
 Feb. 23 ..... Vespers & Anointing of the Sick

**CHURCH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection - \$ 5,425.00  
 Second Collection - \$ 1,206.00  
 Special Envelopes - \$ 229.00  
 Online Giving - \$ 1,925.00  
 Total Collection (1-12-2025) - \$ 8,785.00  
 Envelopes used - 185

Thank you for Your Support & Generosity!



**THE SICK:** Stacey Fabrizio, Richard Creo, Ines Masucci, George Westdyke, Lynn John, Charlie Martinelli, Clara Kittle, Michael Franks, Melanie Reynoso, Evelyn Sheehay, Giavanna Sciabicca, Tracy Pelonero, Janusz Kasperek, Bob Young, Robert Geffers, Larry and Gae Oliveri, Frank Cabrera, Mike Merola, Rose Alfano, Dominick Andriola, Hayley Rogers, Carmella Calderone, and Lorna Anderson.  
**LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Parents planning a Baptism here at OLV, need first to attend one of the bi-monthly classes. The next session is Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. You will learn about the Church's responsibility as well as your responsibility through the Sacrament of Baptism. Godparents are invited to attend with you. Godparents will need a sponsor card from their respective churches. Call the office to register.

**ADORATION & CONFESSIONS:** The Eucharist is the central mystery of our faith. Adoration gives us the opportunity to pray in the presence of the Eucharist called the Blessed Sacrament. Every Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., we will have Adoration in the Chapel for your personal time of prayer. At the same time, confessions will be heard for those who wish to go. This is a great opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer as well as an opportunity to experience Christ's peace through reconciliation and forgiveness.



**CHURCH TRIVIA:** The Roman emperor Diocletian advocated worship of the traditional gods of Rome and the deification of the emperor himself. With the encouragement of Caesar Galerius, he began the last and most severe persecutions endured by the early Church. He ordered the destruction of Christian Churches and texts, as well as the arrest of Christians. We celebrate the Feast Day of St. Sebastian on January 20<sup>th</sup> and the Feast Day of St. Agnes on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Both were martyred during the Diocletian or Great Persecution.



**NEW TRIVIA QUESTION:** St. Paul, known for spreading Christianity to the Gentiles, was originally called Saul. When is his feast day and where and how was he converted from Saul?

**NEED-A-HAND / LEND-A-HAND PROGRAM:** Deacon Steve Miller and Laura Durst are coordinating the program and taking calls from people in need of some general services around the house. It includes anything from light maintenance work, gardening, fixing some leaks or paying a social visit to the homebound. If you need some help, please call 570-534-4061.



**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** The Knights of Columbus, Council # 12114, is sponsoring a Memorial Scholarship of \$500.00 to seniors from Our Lady of Victory Parish who will be attending college in the Fall. This scholarship is named after Father Henry E. Zapotocki for his dedication as a Knight, his work in the education system and his concern for our young people. Applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** for the year 2024 are now available. If you need your financial statement, please call the Church office (570-629-4572) or email to victory [2@ptd.net](mailto:2@ptd.net). One will be sent to you.

**PIEROGI MAKING:** Our Lady's Guild will be making pierogi on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> to be sold at the beginning of Lent. They're asking for your help. We start at 9:00 A.M. Making the potato balls, then the pierogi and then par-cooking them. If you can share some time, even an hour, it's greatly appreciated.

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE:** Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School and Notre Dame Elementary School are having an Open House next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. at the schools located at 60 Spangenburg Ave. East Stroudsburg. You will find the Notre Dame School System to be a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community that prides itself on fostering a strong commitment to family values, teaching the Gospel and moral development with a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum and expected to uphold high standards of student conduct. If you have any questions, you can contact the school at 570-421-0466 (HS) and 570-421-3651 (ELEM).

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS** will be taken up next weekend at all the Masses. Monies raised will be sent through Catholic Charities USA. All funds raised will go directly to local agencies in the affected areas who are offering emergency and long-term relief to those who have been displaced, or are suffering as a result of the wildfires. As Catholics, we are called to show mercy and compassion in times of suffering. This is an opportunity for us to unite in prayer and action, offering not only our financial assistance, but also our thoughts and prayers for all those affected. Please help as best you can. Thank You and God Bless You!