



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Roman Catholic Church



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020**

BUCKINGHAM, PENNSYLVANIA

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MASS SCHEDULE—STARTING NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. (Livestreamed), 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Saturday: 8 a.m. (Livestreamed on website)

Daily Rosary: 7:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Thirty minutes before weekend Masses.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH PARISH LIFE CENTER AND PARISH OFFICES

5194 Cold Spring Creamery Road
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Parish Office Hours—APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

Monday through Thursday—Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday—Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Church Hours

Church closes at 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 12 noon on Fridays. Church closes on Saturdays after the Vigil Mass and Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass.

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Ash Mill Road, Doylestown, PA 18902



FROM THE PASTOR



MESSAGE ON MASS ATTENDANCE FOR CHRISTMAS 2020 - THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

One of the highlights of our liturgical life is the celebration of the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Each year so many of you come together and come to Church for this celebration. However, as has been the case for so many other liturgical celebrations during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to curtail and adjust our gatherings. And so, as we approach this Christmas, continued vigilance is warranted. Here at OLG we continue to be prudent by following the safety guidelines and protocols of the CDC, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bucks County Health Department and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Your cooperation has been and will continue to be greatly appreciated. I am most grateful to God that we have been able to come together each day during the week and weekends to celebrate Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist, while still maintaining the required precautions in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

As you prepare for the celebration of Christmas may I be so bold as to invite you to consider participating in our celebrations at Christmas time. I offer the following thoughts for you to reflect upon in regard to how that participation might take place.

■ As you may be aware, the faithful continue to be dispensed by the Archbishop from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice. That being stated, I encourage you at a minimum to plan on those occasions to gather as family and join us via livestream through our website or Facebook. For your information all our Weekday Masses and the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass are recorded each week and are available to watch at another time that may be more convenient to you. We will be livestreaming all of our Christmas Masses. You may also be aware of the many other opportunities for Mass on other websites or television, i.e. the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul or EWTN as just two of many examples.

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MESSAGE ON MASS ATTENDANCE CONTINUED



■ We continue to follow all guidelines of the institutions mentioned above, with appropriate cleaning of high touch surfaces in the church after each use, sanitizing our hands as we enter and leave the Church, wearing face masks or coverings appropriately and social distancing. It may interest you to know that since June, when churches were re-opened for the public celebration of Mass, there has not been a known, traceable instance of contracting COVID-19 through attending Mass or receiving Holy Communion at OLG, nor the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, for that matter.

■ If large gatherings continue to cause you fear, might you consider attending Mass at some other time of the week, when the congregation is much smaller? Remember for us as Christians we celebrate the Octave of Christmas, and so consider making your celebration by attending Mass on one of the days throughout the Octave or possibly during the traditional “Twelve Days of Christmas”? While not officially twelve days from Christmas, the Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated here in the United States on the nearest Sunday to those twelve days, which is January 3rd this year. For your information liturgically, the Christmas Season extends to the following Sunday, January 10th, the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. If our particular Mass schedule does not meet your family’s schedule, might you consider attending Mass at one of the other parishes in the area or the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa? All other schedules are published on the appropriate websites.

■ While as a religious institution, we are permitted to have as many as a 75% occupancy for our church we cannot do that with social distancing. At this time to maintain social distancing our maximum occupancy for the church is approximately 600. This includes using the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine area, the Saint Juan Diego Chapel and the Narthex. Additionally, for Christmas Eve and day, we will make use of livestreaming the Masses on the monitors in the Saint John XXIII Social Hall and Holy Family Lobby at the Parish Life Center (PLC). When the church reaches capacity, you will be directed to watch Mass in the PLC or you can watch via livestream in your car (and receive Communion after Mass).

■ All of the above having been stated, here is our Mass schedule for you to consider:

Christmas Eve Masses at 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
We will be livestreaming all of our Christmas Masses.

■ Should you have any questions you may contact the office, and someone will be available to assist you. Be sure to always be healthy and stay safe by being prudent in your judgments and decisions; remember that exercising caution is most often the better part of valor. God bless you and your family. Father Ianelli and I look forward to seeing you during the holy days of Christmas.

POPE FRANCIS: DISABLED PERSONS’ GIFTS ENRICH THE CHURCH & WORLD

As the Church values the precious gifts of the disabled, we must “promote a culture of life that constantly affirms the dignity of every person and works especially to defend men and women with disabilities, of all ages and social conditions...”

Read the article at: www.olguadalupe.org/monsignorreports

A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ ON THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This year, perhaps more than ever, we need Christmas and its promise of hope for a suffering humanity in the person of Jesus Christ. To fully understand and be ready to accept that profound gift on Christmas day, we must prepare our minds and hearts. If we embrace the Season of Advent fully, we will be ready for the Savior. Though our Advent experience may be far from typical this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this holy season can still be one of prayer and charity.

At the Angelus this past weekend, Pope Francis said, “Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to lead us to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Soon we will rejoice in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus in Bethlehem, remembering the words of Saint Matthew, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us.’” As we direct our lives more fully toward the Lord Jesus during these days of preparation, let us pray for and encourage one another in our efforts to be people of hope.

UN MENSAJE PASTORAL DEL ARZOBISPO NELSON J. PÉREZ CON LA TEMPORADA DE ADVIENTO

Este año, quizás más que nunca, necesitamos la Navidad y su promesa de esperanza en la persona de Jesucristo para una humanidad que sufre. Para comprender plenamente y estar listos para aceptar ese profundo don el día de Navidad, debemos preparar nuestras mentes y corazones. Si aceptamos plenamente la temporada de Adviento, estaremos preparados para el Salvador. Aunque nuestra experiencia de Adviento puede que no sea típica este año debido a la pandemia COVID-19, este tiempo santo puede ser aún uno de oración y caridad.

El papa Francisco dijo, «El Adviento es un llamado continuo a la esperanza: nos recuerda que Dios está presente en la historia para conducirla a su meta final y para llevarnos a su plenitud, que es el Señor, el Señor Jesucristo».

Pronto nos regocijaremos en la celebración del nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesús en Belén, recordando las palabras de san Mateo, «He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que significa: 'Dios está con nosotros'». Al dirigir nuestras vidas más plenamente hacia el Señor Jesús durante estos días de preparación, oremos y animémonos unos a otros en nuestros esfuerzos por ser personas de esperanza.

Third Sunday Advent

WEEKLY INTENTIONS

- 8 a.m. **Monday, December 14, St. John of the Cross**
Deceased Members of the Crankshaw Family
Requested by Frank and Ginny Salerno
- 8 a.m. **Tuesday, December 15, Advent Weekday**
Gerald McCollaum
Requested by the OLG Counting Group
- 8 a.m. **Wednesday, December 16**
Advent Weekday
Eileen Adelizzi
Requested by Ed and Diane Zapisek
- 8 a.m. **Thursday, December 17**
Late Advent Weekday
Peter Edward Wicklum
Requested by the Wicklum Family
- 8 a.m. **Friday, December 18**
Late Advent Weekday
Joseph and Victoria Namura
Requested by Tom and Christina Quinn and Family
- 8 a.m. **Saturday, December 19**
Late Advent Weekday
Patricia and Thomas O’Kane
Requested by the Lee Family

OLG SHRINE CANDLE

In memory of Tony Quattrone, *Requested by his wife Judy*

Purchase a candle in one of the sanctuaries or altars (\$15 suggested donation) in honor of your special intention. Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 19, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61, 1-2. 10-11—I exult for joy in the Lord.
Luke 1 46-48. 49-50. 53-54- My soul rejoices in my God.
1 Thessalonians 5, 16-24—May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
John 1, 6-8. 19-28 — John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

Blessings to the Newly Married

Leah Lynch and Joseph Bertges

We Remember Our Deceased

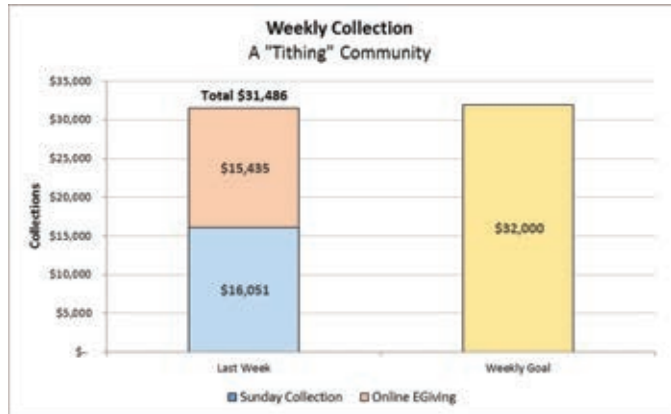
Mary Jecmionka, George Roach, Ilvio Dalfarra

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, December 6, 2020 \$31,486
Weekly Collection Goal \$32,000

Sunday Collections include online giving contributions.

Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN APPEAL

Today, we give sincere thanks for everyone’s kind and generous support making our Parish Stewardship Campaign Appeal a great success for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our parish family has shown an extraordinary display of stewardship, as our parishioners and parish community gave their time and treasure in helping us reach our goal.

Together, we have raised \$144,250 for our parish! These resources allow us to expand our services and ministries, maintain our church and spiritual home, support our growth as a parish, and provide care and resources for those in need.

I am inspired by your love and faith and grateful to you. Through your good works, our parish remains a light for all those seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord. On behalf of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, volunteers and staff, your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Monsignor Gentili

Bilingual Mass

Misa bilingue

Most Reverend Edward M. Deliman
Reverendísimo Edward M. Deliman

Auxiliary Bishop for the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia

Feast of the Holy Family, *Fiesta de La Sagrada Familia*

Sunday, December 27, *Domingo, diciembre 27*

Time / Hora 11AM



PARISH MINISTRIES

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

Questions? Contact Maureen Sapelli at 215-794-5764 or maureenm23@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

December 14 to 20

The Christmas food drive is for parishioners having difficulty getting food during the pandemic. The food will be distributed before Christmas to our most COVID-19 affected families.

Food can be dropped off at the church from December 14 to December 20. The requested food items include: one pound dried beans, one pound of rice, olive oil, salt, sugar, canned vegetables, lite fruit cocktail, stuffing mix, instant coffee, fruit preserves and Christmas cookies or other sweets. Also, if possible, please include a \$25 gift card to one of the major grocery stores so that they can purchase perishable food such as meat/poultry, eggs, milk etc.

Thank you for your generosity. This has been a very difficult year for many people, and without your help they would not be able to enjoy a good Christmas dinner.

Have a Blessed Christmas and God Bless.



HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES OR SPECIAL INTENTION WITH THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Each Christmas, our church and parish campus is filled with gorgeous flowers and trees. This beautiful greenery is made possible through memorial donations from generous parishioners. When parishioners donate toward Christmas flowers they are able to honor a loved one or remember a special intention. These intentions are placed in the crèche in our nativity and are remembered in a special way throughout the Christmas season.

If you would like to memorialize your loved ones or recognize your special intention in this significant way, please use the Christmas Flower envelope (which is included with your weekly offering envelopes) or donate online through Parish Giving. Call the parish office if you need assistance. In addition, these donations partially defray the cost of keeping the St. Francis Courtyard and the church, Parish Life Center and courtyard entranceways looking festive during the fall and winter.

You may be interested to know that the Easter Flower Offering, the Father's Day Remembrance and the Mother's Day Remembrance are also used in this way. All of these intentions are placed in the sanctuary and are prayed for specifically during the month or season of the event.



Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13

After all Masses

The Living Nativity is presented by OLG Youth Ministries. This is a wonderful way to prepare your hearts during the Advent Season and for the birth of our Savior. Bring your families to experience this beautiful display of the day the world was changed forever.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

PEACE IN THE WOMB CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Friday, December 18, 9:30 a.m.

Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Drive, Warminster, PA

Join us as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community. A Christmas Rosary will follow our caroling. Social distancing guidelines will be observed. For more information, please contact Pat Dowling at 267-629-9471.

MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, DC

Friday, January 29, 2021

Please join us as we commemorate the 48th Anniversary of Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our nation. We will leave the Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OLMC) parking lot by 7 a.m. To reserve your spot, email Kathleen Wilson at Tway5@aol.com with RSVP MFL OLMC in the subject line. Also, mail a check (payable to BCRTL for \$25 per person (nonrefundable fee) to 232 Tether Way, Doylestown, PA 18901. There is no charge for students under age 18. This will be first come, first served based on the receipt of the check. There is currently one bus with a 50-person maximum. We will create a wait list if we hit the max. Questions? Call Kathleen Wilson at 215-262-3998. The March for Life is the largest and longest annual gathering in the history of the United States. About 400,000 gather annually in support of life.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Guardians of Guadalupe meet each Wednesday after the 8 a.m. Mass. For about one hour, the "Guardian angels help with the cleaning of the Church, chapel, pews, and Narthex area. If you are interested in helping, please meet the group after Mass at about 8:30 a.m. or contact Bill Bryson at brysonwj@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



POINSETTIA SALE

The OLG Knights of Columbus (KOC) are holding a poinsettia sale for the Advent season. Online orders can be placed at poinsettia.kofcolg.com. Order forms are in the narthex. Proceeds benefit the OLG KOC

whose efforts support our parish and community through events like Coats for Kids, Food for Families, support of seminarians, pregnancy centers, Habitat for Humanity and others in need.


Checks should be made payable to KOC Council #15590. Please deposit order forms and payment in the KOC collection box in the narthex. Any questions can be addressed by Anthony Mantellino at amante1220@gmail.com or 917-733-9914.

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CHRISTMAS CRAB CAKE SALE

The OLG Knights of Columbus (KOC) are holding a Christmas crab cake sale. Seafood items will be from Capt'n Chucky's Crab Cake Company, Newtown Square, PA. The Knights will have order forms in the narthex. Proceeds from the sale will offset the cost of the new kneelers which have been installed in the back of the church. Make checks payable to KOC Council #15590. Please deposit completed order forms with payment in the KOC collection box or in the drop box outside the Parish Life Center.

Questions? Contact Chris Valeri at (267)-800-4032 or christopherjvaleri@gmail.com or George Jackson at gjax44@gmail.com or (267) 446-6732.

RCIA AND RITE OF WELCOME

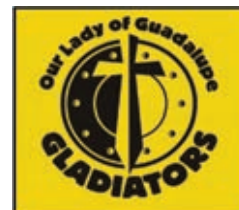


On Sunday, December 6, the RCIA catechumens and candidates were publicly presented to the parish in the Rite of Welcome. We offer our prayers the them as they continue their journey toward receiving their sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, 2021. They are:

Stephanie Christie, Danielle Diehl, Beth Heath, Ivy Huhn, Jeffrey Ramos, Jose Rosales, Rufino Rosales, Emily Sharkey, Rikki Tanner, William Tanner, Marcus White, Leo Dan Ramos Garcia, Aruro Maximilliano Carrillo Sanchez, Patty Carrillo, Romario Ortiz, Andres Ortiz, Miguel Lopez, Pilar Ramirez and Jose Ivan Reyes.

CYO BASKETBALL UPDATE

Please be advised that the Director of CYO Athletics, has announced that after careful consideration and consultation with the PA CYO Basketball Board, the Archdiocesan 2021 CYO Basketball season is cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic.



FORMED

The Road to Bethlehem

Reflections and Enrichment for Advent



We are excited to announce a brand-new project underway at FORMED! This Advent you can join *The Road to Bethlehem*—an opt-in digital discipleship program designed to lead you into an encounter with Christ and his love throughout Advent.

Here's the other great news—*The Road to Bethlehem* is completely free for all FORMED parishes and users.

Please consider joining us this Advent on *The Road to Bethlehem*, to encounter the love of God made flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ!

Sign up at FORMED.org/advent

This exciting new project from FORMED will allow you to grow in your faith from anywhere you can access FORMED—from your home, in the car, on a run, or taking a walk.

The Road to Bethlehem includes

- daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray;
- weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts on FORMED related to the theme of the week;
- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids; and
- finally, a weekly action item to help you put the Advent message into practice.



Thank you for journeying with us this Advent!
We hope that *The Road to Bethlehem* leads you further into communion with God's greatest gift to us: Jesus Christ.

Happy Advent!

CODE BLUE SHELTER AT OLG

This January, OLG's Parish Life Center will serve as the host site for the Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless' (CSSH) Code Blue shelter. The Code Blue program provides shelter and meals to homeless adults on cold, winter nights when it is dangerous to be outside.

There are several volunteer opportunities for parishioners to be a part of this important mission including Shelter Site Managers, Food Coordinators and Kitchen Volunteers. If you are interested in more information, contact Erin Dalton at erincdalton@gmail.com.

To sign up to be a volunteer, prepare a meal or donate food see more details on our website.

www.olguadalupe.org/events



PRAYER LINE

We invite you to join us in praying for the following people:

Lynn Ament ♦ Mary-Louise Brodbine ♦ Theresa C. ♦ Bridget Callahan ♦ Owen Frenia ♦ Catherine Keenan ♦ Garvin Kissinger ♦ Edward Marcej ♦ Ellie O'Flaherty ♦ Michael S. ♦ Michael Suozzo ♦ Jim Wilson

To be a member of the "Prayer Team" or to submit a prayer request, email olgprayerline@olguadalupe.org or contact the parish office. All requests will be removed after four weeks.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please email olguadbuletin@gmail.com to submit a request or call the parish office. The bulletin deadline is the previous Monday at 12 noon. Please note that there are early deadlines for the bulletins close to Christmas and New Year's Day. *We would love to hear from you!*

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CONTACT OLG YOUTH MINISTRY

Lisa Kopertowski, Director
youthministry@olguadalupe.org 267-247-5374

DECEMBER AND JANUARY YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High, 7th & 8th Grades, 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.

December 13—OLG Feast Day Celebration
December 19—Frassati Service Saturday
December 20—Christmas Party!
December 27—11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Deliman
January 3—No Meeting

High School, 9th through 12 Grades, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

December 13—OLG Feast Day Celebration
December 19—Frassati Service Saturday
December 20—Christmas Party!
December 27—11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Deliman
January 3—No Meeting

FRASSATI SERVICE SATURDAY

Saturday, December 19, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Youth Ministry will leave OLG with bagged lunches and all the socks and personal hygiene products they can carry. The youth will travel to Center City Philadelphia to seek and find the homeless on the streets and in the subways and share Christ with all we meet. We will need parent drivers. Please contact Mrs. K if you wish to attend.

SOCK COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS

Weekend of December 12 and 13

The Youth Ministry is collecting socks for the homeless. Please place socks in a labeled bin in the narthex.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION!



Sunday, December 13

We will celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe during our meetings on Sunday, December 13, 2020. Enjoy the customs, traditions, fun and food. This night will be entirely prepared by our very own Hispanic youth. It will be a night of celebration of how grateful we are to Our Lady and her love for us. Don't miss it!

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OLG YOUTH SPREAD CHRISTMAS JOY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!



Due to the generosity of the children and families in all of our Youth Ministry groups, 150 children in Catholic missionary villages in third world countries will have a wonderful Christmas morning. Each gift box was filled toys, school supplies and other goodies for children age 12 and under. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School is proud to announce that Brendan Annulis and Grace Schiedt were named Neumann Scholars by the Connelly Foundation. Brendan and Grace were awarded full four-year scholarships to the Archdiocesan high school of their choice in addition to other enrichment programs. Brendan was also recognized as earning the highest score on the qualifying test. Congratulations to Brendan and Grace!

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