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FOR ADULTS:

ST. PHILOMENA: A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES BY MARK MIRAVALLE is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "Though St. Philomena lived approximately 1700 years ago and was only discovered in the catacombs of Rome in the early 1800's, her faithful witness as a young virgin who was martyred for her purity and fidelity to Christ speaks powerfully to our culture, and especially to young people. Commonly referred to as a "wonder worker", she has the distinction of being the only saint canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession. Learn more about St. Philomena and what a powerful advocate we have before the throne of Almighty God."

MARIA GORETTI: THE STORY OF THE PATRONESS OF MODERN YOUTH is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "The Story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once: sickness and death affects the Goretti family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable. This film, made on location and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as Maria, Flavio Insinna (Saint John Bosco) as the brave local Passionist priest, Luisa Ranieri and Massimo Bonetti as her parents, and Claudia Koll as the Countess Mazzoleni."

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

(Please note that Masses in italic print are at St. Mary's; a cross before the name indicates deceased.)

Saturday, Nov. 30	4:30 PM	OLM	+Gerald Killian by Bruce & Mary Ann Killian
Sunday, Dec. 1	8:30 AM	OLM	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday, Dec. 1</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	+John Miday by Teresa Long
Tuesday, Dec. 3	7:00 PM	OLM	Oliver Herrera by His Godparents
<i>Wednesday, Dec. 4</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	SM	+Barbara & Buster Neice by Mike Kissel
Thursday, Dec. 5	8:30 AM	OLM	Tom Bouquet by His Family
Friday, Dec. 6	8:30 AM	OLM	+Mary Montgomery by Jim & Ruth Birong
Saturday, Dec. 7	4:30 pm	OLM	+Ronnie Hissner by Mary Ann Pozderac
Sunday, Dec. 8	8:30 AM	OLM	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday, Dec. 8</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	+Mary Ann Matos, Rafael Matos by Janet Gwynn & John Douglass

OLM Confessions: Tuesday 7:45-9:00 pm; Friday 3:00-4:00 pm; Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment***

St. Mary Confessions: Sunday before Mass by request or by appointment

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	1	
Mon	2	
Tue	3	7:45 PM Confession-OLM Church
Wed	4	
Thur	5	7:00 PM Bible Study-OLM Conference Room
Fri	6	8:00 AM Rosary before Mass-OLM Church 9:15 AM Adoration-OLM Church 3:00 PM Confession-OLM Church 6:45 PM Benediction-OLM Church
Sat	7	10:00 AM First Reconciliation Retreat-OLM Church 3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church
Sun	8	10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 10:00 AM PSR Preschool-OLM Hall 10:00 AM Going With Faith-OLM Conference Room 12:00 PM Ice Cream Social-SM Hall

Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of November 24, 2024

Adult \$1,605.00 Loose \$222.00
Campaign for Human Development \$50.00
Candles \$91.50 SVDP \$25.00 Building Fund \$560.00

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Stewardship Week of November 24, 2024

Adult \$688.00 Loose \$155.00
Flowers \$50.00

SAVE THE DATE ~ We will be having a **Parish Christmas Celebration on Sunday, January 5, at 6:00 pm at the Our Lady of Mercy Hall.** More details to follow.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY ~ There will be **no** Dead Theologians Society meeting this weekend, **Sunday, December 1.** We will meet again on **Sunday, December 15.** *Chrissy Breedlove*

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT ~ Our children in second grade will be having their **First Reconciliation Retreat on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Church.** Please keep them in our prayers as they finish preparing and come to this beautiful Sacrament to receive God's mercy. *Chrissy Breedlove*

OCIA PRAYER MEETING ~ We will be having a Prayer Meeting with our OCIA participants on **Sunday, December 15, from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm at OLM Church.** The prayer meeting will consist of a 30-minute talk on Confession and Examining Our Conscience by Father Jonas and 30 minutes spent in Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to join us. *Chrissy Breedlove*

DECEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH ~ Our December virtue of the month is **PURITY.** *Virtues in Practice* defines purity as "keeping your soul free of sin." When many of us think of purity, we often think only of physical purity. It is true that we sin through our actions, but we also sin in other ways-in our words, thoughts, and omissions. Purity calls us to a complete integration of body and soul, striving to be free from sin in all ways. Take some time to read about our saints who exemplified purity in their lives-Saint Dominic Savio, Saint Agnes, and Saint Maria Goretti. *Chrissy Breedlove*

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COLLECTION ~ The SVDP collection will take place next weekend **December 7 & 8.** Thank you.

OCIA PRAYER REQUEST ~ We currently have nine people in our OCIA program studying and preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Whether we have been Catholic our whole lives or are converts like these people, we all know our faith journey is often filled with joy, hope, and curiosity. We also sometimes face fear, confusion, and doubt. Prayer can be a beautiful way that we personally cling to those things that bring us closer to God and overcome those things that separate us from Him. We can offer up prayers for others and aid them on their journey as well. I would like to invite you to pray the rosary for our OCIA participants and those throughout the Church going through the same journey. You can do this in two ways. You can sign up to pray a rosary each day from January 1 through Easter, April 20. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you prefer not to sign up, perhaps you could occasionally offer a rosary or a decade for them. The following intentions could coincide with each decade and may be helpful.

1. That they feel welcomed by the universal Church and by our parish communities.
2. That they receive good, solid catechesis and spiritual direction.
3. That they develop a greater understanding of the truths of the Catholic faith.
4. That they grow in relationship with God and allow the Holy Spirit to guide them.
5. That the things they learn and experience through this process will have lasting effects and lead them to eternal life in heaven.

ST. MARY'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL ~ *St. Mary's will be hosting a free Ice Cream Social after Mass On December 8th in celebration of the Immaculate Conception. Come join us to celebrate our titular feast!*

STORYBOOK EXPLORERS ~ The Advent gathering scheduled for this **Tuesday, December 3, has been cancelled** due to illness. I appreciate your understanding and hope to see everyone, Tuesday December 17, for our final gathering of the year. *Jessica Olenick*

PARISH LIBRARY ~ The Library bulletin board now holds reviews and recommendations, happenings, monthly devotions, and beyond the library Catholic resources for everyday life. Take a look and let me know what you think. Have you read a book, listened to a CD, or watched a DVD from the library? Use the suggestions box or email library@olmcarrollton.org to share your thoughts. I would like to feature your review and/or recommendation of it; it would help fellow parishioners. Thank you, in advance! *Jessica Olenick*

STORYBOOK EXPLORERS ~ Have fun with us **Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm, in the OLM Narthex,** as we explore our last tale of the year. What happens when St. Nick wakes up with a cold? In "The Night the Saints Saved Christmas" author Gracie Jagla tells of a tale of a magical Christmas Eve when the Saints unite to deliver the presents and concludes with a touching reminder about the true meaning of gift-giving at Christmas. Join us for cookies and a memorable tale! Also, three special prizes await *three* explorers as we conclude our time together. *Jessica Olenick*

OLM CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ~ The 2025 OLM contribution envelopes have arrived and are on the table in the Narthex in alphabetical order. *St. Mary's contribution envelopes have not yet arrived.*



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day has been moved to December 9th and is a Holy Day of Obligation.** The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2180 & 2181 states, "The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: 'On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.' The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass [there praying] which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day...the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist [in this context the Eucharist means the Mass or the Eucharistic Sacrifice, not receiving communion per se] on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." Several Mass times are available below to fulfill your obligation, please plan accordingly:

Monday, December 9th at 8:30 am at OLM
Monday, December 9th at 4:00 pm at OLM
Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm at SM

*If you can't make one of these times, please check for other times at surrounding churches.

MIRACULOUS MEDALS ~ The Knights of Columbus have donated 300 Miraculous Medals to be blessed and distributed during the weekend Masses on **Dec. 7 & 8.** Any leftover medals will still be available on **Dec. 9.** Our Lady appeared to Sister Catherine Laboure on the eve of Advent in 1830. As she was speaking she began to appear in a particular way with the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Our Lady told Sister Laboure, "Have a medal struck after this model. All who wear it will receive great graces; it should be worn around the neck." The image that we now call the Miraculous Medal is the image of Our Lady seen by Sister Laboure and depicted by an artist as best as possible, although Sister Laboure knew it was impossible to show how beautiful the image of our Lady really was. *Father Jonas Shell*

SUNDAY HOMILIES ~ Don't forget that if you would like to listen to or send others the homilies from **Sunday Mass,** they can be accessed on soundcloud.com. On the website, search **FoJo,** Fr. Jonas' user name. Look for the picture of Jesus giving communion at the Last Supper to verify you are at the right place. You can also go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/ or the website at olmcarrollton.org to hear his homilies.

OLM GREETERS ~ The DeSimone Family this week and the Haas Family next week.

Happy Birthday OLM ~ Mary Sowko 12/1; Byron Fritz 12/2; Carson Murphy 12/3; Sairey Williams 12/3; Lydia Oboy 12/4; Noah Allen 12/5; Melissa Matoszka 12/7; Isabella Nuzzolillo 12/7

Happy Birthday SM ~ Harry Hunter 12/4; Ethan Grossi 12/6; Gino Tozzi 12/6; Adam Shockey 12/7

Happy Anniversary OLM & SM ~ to all those celebrating in December.

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized or we have removed a name that should not have been, please inform the parish office.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Needs

Brenda Sandefur, Harold Wolbert, Elizabeth Wolford, Shelbia Otte, Anthony Tozzi, Dan Grossi Family

Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Needs

Vicky Oboy, Rose Rombough, Anna Schiavone, Jack Sowko, Zach Oboy, Shirley Dale, Kristine Stenger, Scott Kazer, Chris Rombough, Dave McKarns, Ida Carver, J. C. Biring, Nancy Bauer, Tom Bouquet, Cam Lanka, Joe MacAdam

ITEMS TO BE PLACED IN THE COMING WEEK'S BULLETIN NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY NOON.



“In the quiet corners of service, women and men religious have dedicated their lives to others. Your donations help us honor their lifelong devotion with the care they so richly deserve.”

Sister Olivia Bellegante, OSF, 92, center

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From left:
Father Maury Smith, OFM, 87;
Sister Olivia Bellegante, OSF, 92;
Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, FSGM, 72.
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Hermana Olivia Bellegante, OSF, 92, *centro*

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Desde la izq.:
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