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**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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## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed 10-3; Thurs 9:30-2:30; Fri 9:30-12:30

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"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



Located: 8012 Bachelor Rd, NW  
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### HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS-EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

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

Saturday, Dec. 28	4:30 PM	OLM	+Keith Huelsman by The Borel Family
Sunday, Dec. 29	8:30 AM	OLM	+Pam Yingling by Jim & Ruth Birong
<i>Sunday, Dec. 29</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 31	4:00 PM	OLM	People of the Parish
Wednesday, Jan 1	8:30 AM	OLM	+Greg Zimmerman by Heidi Argento
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 1</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>+John Miday by Teresa Long</i>
Thursday, Jan. 2	8:30 AM	OLM	Reparation for Our Sins by Tom & Carol Bouquet
Friday, Jan. 3	8:30 AM	OLM	For Israel by Kay Yoder
Saturday, Jan. 4	4:30 pm	OLM	+Ronnie Hissner by Mary Lou Lairson & George Knapp
Sunday, Jan. 5	8:30 AM	OLM	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday, Jan. 5</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>+Mary &amp; Mario Buzzelli by Mike Kissel</i>

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	29	10:00 AM Going with Faith-OLM Conference Room
Mon	30	
Tue	31	4:00 PM Mass-OLM Church 7:45 PM-9:00 PM Confessions-OLM Church
Wed	1	8:30 AM Mass-OLM Church <i>11:00 AM Mass-St. Mary's Church</i> Office closed
Thur	2	
Fri	3	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	4	3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church
Sun	5	10:00 AM Going with Faith-OLM Conference Room 10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 10:00 AM PSR Preschool-OLM Hall 6:00 PM Parish Christmas Celebration-OLM Hall

### Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of December 22, 2024

Adult \$5,380.00 Loose \$198.00 Christmas \$50.00  
Christmas Flowers \$40.00 Candles \$61.00  
SVDP \$45.00 Building Fund \$830.00  
New Rectory \$100.00

### St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Stewardship Week of December 22, 2024

Adult \$768.00 Loose \$591.00  
Christmas \$260.00  
Religious Retirement \$25.00

**OFFICE CLOSED** ~ The Office will be closed on **January 1, 2024**.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** ~ All are invited to join us for our Parish Christmas Celebration and Potluck Dinner on **Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Our Lady of Mercy Hall**. The main course and wassail (alcoholic and nonalcoholic) will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. The evening will include entertainment by our choir, singing Christmas carols, a raffle, and games. Please RSVP by signing up in the narthex of OLM or the entryway at SM by **January 2**. Thank you.

**DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY** ~ There will be **NO** Dead Theologians Society Meeting this **Sunday, December 29**. We will meet again on **January 12**. *Chrissy Breedlove*

**CANDLE DONATION** ~ The Youth Group is preparing to make candles for Candlemas. If you have any empty jars you would like to donate, please place them in the box marked 'Candles' that can be found in the Narthex. Questions??? Contact Erika Shockey 330-312-6074.

**OCIA PRAYER REQUEST** ~ We currently have nine people in our OCIA program studying and preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Prayer can be a beautiful way to support these people on their faith journey. If you would like to join us in praying for them, please see the bulletin board in the narthex for more information. *Chrissy Breedlove*

**CHRISTMAS GIFT** ~ Please pick-up a copy of *An Introduction to Prayer* by Bishop Robert Barron. There will be copies available in both OLM and *St. Mary's* Narthex. An anonymous parishioner has purchased these books to give out as a Christmas Gift.

**ADORNMENT PICK-UP** ~ Even if you didn't contribute to the Adornment Project you may have a star someone donated in your name. Please check the table in the Narthex. Also thank you to Kevin and Jan for making the cards possible. *Fr. Jonas Shell*

**OLM CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** ~ The 2025 OLM contribution envelopes have arrived and are on the table in the Narthex in alphabetical order at both OLM and *St. Mary's*.

**DPSC** ~ The 2024 campaign concludes on **December 31**. Donations mailed on or prior to **December 31**, but not received and processed until January will be applied to the 2024 DPSC. All donations mailed or given after **December 31** will be applied to the 2025 DPSC and marked as an early gift. Currently Our Lady of Mercy's has a participation rate of 48% and reached 125% of the Parish Goal of \$24,140.00 and *St. Mary's* has a participation rate of 55% and reached 150% of the Parish Goal of \$9,054.00.

**NOVEMBER FUND REPORTS** ~ OLM's General Account income was \$19,950.04 and expenses paid were \$11,898.94 with an ending balance of \$10,580.81. *St. Mary's* General Account income was \$4,426.00 and expenses paid were \$3,327.89 with an ending balance of \$29,038.83.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY!** ~ "Here I am!" Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month-nine months after he was conceived. He no longer receives food through the umbilical cord, will now breathe air, and his blood has developed a more mature circulatory pattern. He has undergone some important developmental changes, but remains the same person he was in the womb. The mother and baby have undergone 'microchimerism'—a process where cells of each of them can be found in organs of the other for the rest of their lives. The newborn is truly a miracle and will be comforted by his mother's voice that he recognizes from the womb. He began as a 46-chromosome single cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can hold in our arms. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. On behalf of all the spiritually adopted babies and their parents, THANK YOU for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!" (John 10:10)

**BABY SHOWER** ~ Thank you to everyone who participated in spiritually adopting a child this year! In celebration of these lives, we are having a "baby shower" on January 19 after Mass. Please bring in gifts of diapers (any size), wipes, blankets, or any new or very gently used baby items; you can bring them anytime now through 1/19. These items will be donated to help vulnerable infants and/or families facing a crisis pregnancy within Carroll County.

**CUTEST BABY CONTEST** ~ Our Lady of Carroll County Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Cutest Baby Contest** that will run from **Christmas to April 11th**. Pictures will be displayed in the narthex and at church functions. The baby with the most donations will be crowned Cutest Baby 2025 and will win \$250.00! Donations will be used for the charitable works of the Knights. **Babies who are under 2 years old before March 1, 2025** can be entered any time and they will be added to the display. Please send digital photos 3" x 5" to [steven.pridemore@gmail.com](mailto:steven.pridemore@gmail.com) or you can put your baby up on the board using the tacks on the table. Babies can be children or grandchildren of church members. Vote early and often to help the cutest baby win!

**DONATIONS USING VANCO** ~ Please see the **back of the bulletin for the QR codes** for both Our Lady of Mercy and *St. Mary's*. VANCO is a secure site in which you are able to set-up a one time or recurring donation to either Our Lady of Mercy or *St. Mary's*. The Our Lady of Mercy donation funds that are available on VANCO are: Building Fund, Adult (General Fund) and *St. Vincent DePaul*. The *St. Mary's* donation fund available on VANCO is the *Adult (General Fund)*. You can also find green giving online buttons on **our website, [www.olmcarrollton.org](http://www.olmcarrollton.org)**. Both churches green "Giving Online" buttons are at the bottom of the home page.

**MASS SIGN-UP** ~ The sign-up sheet for the **December 31 and January 1** Masses for Greeters, Lectors & Servers is in the OLM Narthex on the podium.



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** ~ **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 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:

**Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm at OLM**  
**Wednesday, January 1st at 8:30 am at OLM**  
**Wednesday, January 1st at 11:00 am at SM**

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

**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](https://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/](http://www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/) or the website at [olmcarrollton.org](http://olmcarrollton.org) to hear his homilies.

#### AROUND AND ABOUT

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** ~ There will be an eight week grief support group program beginning **Tuesday, January 9, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Malvern Community Church (Former Damascus Friends Church) at 401 W. Main St. Malvern, OH 44644**. For more information please see the bulletin board in the OLM Narthex.

**SAINT PAUL CENTER'S EVENT** ~ The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology will be hosting an event with Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma on **January 25th at St. Ferdinand Church in Cranberry Township, PA**. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

**OLM GREETERS** ~ The Rodgers Family this week and the Pesta Family next week.

**Happy Birthday OLM** ~ Xavier Brooks 12/29; Amos Brown 12/29; Garritt Brown 12/29; Shirley Dale 12/29; Dan Hitchcock 12/29; Dominic Lightell 12/29; Dan Pesta 12/30; Christopher Gobeli 12/31; Heidi Argento 1/1; Ron Colaprete 1/2; GiGi Hill 1/2; Mary Colaprete 1/4

**Happy Birthday SM** ~ Vicki Grossi 1/1; Dustin Shockey 1/2

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

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, Tom Brantch, Chris Rombough, Dave McKarns, Ida Carver, J. C. Birong, Nancy Bauer, Tom Bouquet, Cam Lanka, Joe MacAdam, Kathie Long