



"It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

Matthew 3:11

December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent



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Mass Times

Daily Mass - 8:30am

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sunday - 7am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

1pm (en español), 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays after 8:30am Mass or by appt

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9am - 12pm; 12:45pm - 4:30pm

Sun Welcome Desk 7:30am - 2:30pm

Chapel Open Mon - Fri 7am - 7pm

Sat & Sun 7am - 5pm

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All through LOVE, and nothing through force or fear.

Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, strive to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by proclaiming our faith, educating ourselves and our children, sharing our persons, resources and gifts in the care and service of one another. We are called to foster an environment of hospitality in accordance with the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de la Misa

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:00am + Mary Campbell
8:00am + Barbara Govani
9:30am + Rose Marie Connors Lanzetta
11:15am + Nicola de Chiara
1:00pm + Ruben Perez-Diaz
5:30pm Nagurney & Medwid Families

Monday, December 9, 2019

8:30am Vicente Ibabao
12:10pm + Edmund Joseph Monseur

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:30am + Otto C. Doerflinger

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:30am + Henry Heishman Jr.

Thursday, December 12, 2019

8:30am For The OLG Community
7:00pm + Luis Lozada

Friday, December 13, 2019

8:30am + Sebastiano & Maria Del Borrello

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8:30am + Reynaldo, Rufino & Medardo Rubio
5:00pm + Nahida & Robert Awad

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:00am + Justin Patrick Berney
8:00am + Dorothy & Paul Otterbach
9:30am + Pat & Del Rovis
11:15am + Anthony Pagano
1:00pm For The OLG Community
5:30pm + Michael Randazzo

Please keep the deceased in your prayers Martin Leibrand, Jackie Platz, and Henry Blicharz, father of Sharon Hallahan.

Book of Prayer Intentions: All can add names of the sick, those who have died and any other special intentions to the book in the Narthex. A petition in our prayer of the faithful includes all those noted in the book. **All Funerals held at OLG are posted on the website calendar and Funeral webpage** <https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals>. **Weekly Prayer of Faithful is online** <https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries>.

Readings for the Week/Lecturas por la Semana

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 8, 2019

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Saint Damasus I, Pope
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 48:17-19; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Memorial of Saint John of the Cross
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Prayer Opportunities in the Chapel:

Pray the Rosary All weekdays after 8:30am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesdays after 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Grace Thursdays 3-4pm

Rosary for the Persecuted Thursdays 6:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration first Friday of the month

Sept-May after 8:30am Mass until 4pm

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus First Fridays Sept - June at morning Mass

Our Lady of Fatima First Saturdays after 8:30am Mass

Devotional Candles week: Sign up at <http://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/>.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church will burn for a special intention of a good friend.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel will burn in loving memory of +Henry Blicharz.

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Votive Candle will burn for a special intention for Maria Isabel Pinto Coelho Sena.



Quote of the Week: "Don't sow your desires in someone else's garden; just cultivate your own as best you can; don't long to be other than what you are, but desire to be thoroughly what you are." ~ St. Francis de Sales

Parish News & Events

The side door to the Church (Sanctuary) will be an EXIT ONLY door for all events held in the Church. This change enables the Ministers of Hospitality to welcome and the community in the Narthex prior to Mass and to ensure safety and security during Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Gerard Hall, liturgy@olgcva.org, 703.896.7411 or Irene Zaso, Director of Communications, communciations@olgcva.org, 703.896-7412.

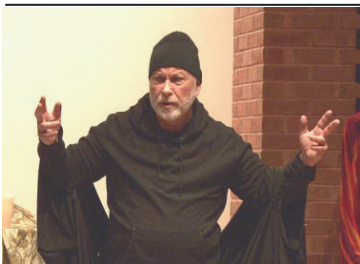


The Annual Boy Scout Wreath Sale - OLCG's Boy Scout troop 976 will be selling festive Christmas wreaths at all Masses until they sell out. The beautiful greenery is fresh from a Virginia farm for \$25. Stop by our sales booth, say "hi" to our scouts and take home a Christmas tradition! Wreaths sell out fast, so be sure to get yours by pre-ordering! Send an email to wreaths@olgc976.org to place an order.



Advent Evening Prayer
Prayer with and for the Parish

Evening Prayer - Praying with and for the Parish - Monday, December 9th at 7pm in the Chapel "When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that 'we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.'" On each Monday of Advent, Dec. 9, 16 & 23rd we will gather together as a parish community to pray Evening Prayer in the Chapel. On the 23rd we will gather at 6:30pm and then decorate for Christmas. For more information, please contact Gerard Hall at liturgy@olgcva.org.



St. John On Patmos: Dec. 10th 7pm. Advent In Ephesus ACT 6: Epilogue

Phil Russell reprises his storytelling as Saint John The Apostle as an old man, now back in the home he shared with his Mother Mary! Event will take place in the Chapel on Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm. In the five years past, this has been done as a Lenten reflection; this Epilogue is done with Advent in mind and heart. Storytelling and music by "Band Beloved."

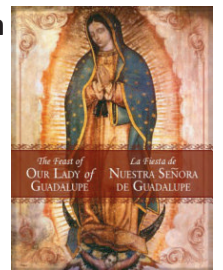


Evening Holy Hour - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will occur every 2nd

Wednesday of the month from 7-8pm in the Chapel. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (St. Pope John Paul II). Come experience the loving gaze of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on December 11th at 7pm and every 2nd Wednesday of the month. There will be guided reflections and worship led by members of The Restless as well as times of quiet and stillness. It is the perfect way to reset in the middle of a busy week and during a busy time of year, to fix our eyes on Jesus and allow him to speak into our hearts. Eucharistic adoration flows from our time at Mass for "our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (St. Pope John Paul II) This is in request from parishioners who are unable to attend Friday monthly adoration during the day.

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12th 7pm in the Chapel in Spanish.

It was a chilly day in December 1531 when Juan Diego was walking in the desert on his way to Mass. Suddenly, a lady in a blue mantle appeared with a crown of 12 stars and the moon under her feet. The lady was the Virgin Mary and she told him to ask the Bishop to build a chapel on the Tepeyac Hill in her honor. After Juan made many futile pleas to Bishop Zumarraga, finally he complied with Our Lady's wish and built the church. Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico and the Americas, is celebrated each year on December 12th.



Bake Sale December 14th & 15th



Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser for our High School Workcamp 2020 trip after all Masses on the weekend of Dec. 14th- 15th. All donations for our homemade baked goods go to supporting our students in their service of others in the June Workcamp service trip! You can find us at DeSales Hall. Thank you for your support!

Parish Calendar (below is subject to change) <https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Christ House Food Drive 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Garage
 St. Nicholas Breakfast 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM DeSales Hall
 Children's Liturgy Of The Word 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Chapel
 Children/Teen RCIA 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM School Classrooms
 Light Of Mine 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Counsel Rm
 Youth Mass 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Church
 Senior High Nightlife & Confessions 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Junior High CCF (7th Grade Only) 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM School
 CANCELLED Praying College Moms

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Middle School Trimester 1 Awards Following Mass
 Lamb Center Breakfast 6:30 AM - 7:15 AM St. Joseph Ctr
 Immaculate Conception Mass Led By School Gr 4 8:30 AM
 Coffee Social 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM DeSales Hall
 Little Rock Scripture Study 10AM - 11:30 AM Brisson Room
 8th Grade Large Group Session 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM DeSales
 Evening Prayer 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Church
 Men's Faith And Scripture Study 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Library
 Pastoral Council Mtg 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Rectory Basement

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Scripture Study 9:15 AM - 11:15 AM Brisson Room
 CGS Level 1-3 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM School Atrium
 St John On Patmos 7PM - 9:00 PM Chapel
 9:30am Music Ministry 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Music Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Boy Scout Troop 976 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Counsel Room
 Holy Hour - Adoration 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chapel
 5:30pm Music Ministry 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Music Room

RCIA Catechumenate 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Brisson Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

School Confessions Gr 3-8 9:00 AM
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Brisson Rm
 Seasoned Citizen Luncheon 12:00 PM DeSales Hall
 Our Lady Of Grace Prayer Group 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chapel
 Rosary For Persecuted Christians 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM Chapel
 Hello Scripture 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Top Floor St. Joseph's
 Our Lady Of Guadalupe 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chapel
 Women Of OLG Board Meeting 7PM - 9:00 PM Brisson Rm
 11:15am Music Ministry 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Music Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Serenata 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Music Room
 Winter Band Concert 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Counsel Rm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Diocesan Conference—Engaged 8:30AM -4PM DeSales
 Elementary CCF/CGS 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM School
 Confessions 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Reconciliation Room
 Elementary CCF/CGS 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM School
 Baptisms 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Chapel
 RCIA Breaking Open The Word 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Chapel
 Bake Sale for YM WorkCamp after 5pm Mass Narthex

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Bake Sale for YM WorkCamp after all Masses Narthex
 Children's Liturgy Of The Word 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Chapel
 Children/Teen RCIA 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM School Classrooms
 Senior High Nightlife 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM DeSales Hall
 Junior High CCF 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM School Classrooms

Sacramental Information:

Sacrament of the Sick Urgent - call 703.938.2828. The Sacrament of the Sick may be received by the elderly, by those going into the hospital, by those who are ill or are experiencing a decline in their health. Contact Gerard Hall, liturgy@olgcva.org, 703.896.7411.

Sacrament of Baptism 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month 11am. Visit <https://www.olgcva.org/sacraments/baptism> for details, or contact Thomas Conroy, liturgyassist@olgcva.org, 703.896.7419.

Sacrament of Marriage Contact Gerard Hall, liturgy@olgcva.org, 703.896.7411 at least 6 months prior to marriage.

Funerals Contact Gerard Hall, liturgy@olgcva.org, 703.896.7411.

Become Catholic Contact Amy Winkler, dre@olgcva.org, 703.896.7414.

December & January Second Collections:

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| Dec 2019 | Facility Improvements |
| Dec 1, 2019 | Christmas Flowers/Environment |
| Dec 8, 2019 | Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington |
| Jan 1, 2020 | Solemnity of Mary |
| Jan 2020 | Facility Improvements |
| Jan 12, 2020 | Desales Oblate Mission |
| Jan 26, 2020 | Latin America |

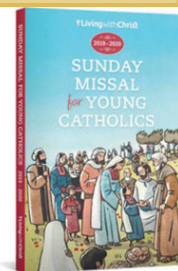


| October Monthly Collections | |
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| Offertory | \$180,087.86 |
| Total Budgeted | \$199,629.63 |
| Variance | (\$19,541.77) |
| YTD Received | \$810,783.44 |
| Budget YTD | \$815,629.62 |
| Variance | (\$4,846.18) |

Donations can also be given on Faith Direct using this link <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/VA875>.

NEW - Sunday Missal for Young People - Limited Quantity

In response to requests for a missal for young people, we have ordered a limited number of Sunday Missals for Young Catholics. The 2019-2020 Living with Christ Sunday Missal for Young Catholics is the resource that helps children grow in faith and participate in the Mass. Children will be provided with the Sunday readings, complete Order of Mass, key words for each Sunday, and beautiful full-color illustrations. Perfect for ages 7 and up. They will be available for \$5 at the parish office and at the Welcome Desk.



Liturgy Updates:

ProceSSIONAL Cross: Many have asked are we doing something new by not having a processional cross, and the answer is No. After multiple breaks and repairs the processional cross is in retirement and it is time to purchase a new cross. We are looking at crosses and hope to choose one and have it for the Christmas Masses.

Photos from Remembrance Tables: Please pick up the photos that were placed on our Tables of Remembrance at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

Advent Parish Reconciliation Service Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm in the Church. There will be multiple priests (English and español).

Updated Liturgical Ministry guidelines will be sent out this week. Please review and ask Gerard if you have any questions.



In the month of November, we welcomed our newest members of the OLG Community who became members of the Body of Christ through the waters of Baptism.

Rowan Mae Richards

Joshua William Gayzik

Mackenzie Elizabeth Lynch

Emilia Caroline Rindone

Maryam Catherine Aitken

Luke Alexander Morgan

Kailey Blake Gabriel

Group Subscriptions for *The Word Among Us*. The cost will be \$18.00 for the group rate. The group subscription signup forms will be available at the Welcome Desk and the Administration Building or for more information, please contact Liturgy Assistant, Thomas Conroy, tconroy@olgcva.org 703-896-7418.

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We have a variety of different ornaments for sale at the Admin. Office and Welcome Desk.

Contact: Maria Romero, welcometo@olgcva.org, 703.896.7419.



Clay ornament



As always, you are reminded to use common sense in the reception of Holy Communion from the Cup during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the Cup. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. In addition, please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for oneself and others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...
**COLD & FLU
SEASON**

Fellowship/Development - Amy Schlanger development@olgcv.org, 703.896.7424

Sarah Guixens, Event Coordinator, events@olgcv.org, 703.896.7405

Monday Morning Coffee Social - No Coffee Social during Holidays We will be taking a break from the Coffee Social during the holidays. We will NOT have a social on December 22 and December 29, 2019 . We will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.



The Wildcat Fund - ANNUAL GIVING at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School
Cultivating faith while achieving academic excellence is the cornerstone of the OLCG experience. Teachers challenge students to become confident, faith-filled, life-long learners, transforming them into the leaders of tomorrow. The steps you take to invest in the mission of our school directly benefit and enhance every aspect of student life, both in and out of the classroom. Learn more and donate visit <https://www.olgcschool.org/wildcatfund>.

OLGC School - Adrienne Jewett ajewett@olgcschool.org, 703.938.3600

Robin Williams, rwilliams@olgcschool.org, Bev Colson bcolson@olgcschool.org - www.olgcschool.org

"Developing character, faith, and life-long learners in the Salesian Tradition."



What a sight to behold the Tuesday before Thanksgiving as a never-ending stream of cars filed through the carpool lanes to joyfully unload their generous Thanksgiving dinner boxes. Students and parents leaping from their cars to support the handoff of their lovingly assembled boxes. So eager to share your bountiful feast with your neighbors in need and in doing so experiencing the true gift of giving with hearts full of gratitude for your many blessings. Each and every one of you are truly amazing - thank you!

AmazonSmile - When you purchase from Amazon use this link

<http://smile.amazon.com/> for all your orders, select Our Lady of Good Counsel Vienna, VA from the list and then bookmark the link for future use. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support OLCG every time you shop, at no cost to you. You'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to OLCG!



Faith Formation - Amy Winkler dre@olgcv.org 703.896.7414

Derek Rogers youth@olgcv.org 703.896.7409; Guadalupe Saenz ccofficeassist@olgcv.org 703.896.7415

Congratulations to Stephanie Farina, David Paredes, and Raymond Rogers, who we welcomed joyfully into the Catholic Church on Saturday, November 23rd!

They received new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism, were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, and received Jesus in the most precious gift of the Eucharist. May God continue to bless and keep them as they continue to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ.



FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION: KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE BEING TAUGHT!



What you need to know about Family Life Education (FLE).

Concerned parents of www.parentandchild.org are hard at work again this year ensuring that Fairfax County parents get the facts about the latest FLE curriculum.

You can exercise your right to opt out online at www.fcps.edu/node/31710.

Flyers are available in the bookshelves outside of the church and at the Welcome Desk.

VBS Coordinator Needed - Might the Holy Spirit Be Calling You?

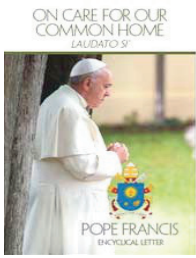
We are currently seeking a coordinator to organize and run Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2020. VBS had a great response these past 2 years and we are hoping to keep this experience going this coming year, but we need a coordinator and volunteers to make this happen! We will need to secure a coordinator by December 15th to make VBS a reality for the Summer of 2020. Please consider today whether you might be able to assist us in this ministry. Please email Amy Winkler at dre@olgcv.org or call her at 703.896.7414 if you have questions, would like to explore this opportunity more in depth, or would like to sign up. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!



EMPLOYMENT: Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation (Pre-K to 8th Grade) to work with the youth of our parish in their faith formation and sacramental preparation and celebration (1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, and Confirmation). Duties and responsibilities to include modeling discipleship to Christ and leading others to Him, recruitment and formation of catechists, organizing classes and lesson plans, assisting with any needs during faith formation sessions, fostering the faith of the youth and their parents, connecting families to the parish as a whole, and providing outreach opportunities. The Coordinator reports to the Director of Faith Formation and collaboratively works with the Parish staff. This is a full time position which will include evening and weekend hours. Detailed information on how to apply is available on Catholic Jobs <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/10139139558>.

Outreach - Fr. John Dolan

frdolan@olgcva.org



Both impoverished peoples and an imperiled planet demand our committed service. (A Pastoral Statement of the United States Catholic Conference - November 14, 1991)

For more information on the parish's efforts for Caring for our Common Home contact Fr. John Dolan, OSFS, Coordinator of Outreach Mission, frdolan@olgcva.org.



Once again we are preparing for our annual Adopt-a-Family Christmas program.

Many families are in need in our area. Adopt-a-Family is a parish Christmas program that provides presents to needy families referred by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, Migration and Refugee Services, Vienna public schools, Home Stretch, and others. Individuals, families, and groups from OLGC parish and school adopt these families and purchase the gifts. Each year over 60 families receive gifts through the OLGC Adopt-a-Family

program. Why not make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate than yourself? You can adopt a family by yourself, or team up with friends, co-workers or parish groups. Too busy to shop? Monetary donations can be given using Faith Direct until November 30th or by writing a check by December 10th. Each of these two donation methods should be marked as 2019 Adopt-a-Family. **Please open your hearts and help others to experience the joy of the season! Contact Karen Booze at 703-919-9653 or Fran Davenport at 703-242-7440, olgcadoptfamily@gmail.com. Thank you!**

The Giving Tree is adorned with tags in the Narthex. The tags on the tree are for different organizations in need such as: A Women's Choice, Catholic Charities, CHO – Committee for Helping Others, Embry Rucker Shelter, Fairfax Rehabilitation Center, HOPE, Iliff Nursing, Rehabilitation Center and Pediatric Unit, The Lamb Center, retired Oblates, retired Sisters of St. Joseph in Chesnut Hill, OLGC Ministry of Care recipients, Second Story (*formerly Alternative House*), and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. **Please choose one or more tags, purchase the item(s) and return them to the Narthex by Dec. 19th.** Each tag notes whether the item is to be wrapped or unwrapped. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope in the box by the tree or placed in the collection basket or given to the parish office, please note Giving Tree. Assistance in collecting, sorting and delivering the items are needed. Please contact Mike & Mary Pat Egan, eganmike6@aol.com, 703-938-0567 to help.



Holiday Blood Drive - Sunday, December 29th from 8am - 12:30pm

Mark your calendars and sign up for the Blood Drive in honor of OLGC Parishioner Bernadette Deely Songer. Bernadette is a school parent and former OLGC School Nurse who has been fighting cancer for the past year. Her wishes through it all have been for people to pray and consider donating blood or platelets. Sign up online at inovabloodsaves.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=22806&z=22183 or at the welcome desk after the weekend Masses. Call Merle Senyk at 703-380-6940 with questions. If you are unable to attend this drive, please consider donating another day at Inova Blood Donor Services, 3289 Woodburn Rd., Suite 010, Annandale, VA 22003. For more info <https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/where-can-i-donate/>

Prayer Shawl Requests - The Ministry meets weekly 9:30-11am every Thursday in the Brisson Room. If you would like a shawl made for someone, please fill out the request cards that are available in the bookshelves at the entrance of the church or from the Admin office.



Annual Stamp Drive - The collection of

canceled postage stamps will run through the middle of February. Bring your donations to the Admin. Office during office hours, or drop them off in the basket at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Contact Marge Van Lierde, 571-831-3951, Gitkagirl@gmail.com.



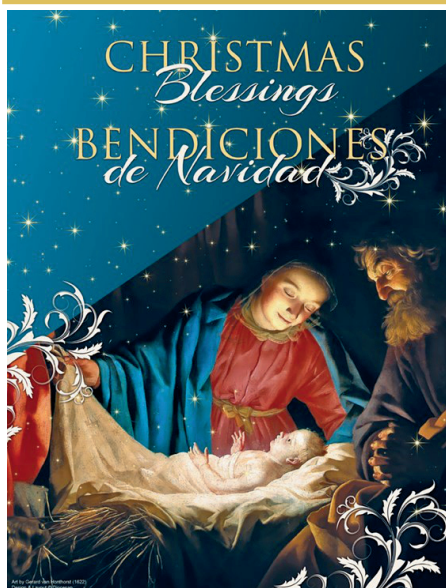
Outreach - Fr. John Dolan

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A Gigantic Thank You - On behalf of the Women of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the St. Vincent DePaul Society, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale held on November 23-24, 2019. It takes a village to make an event a success, and the village of OLGC came together -from donors, bakers, volunteers and administration - to make this year's event the best ever! In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLGC fielded over 1900 calls, helped 1510 people and made 129 in person or home visits. Your contributions will help ensure that we are able to continue our mission in helping the poor and needy of our community. Blessings this Holiday Season and 2020 to the OLGC community. - Mary Pat Egan

*Thank
You!*

Christmas



December 18th - Advent Parish Reconciliation Service 7pm, Church There will be multiple priests (English and español).

December 23rd - Evening Prayer 6:30pm, Chapel followed by dinner and decorating the Church for Christmas.

December 24th - Christmas Eve - *4:00pm, *6:00pm, 8:00pm & Midnight
*overflow Masses will be held in the Chapel - No tickets this year.

December 25th - Christmas Day - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm en español

December 31st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - 5pm

January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - 9am & 11am en español

Join the Filipino-American community for Simbang Gabi (Advent Mass) on December 21st at 7pm.

Misa de Gallo (Mass of the Rooster), Misa de Aguinaldo (Mass of the Gift) are a couple of terms commonly used to literally interpret SIMBANG GABI (Night Mass). At OLGC the tradition has been going on for the past several years. The parish-based Fil/Am Community Ministry sponsors the Simbang Gabi on the Saturday that falls within the Simbang Gabi novena in the Diocese of Arlington. As tradition has it, Simbang Gabi at OLGC is followed by a reception in the church hall. A distinct feature of our Simbang Gabi at OLGC is the Panunuluyan, a short skit depicting Joseph's and Mary's Search for an Inn, played and/or sung before mass begins, by a cast of Filipino/American children in the parish. This play has taken a form that varies from traditional to contemporary through the years, with Luke, dressed in a tunic, rolling down a scroll to tell the story or clad in shirt and blue jeans thumbing the story on an iPad. Our Ministry is also blessed to have its own choir known as Serenata – Fil/Am Community Music Ministry, which provides the liturgical music for our Simbang Gabi at OLGC. The Musical Director also scripts and directs the Panunuluyan and leads the children in song in collaboration with Serenata either during the mass or at the reception.

The Fil/Am Community Ministry at OLGC sincerely acknowledges the support of our Pastor and his staff and the Offices of Multicultural Ministries in the Arlington Diocese, without which our endeavor to carry on a most beloved tradition would be in vain. All are welcome! Visit <http://www.simbanggabi.com/> for more information.

Let's Celebrate!
**SIMBANG
GABI**
Mass & Reception
December 21, 7pm

Información Parroquial en español

Toda preguntas o sugerencias en español comuníquese e incluyendo la siguiente información en el boletín Maria Romero, Coordinadora de Bienvenida y/o Enlace con la comunidad de habla hispana, welcome@olgcv.org, 703.896.7419.

Registrarse en la parroquia: Visite nuestro sitio web en el siguiente enlace www.olgcv.org

El árbol de regalos Navideños esta adornado con etiquetas, las etiquetas en el árbol son para diferentes organizaciones en necesidad. Por favor elija una o más etiquetas, compre los artículos, tarjetas de regalo de tiendas locales y devuélvalos antes del 19 de diciembre. Además puede hacer donaciones monetarias. Preguntas en inglés comuníquese con Mike y Mary Pat Egan, eganmike6@aol.com o al 703-938-0567 para ayudar.

Próximos Eventos:

Misa para la fiesta de Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe este jueves 12 de diciembre, a las 7:00 p.m. en la Capilla:

Era un día frío en diciembre de 1531 cuando Juan Diego iba de camino por el desierto a misa, de repente una señora con un manto azul se le apareció con una corona de 12 estrellas y la luna bajo sus pies. La señora era la Virgen María y le dijo que le pidiera al obispo que construyera una capilla en el cerro del Tepeyac en su honor. Después de que Juan Diego hizo muchas súplicas inútiles al obispo Zumarraga, finalmente cumplió con el deseo de Nuestra Señora y construyó la iglesia. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, es la patrona de México y de Las América, se celebra cada año el 12 de diciembre.

Confesiones en español: Hemos entrado en el tiempo sagrado de adviento donde esperamos la venida de nuestro Salvador, recuerde que en el sacramento de la reconciliación podemos comenzar de nuevo. Venga aproveche las oportunidades, de este tiempo las confesiones el sabados 14 de diciembre a las 9 a.m., y el miercoles 18 a las 7pm. De lunes a viernes únicamente con cita. Puede llamar para hacer una cita con el Padre Mateo durante la semana al 703-938-2828 ext. 108. o envíe un correo electrónico a frhillyard@olgcv.org No se escuchan confesiones los domingos ni antes o después de la Misa.

Hora Santa Vespertina - Adoración Eucarística del Santísimo Sacramento: los segundos miércoles del mes de 7-8pm en la Capilla. "Jesús nos espera en el sacramento del amor". "nuestra adoración comunitaria en la misa debe ir acompañada de nuestra adoración personal de Jesús en la adoración Eucarística para que nuestro amor sea completo". (Sn. Papa Juan Pablo II). Venga a experimentar la mirada amorosa de Jesús en la Adoración Eucarística el 11 de diciembre, a las 7: pm y cada segundo miércoles del mes. Habrá reflexiones guiadas y adoraciones dirigidas por miembros de el grupo de alabanza The Testless, así como oportunidad de oración silenciosa.

Clases de ingles como segundo idioma en St. Mark, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181. Para obtener información adicional sobre las clases (o para ayudar como voluntario), envíe un correo electrónico a stmarkesl@gmail.com, o visite el sitio web en www.stmarkesl.org. También puede llamar al 703-980-9380 o en español al 703-620-0592. La inscripción y todas las clases tienen lugar en Christian Formation Center

Libro de Intenciones: El libro de intenciones se encuentra en la entrada principal de la iglesia. El propósito de este libro es para pedir por nuestras intenciones personales, por los enfermos, por los que están vivos o fallecidos.

Catequesis: niños, adultos y bautizó de niños mayores de 6 años comuníquese con Guadalupe Saenz gsaenz@olgcv.org 703-896-7415.

Grupo de Jóvenes: en INGLÉS para estudiantes de secundaria (High School) se reúne los domingos en el salón DeSales. Cena a las 6:30 p.m., programa 7:00-8:30 p.m., Derek Rogers adym@olgcv.org 703-896-7409.

Ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por recién fallecidos, funerales, certificados sacramentales.

El sacramento de La unción de los enfermos puede ser recibido por los ancianos, por quienes serán ingresados al hospital o por quienes están enfermos.

Sacramento de matrimonio: comuníquese por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio.

Sacramento del bautismo las charlas para padres y padrinos: son el último lunes del mes a las 7:30 pm en el salón Aviat a la derecha de la escuela. Debe inscribirse de antemano, una vez completada la charla y entregado los documentos requeridos le confirmaremos su fecha del bautizo.

Additional Events

Santa Maria Council # 4654 All Knights are welcome!

December Events:

12th - Business Meeting 8pm

Our Council is committed to supporting the OLGC and St. Mark parishes. If you have questions or want to join the Knights, visit our website <http://www.knightsvienna.org/>. Thank you - Grand Knight Andy Stumpf.

Christmas Cards for Sale during Donut Social in December to benefit Diocesan seminarians.

Contact Tom Nassief, tnassief@aol.com, 703.389.2869



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote: "The day [retreat] made me realize how far I have stuffed this experience and how much healing I need...I am glad I took this step - thank you for making the start of healing possible." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Is God calling you to Religious life? Come and See! Join others for an Advent Discernment retreat weekend for single women discerning a vocation to the Benedictine Monastic life—December 13-15 at St. Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd. Bristow, VA 20136. RSVP by December 9th to Sister Kathy Persson, at vocations@osbva.org or call 804-814-2793.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
DECEMBER 7-8, 2019**

"... and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."
Luke 2:7



**In Virginia
18,577
children are homeless.**
Source: U.S. Department of Education

Matthew and Lucy were two of them.

Please give to the 2019 Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities this weekend – December 7 and 8.

Today marks the Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their mission is central to the Church's fundamental mission to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion – and your support of this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting those in need through Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope provided or go online at www.cdda.net/donate to share your blessings.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes starting January 14! ESL classes are offered on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, Jan. 14th- March 12th 8- 9:30 pm. Register on Tues. Jan. 7 or Thurs. Jan.9 7-8:30pm. Registration and all classes take place at St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181. For info email stmarksesl@gmail.com, or visit www.stmarkesl.org. You can also call 703-980-9380 or 703-242-7449 English, or for español 703-620-0592, Korean: 310-782-4347.

The Single Seniors Christmas party will be held on December 15 from 1pm- 5 pm, in the OLGC Counsel Room. All OLGC Single seniors are welcome. Please bring a wrapped gift for our gift exchange. Call Marian Reeves, 703-698-0436, if you plan to attend and what hors d'oeuvres or snack you will bring to share.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: lunch (every Thursday); ICC dinner and talk (Dec. 14); USAF Christmas concert at Constitution Hall/Dinner (Dec. 15); Christmas-story lecture at NGA (Dec. 19); "Christmas in Fairfax" concert (Dec. 21); Christmas dinner in Kingstowne (Dec. 25); Walking tour in DC (Dec. 28); Mass and lunch at Immaculate Conception Basilica (Dec. 29); New Year's Eve dinner in Kingstowne (Dec. 31). For details, see our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com. Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC) is a non-profit social group serving single Catholics 40 and over who are free to marry by Catholic standards.



Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde, Gitkagirl@gmail.com, 571-831-3951



SEASONED CITIZENS - This is the final call for “Buon Natale”, this year’s Italian-themed holiday buffet for seniors of our parish, to be held on Thursday, December 12 at Noon in De Sales Hall. On the menu are Meat Lasagna, Pesto Pasta and Italian Sausage, mixed veggies, a green salad, and traditional Christmas cookies. Lisa Greenfield and her son on the keyboard will be playing traditional Christmas songs for your entertainment pleasure. The Book Swap Table will be available to provide you with some interesting books and possibly a jigsaw puzzle or two to keep you occupied for a few weeks. If you have some books or puzzles you’d like to donate to the selection, please bring them (nothing else, please.) This event is free but please be sure to make your reservation for planning purposes. Contact Bev MacDonald, OLGCSeniors@gmail.com or 703-281-4973. According to custom, there will be no luncheon in January. The next event is scheduled for February 13.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET - Sunday, December 15th is the date of the next monthly breakfast buffet sponsored by Vienna American Legion Post 180 in its upstairs hall at 330 Center St. N. in Vienna. Open from 8 am until noon, and open to the public, it’s the biggest breakfast bargain in town at only \$10 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under. There are omelets cooked to order, eggs, bacon, sausage, delicious blueberry pancakes (a favorite!), sausage gravy over biscuits, fresh fruit, juices, coffee, tea, and milk, along with a glass of something bubbly for the adults. Why not take time out after Mass and enjoy a couple of hours of great food and warm hospitality? You’ll be surprised to see a lot of people there that you know!

CLASSES FOR MATURE ADULTS – Following are four classes being offered by Vienna Parks & Recreation that might be of interest to you. They are all held at the Vienna Community Center and offered by Vienna Parks and Recreation. Register for the specific activity using your WebTrac account, stop at the front desk, or phone 703-255-6360.

Mingle and Jingle Cookie Exchange - The very best cookies are made at this time of the year, and what fun it is to make extra in order to trade! Make enough of one kind of homemade (not store-bought!)) cookies, bars, bark or brittle along with the recipe to exchange. You’ll be notified about the number of cookies you should make. Then bring an empty Tupperware container to take your new cookies home. Coffee and tea are provided along with sampling. All of this will take effect this Thursday, December 12 from 10-

10:45 am. It’s free but you’ll need to register for Activity #340074.

S.O.S.: Superior Options for Seniors – This is an introduction to a group of trustworthy professionals that provides services in the senior marketplace that have come together to be a resource to guide seniors to solutions to problems that arise in life. Its focus is on planning, aging in place and housing transitioning for a safe and successful retirement. They will answer your questions and provide advice. This session for mature adults will take place tomorrow, December 9 from 10-11 am. There is no charge. Downsizing – This is a hot topic among seniors these days, and this comprehensive seminar will help you to plan by discussing various aspects of the downsizing process. Some topics to be discussed include decluttering your current home, organizing and getting it ready for sale, researching future home options involving different types of living and levels of care available. It will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 9-10:30 am. There is no charge.

Buy and Sell on eBay - This early announcement of a class by Andy Livingston on February 6 and 13, 2020 from 1:30-3:30 pm will give you some time to get yourselves organized and be ready to sell a lot of “stuff” in your garage and basement that’s been collecting dust. In this “how to sell on eBay” course, you’ll learn successful ways to list items for sale, tend the auction, and finalize with PayPal. A prerequisite to the class is to have an item in mind that you’d like to sell when you come to class. You’ll learn how to use eBay effectively. A laptop or tablet is required as well. The class fee is \$70 for Vienna town residents, \$87.50 for everyone else. Register for Activity #339754-A1.

FREE SHIPPING DAY – As you start holiday shopping, mark December 14 on your calendar. That’s “Free Shipping Day,” when participating merchants waive shipping costs for purchases made that day. There’s no minimum purchase required and delivery is promised by December 24. Because it’s Free Shipping Day’s 10th anniversary, organizers are encouraging merchants to offer an additional discount featuring a 10, perhaps 10% or \$10 off; those merchants offering the 10th-anniversary discount will be in a special category on the website. Go to FreeShippingDay.com.

ELDER WISDOM – Half of my life is spent making mistakes...while the other half is payin’ for them! (Dennis the Menace)



OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Called to Holiness

Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last year's theme "Called to Holiness" was a guide for us to remember that each day our call to Live Jesus is a response in love to be present to God who is always present to us. I saw your "call" in so many actions and accomplishments. I continue to be grateful for the generous response that our parishioners, school families, staff, organizations, and volunteers give to the OLGC community and beyond. May this year's theme guide us to do "All through love, nothing through fear or force".

One highlight from year two of the pastoral plan was how our parish missions worked together to accomplish the first parish-wide Day of Service. This day brought members of the community, from preschoolers to seasoned citizens, to participate in indoor and outdoor service projects. The day incorporated prayer, reflection, service, and fellowship and we hope to provide more opportunities in the future.



We are an extremely active community with a variety of events happening on campus each week. Communication is a vital component of parish life. In order to handle the day to day, week to week, month to month activities, OLGC has implemented an online request form and communications form so that organizations, groups and ministry leaders can schedule and advertise their events. All events are highlighted on our online calendar, posted in our bulletin, social media, video screens in the church and school, and in school and CCF newsletters. From bible studies to rosary, shawl and quilt making; devotional prayer groups to fellowship dinners; outreach opportunities to athletic events, there is something for everyone.



This report is to give you the details of Year Two for each of the Five Mission Areas and other Administrative accomplishments. It also includes our Annual Financial Report which we presented to the diocese in September. Please note that while the weekly contributions did not meet budget and were even

less than last year, we did have some very generous unrestricted and restricted gifts that helped make it a great year.

You may consider joining many of your fellow parishioners in using Faith Direct our convenient and secure electronic giving (eGiving) program. Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to OLGC from your checking account or credit card. Visit our Faith Direct website <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA875>, email info@faithdirect.net, or call their toll-free number, 866-507-8757, to speak with someone directly.

I thank all of you for your stewardship of Our Lady of Good Counsel and look forward to seeing what we all can accomplish in Year 3 of our Pastoral Plan.

Live Jesus!!

Rev. Matthew J. Hillyard, OSFS
Pastor

Pastoral Plan: Year Two "Mission" Accomplishments as of Sept. 2019



Liturgy & Worship:

- Working Sound system in Church and Chapel (ongoing) - ***This work is continuing. Changes will be made to the ceiling panels in order to provide for better acoustics. Once this work is completed, the sound engineer will come in and make recommendations for the sound system equipment. As previously mentioned, this work is taking longer than expected because of the necessary changes to the building.***
- Parish Survey on Worship and Parish Life (ongoing) - ***Arrangements have been made with CARA at Georgetown University. The survey is scheduled to be undertaken in the new year.***
- Devotional Candles (completed) - ***This has been completed in the Chapel. In addition to the votive candle stand placed under the statue of Sacred Heart, we have also installed a votive candle stand in front of the statue of Our Lady of Good Counsel. A discussion has begun regarding the possibility of votive candles in the Main Church.***
- Recruitment of School/CCF Parents for Ministries (ongoing) - ***This is a joint objective between Faith Formation and Liturgy. This process is on-going. We continue to work to get more parents involved in ministry. However, we must begin by getting more schools and CCF families participating in Mass on a regular basis.***
- Ministry of Hospitality (completed/ongoing) - ***Twenty-six people have signed up and are in various stages of training. They will staff the Welcome Desk at each Mass on the weekend as well as greet people as they enter the doors of the Narthex. The 1st Sunday of Advent (Nov 30/Dec 1) is the target date for the initial implementation of this ministry.***
- Sick and Homebound (ongoing) - ***While the number of parishioners who are homebound has grown, our homebound ministry has grown as well. However, there is still a need for more ministers to visit the homebound. In addition, Outreach is working to start a ministry of visitation to the "pillar" members of the OLGC community who are no longer able to come to participate in the life of the Community.***

Faith Formation:

- Parish Wide Service Events (with Outreach and Fellowship) - ***We hosted our first parish-wide service day in Spring 2019 that was well received and incorporated prayer, reflection, service, and fellowship. We hope to provide more opportunities.***
- Broaden Adult Faith Formation Activities - ***Last year, we started the Catholic Social Teaching catechesis sessions. Bible studies, parish mission, and retreat opportunities continued.***
- Continue More Salesian Activities - ***Last year, we started Drafts with DeSales for Young Professionals to engage in Salesian Spirituality and we continue to promote Salesian Spirituality in all Faith Formation, especially with the Direction of Intention, the Lent/Easter Salesian Book Club, Salesian Presentations, and Junior High Workcamp.***
- Increase Faith Formation Ability to Serve Those with Special Needs - ***Last year, we started the planning process to implement Light of Mine, a prayer and fellowship ministry for teens with special needs and their families.***
- Continue Growth for Sr. High & Jr High Youth - ***Youth Ministry continues to grow and thrive, with continued faith, fellowship, and outreach opportunities.***
- Develop Young Adults Ministry (with Fellowship) - ***Drafts with DeSales was established as our regular gathering with social and service events scheduled periodically.***
- Expand Parent/Married Couples Formation - ***We hosted our first Married Couples celebration last February and provided a continued formation for married couples book to each couple.***
- Expand Greater Participation in Mass - ***Ongoing and continued efforts to encourage families of the parish to participate in the Mass, especially through Liturgical Ministries.***
- Implement Through the Eyes of Faith - ***This opportunity to look at current events through our faith tradition was realized last year through our Hope and Healing Gatherings.***
- Small Faith Sharing Groups - ***These have taken the shape of adult bible studies, Drafts with DeSales for Young Professions, and Hello Scripture for Teens. We will continue to discern how best to offer continued opportunities for small faith-sharing groups.***

Fellowship:

- Parish Wide Service Events (with Outreach and FF) – Completed. *In June, hosted the first cross-mission Day of Service at OLGC. We had approximately 40 members of the community, from preschoolers to seasoned citizens, participate in indoor and outdoor service projects. Projects included cleaning the kitchen and sanctuary, clearing yard waste and debris from the property line, and making rope rosaries.*
- Collect requirements for St. Joe's – Ongoing. *We began community meetings in the late spring/early summer to get a preliminary idea of what people want and need us to include in a future renew/rebuild project. The next step is to work with the newly established facilities committee to look at feasibility and campus priorities. Due to some unplanned maintenance and repair, we will be extending the timeline on future building projects so we can address more immediate needs first.*
- Celebrate success – Volunteer Reception/Awards – *The Annual Volunteer Reception has been revamped and is a big success! Now taking place on a Saturday evening in June, we recognize our volunteers at the 5:00 Mass and then invite all those who serve our community to a reception in DeSales Hall. For the past two years we have seen over 300 volunteers, representing all campus groups and all ages, attend our celebration.*
- Online Scheduling for Groups – *All OLGC activities are noted on the website calendar and all organizations are using the Facilities Request Form to schedule an event.*
- Community Organization online Directory – *Continued until FY19-20 now that census is completed as much as possible.*
- Need more fellowship leadership guidance – *We have established resources for all of our fellowship groups and events so that there is a clear support system in process from staff as well as increased autonomy for group leaders. As ministry leadership changes from time to time this will continue to be an ongoing effort. With the new communications and scheduling forms online, and a fully staffed Development and Fellowship team, the ministry leaders have fewer contacts to make to get what is needed to support their efforts.*

Outreach:

- Improve Coordination of Activities – *Completed, all outreach organizations and groups get together and meet with the Director of Outreach.*
- Improve Communications of Outreach Activities - *All coordinators are using communications form to broadcast activities to the community in a variety of ways.*
- Restart Ecumenical Activities - *Jack Dausman has agreed to be the Ecumenical Representative for OLGC to the community and will continue going forward.*
- Adult Activities at DeSales Service Works – *Adults spent Columbus Day Weekend in 2018 serving the poor of Camden, NJ. More trips to come.*
- Parish Service Event (with FF & Fellowship) - *We hosted our first parish-wide service day in Spring 2019 that was well received and incorporated prayer, reflection, service, and fellowship. We hope to provide more opportunities.*
- Introduce Social Concerns Catechesis Program - *Introduced a program of Catechesis on Catholic Social Teaching. Held a discussion group to explore the Seven (7) Principles of Catholic Social teaching, this will continue in the future.*
- Process for New Outreach Activities – *all new ideas are presented to the Director of Outreach for determination and review with other ongoing activities.*
- Expand Pillars Program – *Ongoing - A program that reaches out to parishioners who are no longer able to participate in parish life (includes people who have moved away from the parish because of health).*

School:

- Introduce School Annual Fund - *The Wildcat Fund was started in the 2018-2019 school year and continues today.*
- Begin retreats for students - *we had our first all-school retreat in June of 2019.*
- Offer more leadership opportunities for students - *continuing to evaluate ways to achieve this goal throughout the year.*
- Faith in the Field (8th Graders to March for Life, Food for Others, Covenant House) - *will be a goal for this upcoming year.*
- Continue Parish wide employee Engagement Staff Functions - *completed during the 2018-2019 school year and continues.*
- ECAP – improve Program - *we continue to work on this goal but as part of this have also included more after school activities other than ECAP for students to join in on campus.*
- Focus on improved hiring of teachers and staff - *completed 2018-2019 but continues today.*

Administrative

- Complete Parish Census – *completed, 1700 families never responded.*
- Implement the new Diocese Chart of Accounts – *completed.*
- Support implementation of the School Annual Fund (The Wildcat Fund) – *completed and ongoing.*
- Implement Technology Council and Facilities Committee - *continued and will be implemented in FY19-20*
- Continue Parish-wide Green Initiatives – *researched solar initiatives and will continue with other initiatives in FY19-20.*

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
Report to Parishioners
FY19 Financial Report

| Income Statement | | Church | School | Parish |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | |
| REVENUE SOURCES | | | | |
| | Offertory/Tuition Related Income | 2,624,045 | 2,937,371 | 5,561,416 |
| | Ministry | 307,992 | - | 307,992 |
| | School | - | 949,107 | 949,107 |
| | Other Sources | 795,755 | 296,930 | 1,092,686 |
| | TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | \$ 3,727,792 | \$ 4,183,408 | \$ 7,911,200 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| | Clergy | 185,179 | - | 185,179 |
| | Staffing | 1,044,051 | 3,179,176 | 4,223,227 |
| | Ministry | 600,647 | - | 600,647 |
| | School | 495,588 | 241,087 | 736,675 |
| | Buildings | 416,179 | 285,733 | 701,912 |
| | Admin | 733,882 | 169,262 | 903,144 |
| | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE | \$ 3,475,526 | \$ 3,875,258 | \$ 7,350,784 |
| | NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$ 252,266 | \$ 308,150 | \$ 560,416 |
| OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE | | | | |
| | Campaign/Extraordinary Income | 66,913 | - | 66,913 |
| | Capital Expendures/Renovations | 223,327 | 200,599 | 423,926 |
| | NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) | \$ (156,414) | \$ (200,599) | \$ (357,013) |
| | NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$ 95,852 | \$ 107,551 | \$ 203,403 |
| Balance Sheet | | Church | School | Parish |
| | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| | Operating Accounts | 249,104 | 251,004 | 500,108 |
| | DIAL Savings | 1,023,271 | 664,983 | 1,688,255 |
| | Fixed Assets | - | - | - |
| | Endowment Investments | - | - | - |
| | Other Assets | 2,700 | 102,090 | 104,790 |
| | TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,275,075 | \$ 1,018,078 | \$ 2,293,153 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| | Accounts Payable | 39,530 | 14,176 | 53,705 |
| | Loans Payable | - | - | - |
| | Deferred Revenue | 5,325 | 260,298 | 265,623 |
| | Other Liabilities | 66,511 | 135,571 | 202,082 |
| | TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ 111,366 | \$ 410,045 | \$ 521,411 |
| NET ASSETS | | | | |
| | Unrestricted | 848,183 | 30,637 | 878,820 |
| | Temporarily Restricted | 315,527 | 577,395 | 892,922 |
| | Permanently Restricted | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$ 1,163,710 | \$ 608,032 | \$ 1,771,742 |
| | TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | \$ 1,275,076 | \$ 1,018,078 | \$ 2,293,153 |

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales News

Fr. Matt's Musings: Reflections from our Pastor to share his thoughts with the OLG Community. These messages are posted on Fr. Matt's webpage <https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/welcome> or you can be added to the list by contacting Irene Zaso, Director of Communications at 703.896.7412, communications@olgcva.org.

DeSales Weekly: A Thursday newsletter to aid readers to *Live Jesus!* How to integrate the sacred and the secular to make the ordinary events of our lives extraordinary by bringing virtue, grace, and Jesus to all we do. Visit website to subscribe <https://oblates.squarespace.com/desales-weekly#anchor>.

Spirituality Matters: Fr. Michael Murray, OSFS, of DeSales Spirituality Services offers wonderful insight on the readings and St. Francis de Sales interpretation of them. Visit website to read <https://oblates.squarespace.com/spirituality-matters>.

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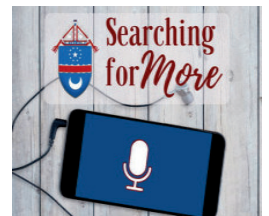
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