



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

# Our Lady of the Hills Parish

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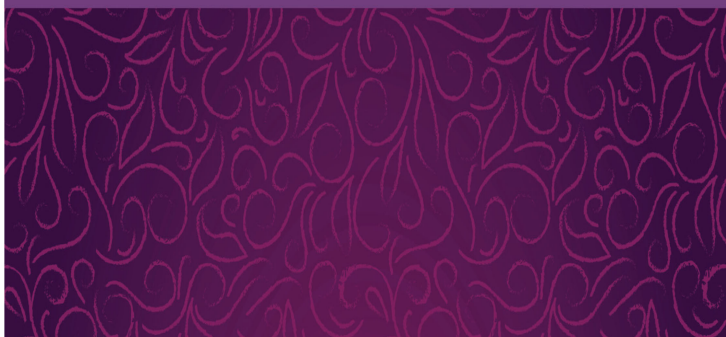


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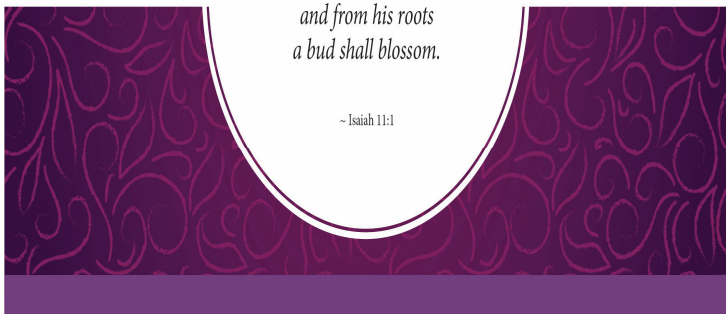
## December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

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On that day, a shoot shall sprout  
from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots  
a bud shall blossom.

- Isaiah 11:1



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### Liturgy Schedule

#### Masses

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM  
Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM  
Wednesday 9:00 - 9:30 AM

#### Holy Day Masses

8:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

### Rectory Office

Hours: Monday – Wednesday  
9:00AM – 1:00PM  
Phone: 413-268-7212; Fax: 413-268-7202

### Cemetery

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery  
located in Leeds, MA  
Please call the Rectory Office at 413-268-7212.

Email: [olothparish@gmail.com](mailto:olothparish@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/olothhaydenville>

Parish website: [olothhaydenville.org](http://olothhaydenville.org)

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 3 - December 11

Saturday	December 03	4:00PM + Msg David Joyce
Sunday	December 04	8:00AM + Louis Lamontagne from his sisters
Sunday	December 04	10:30AM +Mary Malone Regan from the Farrell Family
Monday	December 05	8:30AM
Tuesday	December 06	8:30AM + Living and deceased Members
Wednesday	December 07	8:30AM + Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	December 08	8:30AM
Saturday	December 10	4:00 PM
Sunday	December 11	8:00 AM +Living and deceased Members
Sunday	December 11	10:30AM

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday:** St. Nicholas

**Wednesday:** St. Ambrose;

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Juan Diego

**Saturday:** Our Lady of Loreto  
International Human Rights Day

**Survival Center**

Donations for the month of November totaled 76 pounds. This month's collection will be Dec. 3-4.

**Adoration will be held on Monday December 5, 2022**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Benediction about 2:50 PM**



The Eucharistic Conference, March 4, 2023, at the Mass-Mutual Center in Springfield. Pick up a brochure in the church or go to [catholiclifeconference.org](http://catholiclifeconference.org) to register.

**December 8  
Immaculate Conception**

**8:30 AM - Lector – Joanne Parsons**

**Euch. Minister – Carol Demerski**

**Altar Server - Help Needed**

**Greeter - Help Needed**

**6:30 PM - Lector - Kathy Marcinczyk**

**Altar Server - Help Needed**

**Euch. Minister - Help Needed**

**Greeter - Help Needed**

**December 10**

**4 PM - Lector - Deb Connell**

**Euch. Minister - Sheila Laroche**

**Altar Server - Help Needed**

**Greeter – Dolores Auclair**

**December 11**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**8 AM - Lector - Joe Pipczynski**

**Euch. Minister - Russell Laroche**

**Altar Servers - Help Needed**

**Greeter - Carol Heon**

**10:30 AM - Lector - Troy Cronin**

**Euch. Minister - Colleen Padeck**

**Altar Server - Help Needed**

**Greeter - Mary Murphy**

**Upcoming decorating times: Mark your Calendars**

**Sun. 12/18 after 10:30 Mass - Manger set up**

**Thurs. 12/22 after 8:30 Mass - final Christmas decorating.**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Weekly Goal \$3,500

**November 20, \$2010.25**

**November 27, \$1851.00**

**Thank you for your support.**

**THE GIVING TREE  
PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY OF THE HILLS  
PARISH**

The GIVING TREE will again be set up this Holiday Season, for the children and families of 18 DEGREES, (formerly called BERKSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE) of Hampshire and all Western Mass., the residents of the RIVER VALLEY REST HOME in Florence, and the Goshen HILLTOWN FOOD PANTRY. Any parishioner who is interested in providing a gift is asked to choose a tag off the tree and return the gift and place it under the tree.

The tag includes the first name, age and size of the child, and the child's wish, and the first name and wish of the Rest Home residents.

We have been asked to follow a few guidelines by 18 DEGREES (Berkshire Children and Family Service) and the Hilltown Food Pantry.

**First**, all gifts or toys should be new items.

**Secondly**, please attach a separate, removable tag to each wrapped gift or gift bag (gift bags are preferred) indicating the following:

Staff name, child's name, age and sex, and the donor code (OLTH) and list complete contents. The nametag should be securely attached to the gift. (You may re-attach the original tag which was taken from the tree) Please wrap your gift with one end left open so staff can check the package contents.

**Third**, no personal messages other than holiday greetings should be included inside or outside the wrapped gift or gift bag.

In order to help staff with timely delivery of these gifts, we have been asked to deliver the gifts to the Agency by **Monday, December 12th**; therefore, all gifts should be returned to the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, **December 11th**.

The gifts for the Rest Home Residents should also be wrapped and tagged with the recipient name and destination. (Again, you may re-attach the original tag which was taken from the tree.) Delivery to the Rest Home will also take place on **December 12th**.

**18 Degrees** (Berkshire Children and Family Service) recipients, **River Valley Rest Home** residents, and the children of the Hilltown Food Pantry wish to thank you for your generosity and support of the GIVING TREE. We know it will make a tremendous difference in the lives of the children and the elderly this Holiday

***Vote for our Parish!***

**Florence Bank is once again giving \$125,000 to local non-profits as part of its annual Customers' Choice Community Grants program. Last year, due to parishioners' votes, Our Lady of the Hills was awarded \$3,563.63. The 2022 votes must be in by Dec. 31.**

**Votes can be cast by mail or online. Please pick up a form in the back of the church by the side entrance door. The form will have more information. This is a big help for our parish so please vote soon.**

**ADVENT Senior Retreat**

Please join us for an Advent Senior Retreat to be held at the Jericho Celebration Center located at 537 Northampton St. in Holyoke on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Registration, with breakfast fixings and refreshments, is 8:00 a.m. to 9 a.m. The retreat begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Our retreat leader is Rev. James Savage, the former pastor of St. Eulalia Parish, Winchester. Retired now, he is a teacher, preacher and retreat chaplain.

Fr. Savage will present two talks: 1) Advent: the Season to Dream and 2) Mary: A Model for Prayer. The cost is \$20 per person which includes a hot lunch at Hamel's. Confessions and Mass are part of the retreat. For more information, contact Jean at 413-452-0511 or maryshouse@diospringfield.org. This retreat is sponsored by the Mary's House of Prayer Women of Grace. To register, send a check to: Mary's House of Prayer, 202 East Main St., Chicopee, MA 01020 Attn: Jean



**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**  
*The Immaculate Conception (December 8)*

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.

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**Hospital Visits**

If a Parishioner or someone close to you is in the Hospital, please call the rectory at (413) 268-7212 to let us know.

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