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Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of the Hills Parish

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November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent



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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
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Cemetery

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery
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Please call the Rectory Office at 413-268-7212.

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Find us on Facebook

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

Parish website: olothhaydenville.org

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 26 - December 4

Saturday	November 26	4:00PM + Arlene Dextraze with love from her family
Sunday	November 27	8:00AM + David Demerski from his wife Carol
Sunday	November 27	10:30AM
Monday	November 28	8:30AM
Tuesday	November 29	8:30AM + Living and deceased Members
Wednesday	November 30	8:30AM + Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	December 01	8:30AM
Saturday	December 03	4:00 PM +Msg David Joyce
Sunday	December 04	8:00AM + Louis Lamontagne from his sisters
Sunday	December 04	10:30AM

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord’s house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

**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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew

Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

Survival Center

Donations for the month of November totaled 76 pounds. Next month’s collection will be December 3rd and 4th.

Adoration will be held on Monday November 28, 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 to register. Discounted tickets \$40 until Dec 1, 2022.

Upcoming decorating times: Mark your Calendars

Fri. 11/25 @ 10:00 am Advent decorating and Thanksgiving to come down with the exception of pumpkins/gourds. Giving trees to be set up also.
Sun. 12/18 after 10:30 Mass - Manger set up
Thurs. 12/22 after 8:30 Mass - final Christmas decorat-

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal \$3,500

TBA

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, on the weekend of November 26, November 27th for the children and families of **18 DEGREES**, (formerly called **BERKSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE**) of Hampshire and all Western MA; 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 Season.



ADVENT Senior Retreat

Please join us for an Advent Senior Retreat to be held at the Jericho Celebration Center located at 537 Northampton St., Holyoke, MA, 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 who is the former Pastor of St. Eulalia Parish, Winchester, MA. 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 \$20.00 per person which includes a hot lunch at Hamel's. Confessions and Mass are part of the retreat. For more information please call 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 please send your check to: Mary's House of Prayer, 202 East Main St., Chicopee, MA 01020 Attn: Jean

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then

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.

LOVE BEHIND THE DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

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