



Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of the Hills Parish

Established on February 4,



2007

173 Main Street
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November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent



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Be vigilant at all times

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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

Holy Day Masses

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

Rectory Office

Hours: Monday – Wednesday

9:00AM – 1:00PM

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Cemetery

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery

located in Leeds, MA

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

Parish website: olothhaydenville.org

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 27 - December 5

Saturday November 27 4:00PM + Anthony Thomas, Sr. from Bev Thomas
Sunday November 28 8:00AM
Sunday November 28 10:30AM
Monday November 29 8:30AM + Living and Deceased Parishioners
Tuesday November 30 8:30AM +All Souls Mass
Wednesday December 01 8:30AM
Thursday December 02 8:30AM
Saturday December 04 4:00PM + Arlene Dextraze 4th Anniversary Love Dolores
Sunday December 05 8:00AM
Sunday December 05 10:30AM

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah begins

Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Wednesday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John Damascene; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

**I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— Jeremiah 33:15**

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**December 4 - 5
2nd Sunday of Advent**

4PM - Lector – Kathryn Marcinyk
Euch. Minister – Mary Bart
Altar Server - Help needed
Greeters - Linda Rowley & Sue Hodgkins

8AM - Lector - Joanne Parsons
Euch. Minister - Carol Demerski
Altar Servers - Chris Connell
Greeters –Lois Bazluke & Carol Demerski

10:30AM - Lector - Mary Murphy
Euch. Minister - Colleen Padeck
Altar Server - Caitlin Padeck
Greeters - Colleen Ahearn & Anthony Giardina

GREATNESS

**The measure of greatness is not the number of
servants you have, but the number of people you serve.
—Anonymous**

**Weekly Calendar November
Nov 28 - Dec 5**

Wednesday - 6:00 PM Pastoral Council

Thursday - 1:00 PM Rosary

Thursday - 2:00 PM Liturgy Committee

Saturday - Take & East

Saturday - Survival Center Weekend

Sunday - 9:00 AM Buildings & Grounds Committee

Sunday - 9:15 AM Faith Formation

WEEKLY COLLECTION

**November 21 TBA
Thank you for your support.**

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST



"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment."

~St. John Chrysostom

For more information and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net

First Sunday of Advent

Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy. There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming .

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

FLORENCE BANK CUSTOMER CHOICE AWARDS

A couple of months ago we told you that for the 2020 Customer Choice Awards our parish received \$4,837.50. Now it is, of course, a new year. Thus, we ask you and those you know who bank at Florence Bank to again vote for our parish for the 2021 year awards. There are forms as you leave the church which you can either return to the bank yourself or put in the collection basket when you come to church and we will bring to the bank. This must be done before the end of the year. Please note that, with our parish renovation drive going on this fall, this effort will be all the more important. Thanks so much for your support last year. Let's make this an even better year!



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THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.
—St. Bernard: Third Sermon for Advent

Farewell Reception for Father Richard

COME WISH FATHER RICHARD A HAPPY RETIREMENT AND TO THANK HIM FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR OUR PARISH!!! On December 5th we will be having a reception for Father from 1 to 3 PM in the church hall. All are invited. If anyone would like to help please call Carol Demerski @ 413-268-2058 or Ellen Rockett 413-584-7560.

FAREWELL

Upcycling Christmas Trees

In support of the Our Lady of the Hills, I have made some seasonal decorative trees. They are made from upcycled materials and no two are exactly alike. All proceeds from their sale will be given to the Our Lady of the Hills. Samples of the two designs are located at the back of the church plus an example of a family decorating activity. The stands can be unscrewed for hanging. The single tree is \$20 and the triple tree is \$30. If you are interested, please call Phil at 413-268-3149.

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