

Our Lady of the Fields
Catholic Church

Love God. Love Others.
Make Disciples.

First Week of Advent
November 29, 2026

My Dear Friends in Christ,

It's a wonderful life! And, my favorite time of year!! The Advent season reminds us to step up our preparations, not just our homes for Christmas, but our hearts for Christ. While the house decorating, gift buying, cookie baking, and Christmas celebrations are important (especially the cookies!), **there's something more fundamental and urgent about this time of year.** For the world, it is "X" number of shopping days. For us though, it is **a call to growing space of mind and heart to recognize Emmanuel, God with us.**

The Lord is coming. We hear in our Gospel a reference to the final judgment (when God comes in majesty). And we know well the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus when **the omnipotent, omniscient God emptied Himself to take on our human form** (when God came in history). And now, in between those comings, we look for Christ who comes to us here and now (in mystery).

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Matthew 13:33

Make these weeks fertile ground for God to plant in your life right now the love of Christ. **Allow space this season to recognize God's love.** You'll need time and energy to put your own will and calendar aside, to fight routine habits, all so that you can make space for the Lord who comes to us in mystery right now!

To do that, we have invested in a partnership with Hallow. For those luddites like, me, Hallow is simple, easy-to-use mobile app that helps build and foster a deeper relationship with God in our day-to-day.

To do that, **Hallow focuses on bringing into your home** (indeed, into the palm of your hand through your mobile device) **the enormously rich pool of contemplative prayer** methods from our Christian faith and Catholic heritage. It's the #1 Catholic App on the App Stores, and has just crossed 10 million prayers completed through the app. Check online and in our Advent calendar for details.

Peace,

Fr. Jos.



This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah
63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Responsorial Psalm:
80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Active Waiting

Step One: Listen to the Word - As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What words are repeated over and over again?

Step Two: Look into Your Life -

- **Question for Children:** What special things do you do to get ready for a visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?
- **Question for Youth:** What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?
- **Question for Adults:** When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

Mass Intentions

S.I.= *Special intention*



Saturday, Nov 28
8:30am Obi Echeozo
5:00pm William Cieslukowski
Sunday, Nov 29
8:00am All OLF Parishioners
9:30am Dorothy Chesla
11:30am Alex Harvey
5:00pm Blanche Hershberger
Monday, Nov 30
6:00am Ann Marie Smith
8:30am Emil & Wilhelmina Waldman
Tuesday, Dec 1
6:00am Annalisa Overstreet
8:30am Courtenay Berger Carter
Wednesday, Dec 2
6:00am William Littleton (S.I.)
8:30am Chidera Odinakachukwu -Nwahiri (S.I.)
Thursday, Dec 3
6:00am Marilyn Kavulich
8:30am Joel Drapalski
Friday, Dec 4
6:00am Phil Conatser
8:30am The Feld & Punis Family
Saturday, Dec 5
8:30am Annalisa Overstreet
5:00pm Jack DeGrange & Jack DeGrange, Jr.
Sunday, Dec 6
8:00am Ellen & Micheal Moscatelli
9:30am All OLF Parishioners
11:30am Catherine McQuade
5:00pm Dennis Carleton

THANK YOU to all who filled out commitment cards as part of Stewardship Giving Drive!

We appreciate your generosity. We will be reaching out to you over the next few weeks. If you haven't filled out a commitment card yet, there is still opportunity to do so.

Use this QR Code and select Offertory from the Fund Dropdown or contact the Parish Office, 410-923-7000 for assistance.

We hold in our prayers...

Patrick Aldridge
Catherine Kitty Barranco
Chris Beattie
Jennifer Blatt
Dennis Carleton
John Harris
Leslie Ibanez
Carol Kilroy
Kathy Kilroy
Robert Kilroy
Adam Kostkowski
Joseph Marinucci
Michael Marinucci
Sarah Nazaire
Annalisa Overstreet
Maureen Parker
Marilyn Percoco
Helen Philip
Lois Philip
Michelle Purdum
Frank Rouland
Brian Santini
Kathy Shepherdson
Mary Shepherdson
Matt Shepherdson
Michael Sherman
Barbara Smell
Frederick & Melissa Smith
John Strawbridge III
Ed & Helen Wyrwas
Kathy Yost

Please contact the Parish Office to be placed on the sick list. Names will remain for one month at a time unless otherwise notified. We ask that you keep all who are ill in your prayers.



We Pray for the Repose of the Souls...

For the faithful departed, may eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

HOLIDAY SHARING

Every year as a Parish, we "adopts" local families in need. **This is a great opportunity to share and spread joy!** Our Parishioners were so generous last year in providing Christmas gifts for 17 families.

We are helping even more families this year- 26 families with a total of 87 kids!

Our Holiday Sharing Tree with Gift Tags are available in the Breezeway starting this weekend, Nov 28-29, including gift card tags for donations towards SPAN Holiday Caring.

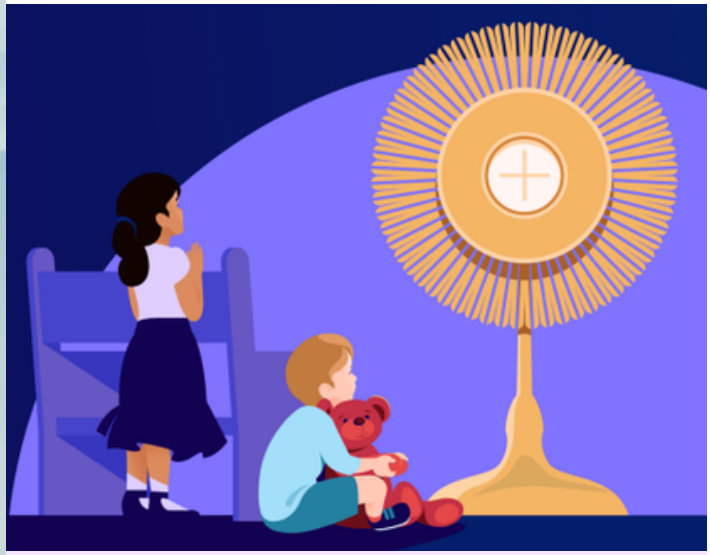




Come, Worship, Pray, & Adore! Church and Adoration Chapel: Extended Hours for Advent Season

Our beautiful chapel is a perfect place to pray, meditate, read scripture, or just to rest in the presence of Jesus. Jesus longs to be loved and to help us. **He is so pleased whenever we think of Him or visit Him, even if it is only for a minute.**

Our Adoration Chapel will be open for extended hours during Advent, **Mon-Fri from 6am-9pm** as you prepare your hearts for Christmas. **On weekends** throughout Advent, **the Church and the Chapel will be open for prayer** (no adoration) **from 8am-6pm**.



BL. CARLO ACUTIS

"When we face the sun we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints.

By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."

FIRST FRIDAY IS ALMOST HERE
Bring the whole family!

Fri, Dec 4 - Sat, Dec 5, at 8am

Join us for a special family adoration night at Our Lady of the Fields. Learn about the Eucharist, adoration, and most importantly, practice being in person with the True Presence of Christ.

There will be music and prayful reflection, as well as **an opportunity to prepare your heart for Christmas by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

If you would like to come for **dinner at 6:00pm** or would like childcare, offered from 6:30-8:00pm, use the QR code to sign up.

6:30am- Exposition
6:00pm- Family Dinner
7:00pm- Holy Hour

Please RSVP for dinner by Wed, Dec 2.
Gluten-free options will be available.





OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS IS NOW ON HALLOW!

What is Hallow? Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people find peace and grow in faith, every day. As the #1 prayer app in the world, Hallow provides audio-guided meditations, prayer challenges, mental health content, sleep stories, and music.

How do I join our parish on Hallow?
Everyone is invited to join our parish page on Hallow—free users and subscribers alike. There, you can create a profile, connect with friends, share and pray for one another's intentions, and participate in prayer challenges alongside the OLF parish community.

If you're new to Hallow, download the Hallow app.

1. Rather than following the prompts to create your account, **begin at the <u>church icon in the top right corner</u>**.
1. Search for our parish (use zipcode if needed) & Join.
2. Continue creating your account by following the prompts (some questions can be skipped).
5. Join the prayer challenge and begin exploring all that's available!



Join the Advent Challenge on Hallow: ADVENT PRAY25: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

This Advent, Our Lady of the Fields will pray Hallow's Pray25 Challenge, **It's a Wonderful Life**, together, **starting Monday, November 30**. Walk with George Bailey through the 25 days before Christmas and discover that God is with us in every moment. Pray with Sister Miriam, Chris Pratt, Jonathan Roumie, Gary Sinise, and Fr. John Burns.



If you already have a Hallow account*:

1. Open the Hallow app.
2. Tap the Church tab at the bottom of the screen. Find and join your parish.

***Note: If you already have a premium (paid) Hallow Account, you can <u>redeem a 25% parish discount</u>**: You must <u>cancel your current subscription first</u> before redeeming the parish promotion to avoid starting any duplicate subscriptions.

Once your subscription expires, you can redeem parish offer.

If you have any questions, please email:
<u>communications@olfparish.com</u>

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We're hearing from many moms requesting help.

Donations Needed: Baby wipes, diapers (sizes 4–7), and gently used baby gear. Items can be placed in the WWMIN bin just outside of the parish hall or contact Melanie Brady to make other arrangements.

Volunteers Needed:

- Intake Team: Monitor incoming emails from moms in need on a flexible schedule.
- Angel Friends: Partner with another volunteer to provide ongoing support to a mom in need, with assistance from WWMIN teams.

English- and Spanish-speaking volunteers needed.

Contact Melanie Brady for more details : melanieamato@hotmail.com

Mary's Center in Glen Burnie is in need of:

- Spanish-speaking volunteers (flexible scheduling)
- Gently used and clean clothing in sizes 3T-6T

Clothing can be delivered to Mary's Center or left in the WWMIN bin in the atrium outside of the parish hall. www.womenscaremc.org

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY GROUP

All Women Welcome!

Women ages 18+ are invited to join us on the first Thursday of **each month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202** of the church hall. Help plan outreach efforts and support individuals and families in need. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Strawbridge at 443-848-8212.

ROSARY REPAIR NOTES:



The basket has moved to the welcome desk located in the Church vestibule. If you have left a rosary to be repaired in 2026, please check the basket and claim your rosary. If you have any questions please text Patty at 443-510-6840. Thank you!



FORMED

Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season. Watch it on FORMED!

FORMED is a free online resource for the best Catholic content, all in one place. Sign up today! Simply visit this link: http://www.formed.org/signup and search Our Lady of the Fields.

WIDOWED MOVING FORWARD IN LIFE

The Order of Widows/Widowers is called by God to reach out to one another. The Widowed Men and Women meet every **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00PM** in room 204. Contact Charlotte Sazama mommasaz@hotmail.com or 410-721-1354 for more information.

BREAKING BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY



Breaking Bread with the Hungry is also collecting **Men's winter coats** (all sizes) and blankets (queen size or larger). Please place them in the BBH bin near elevator on 2nd level. **Thank you for your support of the unsheltered men of Baltimore!**

WOMEN IN FAITH

Tuesdays, 10:15am-12pm | Room 203/204

As we continue our Fall study, "**Praying the Rosary Like Never Before**", we invite all women to join in at any time. Please contact Barb Moser at 630-398-9964 or bmoser16@gmail.com for more information.



MEN'S GROUP

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- **December 2 & 16**

Room 202 from 8:00-9:30 pm

Faith Formation



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place at **9:30am Mass on Sunday** and allows the youngest parishioners to experience Sunday readings and prayers in an age-appropriate setting before rejoining their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

If you are interested in volunteering as an Adult Prayer Leader or Music Leader, please contact Andrea@olfparish.com. We will train all who are interested in this ministry.

GIFTS FOR THE FORGOTTEN

Faith Formation Sessions are once again helping the Knights of Columbus William E. Baldwin Sr. Council #17990 this Advent in their Annual **Gifts for the Forgotten Drive** for those at Spring Grove Hospital Center! Gift Guides are available through Faith Formation. **Gifts are due December 15th, 2026.** You may bring your gifts to your catechists or to the Faith Formation Office.

Would someone you know love being Catholic?

We have a year-round initiation process that you can join at anytime. To begin, please invite them to contact: faithformation@olfparish.com

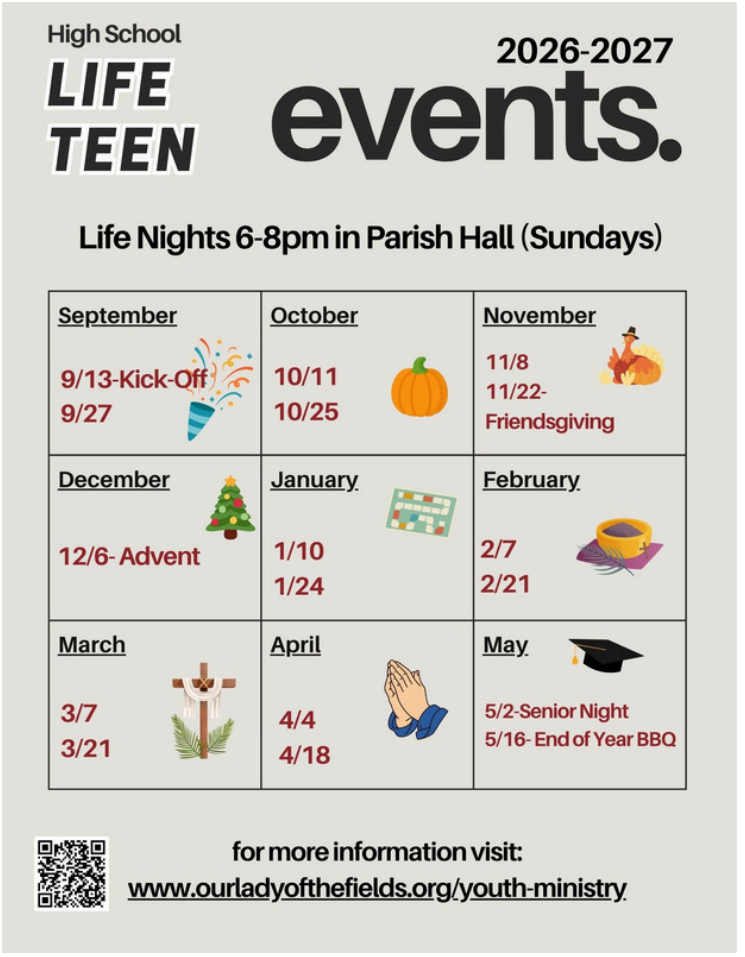
Christian Initiation
BECOMING CATHOLIC



Calling all moms of babies and toddlers!

Connect with other moms while the little ones play.
Fridays, Dec. 4 & 18 | 10:00–11:00 a.m. | Room 104.
Contact Katie: katiehurley17@gmail.com.





If you would like to be added to the Middle School and/or High School email for events and service hours opportunities, please email youthministry@olfparish.com



A WONDERLAND OF DECORATED TREES

FESTIVAL OF TREES

SAT DEC 5 | 11AM-7PM &

SUN DEC 6 | 9AM-1:30PM

FESTIVAL FINALE: CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT SUN @ 2PM

Location:
Our Lady of the Fields
1070 Cecil Ave. South
Millersville, MD 21108



VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TREE (winner announced on Sun @ 2pm)

- **Food Truck (Sat.- 11am-3pm)**
- **Santa (Sat., 12-4:00pm)**
  - Bring canned food item & warm clothing item as a donation
- **Cookies & Cocoa**
- **Kids Crafts**
- **Music**
- **Model Trains**



MASS SCHEDULE @ OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS

DAILY MASSES

- Mon through Fri - 6:00am, 8:30am
- Sat - 8:30am
- 8:30am weekday (Masses are livestreamed on YouTube)

WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday - 5:00pm Vigil,
- Sunday - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, and 5:00pm
- 9:30am Sunday Masses are livestreamed on YouTube

Note: For Those With Gluten Intolerance: We offer low-gluten host or special cup options for Communion for those who have a gluten sensitivity. Please visit the Welcome Desk or let someone in the sacristy know your need before Mass.

PARISH RECORDS

We are constantly trying to keep our Parish Records up-to-date. Please let us know if your contact information has changed! Please contact the Office to change your contact information: 410-923-7060. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

- Mon through Fri: 9:00am- 4:00pm
- Sun: Visit our new Welcome Desk in the Church, 8:00am - 1:00pm

STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for our weekly email:
ourladyofthefields.flocknote.com

Find us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/ourladyofthefields

Livestream Masses on YouTube
@ourladyofthefields



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Prepare your heart for Christmas!

EXTENDED HOURS FOR ADVENT SEASON

Fridays of Advent:
9:00am - 10:00am

First Friday, Dec 4:
9:00am - 10:00am
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Saturdays of Advent:
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Tues, Dec 8:
4:00pm - 4:45pm
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tues, Dec 22:
9:00am - 10:00 am
6:00pm - 7:30pm (Last opportunity for Reconciliation before Christmas)

Please note:

- There are no Confessions on Friday, Dec 25.
- There is no 6:00am Mass on Friday, Jan 1.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Breaking Bread with the Hungry
Peggy Tyler 410-570-5200
Cancer Rosary Ministry
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St. Thomas Aquinas Homeschool Tutorial
is its own organization that meets at Our Lady of the Fields. For information, contact:
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Emergency calls: When the office is closed, dial 410-923-7060 and at the prompt, press 9.

Baptism | Becoming Catholic | Marriage | Funeral | Sacrament of Anointing
Please call the main office at 410-923-7060 or visit www.ourladyofthefields.org.

Bulletin Announcements:
All bulletin announcements are due Monday by noon. Announcements are subject to approval and modification. Email all bulletin inquiries to communications@olfparish.com

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- **Robert von Tersch**
- **Melvin Olmcheid**



OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS INVITES EVERYONE TO

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi ("Night Mass") is a unique Filipino tradition of celebrating a Novena in preparation for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All are welcome to participate and experience this beautiful celebration.

One night of this nine-day celebration will take place here at Our Lady of the Fields Church on Wed, Dec. 16 at 7pm. Join us for this beautiful celebration!



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2026
MASS AT 7:00PM

FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH HALL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS

For more information or to donate to this event, please contact ligaya.quirk@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Filipino Council
Archdiocese of Baltimore

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