



Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Advent and Christmas 2018
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Advent Begins Sunday, December 1st

During the weeks of Advent – at all Masses – we will continue to provide an opportunity for a **time of quiet**; a time to cultivate the patience of waiting . . . and listening. We all need time to prepare ourselves to hear the Lord’s coming; to listen for His gentle footsteps. For this preparation, we need silence. There will be a minimum of liturgical music, still enabling us to enter deeper into the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist. Perhaps, with better preparation, our Christmas may burst into even *greater* song and praise as we welcome Christ, Our Savior, more deeply into our lives.

Bells and Stars + Coat Drive

Bells & Stars is our Helping Hands Christmas Gift Program for children less fortunate in our community, to help make their Christmas a little brighter. Please return wrapped gifts – along with the original Bells & Stars gift tag – **no later than Sunday, December 9th**. Gifts will be distributed to families on December 15th. **Gently used coats and jackets for people of all ages and sizes are also being sought to donate to these families.** Place them in the special box in the Gathering Area or Parish Center as soon as possible. If you have questions, call Coordinator Ann-Marie Minerly @ 775-8224.



Christmas Flower Remembrances

Donations for Christmas Flower Remembrances are now being accepted in memory of, or in support of the health of a loved one. Thanks to your generosity these donations help defray the cost of the church’s Christmas decorations. Special envelopes are available in your box, or you can obtain one in the gathering area of the church. Suggested gift for each memorial is \$10.00 and you may place your envelope in the offering box at Mass. All names must be submitted no later than **Sunday, December 16th**. (*Please print clearly so that names will be printed correctly in the bulletin.*)

Joint Advent Penance Service at St. Paul’s, Bullville

Friday, November 30th ~ 7:00 PM

Presentation of the Live Nativity

Saturday, December 1st ~ 4:30 to 5:00 PM and 6:30 to 7:00 PM in the Pavilion
 (Snow date 12/8/18) Light Refreshments, Crafts & Activities in the Parish Center



Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8th ~ **A VIGIL MASS** will take place at 7:00 PM on **Friday, December 7th** in the Church.

Reconciliation for Religious Education Students and Families

Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30-8:00 pm, all parents and older siblings are invited to join the R.E. students in their evening of Reconciliation. We will have visiting priests to assist Fr. Paul.

Advent "Reconciliation Monday"

Monday, December 17th ~ Reconciliation will be offered at St. Paul's in Bullville and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. **There will be NO Reconciliation available at OLA.**

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24th Pageant and Children's Mass at 5:30 pm

For the actual Pageant and Mass our own young people will be serving as greeters, ushers, choir, instrumentalists, angels, shepherds, kings, Mary and Joseph. If you haven't already done so, you can sign up to participate after the Nov. 17th 5:30 Mass, Nov. 18th 9:30 Mass, at Religious Ed., or by calling Mildred Pitt at 733-4051.



Christmas Pageant (ages 5 & up)

Costumes will be given out after Masses on **Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9**. The **only rehearsal** will be on **Sunday, December 23** after the **9:30 AM Mass**. **Adult Volunteers for the actual Pageant are needed.** Please let Mrs. Pitt know if you can help!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th

Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant at 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve Mass at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 AM

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1st

"Solemnity of Mary" – Mass at 9:00 AM

