



**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Catholic Church
Williamsburg, Ky**



**Saint Boniface
Catholic Church
Jellico, KY/TN**



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Mass Schedule

OLPH: Sunday 9:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm
St. Boniface:
Saturday & Wednesday 5:00 pm

General Parish Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
OLPH- Sunday 8:30 am & Tuesday 5:00 pm
St. Boniface- Saturday 4:30 pm (Or by appointment)
Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Visitation of the Sick & Holy Days: Call the parish office 606-549-2156
Adoration: Every 1st Friday of the month

Ministry Schedule:

OLPH – Mass 9:00 a.m.

St. Boniface - 5:00 p.m.

Date	December 11 th	December 18 th	December 10 th	December 17 th
Server	Joe McNaughton	Norma Jones		
Lector	Greg Croley	Deena Chabaan	Joe McMullen	Joyce McMullen
EMHC (s)	Mike Baughman	Jayma Moore	Anna Cuel	Mary Jo Leygraaf
Gifts	Moore Family	Joey & Sherry Reed Family	Peggy Partin Mandy Hall	Ruby Klein Venna Gast
Refreshments	Laschon Family	Moore Family		

Parish Council

Jayma Moore-Chair
Angie Weaver-Vice Chair
Crystal Laschon-Secretary
Joe McNaughton
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Finance Council

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This Week's Schedule

	OLPH	St. Boniface
December 10th / 11th Third Sunday of Advent	9:00 a.m.– Mass 10:15 a.m. – CCD 5:00 p.m. – Saint Nicholas Party	5:00 p.m. Mass
December 13th	4:45 p.m. – First Communion Class 5:30 p.m. – Mass	
December 15th	7:00 p.m. @ OLPH Advent Reconciliation Service Confession with Father Mike	
December 17th / 18th Third Sunday of Advent	9:00 a.m.– Mass	5:00 p.m. Mass

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
December 3 rd / 4 th	\$136.00	\$170.00

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
December 10 th / 11 th	+Scott Caswell	Helen Fichter
December 17 th / 18 th	+Hazel York	+Virginia White

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
BILL & ANNA CUEL**
December 11

← Please complete the information sheet found in
the pew and return it at the end of Mass today. →

Second collection this week! Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

There is an old Mexican legend about how Poinsettias and Christmas come together, it goes like this:

There was once a poor Mexican girl called Pepita who had no present to give the the baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked to the chapel, sadly, her cousin Pedro tried to cheer her up. 'Pepita', he said "I'm sure that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves him will make Jesus Happy."

Pepita didn't know what she could give, so she picked a small handful of weeds from the roadside and made them into a a small bouquet. She felt embarrassed because she could only give this small present to Jesus. As she walked through the chapel to the altar, she remembered what Pedro had said. She began to feel better, knelt down and put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers, and everyone who saw them were sure they had seen a miracle. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the 'Flores de Noche Buena', or '***Flowers of the Holy Night***'.

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity

If you would like to make a donation of a Poinsettia ***for decoration of the Church***, please fill out the attached form **or** you may purchase a plant and deliver it to the Church. Donations for poinsettias may be made "***in honor of***" or "***in memory of***" someone special to you. Those donation intentions will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

The First Communion Class and kids of OLPH would like to thank everyone for making our **St. Nicholas Day Service Project** a great success! Through your generous gifts of items and funds we were able to fill twenty gallon-sized bags! Each bag contains a water bottle, socks and gloves, hand warmers, food items, gum, and other hygiene items. Also included is a rosary, a laminated prayer card, and a few dollars. Please be sure to pick one up to keep with you in your vehicle so that you may bless someone in need this winter with a bag full of help!

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 11:2-11

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor.

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord. As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide. John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving.

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

LOOKING FORWARD

Date	Time	Location	Event
12/28/16	11:00 a.m.	OLPH	Senior Citizen Food Distribution

SERVERS ARE NEEDED! PLEASE SEE FATHER JESU OR JOE McNAUGHTON.



UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
December 13

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
December 14



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Leonard Fichter, (brother of Charlotte), Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Bea Brown, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Charlotte Fichter, David Wright, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Giorgia (niece of Norma), Alisa Moses. Nikki & David Bixby, their daughter, ***Rosalyn***, Ms. Faye, Bobby Boggs, John Coe and Harold Couch.

ALL DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS AND COPIES OF THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

I (we) _____

_____ would like to contribute \$ _____ toward the cost of poinsettias to adorn the church for the Christmas holidays.

1. In memory of _____

Or

2. In honor of _____

(Please return this form with your donation in the offering plate, or by mailing or bringing your gift to the church office by December 18th.)

ADVENT SCHEDULE

	OLPH	St. Boniface
December 11th Third Sunday of Advent	5:00 p.m. Saint Nicholas Party	
December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:00 – Mass	5:00 pm – Mass
December 20th	5:30 – Mass	
December 22th	5:30 – Mass	
December 24th Christmas Eve	8:00 pm – Mass Gathering in Parish Hall following Mass	5:00 pm – Mass
December 25th Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord	9:00 am - Mass	

	OLPH	St. Boniface
December 31st New Year's Eve		5:00 pm – Mass
January 1st New Year's Day	9:00 am - Mass	

There will be no Confirmation / RCIA classes from December 13 thru January 10, 2017.

There will be no First Communion classes from December 20 thru January 3, 2017.