

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 6, 2015**



**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.  
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.  
THE WINDING ROADS SHALL BE MADE STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH WAYS MADE SMOOTH,  
AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.**

**THE BASILICA PARISH OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY  
SOUTHAMPTON, NY**



## *Welcome to the Basilica Parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary*

### **Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano, Pastor**

In Residence: Rev. Msgr. William J. Gill  
Jennifer Ferrantino, Director, Religious Education  
Jeannine Rose, Director of Parish Social Ministry  
Maura O'Loughlin, Youth Minister  
Jo Ann Morse, Director of Music  
Bill Kunzer, Plant and Facilities Manager

### **Daily Mass**

Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. at 12 Noon  
Tue. at 8:00 AM  
First Saturday 8:00 AM  
Holydays: 7 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM, 12 Noon

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 5 PM  
Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11 AM, 12:30 PM (in Spanish)  
and 5 PM

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

### **Ministry to the Sick**

For communion at home or Anointing  
please contact the Parish Office.

### **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office  
to schedule an appointment with  
Jennifer Ferrantino

### **Marriage**

Arranged at least six months in  
advance, please call the Parish Office.

### **Becoming A Catholic**

We welcome those who would like to  
become Catholic and adult Catholics  
who have never received formal  
religious education and/or sacraments.  
Please call the Parish Office.

### **Parish Office**

Suzanne Marchisella  
Karen Berry  
Donna Valle

### **Cemetery Office**

Suzanne Marchisella

### **Parish Leadership:**

#### Finance Committee

Fred Weinfurt (trustee)  
Pat Jordan (trustee)  
Jay Diesing  
Charlene Kagel  
John Neknez

#### Pastoral Council

In formation

#### Liturgy

Jack Hanlon

#### Consolation

Sr. Barbara McKenna, RSM

#### Adult Faith Formation

Mary Adamczyk

### **Parish Ministries**

#### **Parish Office**

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#### **Apostolado Hispano**

Rev. Steve Grozio  
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#### **Vincentian Fathers**

631-283-9647

#### **Youth Ministry**

Maura O'Loughlin  
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# BASILICA PARISH OF SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

## Second Sunday of Advent :: December 6, 2015

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Mission Statement: We are a Eucharistic centered people, who by following Christ's teaching, join together to love and serve those in spiritual and physical need in our community.**

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

#### Vigil Immaculate Conception 7 PM Fr. Bill Gill

E.M.'S T. Cavallaro, N. Conroy, M. Lynch  
LECTORS K. King-Bush, S. Oldakowski

#### Feast of Immaculate Conception 8 AM

##### Fr. Mike Vetrano

E.M.'S D. Dwyer, C & J Mottern  
LECTORS G. Reisig

#### 12 NOON Fr. Bill Gill

E.M.'S G. Arresta, S. Adelante  
LECTORS G. Bauer, J. Hanlon

#### Saturday, Dec 12 5 PM Father Mike Vetrano

SERVERS Bellucci Family  
E.M.'S A. Fiore  
LECTORS H. Reister

#### Sunday, Dec 13 8 AM Father Ed Kiernan

SERVERS B. Ambrose, L. Martin  
E.M.'S P. Mackey, L. McClain,  
C & J Mottern, M. Muller  
LECTORS M. Mackey, S. Wilson  
GREETERS K. Moffa

#### 9:30 AM Father Mike Vetrano

SERVERS A. Cuccia, B. Ferguson, J. Hanes,  
Malone Bros.  
E.M.'S G. Arresta, A & J Cuccia,  
M. Johnson, D. Valle  
LECTORS C. Ferguson, E. Morgani  
GREETERS M. Cirillo, T. Pike, M. Robison

#### 11 AM Father Joe Finnerty

SERVERS anyone available  
E.M.'S S. Adelante, T. Alegria, G. Bauer,  
M. McDonald, L. Robins  
LECTORS J. Cleary, J. Hanlon  
GREETERS C. Brown, C. Butler

#### 5 PM Father Bill Gill

SERVERS R. Anderson, J. Terry  
E.M.'S L. DeRobertis, K. Maple,  
T. Westergard  
LECTORS N. Conroy, G. Reisig

### ALTAR MINISTRY

CHURCH CLEANING: J. Ripalone

ALTAR CLOTHS: G. Bauer

HAND LINENS - December 7-12—D. Valle

### SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

December 6—H. Ferguson, M. Scanlon

December 8—C & J Mottern

December 13—N. McCulley, M. Scanlon

### HAMPTON CENTER

December 6—S. Raynor

December 13—N. Conroy, D. Dwyer

Rosary - December 10—A. Petrone

### Mass Intentions for the Week of Dec 7-13

Monday	12:00	Dennis James O'Connor
	7 PM	Elizabeth Cary
Tuesday	8 AM	Emil Norsic
	12:00	People of the Parish
Wednesday	12:00	Thomas Joseph Hogan
Thursday	12:00	Andi Gulija
Friday	12:00	Frances Harrison
Saturday	5 PM	Frances Rakowski Chassar
Sunday	8:00	Frank Navone
	9:30	People of the Parish & Stephanie Padlo
	11:00	Otto von Schirach, Stephanie Padlo, Carmela Guida, Bailey Brown (L), John & Nina Neknez (L), The Revere Family (L)
	12:30	Mass in Spanish
	5 PM	Nina Strong & Family (L)

### Financial Realities and Stewardship

The November 22nd Collection was \$9168.00. The November 29th collection was \$11,218. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

### Memorial donations

To donate the flowers on the altar or bread and wine and/or candles offered at Mass each week, please contact the parish office.

## From the Pastor's Desk

December 5/6

# Advent 2015 The Year of Mercy Begins

Dear Parish Family,

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service has ended, that her guilt is expiated, that she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

These words of the prophet Isaiah are sung beautifully in Handel's Messiah, one of the most loved works of music we hear in the Advent season. The beauty of the music makes it easy to forget that the prophet is speaking to a wounded world and city. Jerusalem had suffered greatly from war and violence and its people looked to God for comfort – the comfort of forgiveness and peace.

This week, the news is again full of disturbing stories and images: war, terrorism, senseless shootings. We know firsthand the need for peace and comfort that Isaiah prophesied. We, too, hope that the crooked ways will be straightened and the rough places of our world will be made smooth and safe once again.

It seems important that this year to come is a year of mercy and our parish has been invited to welcome people who come here looking for peace and comfort in their lives. Each Thursday will be a special day of prayer and I want to invite you to be a part of that. We are calling those who make a promise to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament *Anchors of Mercy*. Isn't that a great image for the power of prayer which carries us over and against the harsh ways of our world?

I hope you plan to join us next week at the 9:30 Mass as Bishop Perez helps us open our doors in friendship and mercy for our world. How important it is for us to recognize that prayer and faith are valuable and yes – they do change things.

As we sing the beautiful music of Advent which speaks to us of God's comforting love let, us remember that these words of faith are true strength for the hurt and suffering of our world. It is an ancient hope but one that is no less important in our troubled world today.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano, Pastor







# Sacred Hearts Basilica YOUTH GROUP

Calling all students in grades 8 and up. Be a part of the Sacred Heart youth group. Check the calendar here for our upcoming events. Lets especially welcome Maura O'Loughlin our new youth minister.

Wednesday, December 9, Open Gym Night, 7–9 PM

Sunday, December 13 Mass and Bagel Breakfast after the 9:30

Wednesday, December 23, Youth Christmas Party 7–9 pm

Keep us to date – follow shyg168 on Instagram



Maura O'Loughlin



New Parish Programs

## 12th Annual Presentation of A Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday December 6th - 3 PM

Join us as we begin the Advent Season.

Our festival of Lessons and Carols brings together the music, carols, and scriptures of this most beautiful season in which we anticipate the meaning of Christmas – that our God is with us.

Lessons and Carols is a traditional Advent Service that began in King's College, Cambridge, England in 1918. This historic service includes Old and New Testament readings anticipating the birth of our Savior, followed by the singing of a carol appropriate for that reading.



A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN ADVENT!

Presented by Adult Faith Formation

## Altar Flowers



The Blessed Mothers Altar Flowers for this week were given in loving memory of Emil and Anna Norsic by their 3 great granddaughters, Reilly, Caitlin and Deirdre.

And in loving memory of William T. Mahoney by his family.

## News from the Office of Parish Social Ministry:

Jeannine Rose



The next gathering of our Social Seniors group is scheduled for:

Monday December 7, 2015.



*All are welcome* to join us after the noon Mass to gather in the Parish Center Meeting room 1.

This week we welcome Beth McNeill-Muhs, the President of Artful Home Care inc., who will be speaking to us about the many services her company can provide to people coping with the challenges of aging, dealing with a chronic medical condition or recovering from an illness or injury. There is no cost for this gathering and snacks will be provided.

## Join our St. Bernard League



The St. Bernard League, a ministry formed to help our seniors in the winter Storm Season, is still looking for parishioners who are willing to 'adopt' a member of our parish community, and partner with them through the winter. If you are a Senior in need of 'a little help', or if you are ready to sign up to volunteer to help, please fill out the form located in the bulletin, or call/ stop by the Parish Social Ministry Office to sign up.

## Sacred Hearts Singles



Sacred Hearts Singles you are not forgotten! Watch this space for upcoming dates for opportunities to gather, mix and mingle.

You are always welcome to stop by our Parish Social Ministry Office located in the Parish Center. To sign up for any of our events or to just chat, you are invited to contact Jeannine Rose at 631-283-0097 x317 or email: [jrose@shjmbasilica.org](mailto:jrose@shjmbasilica.org)



## Holy Year of Mercy Begins

Remember to join us next Sunday, December 13, as Bishop Perez celebrates 9:30 Mass and opens the Holy Door of Mercy!

Then remember that every Thursday, from noon mass to Benediction at 4, is a special time of prayer and blessing for this Jubilee Year of Mercy.



## New Ministry Helps Seniors in the Winter Storm Season

### Join our St. Bernard League

Winter can be a beautiful time in the East End but for many senior citizens the cold and storms can be frightening and isolating. You can help!



We would like to form a community within our parish, of young families, young adults, and teens who would be willing to help an older parishioner during the winter just like St. Bernard who has rescued many a weary traveler in bad weather.

We would like you and your family to consider signing up to 'adopt' a member of our parish community, and partner with them through the winter, or a storm. Responsibilities include giving a call to see if they are OK, running an errand, even shoveling a walkway.

**If you are a parishioner who could use a little St. Bernard help. Or, if you would be willing to lend a hand, please fill out the form below. You can place the form in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Center.**

### St. Bernard League

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We could use winter help. Please include me in this ministry.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to join and help one of our parishioners.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## A Note from Religious Education Director : Jennifer Ferrantino

The Second Sunday of Advent, our time of waiting and preparing! The voice cries out in the desert to prepare the way for the Lord. Are we preparing in our homes and hearts to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas? Are we preparing to receive the joy given to us at Christmas, the Love that enters our world in the birth of Christ?

Help us all prepare by helping with our Christmas Nativity. Details below  
All Religious Ed families are asked to please make arrangements to attend Mass on December 13 at 9:30 AM for the special Mass Celebrating the beginning of the Year of Mercy our Basilica has been chosen as a Pilgrimage destination for this most important year. Bishop Perez will be here.

Please contact Jennifer at [jferrantino@shjmbasilica.org](mailto:jferrantino@shjmbasilica.org) or 631-283-0508



## SACRED HEARTS FAMILY CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 PM**

What a better way to prepare for Christmas than to share the Christmas story with our children! (and we even have *live animals!*)

**Children in Nursery - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Girls/Angels; Boys/Shepherds

**Children in 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>:** Three Kings and the Royal Servants

**Grades 7-12:** we need lots of help- musicians, singers, organizers, and assistant directors. Email Jennifer Ferrantino if you would like to help with the pageant ([jferrantino@shjmbasilica.org](mailto:jferrantino@shjmbasilica.org))

**Parents: Any help is much appreciated**

### PRACTICE:

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM IN CHURCH**

**MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ALL: SATURDAY,**

**DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM IN CHURCH**



## In this Jubilee Year of Mercy Become an Anchor of Mercy

During this Holy Year of Mercy we will be offering Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday from the conclusion of the noon mass until Benediction at 4:00 pm. We will also have confessions during this time and our Spanish community will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy from 3:00pm to 4:00 pm. We are very much in need of parishioners to be in church all during that afternoon time to insure that someone is always praying before the Blessed Sacrament and to welcome others to prayer. I am calling these parishioners *Anchors of Mercy* and I am inviting you to become one of them. To do so you will agree to be in church on those Thursdays for at least 1/2 hour and at least one Thursday a month. You can of course agree to be present for longer if you wish. But we need to be sure that our church is never empty on these Thursday afternoons. You can use this page to sign up or send an email to [parishoffice@shjmbasilica.org](mailto:parishoffice@shjmbasilica.org)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I can be an anchor:

1:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_ 2:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_  
 1:30 PM \_\_\_\_\_ 2:30 PM \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 PM \_\_\_\_\_

I am available: Every Week \_\_\_\_\_ Every Other Week \_\_\_\_\_ Once a Month \_\_\_\_\_

We will keep everyone posted on the schedule.



## Tree of Hope

Please take a star or two from our Tree of Hope and help us make Christmas morning special for many children and their families.

Return your unwrapped gift with the star attached to the Parish office or leave under the tree at Masses **no later than December 13th.**

Thank you for your generosity! Have a blessed Advent season.



Tomado de <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/es.html>

**El Papa Francisco proclama el Año de Misericordia** - He anunciado un *Jubileo Extraordinario de la Misericordia* como tiempo propicio para la Iglesia, para que haga más fuerte y eficaz el testimonio de los creyentes.

El Año Santo se abrirá el 8 de diciembre de 2015, solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. Esta fiesta litúrgica indica el modo de obrar de Dios desde los albores de nuestra historia. Después del pecado de Adán y Eva, Dios no quiso dejar la humanidad en soledad y a merced del mal. Por esto pensó y quiso a María santa e inmaculada en el amor (cfr *Ef* 1,4), para que fuese la Madre del Redentor del hombre. Ante la gravedad del pecado, Dios responde con la plenitud del perdón. La misericordia siempre será más grande que cualquier pecado y nadie podrá poner un límite al amor de Dios que perdona. En la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción tendré la alegría de abrir la Puerta Santa. En esta ocasión será una *Puerta de la Misericordia*, a través de la cual cualquiera que entrará podrá experimentar el amor de Dios que consuela, que perdona y ofrece esperanza. Tomado de la Bula De Convocación Del Jubileo Extraordinario De La Misericordia. Roma, el 11 de abril de 2015.

**La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

**La Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:**

El 3-11 de diciembre a las 7:00 PM en la iglesia en Southampton o en East Hampton

**Las Mañanitas a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

El 12 de diciembre a las 4:30 AM en Southampton y a las 5:00 AM en East Hampton y en Hampton Bays

**La Carrera con la Antorcha:**

El 12 de diciembre a la 1:30 PM comenzando en Red Creek Park. Llame a Manuel 631-871-6621 para ordenar el uniforme.

**Procesión por las Calles**

El 12 de diciembre, a las 6:00 PM en Southampton.

**La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Misa**

El 12 de diciembre, a las 6:00 AM y las 6:15 PM en Hampton Bays, a las 6:30 PM en Southampton, a las 7:00 PM en East Hampton, a la 8:00 PM en Montauk y a las 8:00 PM en Greenport. Para participar en la danza del ofertorio en Southampton, llame a Blanca Ochoa 631-374-4132.

**Inmaculada Concepción / Virgen de Caacupé** - El martes, 8 de diciembre es la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. Habrá Misas y Novenas en East Hampton y en Southampton a las 7:00 PM. Paraguayos, vengan a Southampton donde también celebraremos la Virgen de Caacupé.

**Misas en honor de San Juan Diego** - El miércoles, 9 de diciembre es la Fiesta de San Juan Diego. Habrá una Misa en Hampton Bays a las 6:00 PM y una Misa y Novena en East Hampton y en Southampton a las 7:00 PM.

**Seguro de Salud para Niños** - La representante de *Fidelis Care*, Konny Tapias, estará en el Apostolado Hispano los miércoles de las 10 AM hasta la 1:00 PM, para ayudar con seguro de salud para los niños.

**Rincón de Información**

**Curso Pre-Bautismal**

El curso se da el último domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 PM en el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton o a las 5:00 PM en la iglesia en East Hampton. El próximo curso será el domingo, 27 de diciembre. Favor de llevar la copia del acta de nacimiento del niño. Bautizos en Southampton serán el 13 de diciembre, el 3 de enero y el 7 de febrero.

**El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas**

En el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton el jueves, 10 de diciembre, de las 2- 5 PM.

**Comunidad de Oración para Adultos y Familias**

Los martes a las 7:30 PM en la el salón parroquial. El 3r martes de cada mes - la hora santa en la iglesia.

**Divina Misericordia** - Misa en la Basílica el cuarto miércoles de cada mes a las 8:00 PM.

**Preparación Pre Matrimonial** - Para casarse por la iglesia, haga una cita para una entrevista con el P. Jesús o el P. Esteban. El curso pre-matrimonial se da por seis domingos, de las 9 AM al mediodía comenzando el primer domingo de junio, de octubre o de febrero.

**Requisitos para el Bautismo de un Niño**

*Curso:* Para bautizar a su hijo, es necesario que los padres y padrinos asistan al curso pre-bautismal.

*Padrinos:* Debe escoger a los padrinos conscientes de los requisitos. Los padrinos tienen que ser católicos bautizados, confirmados y que han hecho su Primera Comunión y deben poder comulgar. El padrino (madrina) debe ser un(a) soltero(a) o debe ser casado por la iglesia.

*Permisos:* Si viven afuera de la zona servida por el Apostolado Hispano, necesitan una carta de su párroco dándonos permiso para bautizar su hijo.

**Padre Esteban:** Cel: 631-375-1001; Fax: 631-287-0986

**Padre Jesus Arellano:** Cel: 929-257-3467

**Horas del Apostolado:** Martes a Viernes de las 2-4 PM

# Feast of the Immaculate Conception

## December 8th

Tuesday, December 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is always a holy day of obligation in the United States since this is also our country's patronal feast.

Mass will be celebrated on the Vigil at 7 PM and on the Feast day at 8 AM and at 12 Noon.



## Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th Events:



You are all invited to join with our Spanish Apostolate in the joyful celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Procession through the streets on December 12th, at 6:00 PM in Southampton to the Basilica.

Saturday, December 12th Mass, in Spanish, begins at 7 PM.

Las Mañanitas to our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th at 4:30 AM in Southampton, and at 5:00 AM in East Hampton and Hampton Bays

Torch relay: 12th December at 1:30 PM starting at Red Creek Park.

## Altar Servers Needed!

We are looking for more young people to become Altar Servers. If your child is in grades 3-8 and would like to become an altar server, please contact Mary Adamczyk at 283-4991.

New Altar servers: Elizabeth & Katie Terry with their brother Jack and Father Gill.



## We pray for the sick of our Parish and Community

John Bishop	Suzanne Parillo	Bobby & Caroline Parillo	Theresa Ann Weston
Gwendolyn Porter	Eileen Finlay	Roger Williams	Robert Melter
Daniel Sheerin	Stan Witkowski	Anne O'Brien	J T Welker
Marcelle Enne	Peg & Pat Jordan	Dottie Brown	Philip Masi
Patricia Kahl	Dorothy Higgins	Michael Kelley	Macario Yat de Leon
Christina Haag	Susan Katz	Drew Bodin	Eileen Birnholz
Perry DeLalio	Bailey Brown	Elizabeth Joyce	Sue Doorhy
Meredith Hobbs	Patsy Raynor	Anna Naconochie	Ebby Culver
John Schizas	Elaine McDonagh	John Lynch	Cole Spiegler

## Life Corner :: SHJM Respect Life Ministry

RESOURCES FOR THOSE SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION:

Rockville Centre Diocese, 516-678-5800, ext.626,

[www.drvc.org/respectlife](http://www.drvc.org/respectlife)

Priests for Life, 888-735-3448, [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

Birthright, 631-728-8900, 800-550-4900

Healing post-abortion: Rachel's Vineyard, 877-467-3463,

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)



Did You Know... since 2001 there has been an organization, called Generation Life, headquartered in the Philadelphia area, dedicated to fostering a culture of life for teens? They provide speakers for schools and parishes, promoting chastity, and encouraging our youth to lead lives of virtue. For more information go to [www.generationlife.org](http://www.generationlife.org), or call 215-885-8760.



### Reflections On the Gospel from Pax Christi December 6, 2015

Prepare the way of the Lord! Such is John's message in Sunday's Gospel. But how to do that? It's ironic that as Advent advances, our preparation is often more focused on frantic shopping, wrapping, decorating, and baking than it is on preparing for the Lord. Instead, perhaps we can see what paths need straightening, what valleys need filling, what hills can be lowered or rough ways smoothed. Whether they are personal, like dishonesty or arrogance, or social, like discrimination and war, let's make Advent a time to prepare the way of the Lord with repentance and conversion.

## New York State Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Mass

At St. Patrick's Cathedral

New York City

January 17, 2016 10:15 AM

**Save the Date!**







## Our Lady of the Hamptons

The Advent season will begin at OLH with a special **FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE** on Monday evening, December 7 at 7PM. The public is invited to come to pray, celebrate the blessing of the Christmas tree, Advent wreath and Christmas crèche. The service will feature music by the Joyful Noise, Hamptones and Hamptonix, and dances by the Dance Troupes. Refreshments will follow. (There is no charge for this event.)

The annual Bucks for Books raffle to benefit OLH will be held on February 6. Early chances are available at the school now. (283-9140).

**GALLERY NOEL**, an original Christmas musical featuring the actors, singer and dancers of Our Lady of the Hamptons will be presented as a gift to the community on Sunday, December 20 at 2PM and Monday, December 21 at 7PM.

Information packets and registration materials are available at the school now, leading toward September 2016 enrollment in Kindergarten through eight.

We invite parishioners and friends to learn more about Our Lady of the Hamptons by visiting the website [www.olh.org](http://www.olh.org). Tours can be arranged at any time, by calling 283-9140.

**Holy Year of Mercy Jubilee Pilgrimage**  
Walking the Journey of Peace from Saint Francis to Pope Francis

**206 TOURS**

**ITALY**

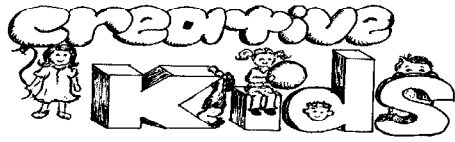
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To book or for information, contact: **Amanda: (800) 206 8687 ext: 109** email:  
[Amanda@206tours.com](mailto:Amanda@206tours.com)





Baptism Memories

Ask your parents to show you pictures from your own Baptism.

Talk about your Godparents and why they were chosen for you.

Draw a picture of your Godparents holding you on your Baptism day.

If you can, call your Godparents and ask them what they remember about your Baptism.



**GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!**

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

*John the Baptist was sent to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus.*

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Directions: Draw a picture of how you and your family are preparing for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day.



*He was "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."*

Directions: Draw a line to connect the Advent and baptismal words that go together.

*John would baptize the people in the Jordan River.*



Directions: Color the picture of John the Baptist.

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| <b>Jordan</b>    | <b>tree</b>   |
| <b>holy</b>      | <b>font</b>   |
| <b>Advent</b>    | <b>water</b>  |
| <b>Jesse</b>     | <b>River</b>  |
| <b>baptismal</b> | <b>wreath</b> |

