



## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dews of Heaven, bring the Just One,  
Clouds may rain Him from above!  
Thus the nations, still in darkness,  
Cried for mercy, peace and love.  
Open, earth, and grow the flower  
Radiant with grace and power!  
Lift your hearts, the time is near:  
Christ the Lord will soon appear.

God the Son, in human nature  
Was made flesh and dwelled on earth;  
Life and light, in grace abundant,  
He bestowed of priceless worth.  
Men rejoice, exult with gladness;  
Do not fear, dispel your sadness.  
Raise your hearts, the time is near:  
Christ the Lord will soon appear.



What a magnificent Christmas this is for all of us at OLPH. Parishioners continue to respond to our Capital Campaign, and, as you can see our church is an open and welcoming sanctuary to our community as they look through our glass doors and see the dwelling place of Christ in the Eucharist. Each door is etched with symbols of the Seven Sacraments: The two main center doors represent the Eucharist the Bread and the Blood of Christ. The two doors to the left of the main doors are the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. And, the two doors to the right of the main doors are the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders. The single door on the northwest side is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the single door on the southwest side is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The north and south entrances are etched with the Greek letters "Alpha" and "Omega" representing Christ, the "Beginning and the End" the "Alpha and the Omega" ancient symbols of the Church. The glass is "Blue Tinted" in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help our most Holy Mother and Patroness of our Parish.

The team of artists and craftsmen from Baut Studios in Swoyersville, Pennsylvania are so please with their work and the installation team worked hard to have them installed for us before Christmas. This was not planned; it is the generosity of our parishioners and the anxious cooperation of the Baut family. Their attention to perfection and detail and their excitement in the creation of these doors bring to our parish and the whole Lindenhurst community a vision of Christ and His Church that will renew, refresh and build the "Glory of God" in the hearts, minds and spirits of many for years to come.

Let's all offer a prayer for them and their entire staff who treated us and came into our parish as family.

On behalf of myself, as your pastor, and all the priests, Msgr. Hamilton, Fathers Jim, Tom, Augustine and Moise I wish you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a New Year 2010 filled with deep Faith, abiding Love, and unwavering Hope.

May God + bless you and yours now and forever,

*Father Anthony*

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