

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM John & Marie Evers
8:00AM Dinko Busanic
10:00AM Carmela & Attilio Dente
12:00PM Antonio Mircovich

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00AM AnthonyParetti
11:30AM Joseph & Grace Fiore

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

ST. LUCY

8:00AM Faye & Joe Brignola
11:30AM Mark Piccirillo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00AM Ints. of Joseph Tarabocchia
11:30AM Libera & Silvestri Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00AM Ernest Donatich
11:30AM Martin & Maria Morin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00AM Mara Magnozzi
11:30AM Carlo Buonsanto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

11:30AM Alfio Russo
Grace Lauricella
Phyllis Buglione
David Mihalinec

5:00PM Lucy Damis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Rose Zilocchi
10:00AM Raymond Kappmeier
12:00PM Vera Dragas

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Mary Matarazzo

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Pasquale (Patsy) Matarazzo

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
David Mihalinec

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Maria & Martin Picinic

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 7:10-14

God promises a sign, if asked.

Psalms 24

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Rom 1:1-7

Paul preaches Jesus, the Son of God.

Mt 1:18-24

A sign is given to Joseph.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

...The period of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas puts a lot of pressure on each of us and increases our level of activity...we get concerned about all kinds of things...to the point where we can forget what this Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season is all about...Jesus came among us...AS ONE OF US...to teach us about the Kingdom and to call us to holiness...and to save us from our sins...

...The Babe who came to Bethlehem is our Saviour and Lord...Let's try to find 10 minutes a day...(more if you can)...this Advent to be with Jesus in prayer...every day...to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas...because...after all...**Jesus is the reason for the season!!**

...This Advent season is the last segment of our 100th Anniversary year...We close our celebration on Christmas Eve at the 5PM Mass...It's been a wonderful year when we've had a chance to look back at our founders...to remember relatives who drew strength as they worshipped in our Church...to honor and remember in prayer those who passed a strong faith on to us...to hear the call of Jesus to live our own faith with as much gusto as we can muster...and to pass on this great gift of faith to the next generation through word and example...

...With the celebration of our patronal feast of the Epiphany on 8 January 2017, we begin our 101st year and our next century...

...May this Advent Season of prayer and preparation touch our hearts...strengthen our faith...and help us to be grateful for the parish that gives us life and helps us to grow closer to God...

... I invite you to remember in your prayers our RCIA candidates: Andrew Poye, Jacqueline Poye, Chad Armstrong, and Yvette Melian...Andrew and Chad are looking to convert to the Catholic faith from another Christian denomination...and Jacqueline and Yvette are both baptized Catholics looking to receive Confirmation as adults...They will continue to study and pray with our congregation as they prepare to become members of the Church of the Epiphany at Easter...

...I invite you all to the Advent Penance Service scheduled for Monday evening at 7:00PM. Reconciliation should be a part of our Advent preparation time. It's always good to come to Jesus and to admit to our faults and to hear the wonderful words of absolution. Individual confessions will be held after the Service. Please come and join us for this time of special graces.

God bless,
Fr. Ken

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

December 4th

Sunday Collection

\$5,352.50

Retirement Fund for the Religious

\$2,500.00

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." - James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

BINGO

PLEASE NOTE BINGO IS PLAYED ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM AND ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EVENING OR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please note that there will be no CCD Religious Education Classes for grades 1-7 on December 25th and January 1st. We will reopen on Sunday, January 8th at 11:00AM.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00AM-12 Noon in the Church Hall. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee and tea. Donation is \$5.00 and tickets can be obtained at the rectory. Reservations are required

ADVENT OF GIVING

Each year our parish organizes an "Advent Giving Tree" Program which collects brand-new toys, clothes, and Christmas gifts to benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry Christmas Program. These donated gifts are then distributed to hundreds of local low-income and unemployed residents and their families. Please bring any gifts, toys and clothes to the Advent Giving Tree located on the side of the main altar until December 16th. All donations must be brand new – *please do not wrap the donations*. For more information, contact the Rectory at 201-943-7320.

NEW CHURCH HYMNALS

Our new hymnals are in the Church pews. The expense will be covered by the rebate sent to us by the "We Are Living Stones" Capital Campaign run by the Diocese. If your family would like to memorialize a loved one or simply present the hymnal as a gift from your family to the parish, please use one of the envelopes that are in the pews. The **memorial fee is \$25.00 per book**. We will be placing these memorials in the new books. We are keeping the dedications that were made at the time the old books began to be used and placing them into the Book of Remembrance in the vestibule of the Church.

TD BANK AFFINITY PROGRAM

Our participation in the Affinity Program continues. Going forward, the Church will receive \$10 for every existing checking account included in the program and \$50 for every newly opened checking account included in the program. **Nothing is taken from your accounts**. In addition, the **Church** will receive 1/10 of 1% of the average balance of all savings accounts and CDs included in the program. To sign up, please visit the TD Bank at Lafayette and Palisade Avenues.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The Cliffside Park Senior Center presents the following programs: December 16th – Cliffside Park Housing Authority Holiday Party – 6:00-10:00PM; December 20th – Pre-K Holiday Concert – 9:30AM; December 21st – Dinner & Movie – "Love the Coopers" - \$5.00 – 4:00PM; December 22nd – Nutrition Ed with HUMC @Palisades - 10:45am; New Year's Eve Brunch – December 30th – 9:30AM-1:00PM – cost is \$10 payable by December 26th. To sign up for any of these activities, please call 201-943-3768.

NEW JERSEY'S ADOPTION LAW HAS CHANGED

Beginning January 2, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted.

Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** which can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>.

The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through their Catholic Charities agencies. If you know individuals that could be affected by the changes to New Jersey Adoption law, please help alert them. Anyone needing assistance can call a **HELPLINE** at 609-989-4809.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2016

CONFESSIONAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 12.....Advent Penance Service 7:00PM
(with individual confessions)
Monday, December 19.....(Confessions Only).....3:00-4:00PM
Wednesday, December 21.....(Confessions Only).....7:00-8:00PM
Friday, December 23.....(Confessions Only).....3:00-4:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24.....Vigil Mass (Children's Choir).....5:00PM
Christmas Eve Mass.....10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 259:00AM, 10:30AM (Adult Choir) & 12:00 Noon

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Saturday, December 31 (Vigil Mass).....5:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Sunday, January 1, 2017.....9:00AM, 10:30AM & 12 Noon

PATRONAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 7.....5:00PM
Sunday, January 8.....8:00AM, 10:30AM & 12:00 Noon

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you receive weekly envelopes, there is an envelope for Christmas Flower Offerings. You may give your donation in memory of a loved one or simply just as a gift from your family. If you do not receive envelopes but wish to make a donation, please use a blank envelope and put Christmas Flower Offering on the envelope as well as your intentions. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Peace on Earth Good Will to Men, a Christmas Concert, will be presented by Our Lady of Grace Church Choir, Fairview, on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00PM. All are invited to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Coughlan, Colin Berg, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Ann Callagher, Esther Evertz, Barbara Dooley, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Joann Helmick, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Kathy Herring, Vinka Usalj, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efrem Lavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Sandy Snow, Lydia Locurcio, Kevin Harris, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis, Erica Duran, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Maria Murphy, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Roger Cook, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Baby Ella Grace Gavina, Sister Rosemary McGavin, Luisa Vlacich, Andrew Mircovich, Marie Gagliardi, Richie Menzella, Arianna Cappola, Liberata Tarabocchia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Donald McLaughlin, Rev. John Connor.

**"SOME MINDS ARE LIKE
CONCRETE – THOROUGHLY
MIXED UP AND
PERMANENTLY SET!"**

