

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Mary Palumbo
8:00AM Dinko Busanic
10:00AM Donato Balon
12:00PM Luca & Maria Morin

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
ST. DAMASUS I

8:00AM Alfred Leubert
11:30AM Antonio Mircovich

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00AM Anthony Paretto
11:30AM Trudy Slusser

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
ST. LUCY

8:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:30AM Mark Piccirillo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00AM Faye & Joe Brignola
11:30AM Libero & Silvestri Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00AM Jean Maruska
11:30AM Martin & Maria Morin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:30AM Milagros Sanchez
Anthony Thomas Riccioppi
Joseph Gullace
Mercedes Blanco Espinas
Natalie Lopac
Grazia Simeone

5:00PM Amoroso Family
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Tony Bussanich
10:00AM Rita Garritano
12:00PM Joseph Caroleo

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Martire, Abate, Stancato –
Grandparents

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Anna Mattessich

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

John Bucco

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Martin & Maria Morin

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

The prophet announces glad tidings and
vindication.

Ps Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

My soul rejoices in my God

1 Thess 5:16-24

Awaiting Christ's promised return

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

"There is one coming among you..."

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!!!**

...We meet this weekend the personality of John the Baptist. He calls us to recognize in Jesus a Saviour and a Messiah. It's hard to believe that the Saviour and Messiah comes to us as a babe in a manger and some people could not accept that kind of a gift from God...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...

...CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT
All Saturdays of Advent from 1:00-2:00PM
Monday, 18 December from 3:00-4:00PM
Wednesday, 20 December from 7:00-8:00PM
Friday, 22 December from 3:00-4:00PM

*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.

Sunday Collection

November 19th

\$4,814.00

Retirement Fund Collection

\$2,529.00

""Prepare the way of the Lord..." – Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



BINGO

THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.

SPECIAL NOON MASS

A special mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter on Saturday, December 16th at 12 Noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The following are activities at the Cliffside Park Senior Center: December 11 – Blood Pressure & Health Consults – Lori – 9:30-11:00AM; December 12 – Meditation w/Angela – 10:30AM; December 13 – Budgeting Seniors Workshop w/Beal Bank – 9:30-10:30AM; December 20 – Dinner & Movie – Elf – 4:00PM - \$5.00 by 12/18; December 21 – Cliffside Park Kindergarten Holiday Visit – 9:45AM.

SAVE THE DATE – GALA NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

ONLY ABOUT THREE WEEKS LEFT TO welcome in the New Year with your Epiphany Family. We will be having a Gala New Year’s Eve Party, will all the trimmings, on Sunday, December 31st. Party will be held from 7:30PM-12:30AM. Dinner will be catered by Romans Italian Restaurant, New Milford. Music will be by Starlight Productions - featuring D J Nick. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and available for sale at the Rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a combined Christmas Party on Friday, December 15th at 6:00PM in the Church Hall for members of the Confraternity of Christian Women, Food Pantry Workers, Bingo Workers and Legion of Mary. Cost is \$15.00 per person payable at the rectory. Also, there will be a grab bag gift for \$15.00. You will pick out a name prior to the party.

ADVENT OF GIVING

Throughout Advent our parish will be collecting brand-new toys, clothes, and Christmas gifts for our annual Advent Giving Tree Program. These donations are then distributed by the Epiphany Community Food Pantry to hundreds of local residents and families who are in need this Christmas Season. We are in need of an assortment of donations: Men’s Clothing, Women’s Clothing, Children’s Clothing, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Household Items and Toys.

Donations must be brand-new and in original packaging.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR DONATIONS.

Please bring all donations to the Advent Giving Tree (located on the left side of the altar area) or directly to the Rectory Office. **All donations must be received by December 14th.** Contact the Rectory with any questions. As always, thank you for your generosity!

A NOTE FOR CARDINAL TOBIN

The Director of our local Emergency Food and Nutrition Network, Sharon Reilly-Tobin, has recently brought to my attention the ever growing needs of local food pantries and shelters. I am very proud of the way our Archdiocese has participated in the past, and I would like to encourage even greater participation this year. Even with the generous food and financial donations of our parishes and individuals, the need continues to grow. Thank you for your continued support.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark

Our own Epiphany Food Pantry served over 100 families this Thanksgiving. We thank everyone for their continued generosity.

THANK YOU FROM THE CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

The Center for Food Action in Englewood wishes to thank us for our generous contribution of \$490.00 toward their Thanksgiving meals for their families. They are truly thankful for our support.

“WHEN A BELIEVING PERSON PRAYS, GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!”

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24TH

Saturday, December 23rd5:00PM
Sunday, December 24th.....**9:00AM & 10:30AM ONLY**

NO 12:00 NOON MASS

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES, SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 24TH**

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM
Christmas Eve Mass.....10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

9:00AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, December 27th11:30AM ONLY

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 31

Saturday, December 30.....5:00PM

Sunday, December 31.....**9:00AM & 10:30AM ONLY**

NO 12:00 NOON MASS

NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS, SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY

9:00AM & 11:30AM ONLY

Tuesday, January 2nd.....11:30AM ONLY

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 or use one of the Christmas Flower envelopes at the Church doors. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

MASS BOOK FOR 2018

The Mass Book for 2018 has opened. **Three additional Masses may be reserved by parishioners and non-parishioners at this time.** Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Candles, Bread and Wine and Altar Flowers can also be reserved.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O’Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, George Landeck, Brother Peter Lyne, Lou Barricella, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Erika Duran, Cora Shaffer, Nicky Sertich, Sr., Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokia, Ms. Ann, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Evelyn Roquemore. Joseph Weiss, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Angie Vigna.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Giovanna Dominici, Geronimo Villegas, Bruno Matesic, Edwin Kleissler, Jr., Ronald Kulig.

