

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00PM Stella & Anthony Ciarkowski
8:00AM Antonia & Dinko Busanic
10:00AM Luka & Maria Morin
12:00PM Patrick & Elaine Gratale

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00AM Ante Calov
11:30AM Maria Rici Mattessich

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00AM Palmira Skrivanic
11:30AM Ana Picinic

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00AM Romilda Seganic
11:30AM Anne Lepis Arena

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00AM Louis Scavo
11:30AM Dinko & Andrijana Skrivanic

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ST. ANDREW

8:00AM Joseph Lally
11:30AM Tony Mezzich

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

11:30AM Angelina Frankovic
Anne Marie Mazza
Angelo Cincotta
Orlando James Cappitelli
Zdenko Matesic
Michael Panariello
Bruno Viskovic

5:00PM Connors & Gargiulo Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Anita Falcaro
10:00AM Jennie DiPalma
12:00PM Philomena Pallotta

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of



Garitano, Martire, Abate & Stancato –
Grandparents

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Ernie Sdrigotti

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Camille Missale

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Kathleen McKeown

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Jer 33:14-16

God's promise for justice will be fulfilled

Ps 25

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Paul offers hope to the waiting Thessalonians

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Stand ready at all times; redemption is at hand

PASTOR'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 25, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends:

This weekend we are celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King). It is the last Sunday of our current Liturgical Year which means that next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, begins another year in the 3-year cycle of readings that we use at our Sunday celebrations.

Advent is one of the two "penitential" seasons in the church calendar. It is a time for somber reflection on where we stand in our relationship with one another and with the Lord. To that end we tend to "tone it down" during this season. We have fewer decorations in the church. The color we use for Advent is the deep violet-purple, or a less-traditional saron blue. The music we choose for our celebrations is slower and set in a minor or modal key. In short, Advent is supposed to be less colorful, less exuberant, **quieter**.

The suggestion has been made to me that maybe we need to ask everyone to be a little more respectful of the need for more quiet, reflective time before and after our liturgies. This is an idea that has a lot of merit. And so, **during this season of Advent, I am asking everyone to observe the following "rules of etiquette" when they come to mass:**

1. Please turn your cell phones off BEFORE you walk in the door and refrain from using them in the church.
2. In the church, greet one another with a nod or a smile, it isn't always necessary to say "Hi!" and doing so may disturb someone who is trying to pray.
3. Please DO NOT carry on conversations with one another in a voice louder than a whisper while you are in the church.
4. If you need to speak to someone at any length, please take your conversation outside the church.
5. Please be solicitous of your children's needs for "quiet" entertainment to keep them occupied in church so that they are not loud and disruptive. If your child is having a "bad day", it may be wiser to take them out to the vestibule or even outside for a time.

It may seem strange at first trying to do something "different" during this season, but I believe that by making a few small changes in our external behavior we may experience a deeper, more profound sense of what the Advent Season is about.

In essence, Advent is about living in expectation of Jesus' coming. We prepare for his coming at Christmas, but we are also mindful of the fact that we Christians live in expectation of Jesus' coming again at the end of time. In the quieter, more reflective atmosphere we hope to achieve in our church during this season, and in other ways, we can prepare a way for the Lord to enter our lives.

*Fondly yours in Christ,
Fr. Bruce*

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Sunday Collection

Campaign for Human Development

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we had to submit the bulletin the week before. We will print the collections for November 18th and 25th in the bulletin of December 2nd.

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" – John 18:37

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

BINGO



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

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly Mass on Saturday, December 1st at the 5:00PM Mass. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your Medal.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

We will again be selling Christmas Wreaths. Each wreath is stunningly decorated with pine cones, ornaments and a large red bow. Wreaths are \$17.00 each. Wreaths will be ready for pick-up on December 1st and 2nd and December 8th and 9th. Proceeds will benefit the renovation of the Rectory Conference Room. Wreaths must be paid in full when ordering. **FLYERS ARE AT THE CHURCH DOORS.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor Breakfast With Santa on Saturday, December 15th from 9:00AM-12 Noon in the Church Hall. Please RSVP to the Rectory at 201-943-7320 with the number of children and adults who will be attending. We ask each parent to bring a small gift for your child with their name on it so that Santa can present it to him or her. There is no charge for the breakfast but a good-will donation will be accepted.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

On the weekend of December 8th and 9th, representatives of Bethlehem Handicrafts will be in our Church Hall after all the Masses to sell the articles that they make. It is a good place to do your Christmas Shopping.

FOOD PANTRY FALL FOOD DRIVE

Each year the Epiphany Community Food Pantry provides food and a frozen turkey to hundreds of local low-income families for the holidays. We are especially in need of the following: broth/stock, cakes mixes and frosting, canned vegetables, canned yams, cornbread mix, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, jello, stuffing mix, cereal. We are also in need of frozen turkeys and hams. Please bring donations to the collection barrels at the entrances of the Church. Frozen foods **MUST** be brought directly to the Rectory.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

On a Marriage Encounter Weekend married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com or go to nnjwwme.org

DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. Visiting Nurse Association Health Group is inviting individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers to join our team in Bergen County. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitation, companionship, administrative support, or any complimentary therapies. We are also seeking volunteers interested in providing support calls to our patients and family members from our offices in Englewood. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team. Please call Ruth Soranelli at 1-800-862-3330 or email your contact information: ruthsorbanelli@vnahg.org For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org

SAVE THE DATE – GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Welcome in the New Year with your Epiphany family. We will be having a Gala New Year's Eve Party, Monday, December 31st. Party will be held from 7:30PM-12:30AM. Dinner will be catered by Roman Italian Restaurant, New Milford. Music will be by DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and are available for sale at the Rectory.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party for Bingo Workers, Food Pantry Workers, Confraternity of Christian Women and Legion of Mary Members will be held on Friday, December 14th at 6:30PM at Café Tivoli. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Please pay for your tickets at the rectory. Pick a name for your Secret Santa Gift. The gift should have a value of at least \$15.00. Reservations must be made and paid for by December 7th.

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.

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!

Starting the weekend of December 1st & 2nd, 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 13th at the latest!** Contact the Rectory with any questions. As always, thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, 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, Brother Peter Lyne, Cora Shaffer, Ivan Tarabokija, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilmer, Baby Michael, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Peter Foglio, Jr., Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Tony Martello, Glenn Rome, Ruth Behsman, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Norma Brown, Doris Portillo, Cabrini Lepis, Linda Shiers, Elizabeth Magliato Loughlin, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Javier Losarcos, Veronica McGreevey.

**“A NATION THAT KILLS ITS OWN
CHILDREN IS A NATION WITHOUT
HOPE!”**

Pope John Paul II

