

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00PM Agnes & Charles Rossi  
8:00AM Philip Lapolla  
10:00AM Maria Martire & Angela  
Garritano  
12:00PM Kevin Lisky

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

*ST. JOHN OF KANTY*  
8:00AM Mosca & Romano Families  
11:30AM Libero & Silvestri Families

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

8:00AM Thomas Mendoza  
5:00PM Rocco Suriano  
10:00PM Frank & Elvira Capriccio &  
Luz Lebrone

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

*NATIVITY OF THE LORD*  
9:00AM Maria Busanic  
10:30AM Maria Lechich  
12:00PM Emma & Anton Vidovich

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

*ST. STEPHEN*  
11:30AM Dominick & Domenica Picinic

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

*ST. JOHN*  
8:00AM Louis M. Botto  
11:30AM Anton Jadrosic

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

*THE HOLY INNOENTS*  
11:30AM Stephen Petruzzello  
5:00PM John, Rose & Joseph Ferrara

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

*HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH*

8:00AM Stephen Petruzzello  
10:00AM Maria & Tommaso Morin  
12:00PM Angelina Foglio

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of  
Mark Piccirillo*

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of  
Marlene Villegas*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of  
Antonio Garcia*

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of  
Alice Dowling*

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Sir 3:2-6, 12-14**

Duties children owe to father and mother.

**Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5**

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and  
walk in his ways.

**Col 3:12-21**

“Clothe yourself with kindness, patience,  
humility and mercy.”

**Matt 2:13-15, 19-23**

“He shall be called a Nazorean.”



**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK – DECEMBER 22, 2019**

***“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him EMMANUEL, which  
means ‘God is with us.’”***

My dear parishioners and friends,

Isaiah the prophet foretold the circumstances under which the Blessed Virgin Mary would bring forth our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. His birth was heralded by the angels who appeared to the shepherds as they watched over their flocks singing, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Brothers and sisters, I truly believe that God’s favor rests on us here at the Church of the Epiphany. We have been very blessed over this past year in many ways. I give thanks to God for all of you and for all of the ways in which you are bringing life to our community. God is with us!

*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  
December 15, 2019*

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<b>\$4,869.00</b>
<i>Retirement Fund for the Religious.....</i>	<b>\$1,497.00</b>

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” – Matthew 1:24*

*Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.*



PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE HAVING BINGO FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF OUR BATHROOMS IN THE CHURCH HALL. HOPEFULLY, BINGO WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

**BIBLE STUDY**

A Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. Please bring your bible. Fr. Boniface will conduct the Bible Study.

**MASS ON DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Please Note that there will be only one Mass on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM and the Rectory Office will be closed.

**47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Respect Life Ministry of Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, is sponsoring a bus trip to the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 24<sup>th</sup>. They are asking all parishes and the Knights of Columbus Councils in this area to join them. If you cannot attend the march in January, please consider donating any amount so that they can lower the price for the people attending. The current cost is \$30 per person but may decrease if they can enough donations. If you want to reserve your seat or need more information, contact Vincent Maresca at 201-362-6812 or email him at [vpmaresca@gmail.com](mailto:vpmaresca@gmail.com)

**GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**ONLY SEVEN DAYS LEFT TO GET TICKETS** for our Gala New Year's Party on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30PM-12:30AM. Dinner will be catered by Roman's Restaurant, New Milford. Menu includes the following: baked ziti with ricotta, chicken francese, roast beef, tossed salad, vegetables, potatoes, dessert beer, soda, champagne toast at midnight, hats and noisemakers. Music will be by DJ Gazo. Tickets are \$35 per person and will be available at the Rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

**BIBLE DIARIES**

Bible Diaries are now available for sale at the rectory. Each book will cost \$12.00. Each Diary contains daily readings, thought provoking reflections, an examination of conscience, a biography of the Saint of the Day, and numerous prayers and more. It's a wonderful Christmas gift for family and friends. A limited number is available.

**ESTATE SALE**

There will be a huge estate sale in Leonia beginning this weekend. If interested in browsing or purchasing, please call 757-645-6868 for an appointment or you may email [tradetalks@aol.com](mailto:tradetalks@aol.com) Items to be sold include: sports equipment, hummels, dinnerware, furniture, furs, women's clothing, garden tools, lawn mower, tools, a 2010 Lexus, costume jewelry and much more. A percentage of the proceeds from the estate sale will be donated to Epiphany Church.

**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 participate, 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.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

Greater Bergen Community Action will hold ESL Classes (English as a Second Language Classes) from January–March 2020. Morning Classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30AM-12:30PM. Registration date is December 17 at 1:30PM. Potential students must register and take a placement test. Bring a photo ID, proof of address and social security card. For registration information call 201-366-1020 Ext. 7236.

**FAUSTINA – A LIVE PRODUCTION**

Faustina, a popular live production, will be presented at Felician University, Lodi, Breslin Performing Arts Center, 262 South Main Street, on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM, and on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 & 7:00PM. General Admission is \$25 and children 8-14 are \$15 per ticket. Buy tickets at [johnleaps.com](http://johnleaps.com) or call 800-313-6933. Faustina is a powerful multi-media live production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances. Not only does the drama share the life of Saint Faustina, but it also incorporates the story of a modern woman who struggles with the issues that so many in our culture face – abuse, promiscuity and abortion – offering God's forgiveness for all sinners. It's a message of hope and healing that touches audiences deeply.

**MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Mass for our country will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning with a patriotic rosary at 7:00PM followed by Mass at 7:30PM. It is an opportunity to come together and pray for God's blessings and mercy for our country. All are welcome. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Office for Evangelization.

**SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES - TUESDAY**

Vigil Mass (Children's Choir)..... 4:45PM  
Christmas Eve Mass (Chamber Music).....9:45PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES-WEDNESDAY**

Masses.....9:00AM, 10:30AM (Adult Choir) & 12:00Noon

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – TUESDAY**

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY - WEDNESDAY**

Masses.....9:00AM & 11:30AM

**PATRONAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

Saturday, January 4.....5:00PM

Sunday, January 5.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Baby Michael, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Timmy Cappola, Sean O'Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Vinka Uselj, Louanne Mitchell, Kathy Lennon, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Richard & Patricia Citro, Brother Peter Lyne, Frank Magdaluyo, Conrado Trinidad, John Mitchell, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Angie Vigna, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Bob Sirianni, Laura Cipullo, Frances Marino, Giovanni Piccinich Yuvonich.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH**

*Sister Clara Schroeder, Antonino Pilaia, Peter Tran, Frank Stanziano.*

**GOD'S MIRACLE GIFT**

*Amidst the clamor of this season,  
Dear Lord, let us find time to reason  
Why we celebrate this day –  
Pause to bow our heads and pray.  
The miracle of Jesus' birth  
Known to everyone on this earth;  
The day that gives the soul a lift;  
To God, we thank Him for this gift.  
The gift that touches human heart,  
The greatest gift God could impart;  
That gives full meaning to the soul,  
God's miracle, to make us whole.*

*Gene Appleby*

**“GOD ALONE IS TRUSTWORTHY!”**