MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 7 - 15, 2019

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 PM  +Josephine Szczomak
+Joseph Trawinski
+Anthony Sturno
+Carmela Lombardo
+James J. Beagin, Sr.
+Elaine Sulli – 40th Year Anniversary of Death
+Joseph Mastrogiovanni

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30  +Joyce Barbary-Post
+Concettina Betro
+Charlie & Kay Tedeschi
+Joseph Lambert
9:30  +Angolina Tollis
+Ward Rogers
+Ray Barry
11:30  +Donald Hayden
+Maria Licciardi
+Vincent Ljoi
+Philip Zufolo
+Fr. Paul Pulverenti
+Gala Vejarano
5:30 PM  +Fr. Richard Biasiotto, O.F.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
11:30  Franciscan Mass League

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
11:30  +Ann Craffen Sikorski
+Vincent W. Gorski
7PM  +Joseph Baumann
+Mary Mulroony

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
11:30  +The Souls in Purgatory
+Joseph Torres

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
11:30  +Joan Healy
+Karen Kraft

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
11:30  +The Souls in Purgatory
+Anna McCormack

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
11:30  +Fr. Christian Camadella, O.F.M.
+Fr. John Piccione, O.F.M.

VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 PM  +The Pospiech Family
+Nell & George Sadlock
+Frank & Josephine Constantinople
+Mary Elizabeth Untisz
+Thomas Trommelen
+Virginia Savancea
+Nancy Clarken

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30  +Margaret Patterson
+Elaine Mitchell
+Mario, Susan & Myrtle Nocera
+Joseph Lambert
+Carmine Scorzo
9:30  +Leo Cullen
+William Ernestine & Anthony John Colella
+Andrew Brost, Jr.
+Vincent Ljoi
11:30  +Grace Sgobba
+Marie Regan
+Mary Fetherston
5:30 PM  +Fr. Jeremiah McGinley, O.F.M.

EUCHARISTIC GIFTS of
Bread & Wine are offered this
week in Memory of / Los dones
Eucarísticos se ofrecerán
en memoria de
Irene, Frank, Sal, Phillip & Larry Diana

SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this
week in Memory of / La Vela del
Santuario permanecerá
encendida en memoria de
Irene, Frank, Sal, Phillip & Larry Diana

BULLETIN DEADLINES
Articles for the December 15th bulletin
should be in the Parish Office
no later than Monday, December 9th.

ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS NOVENA
Week 8 of our Christmas Novena
at the 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM Masses.
William McGrath +1949 – 2019
William was born in Brooklyn and resided there and Newton, NJ. He is survived by his brother and his wife, his nephew and niece and his caregiver and friend Lori.

May he rest peacefully in the Lord!

Pray For The Sick

Oremos por los enfermos, Especialmente


Scripture Readings for This Week
Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
Monday
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a,
10ab; Lk 1:26-38
Friday
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

COLLECTION
November 24th ..........$4,087.60
Thanksgiving Day November 28th ..........$1,108.77
December 1st ..........$3,994.31
SECONd COLLECTION Retirement for Religious.......$2,122.00
Thank you for your support.

GIVING TREE
If you have taken a tag, please return a gift to ensure that every child will receive a gift. If you do not have the time to purchase a gift, you can leave a monetary offering at the Parish Office.
The tree will remain up through Sunday, December 8.
Thank you, Edna Sturno

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into our Parish Family
Anthony Cappello
Gael Alexander Zapata Mateo
Nashla Saraith Zapata Mateo

BAPTISM will take place Sunday, December 8th at the 11:30 AM Mass.
One baby will be baptized.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE
AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sunday, December 8th
10:30 – 11:30 AM – Bishop Manning Hall
Pancakes or waffles will be served for breakfast. Santa will be happy to pose for photos with your child, so please feel free to bring your own camera.

DIOCESE OF PATERNSON CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday, December 8th at 4 PM
Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Paterson
Join Bishop Serratelli, the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Paterson to listen to a variety of music that will span many centuries and cultures.

Religious Formation
Bishop Manning Hall
10:30 – 11:30 AM
December 8 10:30 AM – All Grades
December 15 10:30 AM – All Grades
December 22 No Classes
December 29 No Classes

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday, December 14th at 11:30 AM
for those preparing for or recovering from surgery, for the seriously ill, and the elderly.

WHERE ARE THE ADVENT BOOKLETS?
Some have asked if we’re getting the Advent booklets this year. We are not. Months ago, we decided to save the money. For several years we have distributed the booklets as a gift to all our parishioners and friends. This year we decided to cut back; we have no choice. Our weekly collection is very low, as you see in the weekly bulletin.

But, alas, a generous parishioner has offered to cover the cost! We called to order the booklets but they are all sold out. Perhaps our generous parishioner will extend the offer for the Lenten booklets!
Fr. Dan
**Eucharistic Adoration**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
**Saturday, December 14th**
after the 11:30 AM Mass
12 – 1 PM
Rosary in English then Spanish
1:00 to 2:00 PM Silent Prayer
2 PM Bilingual Eucharistic Prayer Service & Benediction

**St. Bonaventure’s Religious Formation**

**Winter Coat and Accessory Drive**

Won’t you help someone stay warm this winter?
If you have gently used coats, scarves, hats and gloves you are no longer using, please share them with your brothers and sisters of the community. We are taking all sizes. Please drop off your donated items after Mass at Bishop Manning Hall.

**Next Weekend, December 15th, Is Your Last Change to Make a Donation.**

Thank you!

**Christmas Cash Raffle**

Proceeds to benefit
St. Bonaventure Church
Donation: $5.00 per ticket or a book of 5 for $20.00
Drawing NEXT Sunday, December 15th at 12:30 PM
Tickets may be purchased after every Mass or in the Parish Office.

**Grateful Hearts**

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood located in Paterson on Preakness Avenue across from Kennedy High School would like to extend their sincere appreciation for all the food donations provided during the Thanksgiving holiday. These donations are used to support their nursing home facility as well as their day care center. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**Respect Life Project**

**Special Thank You**

Special thanks to all parishioners and friends who donated personal and hygiene products for mothers and babies for our Youth Ministry’s Respect Life Project. Your generous contributions were greatly appreciated especially by members of the community supported by Eva’s Village located in Paterson, N.J. May God bless you and your families always for the good that you do!

**Grieving & Bereavement**

If you are interested in meeting with others who have lost a loved one, please come to our meeting on **Monday, December 16th at 7 PM** in the Friary Conference Room. All are welcome! Thank you!

**Advent Faith Formation**

“Christmas Can Be Even Better”

Join Fr. Dan on
Tuesdays, December 10th & 17th
after 11:30 AM Mass & 7 PM Mass in the Tailor Shoppe

**Confession During Advent**

*From the Pastor’s desk….*

It is good to approach the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during the holy season of Advent. We present ourselves as sinners seeking the grace of the Lord to draw us away from darkness and move us toward the light. We want to turn away from sin and to embrace all that is good for us and for those we love. We believe that we encounter Christ in this sacrament as we confess our sins and express our desire for his presence in our lives.

Please be aware that **every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 PM**, not only during Advent but also throughout the entire year, a priest is available in the confessional in the back of the church to celebrate this sacrament with you. If that hour does work for you, please call the Parish Office and arrange an appointment with Fr. Dan or Fr. Frank. We pray that this Advent is blessed with good things for you, for your family, and for our entire community of faith!

A Blessed Advent to all!
Fr. Dan

**ST BONAVENTURE CHURCH**

**Hispanic Community Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 21st – 6:00 PM
Bishop Manning Hall
$15.00 for adults
Children under 12 free
Food and show
All are welcome.
2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal  
“For I Was Hungry…”

As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop’s Annual Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop’s Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at www.2019appeal.org. If you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please call the Bishop’s Annual Appeal office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218 for addition details and also consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

EVA’S VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS
Twice a month a group of parishioners go to serve lunch at Eva’s Village. They meet at the Parish Office parking lot at 10:15 AM and carpool to Eva’s. They return to St. Bonaventure’s around 2 PM.

Please fill out the updated form on the table in the back of the church for January or February 2020. Place it in the collection basket or call the Parish Office for more information by Monday, December 16th.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
Gather family, friends, or co-workers and give a gift to the work of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. (www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501©3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY
Once again, our St. Bonaventure’s community generously supported the Father English Center food collection on Saturday, November 23rd by contributing:

- 44 frozen dinners
- 40 lbs. of frozen chicken parts
- 63 bags of groceries
- 15 frozen turkeys
- 16 cartons of canned goods
- 250 lbs. of rice
- 49 bags of used clothing
- 1 wheelchair
- $150 in donations

These totals include a $150 donation to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey for the account of the Fr. English Food Pantry made by our Francis J. O’Byrne Knights of Columbus Council #240.

This has been the most generous response this year to our monthly request for food to feed the poor and hungry. During this holiday season, let us continue to give in response to the words of Christ when asked, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You?” He replied, “Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of My brothers, you did for Me.”

Please, as we go about our lives this month, continue to remember the poor and hungry in our midst and prepare, in anticipation of Christmas, for our next collection of groceries, frozen dinners and turkeys on Saturday, December 21st.

Our Schedule for December is as follows:

FROZEN DINNER PANS
Saturday & Sunday, December 14/15
Available after all Masses
in the rear of the church

FROZEN DINNER PICKUP
Saturday, December 21st 8:30 to 9:30 AM
in front of Bishop Manning Hall

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES
May be dropped off at the same time or anytime before December 21st in the rear of the church or the Parish Office.