MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 14 - 22, 2019

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
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 Lijoi
11:30 +Grace Sgobba
+Marie Regan
+Mary Fetherston
5:30 PM +Fr. Jeremiah McGinley, O.F.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
11:30 +Anthony & Lena Colella
+Ann Craffen Sikorski
+Louis & Frances Eswood

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
11:30 +Ruth Ann Bray
+Concettina Betro
+Frank & Sara Bartman
+John Bartman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
11:30 +Myrtle Evans
+The Souls in Purgatory
+William T. Walsh

VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 PM +The Portelli Family
+Josephine Szczomak
+Frank DeRosa
+Deceased Members of the Giovanni Paolo & Angela Scalzitti Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 +Bruno & M. Vittoria, Andy & Perry Stillo
+Jerry Giamonco
+Charles & Pauline Giamonco
+Riccardo Gigli
+Ciro Palermo & Pasqualina Occhiusi
9:30 +Francis & Maureen Shea
+Donald Hayden
+Nash & Barry Families
+William T. Walsh
11:30 +Michael & Maria Volpe
+Salvatore & Giuseppina Turdo
+Albert & Antonina Volpe
+Michael & Margaret Turdo
5:30 PM +Fr. Jeremiah McGinley, O.F.M.

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BULLETIN DEADLINES
Articles for the December 22nd bulletin should be in the Parish Office
no later than Monday, December 16th.

Articles for the December 29th bulletin should be in the Parish Office
no later than Wednesday, December 18th.

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Julia Gazzo 1927 – 2019

Julia was born in Belleville and resided there and in Mountainhome, PA. She was a Department Manager in Bamberger’s and a bookkeeper at Channel Lumber. She treasured her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her two children and their spouses and four grandchildren.

May she rest peacefully in the Lord!

Pray For The Sick

Oremos por los enfermos, Especialmente


Scripture Readings for This Week
Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Friday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Week 9 of our Christmas Novena
at the 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM Masses.

Tuesday, December 24th and
Tuesday, December 31st
Saint Anthony Novena will be prayed
at the 11:30 AM Mass.

Religious Formation
Bishop Manning Hall
10:30 – 11:30 AM

December 15 10:30 AM – All Grades
December 22 No Classes
December 29 No Classes

ST. BONAVVENTURE’S RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Winter Coat and Accessory Drive

Please drop off your donated items
after Mass at Bishop Manning Hall.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND
TO MAKE A DONATION FOR THE
WINTER COAT AND ACCESSORY DRIVE.
Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE
Proceeds to benefit
St. Bonaventure Church
Drawing today
Sunday, December 15th at 12:30 PM

Thank You From
Our Religious Formation Staff and Students

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who
generously supported and donated to our recent
projects for Respect Life for mothers and babies
from Eva’s Village, the food donation to the Sisters
of the Most Precious Blood for Thanksgiving, and the
Winter Coats and Accessories for those less
fortunate in our city.

Also, a very special thanks to the Knights of
Columbus for their time and talent by making the
Breakfast with Santa such a special and successful
event!

May God Bless you always!
Christmas Ornaments created by our Religious Formation Students.

Students in Grades 1-5 created Christmas Ornaments to provide to parishioners to hang on their Christmas Trees at home. These ornaments will be available for you to take and can be retrieved from the table in the back of church from December 22, 2019 until January 5, 2020.

The Religious Formation staff and students wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas season!

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 for the final session on **Tuesday, December 17th after 11:30 AM Mass & 7 PM Mass in the Tailor Shoppe**

CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Thursday, December 19**
**Monday, December 23**
from 7 to 9 PM in the church.
Practice is for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

KEYS LOST & FOUND
Your prayers to St. Anthony, the Miracle Worker of Padua, may have been answered! Lost keys have been found and returned to the Parish Office. Stop in during business hours or call to check them out.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

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**PARKING AT CHRISTMAS MASSES**

As we all know, our Christmas Masses are filled with many visitors. Please welcome them and encourage them to return in the New Year!

Parking may present a bit of a problem. Several infirmed people may arrive just before the Masses. I ask you – please keep the front of the church clear, from the curb all the way to the front door of the church. This will facilitate the drop-off and pick-up of those joining us who need assistance.

Orange cones will be placed at the front curb. If you are driving someone who needs assistance, have someone remove the cones for the time you need. Then have them return the cones to the place where you found them. This will keep that space open and secure for the next delivery!

Thank you for showing this courtesy to our guests!

Fr. Dan
CONFESION 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
NEXT Saturday, December 21st – 6:00 PM
Bishop Manning Hall
$15.00 for adults
Children under 12 free
Food and show
All are welcome.

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.

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.

END OF YEAR UPDATES
Have you moved, changed your phone number, have an email address, or a new email address, wish to use or not use weekly envelopes?
Please let the Parish Office know.