The Nativity of the Lord, December 25th

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 24th
Christmas Eve
5:00 PM People of the Parish
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday December 25th
Christmas Day
12:00 AM People of the Parish
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday
8:00 AM Teresa Pedraza
(The Family)

Tuesday
8:00 AM Ana Feliz Urregd
(Claudia Klecha)

Wednesday
8:00 AM Peter Muller

Thursday
8:00 AM Margaret Tomchuk

Friday
8:00 AM Ana Feliz Urregd
(Barbara Bayles)

Saturday December 31st
New Years Eve
8:00 AM Father Sylvester Livolsi
(Eric & Linda Space)
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday January 1st
New Years Day
8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers
Geraldine Czarkowski, Monica Carrico, Hap Rowan, Sue Geimer, Patricia Poole, Carmen Sanchez, Patricia Fiss, Clarence Roberts, Joe Foster, Susanne Fernicola, Lisa Dorans, William Pagano, Molly Russo, Derya Dermitsa, Ellen Nowicki, Helene Ventrudo, Joseph Mayers, Nancy Suglia, John Crisman, Margaret Johnson, Jeff Powers, Stacey Moore, Philip Baccari, Marilyn Vesper

Memorials

The week of December 25th
the Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
John B. McMahon

Altar Flowers Memorials
The week of December 25th the Altar Flowers are presented for:
Souls In Purgatory
Lucy Albanese
Gregory McNelis
Deceased Members of The Reilly Family
Leo, Betty & Mary Kinney
Ronald Ambler
Theresa Whitelock-Daley

Weekly Collection

Sunday Collection 12/17 & 12/18 $3697
Diocesan Assessment $1162
Total $4,859
Estimated Weekly Expense $6,500
Shortage $1,641

Envelopes Mailed: 237
Envelopes Received: 102

*If you are not already doing so, please use your envelopes each week. Only contributions in your numbered envelope are recorded for documentation required by the IRS.

Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th
5:00 PM Elenor Reilly
7:00 PM Kate O’Connor
12:00 AM Michelle Teitsma
& Debbie Carter
8:00 AM Bob Mayer
10:00 AM Tom Hudak

Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st
5:00 PM Debbie Carter
8:00 AM Bob Mayer
9:30 AM Tom Hudak
11:00 AM Kate O’Connor

Altar Server Schedule

Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th
5:00 PM Xavier Munoz & Andrew Opitz
7:00 PM Brian O’Connor
12:00 AM Chris Pirrello
Samantha Price
8:00 AM Remy Hautau
10:00 AM Carly Studt

Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st
5:00 PM Nico Albanese
8:00 AM Carly Studt
9:30 AM Samantha Price
11:00 AM Brian O’Connor
From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Once again we celebrate with joy the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The scene is one in which at first no one seems to notice anything different. Only that a seemingly ordinary young couple Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem because of the census by Caesar Augustus. Joseph had to return to Bethlehem, the City of David because he was of the house and family of David. It was during their arrival in Bethlehem that Mary gave birth to the Savior. The Gospel noted that there was no room for them at the inn and so Mary gave birth to the Savior of the world in a place where animals were kept and placed the infant child Jesus in a manager. The Son of God became man and was born into the world in a place that was unfit for a person to live. There was no one there to greet him and welcome him only his young parents and the animals that were living there. The heavens could not remain silent and so the skies opened and the angel of the Lord announced to the shepherds who were working in the fields, “...I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord...” Then the multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praised God, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” In the silence and stillness of our souls the Lord Jesus comes once again to be with us and to give us His Christmas blessings so that we may know His love for us, that He is Christ and Lord, and He came to save us. Merry Christmas!

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,
Father Ed,
Administrator

Parish Life:

Special thanks to the many parishioners who donated food and gift cards to help provide Christmas food baskets for the needy in our neighborhood. With your help our Parish Outreach Ministry provided Christmas food baskets for over 30 families this Christmas. If you would like to volunteer and become a member of the Parish Outreach Ministry please call the office.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our annual bus trip to Washington DC for the March for Life. Please consider joining us for this one day pilgrimage to our Nation’s Capital on Friday, January 27. We will be celebrating Mass in the church at 5:30 am and the bus will pick us up at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church at 6:00 am. We hope to arrive back at the parish around 10:00 pm. Come join us and give witness to the dignity of human life especially the most vulnerable, the unborn child. Every child in the womb needs to be protected and given equal rights, the most basic of all human rights, the right to life! Call the office to sign up.

Our youth group, Catholic Teens delighted the residents at the Bentley in Branchville this Sunday by singing Christmas Carols for them. The teens spent time with the residents and shared some cookies with them in the great room. Please invite your high school age teens to join us on Sunday evenings for plenty of food and fun. The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, at 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Our seminarian, Dulibber Gonzalez has returned from Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT and will be staying with us during his winter break between semesters. Please keep Dulibber and all our seminarians in your prayers.
### Calendar Events

**12/24 Saturday Christmas Eve**
- 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 12:00 AM

**12/25 Sunday Christmas Day**
- 8:00 AM, and 10:00 AM
- No Catholic Teens Meeting

**12/26 Monday**
- Office Closed
- 8:00 am Mass
- No Eucharistic Adoration / Benediction

**12/28 Wednesday**
- Mommy & Me 9:30 am — 11:00 am

**12/29 Thursday**
- Mass at the Bentley 9:30 am

### The Bentley Assisted Living Home

Last Sunday the Catholic Teen Group visited the residents of the Bentley and sang Christmas Carols with them.

### March For Life

**Washington, D.C.**
- Friday, January 27, 2017

Come & Join us for our annual Bus Trip to give witness to the Beauty of Life.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our trip. The cost is only $25.00. Children 12 & Under are free.

Call the office for more information & to sign up.

### Rose Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Annual Right to Life Fundraiser after all the Masses the weekend of January 7 & 8, 2017

### Parish Pilgrimage to Canada

**Monday June 26th - Friday June 30th**

We will leave Monday morning from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish by bus and arrive in Three Rivers, Canada. We will be staying at The Shrine of Our Lady of The Cape for 4 nights. The Pilgrimage will include a day trip to Montreal & St. Joseph’s Oratory along with a stop in Quebec City and The Basilica of St. Ann de Beaupre.

- $575 per person (double occupancy)
- $690 per person (single occupancy)

All meals in Canada, hotel room, & transportation is included.

- Brochures in the back of the Church
- Pilgrimage Chaplains: Father Ed & Father Brian

Come & join us this summer for Our Parish Pilgrimage to Canada. (You will need a passport).

### Weekly Mass at the Bentley

Every Thursday, Mass is celebrated at The Bentley by Father Ed; coordinated by Edith McGrath & The Legion of Mary Members.

### Mommy & Me

Our Parish has formed a new Mommy & Me weekly program that meets in the Parish Hall:

- **Wednesday mornings 9:30 am – 11:00 am**

Mommy & Me is designed to bring together mothers and children, ranging in ages from newborn to school age. For more information please call Jenn at the office at (973)948-3185.
New Jersey’s Adoption Law has changed

Beginning January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted.

Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a Redaction Request Form to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than December 31, 2016. The Redaction Request Form can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf.

The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through their Catholic Charities agencies.

If you know someone who could be affected by the changes to New Jersey’s Adoption law, please let them know about the changes. Anyone needing assistance can call a free HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

Healing Mass

The Mass will be celebrated in the Church on:

Thursday, January 19th
at 7:30 pm

The healing service will take place immediately after Mass; Father Ed will be celebrating the Mass. Come with expectant faith and join us, and experience the Lord’s healing power.

Parish Cruise

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee

Bermuda Cruise on Royal Caribbean
Anthem of the Seas,
April 29—May 6, 2017,
departs from Cape Liberty, NJ.

For additional Information and reservations contact:
Debbie Switulavich—
dswit@uniglobetravelpartners.com
973-810-8025/Toll Free 888-810-8029

Religious Education

Inclement Weather

Program closures will be posted on our website at www.olqbranchville.org by 7:00 am the day of class.

Five First Saturdays Devotion

Come and join us for daily Mass on Saturday morning at 8:00 am in the Church, and the Rosary after Mass. Mary, the Mother of God, has asked us to keep this Five First Saturdays Devotion in honor of her and for reparation of the offenses committed against her. She asks us for five consecutive Saturdays to go to Mass, Reconciliation, pray the Rosary, & meditate on one of the mysteries for 15 minutes. She makes us the promise to help us at the hour of our death and to bring us home safely. Come and join us on Saturday morning; pray the Rosary with us & help bring peace in our world and in our families.

Women’s Retreat

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton, NJ, is hosting our Women’s Weekend Retreat.

January 6 – 8, 2017.

The theme for this retreat is "Listen to my Voice." Come and spend some get-away time with Our Lord, lis-ten-ing to Him speak of His great love for you! Register now by downloading a registration form at our website www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org For further information, please call 973-383-2620.

Music Ministry

- Children’s Choir rehearsals are on Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass.
- The Adult Choir rehearsals are on Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass.

If anyone is interested in joining the Adult or Children’s Choir please see Margaret, our Music Director, after Mass. Come & Share your talent in the house of God.

Fr. Angelus Croce’s Retirement

After serving the community for many years and being the Chaplain for the Salesian Sisters for over twenty years Fr. Angelus Croce is retiring to Nazareth Village in Chester.

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