

DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY - Saint John Damascene

8:30 Philip Daly req. by Mr. & Mrs. DiBlasio
 Joseph Beebe req. by Betsy Sutherland

TUESDAY

8:30 Mary Grillo req. by Carolyn Kerr
 William Brennan req. by Rita & John Scanlon

WEDNESDAY - Saint Nicholas

8:30 Josephine Sica & relatives req. by August Sica
 Thomas Saver req. by Rita & John Scanlon

THURSDAY – Saint Ambrose

8:30 Spec. Intentions of Dorothy Roberts req. by the
 New Jersey Relatives
 Richard Redshaw req. By His Loving Wife

FRIDAY - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Gloria Opitz req. by The Family
 Spec. Int. for Anna & Simon Levien req. by
 Virgie

9:30 Bridget Quinn req. by Rev. Brown Faculty &
 Staff

Joe Vozza req. by Lucia McKeeby & Dorothy
 Capasso

7:00 Richard Redshaw req. by Susan Young
 Deceased Members of Gorospe & Geronimo
 Families req. by Anna & Simon

SATURDAY - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:30 Eleanor Donoghue req. by Anne McLaughlin
 Joseph Beebe req. by Mary & Bob McGauley

5:30 John & Joan McLaughlin req. by Anne Marie
 McLaughlin

Marie DeChara req. by Eileen Ibranyi

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:45 People of the Parish
 Joseph Pietrucha, Veronica & Boleslaw
 Wojciehowski req. by Edna Pietrucha

9:00 Peter Cofrancesco req. by The Gang Family

10:30 Eugene Golko req. by Our Lady of the Lake
 Agnes Altomonte Ferrara req. by Ginny
 Manfredi

12:00 William J. & Kathleen G. Hassloch req. by
 Thomas W. Hassloch

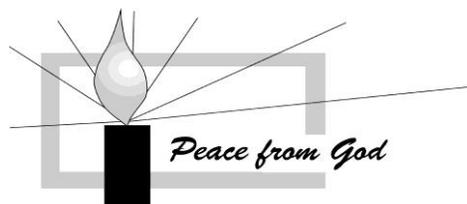
Patrick Brady req. by Anna Marie Oswald

PARISH FINANCES

November 26, 2017 \$ 10,908

Catholic Home Missions \$ 2,477

*Next week's second collection is for
 our Diocesan Assessment*



BEING STILL IN ADVENT

This may sound almost heretical, but with each passing year I like Christmas less and less. At the same time, with each passing year, I like the feast of the Nativity more and more. Maybe you feel the same. The craziness surrounding the secular season of Christmas-the endless ads on TV and online, the crowded stores, the glut of often crass holiday-themed movies-sometimes seems to drown out the real meaning of the season.

That's why I treasure silence during Advent. Silence is a gift that we can give to ourselves in the middle of a noisy season. And silent prayer is something we can all afford-it costs nothing. Of course many people-parents of young children, children of aging parents, and people with hectic working lives-may not have much time to spare, but even a few minutes of quiet may help to center oneself.

In busy times it's important to let quiet be your prayer. This can be as simple as "withdrawing," as Jesus did, from the busyness of life and just sitting in the presence of God. Or it could be a simple meditation, reflecting on a single word from the stunning readings of Advent: from the Book of Isaiah, the Psalms, or the Gospels.

Sometimes people feel guilty for taking a break in the weeks before Christmas-there's often so much to do. But think of silence as a gift you give not only to yourself but to God, who wants to meet you in the silence as you wait for Jesus to enter your heart in a new way this Advent.

Fr. James Martin

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH - 12/03/17 to 12/09/17

Mon 7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
8:00 Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
7:30 Confessions	Church
Tues. 9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
7:00 PM Bible Study	Library
7:00 PM Woman's Cornerstone	St Lucy
Wed. 7:30 PM Study of the Saints	Cassidy Hall
Thur. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri. 8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
9 to 1:00 Adopt a Family Drop Off	McKenna Hall
8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

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First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, Private William Maloney. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women. *Please let us know when your loved one has returned. Thank you.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.



Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

WE ARE PEACEMAKERS

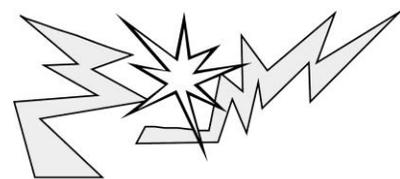
This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on God's gift of peace. All the baptized are anointed to announce the kingdom and make all people sharers in the peace of Christ. We are blessed and bring God's blessings to others. How do we as a parish strive to live as peacemakers to make a difference?.

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please volunteer to serve at one of our Christmas Masses by signing up on the special sheet in the church vestibule.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 morning Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library.. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. The class is only one hour. Hope to see some new faces; it will be an hour well spent!



God is near

SCCC FIRST RESPONDERS MASS

The 2nd Annual Sussex County First Responders Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 12:15 PM in Sussex County Community College's Performance Arts Center. Rev. Michael Rodak, Chaplain of the Catholic Campus Ministry, will be the celebrant. The Mass commemorates those serving in Sussex County communities as law enforcement, fire fighters, and in emergency medical and rescue services, both past and present. For further information, please call Wendy Cooney, SCCC Criminal Justice Faculty at (973) 300-2240 or Bill McGovern, SCCC Criminal Justice Faculty at (973) 300-2182.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

PASTA DINNER COMEDY NIGHT BENEFIT

Sparta UNICO is hosting a Pasta Dinner and Comedy Night benefit (featuring comedian, "Uncle Floyd") Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 PM at Reverend Brown School – McKenna Hall. Net proceeds to benefit Melanie Russo, a local 14 year-old who has a rare bone cancer. Tickets are \$45 per person and it is BYOB. For tickets, questions, or to donate, please call 862-432-2142. Thank you.

ADVENT REFLECTION AT ST. MONICA'S

St. Monica's Church in Sussex will be hosting an Advent Reflection on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Fr. Jude Salus, Chaplain of Newton Medical Center and Chaplain of the Filippini Sisters at Villa Walsh in Morristown, will be our guest speaker. He will give an Advent talk titled "Jesus's Prayer: "Be Calm, Be Still, It's Only Me." All are invited to join us for this inspiring and uplifting reflection. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact the Rectory Office at St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, New Jersey 07461 973-875-4521, stmonica@ptd.net

Assumption College for Sisters ...not just for Sisters!

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville is proud to announce its theology and philosophy courses for the Spring semester, January 9 – May 9, 2018 along with two new offerings. Sacred Scripture II, Mystery of God, Mary and the Scriptures, Philosophy of the Human Person, Special Topics in English: Women in Literature, and Development Psychology (online). Pre-requisite acsOCO online course orientation. For registration call or email by December 18 (973) 957-0188 ext 106 or academicdean@acs350.org.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Rosary beads, crucifixes, nativity sets and much more made from olive wood in the Holy Land, will be available on December 16/17 when we will have a vendor in Cassidy Hall with holy items made by Christians in the Holy Land. These items make great Christmas presents.

LUMINARY KIT SALE

Each year the Columbian Squires at St. Kateri sell



Luminary kits in November and December with all proceeds to benefit the homeless and needy of our area through local charities (Samaritan Inn, Family Promise, Sparta Food Pantry, Book Bank Foundation). The

Squires who have sold these kits in the past few years are parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake. Please give them your support.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Spreading Christmas Joy to Members of our Diocese

As you deliver your generous wrapped gifts to McKenna Hall on Saturday, December 9th between



9am and 1pm, please join us for light refreshments and live Christmas music. If you were not able to adopt a family, you are more than

welcome to make a grocery store gift certificate donation to Father English Community Center, whose food pantry was destroyed by a fire in October. You are also welcome to bring an unwrapped gift. Please bring the items on December 9 from 9am to 1pm. If any DDC and/or Confirmation student who would like to volunteer this day, please contact Allison Ognibene at 973-903-0999, or email at allisonognibene@yahoo.com.

8th GRADE STUDENT SHARES HIS TALENT



Philip Fancher, our parishioner and 8th grade CCD student, was able to share some of his talents with several of his fellow 7th and 8th-grade classmates during last week's class. Philip has been training Seeing Eye Service Dogs and brought his second Seeing Eye puppy-in-training, Ace, to visit. Students have learned in this Season of Giving that sometimes giving means giving up a lot of spare time to the service of others, (as well as giving up the puppy one gets attached to -after 12-15 months, is not easy.) This service gave a deeper meaning to the note from St. Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world"

Submitted by Zuzka Mulkerin

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 10, 2017.

4:00PM



Come one, come all to our annual Christmas Concert. Come celebrate the Christmas Season, bring your family and friends to hear the Christmas lessons and the beautiful sound of our adult choirs, children's choir and OLL orchestra singing our Christmas favorites.

You will be glad you did.

WELCOME TO THE WeShare FAMILY!

ParishPay has transitioned to **WeShare**. Here are several things to keep in mind as you familiarize yourself with WeShare.

We take security seriously. Donors' recurring donations will continue as scheduled. But donors must authenticate their account and email to receive WeShare emails or to make any changes to their account. The first time a donor enters the system – they will have to go through a one-time validation requiring:

- Their ParishPay user name
- The last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used with ParishPay

And ONE of the following two options:

- Their email address
- A collection name and the specific amount donated within the last 6 months.

Please feel free to contact the customer service team for assistance at WeShare@4lpi.com or call 1 (800) 950-9953 and select *Option 1*.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Would you like to know more about our parish? Go to www.ourladyofthelake.org. We have the same information as before, but in a new format. We hope you will like it. You can see the Sunday Bulletin – the current week and archived issues from the beginning of the year. You can find the schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers under 'Liturgy'. Need to register in the parish? The Registration form is there under "New Members". How to sign your child up for Religious Education. And, of course, if you have any questions or have trouble finding anything, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

***Healing the pain of abortion
one weekend at a time.***

The Diocese of Paterson is sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat from Friday, January 26, 2018 to Sunday January 28, 2018. This is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. For more information, please call (973) 377-1004 ext. 425 or e-mail RVPaterson@gmail.com.

Christmas Spirit Magic at OLL

On Saturday, December 2nd Our Lady of the Lake, with the aid of students from our high schools in two counties, brought "Christ in Christmas" to life. This event, in the spirit of the true meaning of Christmas, brought together young children, their teen mentors, parents and grandparents to build Teddy Bears for the children in homeless shelters in the Sussex County area. This year the bears were donated to the over 200 families currently resident at the Samaritan Inn in Franklin, as well as other shelters in both Morris and Sussex County. The children were thanked with a musical program that included Christmas carols. Christ in Christmas concluded with a visit from Santa Claus.

A very Special Thank you to the many volunteers Thank you to all our 175 young attendees and their families for making this afternoon truly magical.

Christ in Christmas is possible each and every year at Our Lady of the Lake because of the constant support of Rev. David McDonnell and the OLL parish.

God bless us Everyone!
Katherine Korkidis (Motto)