

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:30 A.M. Peter & Rene Cifelli
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Fred Collinson, Sr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

8:00 A.M. Ena Higgins

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

8:00 A.M. David Szetela

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

8:00 A.M. Eugene Monaghan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

8:00 A.M. Blanche Lamorte

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

9:00 A.M. Mary Short

5:00 P.M. Sister Miriam Hansberry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30A.M. Andrew Hudak

12:00P.M. Lisa S. Lockett

Scripture

Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 22, 2018

First Reading: Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

(Micah 5:1-4a)

Second Reading: Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through His sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world. (Hebrews 10:5-10)

GOSPEL: Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled. (Luke 1:39-45)

Stewardship by the Book December 16, 2018

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship. "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Note:** offering is \$15.



Sick or Shut In- or know someone who is unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the Rectory at 663-0211 to set up time for a Communion call.

BAPTISMS are usually performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211. **Upcoming baptisms-** January 6, 2019



DONATE A POINSETTIA—you can help our Church look beautiful for Christmas by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The donation is \$25.00. Envelopes are in the pews, or call the rectory 973-663-0211.



THANK YOU to Joe Tremmel and Joe Dungan for all their work prepping, moving and setting up our beautiful outdoor creche.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, December 16th -8:45 10:15AM - (K-5)

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, December 16th -6:30 - 8:00 PM - classes

HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 9-10

Sunday, December 16th -6:30 - 8:00 PM - classes
ACRE Assessments - Sophomores

No Religious Education classes

Sunday December 23rd & Sunday December 30th

CHOIR PRACTICE:



ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 8:00pm in the church. The Christmas choir will sing beginning at 9:45pm before the 10:30pm liturgy on

Christmas Eve. All adults & HS students welcome to join.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR will be singing

for Christmas Eve, Monday Dec. 24th

"Carol Sing" from 4:20-4:50 before 5pm

Mass. Rehearsals are on Tuesday's -

5:30-6:15pm, Wednesday's- 6:30-7:15pm,

and Saturday's -11:30am-12:15pm.

Please note that an adult family member is required to remain on site during rehearsals.

For more information please contact Therese Butler (Mrs. B) at musicministry.olsos@gmail.com or call 908-303-9402.



Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Tina Mele, Pacita Cabaluna, Jeneva McGill, Jean Early, Sr. Gerardine Agnew, Thomas Butler, Julian Bonafacio, Thomas Gorman, Michael C. Dalessio, Kathleen Mercado, Artie Lindberg, Jack Gebhardt, Jr., Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Bishop Frank Rodimer, President George H.W. Bush, Rose Rogan, Msgr. Leo P. Carey.



THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held

Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 PM in the

All-Purpose Room. Our middle and High

School students will participate.

The Christmas Pageant is a very special parish event, & serves to help our young children, especially, grasp the true meaning of Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 16 - 1:30pm full cast run through.

Note: Credit is given to any student who is at rehearsal on class night.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

TREAT-refreshments will follow, as well as a visit from Santa.

Religious Give Thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This year Christmas Day falls on Tuesday. The Christmas collection is truly important to the Parish's financial health. We ask you to be generous to your parish this Christmas. If your means permit, a donation of \$240 per family will help us meet our financial obligations to the Paterson Diocese for assessments, insurance & benefit premiums, as well as recent repairs and maintenance. There is only one collection on Christmas Day.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Fr. Chris



THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice - that time of year when the sun reaches its Southern most point in the heavens, and the days are the darkest and most gloomy.

Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls.

There they awaited the return of their sun god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "Nativity" of the sun - the turning point of the year.

As Catholic Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the Nativity of the Savior.

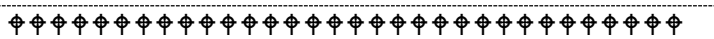
We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday of Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin Mary help us prepare for His saving birth.

Keeping Advent as a time of preparation is not easy. Four suggestions: As you address your Christmas cards, pray for the intended recipients. Secondly, as you clean the house or rearrange the furniture you can use this time to examine your heart and see what needs to be cleaned out (anger, prejudice, hatred, selfishness, grudges) and, thirdly, what priorities might need to be rearranged before we can fully celebrate reconciliation and receive the Lord's forgiveness. Fourthly, read the first two chapters in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, and the first twenty Chapters in the book of the Prophet, Isaiah.

These four suggestions can change the rest of Advent and keep your focus on the coming of Jesus, the Christ child.

Let us pray that during these last nine days before Christmas that our thoughts and actions will continue to strengthen our faith and help us celebrate the Light of the World in our hearts and homes.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



CHRISTMAS CD OFFER from the CATHEDRAL

The musicians at the Cathedral in Paterson, NJ, are offering a CD of 19 freshly recorded Christmas hymns (recorded 8/26). The \$15.75 tax deductible donation helps the homeless & disadvantaged in the Paterson area. For more info take a purchase form from the church vestibule, go to the Paterson Cathedral website, or call Tom Kieren at 973-214-6473, and send form with your check to: Christmas CD Offer, 140 Notch Rd., Oak Ridge, NJ, 07438. Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY

Open Tuesday & Thursday 11-12 and 1:30-3:30
Call for Appointment- Coordinator - Toni Tarighi.

WE ARE OUT OF SPAM, Pancake mix & syrup.

We also need -Coffee, TEA, , sauce, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned meats, fruits, rice & noodle sides.

Frozen foods & Refrigerator items such as butter, & milk.

CHRISTMAS TREES AT ST. PAUL'S ABBEY,
297 Rte 206 So, NEWTON (1 mile south of Newton)

are available for you to choose and cut from now until Dec. 23RD, 9AM - 4PM. Please contact Br. Bernardo Lee, OSB, at 973-383-2470 or www.newtonosb.org for more info and to set up a time to get your tree. **We also have The Abbey Gift Shop** with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts , including books, statues, jewelry and more.



Thank you to all who supported our Pancake Breakfast on November 11th. It is important for our young people to see the Parish community come together in support of this major fundraiser for Religious Education. Special thanks go to all who worked hard to make this happen - the Sophomore class & their parents who set-up, decorated, hosted, and cleaned up. We are also most grateful to Jared Young, our chef & Peter Lavin who assisted as well as Emma Lavin who filled in where needed. Thanks also to Paul Verzi, who purchased all the supplies and to Dave Sturrock of Gatwyn's II who supplied the bacon. The gross profit was \$655 for our Religious Education Retreat program.

Blessings of Peace, Mrs. Jaye Hedrick and Susan Lavin.

THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY is a beautiful reminder of that First Christmas when Jesus was born in a stable. It was donated by Dennis Basso in memory of his parents. The figures are by Fontanini and are made in Italy. The figures are beautiful, and were generously donated by clothing designer Dennis Basso. Take a moment to pause and pray as you pass by the nativity during these days of Christmas.



Painting Classes with Claudia Dungan



Each class will be about 2-1/2 hours long. Fee includes acrylic paint/brushes, easels, & step by step instructions.

Winter Adult Painting Course - 8 sessions- **Sunday afternoons from 2-5 P.M. beginning January 6th. Cost is \$160 per person** + cost of each canvas \$3.

For more info please call Claudia at 973-663-4287.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22: 3:30 - 4:45 PM

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

CHRISTMAS EVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH 5:00 PM & 10:30 PM
CAROLS BEGIN 40 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATE MASS IS AT 10:30 PM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON

NEW YEAR'S LITURGIES

NEW YEAR'S EVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 NEW YEAR'S DAY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

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