

Second Sunday of *Advent*

December 9, 2018

The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament
787 Franklin Lake Road - Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417



Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

SERVED BY:

REV. JOHN R. JOB,
Pastor
MOST REV. JOHN W. FLESEY,
Pastor Emeritus
REV. JOSEPH O'BRIEN, O. CARM.,
Weekend Assistant
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*Director of R.E., Grades 1-9
Local Safe Environment Coordinator*

MASSES

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & Noon
Holy Days: Consult Bulletin for Times
Week Days : 6:45 & 9:15 am
Saturdays: 9:00 am
First Fridays: 9:15 am Mass of Exposition, Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the day, with Benediction 4:00 pm
First Saturdays: 9:00 am Mass of Exposition, Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the day, with Benediction 4:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Center in advance to make arrangements for the date of instructions for parents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Following the daily 6:45 am Mass & the 9:15 am Mass, 4:30 - 5:00 pm. Saturday and also by appointment. (Additional times during Advent and Lent.)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Parish Center one year before the desired date.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Center when a family member is ill, whether in the hospital or at home. Holy Communion will be brought regularly by appointment to those confined to the home. The sick or chronically ill should receive the Sacrament of Anointing. In an emergency, call the Parish Center at any time.

PARISH CENTER
201-891-4200

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201-891-4243

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201-891-4250

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PARISH WEB SITE: www.mostblessedsacrament.ws **SCHOOL WEB SITE:** www.ambs.org

This Week at MBS

Sunday, December 9

- Confirmation Retreat 9:00 am (AMBS)
- Baptism Preparation after 10:30 am Mass (CR)

Monday, December 10

- Core Cornerstone Gathering 7:00 pm (CR)

Tuesday, December 11

- Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 pm (CR)

Wednesday, December 12

- Morning Prayer 9:00 am (Church)
- Mary's Call Prayer Group 7:00 pm (Chapel)
- SSJ Associates Gathering 7:00 pm (CR)

Friday, December 14

- Senior Breakfast Social 10:00 am (AMBS Gym)

Sunday, December 16

- Baptism 1:30 pm (Church)

NEW MASS SCHEDULE IN 2019

Over a year ago it was decided that beginning in 2019, our Mass Schedule on Sundays will be: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 Noon. The Saturday evening 5:30 pm Mass will continue as usual. Please note that the 8:00 am Mass on Sundays will be a "quiet Mass" (i.e., no music). The new Sunday schedule begins with the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6th.



2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year **2020** will open on Monday, January 7th. Details to follow in the coming weeks.




ALTAR SERVERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sign up sheets for the Christmas Eve and Day Masses are posted in the sacristy (for altar servers) and the narthex (for EMs).



Socks Collection for The Covenant House

The SSJ Associates will be collecting NEW socks for the Covenant House in Newark. Please help us by dropping your donations in the Box for Socks in the Narthex of the Church.



Advent

Any family or individual wishing to light the Advent Candle at a weekend Mass should sign up on the sheets in the narthex.



The Christmas Wafer (Oplatek)

Christmas wafers (*Oplatek*) are now available for purchase in the Narthex (\$1.00 per packet). The *oplatek* is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian families during Wigilia (*Christmas Eve Vigil*). This custom of the breaking and passing of the thin wafer *oplatek* bread at the Christmas Eve meal reminds all of us of our daily bread and the Bread of Life who came into the world. The envelope that contains the *oplatek* has a blessing that can be used as you gather around the table.



Parish Confessions

Monday, December 17th & Tuesday, December 18th from 6:30-7:30 pm



Welcome New Altar Servers

Thirteen members of our parish are new to the ministry of Altar Server. We congratulate them and their families. May God bless them in their ministry at the Altar!

- Matthew Albino, Maxim Antaki, Burke Audrey Bello, Sean Benneh, Lisa Conforti, Angelina D'Anna, Lorenzo Guarino, Jessica Jachts, Claire James, Harry Long, Abigail Manning, Joe McLaughlin, and Nicolas Potenza*



Children's Christmas Choir

Sunday Rehearsals: 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23

Christmas Eve Mass: 12/24 4:00 pm

Rehearsals are all after the 10:30 am Mass in the church Sanctuary. We look forward to having your children join us. Thank you, David Mauillo!



Second Sunday Food Collection

This **Sunday, December 9th**, will be the Second Sunday Food Collection. Please drop off all food donations at the Narthex of the Church.

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:11

“A time to be healed”

Parish Sick: Rosa Dragonetti, Anya Fagien, Harvey Clarke, Baby Leah Cicchion, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Danny Muskardin, Doris Doherty, Carlene Gruber, Margherita Chiciulla, Sara Culkun, Lori Alexander (niece of Bert Rottkamp), Christine Wyllie, Beverly Klingler, Mary Dilenno, Jackie Kobes, Michael Maher, Rose McConway, Mimoo Khodadi, Linda Brown Gearity, Florence Gorsky, Marian Jakubik, Alice Peisch, Jeff Cotugno, Robert Cotugno, and Darren Was

“A time to mourn”

Recently Deceased: Alice Boswell and all those who grieve them

“A time for peace”

For national and world leaders and those in the armed services: especially Ronald Anzalone, Greg Mucks and Delaney Williams

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Sunday, December 15

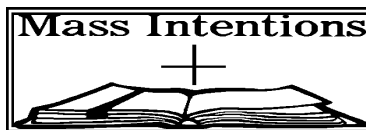
5:30 pm: Redlitz

Sunday, December 16

7:30 am: Heffernan
9:00 am: Cronin
10:30 am: Muro
12:00 pm: Marasco

Thank you

All of us here at Mission of Saint Joan of Arc would like to thank the parishioners of The Church of the Blessed Sacrament for all the beautiful coats which were collected for the people here in our neighborhood of Harrowgate in North Philadelphia. Your donation came just in time for the cold weather. We are truly grateful. Please be assured of our continued prayer for you and your needs. Have a blessed Christmas!



Sunday

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 pm

12:00 pm

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5:30 pm

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7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 pm
12:00 pm

December 9

Parish Family
Irene Hannan (Joy & Stanley Sova)
Catherine & Charles O'Connor (Tom & Noreen Jones)
Mrs. Spanovich (Ricca Family)

December 10

Grace Vitulano (Bigica Family)
John & Anne Loiacono (Family)

December 11

Sauie Dragotti (Family)
Larry Sephton (Bivona Family)

December 12

Anthony F. Marangi (Joan & Joe McAuliffe)
Catherine Cooney (Steven & Catherine Mazzola)

December 13

Loretta Teresa Kelly (Debra M. Perry)
Salvatore Sapienza (Sapienza Family)

December 14

Rose Gray (Marc & Pat Wuensch)
Ellen Collie (George & Lesley)

December 15

Jan Karwowski (Karwowski Family)
Gregory Massood (Family)

December 16

Parish Family
Rachele Burchell (Ballantine Family)
Salvatore Sapienza (Sapienza Family)
Virginia Dittamo (Lorraine & Gene Signoretti & Family)



Join in praying the rosary after every weekday and Saturday morning Masses.



The Bread & Wine

will be offered this week for Gregory Massood requested by Family



The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week for Rose Gray requested by Gerri Scarpa



AMBS is a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School!!!



Thank you for supporting our annual Breakfast with Santa last weekend! Three hundred people attended this magical celebration! Special thanks to all of our wonderful and dedicated parents for volunteering to make the event such a huge success! Our school is truly blessed!!!

Please join us for our Christmas Concert this **Wednesday, December 12**. Performances will be held at 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy our students' hard work and talents!! We'd love to see you!



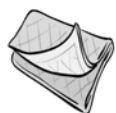
We look forward to hosting the parish senior citizens on **Friday, December 14** for their annual Christmas Breakfast Social!

May God continue to bless our school!!!

Sacramental Linens Ministry

- Sunday, December 9 - Lydia Piacentini
- Friday, December 14 - Barbara Behrens
- Sunday, December 16 - Joy Sova
- Friday, December 21 - Midori Farrell

Please Mark Your Calendars



If anyone would like to help in this ministry, please call Joan McAuliffe at (201) 891-1712. If you are unable to commit to six times a year, consider being a substitute.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you for your generous donation of forty Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy. The baskets were distributed to less fortunate families in Paterson, Newark, East Orange, Irvington and the surrounding areas. Twenty of the baskets were distributed to families through Renaissance Church of Newark to help continue their mission to assist those less fortunate in the community. Once again, the baskets were a blessing to so many people in need this holiday season. Again, thank you for all the hard work and planning that went into putting this all together. It emulates what Thanksgiving was all about in the first place – showing gratitude by sharing our bounty with others. Your generosity and kindness brought out the true meaning of the holiday for me and so many others.

Sincerely,
Theresa Rottkamp Brantly, ISP Officer and
Most Blessed Sacrament Parishioner



Senior Breakfast Social
Friday, December 14th
from 10:00-11:30 am
in the AMBS Gym
Sign up is in the Narthex of the Church
(AMBS Choir will be singing)



Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

CCD Grades 1-8

NO CCD CLASSES: MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th. NEXT SCHEDULED CCD CLASSES ARE MONDAY, JANUARY 7th AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th. HAVE A WONDERFUL, BLESSED HOLIDAY!

Home Study Students

THERE ARE STILL 4 BOOKS FOR HOME STUDY STUDENTS WAITING FOR PICK UP IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE LOCATED IN THE PARISH CENTER. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOOK ASAP. ALL BOOKS AND ONLINE WORK NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 28.

Confirmation Classes

REMINDER: NO Confirmation Class on Monday, December 10th. NEXT SCHEDULED CLASS IS MONDAY, JANUARY 7th.

Please be on time. All classes are mandatory.



Junior High Notes!

This is the second Sunday of our season of Advent, the anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus!

We will resume classes on Tuesday, January 8, 2019!!

Stewardship of Treasure

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”
LUKE 21:28.

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It’s never too late.

December 1/2 Basket Collection: \$12,792.00
Second Collection
(Retirement Fund for USA Religious): \$ 5,880.00
November Faith Direct Giving: \$12,205.00

Thank you for being a part of our Most Blessed Sacrament family. As we are in the last quarter of the year, consider enrolling in electronic giving through Faith Direct.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ133.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God bless you,
Father John



Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club will be serving breakfast on **Sunday, December 16th** from 8:15-11:45 am. Please join us for a delicious “all you can eat” breakfast for only \$3.00 and a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet old and new friends.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Chair Exercises

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am
at the Parish Center



COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP

God bless you for sharing your **NEW or GENTLY** used items with us. **AT THIS TIME WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING GENTLY WORN WINTER CLOTHING.** All donations may be brought to the shed in the back of the parking lot. The key is at the Parish Center. Every donation is a blessing to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Retirement Community.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS

If you are in need of a gift of rosaries, cards or other religious items, please stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish Center to see what is available. All proceeds benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph retirement community.



Sacred Christmas Music CD Offer from The Cathedral

This year, the musicians at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, are offering an hour of 19 hymns of sacred Christmas music with singers from both Broadway and the opera, plus a jazz guitar, flugelhorn, French horn and organ. The \$15.75 per CD is a tax deductible donation and makes an inspirational and durable gift item for around the holidays. Most important, the contribution goes directly toward assisting the homeless and disadvantaged in the Paterson areas. Please make your check out to "Cathedral of St. John the Baptist". For more information contact Tom Kieren 973-214-6473 or astoral140@earthlink.net, and/or send your check with your order form, to Christmas Hymns, 140 Notch Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Special Noon Mass

A special mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on **Saturday, December 15th**, at 12:00 noon. Our celebrant will be Cardinal Tobin. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565.

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Oakland is pleased to announce a new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. *Surviving Divorce* is a twelve week program featuring 30-minute video presentations each week that cover topics such as shock, grief, anger, forgiveness, money issues, the children, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, and remarriage or staying single. Discussion, reflection, and sharing follow. This program is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those who still struggle with issues years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. Participants will find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The program will run on Mondays **starting January 7, 2019**, from 7:00-8:30pm in the Byrne Room in St. Joseph Hall. Space is limited.

The suggested cost of the program for participants (\$15.00) is for the *Surviving Divorce* Personal Guide. All other program materials are free. Please contact the Pastoral Associate, Joel S. Peters, at 201-337-7596, ext. 315 or at joel@olphoakland.org for more information.



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Special Message to Families of RCAN Parishes

Remember your deceased loved ones this Christmas season and join us at December's **Mass of Remembrance** at one of our Catholic Cemeteries (Mass schedule at www.rcancem.org). Bring a personal, non-fragile tree ornament in memory of your loved one to help decorate the Christmas Tree of Remembrance following monthly Mass. In addition, the Catholic Cemeteries Annual Christmas Food Drive is underway. Please bring non-perishable food items such as cereal or canned foods to any mausoleum office during business hours now through January 6th. Or consider donating online at www.rcancem.org/donate. Feeding the hungry is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy and performing this charitable act of loving kindness on behalf of a deceased loved one is a caring gift that truly honors the memory of the faithful departed in a tangible way. **Let's keep Christ in Christmas and help feed the hungry this season.** Thank you.



Candlelight Carol Sing

The 48th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on **Wednesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 13th**, at 8:00 pm (two performances). Doors open at 7:00 pm both nights. Christmas music in nine languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more information call



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

December 9, 2018 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Meeting Our Parish Goal

Thank you for supporting the 2018 Annual Appeal. In order for our parish to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31st. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline.

If you have not yet made your gift, please complete your gift envelope as soon as possible and either send it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark or turn it in to the parish. **As you can see below, we have surpassed our goal in terms of PLEDGES. That is great news! However, we are under our goal in terms of what has been actually RECEIVED.** So please complete your pledge commitment by **December 31st**.

We are able to achieve our goal when everyone does their part. In addition to the programs and ministries directly supported by the Annual Appeal, there are opportunities to benefit our own parish as well! Once a parish achieves their goal, 62% of all funding above that goal will be returned to the parish in the form of a rebate.

Here is how we as Parish stand as of today:

Goal:	\$ 95,837	Donor Received:	\$ 107,977
Pledged:	\$ 110,715		
Over/(Under)		Over/(Under)	
Based on Pledges:	\$ 14,878	Based on Received:	(\$ 2,738)

For those who have supported this effort, THANK YOU for your generosity. For those who have considered making a gift, or are considering an end of year gift, we invite you to view this year's video to learn about the impact your gift will make. You can view it online at www.rcan.org/sharing.

To make an online gift, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Pledge envelopes are found at the exits of the church.