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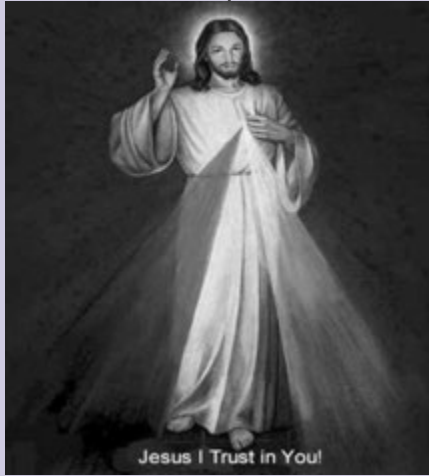
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## PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday  
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2018**

## Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM April through October

**4:00 PM November through March**

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM in English & 12:30 PM Spanish

Holydays: Vigil: 6:30 PM English

Noon, 6:30 PM English., 7:30 PM Spanish

Check the bulletin for Christmas & Easter Schedules

Weekdays: Mon. – Fri.: Noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Monday - Friday after the noon Mass, **3:00 PM Saturday**  
and call the priest for an appointment

**Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Marriage:** A year in advance, Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact a priest at any time.

**Communion calls:** For anyone confined to their home, arrange with the office.

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## Devotions:

**First Friday:** Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 11:00 AM

**First Saturday:** MORNINGS WITH MARY, begins with 9:00 AM Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet and reading diary of St. Faustina:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month before Vigil Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Monday after Mass

**St. Jude Novena:** Thursday after Mass

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## Societies of the Parish:

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos - BLD:** Fri. 7:30 PM - Parish Center

**Filipino Choir – 3rd Sunday, 5:00 to 6:30 PM Church**

**Worship Apostolate, in Room 104**

## Reuniones Hispanas

Eucaristía Dominical: 12:30 PM

Bautismos: Por favor llamar la oficina de lunes a viernes.

Matrimonio: Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación: Confesiones cada Domingo 12 hasta 12:30 PM

Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor llamar la oficina para visitas a las casa o hospital.

Educación Religiosa: 732-382-0004

Coro: Miércoles 7:30 PM

Movimiento Juan XXIII: – Jueves 8:00 PM – Parish Center, Aula 201

Grupo Guadalupano -Martes 7:00 PM - Iglesia

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" - Sábado 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Aula 208

Grupo de Oración - Sábado 7:00 PM Connell Hall

Escuela "Jesus el Buen Pastor" Todos los Lunes, 7:30 PM, clases de Biblia, Connell Hall

## **Second Sunday of Advent** **December 9, 2018**

There is nothing like a straightaway. I refer to a stretch of road that beckons a driver to wed the wheels to an accelerator in full power. "Pedal to the medal" as we say. I ought to know the truth of this because I live near a straightaway, and I have to use it often enough for travel, albeit with my eyes alert for amateur drag racers. For more drivers than I care to count, the speed limit signs are just ornaments. On temperate nights, with my bedroom windows open, I can hear the T-Rex roar of their engines even three blocks away. I imagine frightened nearby deer making U-turns away into a deeper retreat from the macadam madness.

The Scriptural straightway that forms part of John the Baptist's mission is of an entirely different order. It doesn't involve speed or noise or ignoring of the laws of speed and courtesy. Instead, his is a figurative royal highway paved for the feet of the Messiah, as He makes His entry into mission. Later on, it will be the road for pilgrims of faith who will walk behind Him. Hopefully that includes all of us.

During this first half of Advent, before the Church retells us the wondrous tale of Christ's historical birth, she wants us to remain fully aware of His adult mission. As the Anointed One, the Savior of the world, His calling is actually more significant than His Bethlehem birth. We are involved with our baptismal obligation to carry out His mission twenty-one centuries later.

Surely there are obstacles on John's ideal straightaway. Some of them are of our own making. Others are Satan's projects. He above all does not want us ever to follow Jesus. Together, they slow down our progress. That very deceleration can be so pronounced and discouraging that we are tempted to take a detour away from Christ, and these days also from His Church.

What are these roadblocks? None other than temptations to selfishness and sin. Casting about looking for Easy Street as our route of choice through life. Admittedly, the spiritual straightaway is narrow and at times features potholes and faulty paving.

Advent is the season for "highway repair." Only afterwards can we really find our way back to the truth. Then we come to the simple stable scene and begin with a kind of rebirth.

The "detours" so many of us take throughout the year is a reason why "we need a little Christmas", as Auntie Mame sang. The great saving event of Christ's life, made available to us through the sacraments He established, and which perdure through His Church's actions, are the only guaranteed way by which we will all arrive safely at our true home. Curves will straighten and detours avoided through God's saving grace. In the end, maybe it's best to get out of our

imaginary "cars" altogether to complete our mission to others seeking truth. The reason: "People are guided to heaven more by footprints than by guideposts."

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

### **NEW ELECTRONIC BELLS**

New electronic bells have been installed to call us to worship. The pricetag was \$12,507.00. Anyone wishing to donate a portion of the cost is welcome to contact the Parish Office.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A potluck Christmas Party will be held in our Parish Auditorium on Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00 Noon. All are welcome. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

### **SAVE THE DATE**



On Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM, The Choral Art Society of New Jersey will be hosting a Messiah Sing-along right here in Divine Mercy Parish Church. Scores will be available to borrow and audience members are invited to join in singing some of the most beloved choruses of the Messiah, or can just sit and listen. Dr. Martin Sedek, Director of the Choral Art Society, will be conducting the event, accompanied on our pipe organ by James S. Little. There will be a \$10 donation accepted at the door.



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<b>SANCTUARY GIFTS</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>SUNDAY READINGS</b>
Tabernacle Lamp	Fr. Myers	Baruch 5:1-9
Altar Bread	Fr. Hermanns	Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Altar Wine	Msgr. Buttner	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Altar Candles	Fr. Kasper	Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM Mary Pileggi

Sunday, December 9

*Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Gory Ramirez  
 9:30 AM Evelyn & Fred Wolff  
 11:00 AM Damian & Isidra Toque  
 12:30 PM Ernesto Bolanos

Monday, December 10

Noon People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 11

*St. Damasus I, Pope*

Noon John Surma

Wednesday, December 12

Noon Sean Healy

Thursday, December 13

*St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

Noon Margaret Horling

Friday, December 14

*St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

Noon Rosemarie Klandt

Saturday, December 15

9:00 AM Antonio Rodrigues  
 4:00 PM Dec'd of the William Gore Family

Sunday, December 16

*Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Lorraine Burnett  
 9:30 AM Mensak Family  
 11:00 AM Doris Morgan  
 12:30 PM Albert F. Reitemeyer  
 5:00 PM Dionisio Family



Please remember the souls of those who have recently died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them.

**LORD, PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US**



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**DIVINE MERCY KITCHEN & PANTRY**



As we look forward to Christmas, we are in need of funds to continue our mission. We are open every Sunday to serve the needy of our community. Your generosity helps us help the hungry. Thank you for all you have done so far to make this a success. Please help us to continue.

Thank you.



Bill Belig, Edwin and Mary Blazewicz, Ruth Breen, Josephine Brown, Anna Caffrey, Marietta Clark, Kathleen Condron, Kathleen Cremone, Thelma M. Cruz, Nicholas Delmonaco, Marcia Diaz, Santiago Escobar, Eileen Flade, Helen Freshcoln, Rose Geraghty, Christine Gianella, Jose Luis Gonzalez, Nicolette Greco, Margarita Perez Hernandez, Diane Henry, Stephanie Higgins, Mary Ann Hofmann, Solomon Igbinosun, Frank Jacik, Wladyslawa Kalafut, Linda Kasprzyk, Victor Krivitski, Gloria Latherow, Ana Alvarez-Marquina, Kitty McGuire, Janice McEwen, Ida Mele, Lourdes Mendez, Travis Mitchell, Jane Monahan, Ronnie & Guy Morosini, James Mottley, Edward Mowczan, Cesar Nieto, Madison Noguerras, Nicholas Noguerras, Iena Olivo, Gladys N. Rengifo, Gregory Romeo, Ronald Rosivack, John D. Rusin, Jr., Lucille Salvatore, Stewart Santiago, Kelly Scholte, Richard Shackell, Anthony Spadora, Joseph N. Terracina, Sharon Katzenback Wilson, Fr. Peter Vo, Baby Bennett Vogel, Daniel Zur.

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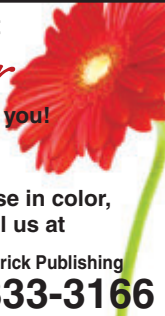


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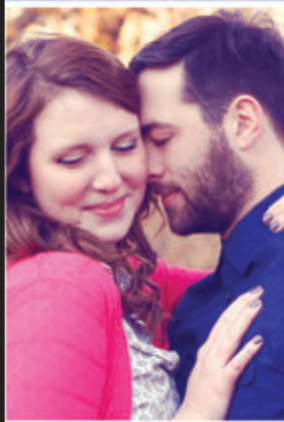
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