

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Catherine West – Anniv.

8:00AM Maia Kiki Tarabokia

10:00AM Emma Abate

12:00PM Vincenzo Venice

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ST. ANDREW

8:00AM Fr. Robert Cozzini &
Fr. Thomas Olsen

11:30AM Tony Mezzich

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00AM Stella & Joseph Oliveri

11:30AM Maria & John Scrivanich

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM Antonio & Maria Hroncich

11:30AM John Morin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00AM Janet Bargna

11:30AM Filomena Pallotta

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM Ints. of Miam He

11:30AM Albert & Robert Knebel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

11:30AM Rocco Parisi

Delia Rosa Quintana

Nicolo & John Scrivanich & Fam.

Nicola Cacciavalli

5:00PM Palma Sileo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Vincenzo Venice

10:00AM Florence & Dominick Legreca

12:00PM Emma Vidovich



ALTAR BREAD

For the intentions of
The Prieto Family

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Gary Lengenti

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Gloria Manganello

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Rose Cerritelli

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Bar 5:1-9

The exiles will be brought back to
Jerusalem.

Psalms 126

The Lord has done great things for us.

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul writes of hope to the Philippians.

Luke 3:1-6

John proclaims a baptism of repentance.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

...And so we begin this season that is meant to prepare us for the great celebration of Christmas...We're meant to do more in this **ADVENT** season than just "shop till we drop"!!!!...We're meant to find a little time in these days ahead for quiet reflection so that we'll be ready to remember the birth of Jesus on that first Christmas...and the promise that Jesus will come again...Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, 14 December at the 7PM **Advent Penance Service**...May your Advent be filled with Peace and New Discoveries about your faith...

...We have three candidates preparing for the initiation sacraments through the RCIA. Sungeun Park, Hadiyah Bahmanabadi, and Mohammad Bahmanabadi will be received through the Rite of Welcome scheduled for next Sunday 6 December at the 10AM Mass...Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare to become a part of our faith community...

...Please plan to be with us on Saturday 5 December in the parish hall as we celebrate our annual fund-raiser for the Confraternity of Christian Women...Come and enjoy a meal...win some prizes...and chat with a fellow parishioner...

**God bless,
Fr. Ken**

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

Nov. 22nd

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the bulletin had to be sent early. We will publish the Sunday Collection for November 22nd on the First Sunday of December.

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

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.

BINGO



Bring your friends along for a fantastic day at our weekly bingo games. We offer **jackpot prizes, progressive, specials and 50/50 bingo games. Doors open at 5:30PM on Tuesday and 10:00AM on Thursday.** Game play begins at 7:15PM on Tuesday, and on Thursday afternoon at 12:15PM.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomers baptized during the month of November:

*Iris Louise Armstrong, Lilliana Natoli Conway, Emily Grace Granados,
Natalie Grace Granados, Mina Marvel Lopez, Vivian Irene Punla*

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Christmas Wreaths are being sold again this year. Orders can be placed by picking up a flyer at the Church doors. Each wreath is \$17, which is payable in full when ordering. You can order for December 5&6 by Tuesday, November 30th. Each wreath is stunningly decorated with pine cones, ornaments and a large red bow.

CONFRATERNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Confraternity of Christian Women and Legion of Mary will have their Christmas Party on Friday, December 18th at the Riverview Restaurant, North Bergen. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. You may pay for your tickets at the rectory.

SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

LAST CALL to purchase tickets for our Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance and Tricky Tray on Saturday, December 5th. It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, raffles, prizes, and holiday cheer. Tickets are \$43.00 per person and are on sale at the rectory. Entertainment by Jumpin' Dragons and food will be catered by The Brownstone – sit-down, all-you-can-eat family style dinner – pasta, salad, sliced sirloin of beef, roast chicken, vegetables, potatoes, ice cream cake, soda, coffee, tea – BYOB.

ICE MELT SALE

We have about 15 – 50 pound bags of Peladow Ice Melt for sale. Each bag will be \$18.00. If you are interested, please call the rectory to reserve your bags.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items all year long. But each year we provide food and a frozen turkey and/or gift card to hundreds of local low-income families for the Christmas Season. If you can donate any food items, we would be very appreciative. Turkeys must be brought into the rectory. **Please do not leave any turkeys in the barrels.** Please leave food at the barrels at the entrances of the Church or bring it to the rectory. Are you wondering what to do with all those complimentary hotel toiletry items you've collected? Bottles of shampoo, soap, and conditioner along with any other unused travel-size toiletries will be well used and much appreciated by the clients of our Food Pantry.

OPEN HOUSE

Queen of Peace High School, 191 Rutherford Place, North Arlington, will hold Open House on Sunday, December 6th at 1:00PM. All boys and girls are welcomed to this Open House.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

On Sunday, December 6th, Saint Joseph Regional High School Montvale, will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10:00AM-4:00PM, showcasing the talents of over 100 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.** For more information visit www.saintjosephregional.org

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

As we enter the holy season of Advent, the rest of the world often knows this as the holiday and party season. Who does most of the decorating, buying, cooking and cleaning up around your home? Is it shared? Is it hectic? Is it too much? Simplify.

PARENTING POINTERS

Do you have a family tradition for how you spend the weekend after Thanksgiving? – Shopping, eating leftovers, playing games, etc. Decide together how best to use your precious family time this weekend. Don't let shopping rob you of what's really important.

**“IF YOU ARE DEPRESSED, YOU ARE
LIVING IN THE PAST, IF YOU ARE
ANXIOUS, YOU ARE LIVING IN THE
FUTURE, IF YOU ARE AT PEACE, YOU
ARE LIVING IN THE PRESENT!”**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no CCD classes for Grades 1-Confirmation on November 29th.

ADVENT OF GIVING

Each year our parish organizes an “Advent Giving Tree” Program, which collects brand-new toys, clothes, and Christmas gifts to benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry Christmas Program. These donated gifts are then distributed to hundreds of local low-income and unemployed residents and their families. Please bring any gifts, toys and clothes to the Advent Giving Tree located to the left of the altar area near the sacristy, or directly to the Rectory beginning on the weekend of November 28/29. All donations must be brand new – *please do not wrap the donations.* For more information, contact the Rectory at 201-943-7320.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE

The Archdiocese Reports all Allegations of Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse also to reach out to the Prosecutor.

Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256. The phone number for the Bergen County Prosecutor within the Archdiocese is 201-226-5689.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dominican College will present a Christmas Concert featuring the Rev. Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00PM in the Hennessy Center, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY. Tickets are \$30 for General Admission, \$25 for seniors and veterans and \$20 for students with a school ID. Concert tickets include a post-performance desert reception. To purchase tickets, please call Mary at 845-848-7406 or email specialevents@dc.edu

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Jean Schwartz, Marion Calabrese, Joseph Mangone, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Nancy Suarez, Louanne Mitchell, Brian Hone, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Linda Shiers, Ralph Cappola, Paula Banitez, Doris Portillo, Sid Berger, Angelica Colavito, Una O'Connor, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Sarah Farid, Carl McManus, Lauren Basso, Corrado Gugliotta, Pietro Gugliotta, Victor Sohm, Bobby Busanic, Alvin Masolotti, Cheryl Barbara, Dr. Richard Ming, Vincent Sariti, Hay Blou Htoo, Kevin Dougherty, Minerva Lugones, Wilma Smithword, Patricia Warren, Bill Kraus, Antonia Picinic, Mickey LoPresti, Dorothy Mazzone, Carmella Carlucci, Eve Keenan, Patsy DeRito, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Coughlan, Debbie Cyr, Laurie Kolan, Samuel Esposito, Silvia Vega, Shirley Gallina, Colin Berg, Hannah Diehl, Angie Cozzitorto, Rose & Giulio Scoccimarro, Gene Spadaccini, Shannon Brenner, Robert Zweiman, Elizabeth Zenorini, Sarah Kiczek, Pat Roamno, Michael Coughlin, Joyce Lind.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Torrey Larsen, Jr., Rev. Robert Brennan.

