

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Sr. Mary Ann Boyle, S.C.  
8:00AM Vera Dragas

10:00AM Donato Scrivanich  
12:00PM Lorenzo Picinic

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21  
ST. PETER CANISIUS

8:00AM Michael August Tabacchi  
11:30AM Emilia DeBenedetto

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00AM Mayor Gerald Calabrese

11:30AM LaPolla & Montesano Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM Mayor Gerald Calabrese

11:30AM Maria Ricci Mattessich

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00AM Mayor Gerald Calabrese

5:00PM Helen DeNicola

10:00PM Margaret Ingenito

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
(CHRISTMAS)

9:00AM Vincenzo Calabrese

10:30AM Maria Lechich

12:00PM Ints. of Andy & Mary Claire  
Mircovich - 25<sup>th</sup> Wed. Anniv.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

11:30AM Anton Jadrosic

5:00PM Dianna Dumond

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &  
JOSEPH

8:00AM Rose Zilocchi

10:00AM Angelina Foglio

12:00PM Anthony Dragas

ALTAR BREAD

For the intentions of  
The Prieto Family

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of  
Gary Legentil

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of  
John Pettrizzie - Anniv.

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of  
The Marino Family

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

The duty to care for one's parents

Psalms 128

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Col 3:12-21

A prescription for Christian family living

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is found in the temple.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

...We getting ready to put up our Christmas decorations and I realized that I'd forgotten to remind you all about our Parish Family Christmas Tree...We're unpacking the ornaments you've put on over the years...but if there are any families who haven't placed an ornament on the tree...please bring one with you from home when you come to Christmas Mass and place it on the tree right near the elevator...We'll bless and light the Parish Family Tree on Christmas Eve...before the 5PM Mass...

...We have three candidates preparing for the initiation sacraments through the RCIA: Sungeun Park, Hediye Bahmanabadi, and Mohammad Bahmanabadi...Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare to become a part of our faith community...

...Make it your business to take a look at the banner that we've put up on the front of the Church on Knox Ave....We've got another to put on the side wall of the elevator entrance - we just haven't found a way to get it up there yet...They're both a gift of the McCorry Brothers Funeral Home and they announce our parish's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration...Our motto for this Centennial celebration is: "A CENTURY WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY"...So!!!...Mark your calendar for the Founders' Day celebration scheduled for the weekend of the Feast of the Epiphany...2/3 January 2015...We'll kick off our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration with a reception in the parish hall after each of the Masses that weekend...Come and see our parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit...have some refreshments...take a look at the slide show...and receive two free gifts - a magnet memento of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a special parish calendar...We've also have made some 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mugs with the parish logo - they'll be on sale for the first time at the FOUNDERS' DAY EXHIBIT for \$7.00 each...If you know people who aren't reached by the banners or by the bulletin - please extend to them a personal invitation to come and celebrate FOUNDERS' DAY...

...As we celebrate this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent we have only 5 days until the great feast. Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a **holy and a happy Christmas**. As we remember the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem so long ago - and as we look forward to the Adult Jesus - our Saviour - coming again...may our hearts be full of the wonder of God's gift of our faith. It truly is a precious gift!

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.

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Collection

\$4,939.35

Assessment Collection

\$1,925.00

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting come to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." - Luke 1:40

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

BINGO



PLEASE NOTE: THAT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, BINGO WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 7:15PM AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 12:15PM. WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2016. WE WISH EVERYONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PEACE-FILLED NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

Ring in 2016 at the Cliffside Park Senior's New Year's Brunch with DJ Nick on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Cost is \$10 per person. Reserve your seat by December 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 7, 2016 which will feature a hot and cold buffet, and a giant screen TV. Cost is \$15 per person. Reserve your seat by January 25<sup>th</sup>. To make reservations, please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

### EPIPHANY FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Come join us in celebrating Epiphany's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with our Founders' Day Celebration on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> with a special 5:00PM Mass and full Wine & Cheese Reception in the Church Hall. The reception will feature an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Come visit with many former priests and Sisters of Charity who once served our parish. Browse a collection of hundreds of historical artifacts, items of interest, and thousands of pictures from Epiphany's hundred-year history. Free commemorative souvenirs will be given to all who attend. If you can't make it for our Saturday evening celebration, come join us before and after all of the Masses on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – we'll be serving bagels, muffins, cake, coffee, etc. **ALL ARE WELCOME – FREE ADMISSION.** Please contact the Rectory by December 22<sup>nd</sup> to reserve your place for either Saturday or Sunday.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Legion of Mary will be having a parish afternoon of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM on the front steps of the Church. All parishioners are welcome as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. Whether you can sing well or not, you are welcomed. Remember: "To sing a joyful noise unto the Lord." No way does it say it has to be good. Please join us to have some fun and show our neighbors we are proud of our faith!

### FULL-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION AVAILABLE

Holy Trinity Church, Fort Lee, is looking for a full-time secretary. Must be professional, organized, proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet, knowledge of Publisher, general clerical duties, and must be able to multitask. Please fax your resume to 201-947-1217 or email [holyltrinity01@gmail.com](mailto:holyltrinity01@gmail.com) For additional information, please call 201-947-1216 and ask for Susan.

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE

#### *We Are All Hurt By Child Sexual Abuse*

When someone commits an act of abuse against a child or youth – whether within the Church or in public schools, town organizations or in homes – all of society suffers. For that reason, the Archdiocese requires everyone who works with children or youth to be trained in sexual abuse awareness and to undergo a background check. By participating in this effort, we all say "We do not condone abuse within the Church, and are taking steps to ensure that it does not." The Protecting God's Children program is a requirement for those working with children, but it is open to all adult parishioners or school parents who wish to learn more about how to ensure safe environments for children and youth in our society. To see a listing of the current sessions of Protecting God's Children, or to learn more about the Archdiocese's policies and procedures, visit the Archdiocese of Newark website at <http://rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/child-youth-protection>.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Lady of Grace Church Choir will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM in the Church, 395 Delano Place, Fairview. Admission is free and refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following the concert.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Christ the Teacher School is participating in the Box Top Education Program again this year. We are asking you, the parishioners, for your help. Please clip off the Box Tops for Education that can be found on many of the products you might already purchase. Each one earns CTT \$0.10. Place them in the box near the elevator of the Church. We thank the parishioners of Epiphany Parish for your continued support.

**"LIFE ISN'T TIED WITH A BOW,  
BUT IT'S STILL A GIFT!"**

### SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

*Thursday, December 24*

Vigil Mass (Children's Choir)..... 5:00PM  
Christmas Eve Mass.....10:00PM

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

*Friday, December 25*

Masses.....9:00AM, 10:30AM (Adult Choir) & 12 Noon

#### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

*Sunday, December 27*

Saturday, December 26.....5:00PM

Sunday, December 27.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

*Thursday, December 31*

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

Friday, January 1.....9:00AM & 11:30AM

#### **PATRONAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

Saturday, January 2.....5:00PM

Sunday, January 3.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

*Founders' Day Exhibit in the Parish Hall After All Masses*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, needs volunteers to: transport long-term residents to and from hospital Masses, to be friendly visitors to those confined to bed or wheelchairs, and to set up and take down altar items for hospital Masses on Saturdays (3:30PM) and Sundays (11:15AM). If you are 18 years of age or older and wish to volunteer, please contact Fr. Editio Gamallo at 201-414-0522 or Fr. John Quill at 201-421-0009 for more information. God will reward you for your kindness.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Dickman, Jean Schwartz, Marion Calabrese, Joseph Mangone, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Nancy Suarez, 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, Alvino Masolotti, Dr. Richard Ming, Vincent Sariti, Hay Blou Htoo, Minerva Lugones, Wilma Smithword, Bill Kraus, Antonia Picinic, Mickey LoPresti, Dorothy Mazzone, Carmella Carlucci, Eve Keenan, Patsy DeRito, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Couglan, Debbie Cyr, Samuel Esposito, Silvia Vega, Colin Berg, Angie Cozzitorto, Rose & Giulio Scoccimarro, Robert Zweiman, Elizabeth Zenorini, Pat Romano, Michael Coughlin, Joyce Lind, Marta Coelho, Margaret Ever, Matthew Rush, Mary Pugliese.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Mary Matarazzo..*

### A TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS

*Keep a touch of Christmas tucked within your heart;  
keep a touch, but share a touch with those both near and  
far. For Christmas speaks of giving to each and  
everyone; did God not give at Christmas His own*

*Beloved Son?*

*Keep a touch of Christmas tucked within your heart; let  
its sacred meaning ne'er from you depart. Keep a touch,  
but share a touch with those along life's way, that each  
may come to realize the truth of*

*Christmas Day!*

*Louise Pinkerton Fritz*

