

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Lucy Damis  
8:00AM Rose Zilocchi  
10:00AM Raymond Kappmeier  
12:00PM Vera Dragas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00AM Luise Romano  
11:30AM Angelina & Alfonso Vigna & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00AM Maria & Mattea Picinic  
11:30AM Angelina & Alfonso Vigna & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

ST. PETER CANISIUS

8:00AM Nicholas Susak  
11:30AM Maria Hroncich

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00AM Nicola Mirkovic  
11:30AM Philip Lapolla

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

ST. JOHN OF KANTY

8:00AM Rosa Alfieri  
11:30AM Maria Rici Mattessich

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:30AM Fidel Alindada, Irene Ongtuaro & Aurora Miguel  
Nicola Mirkovic – Birth.  
Lorenzo & Antonia Picinic  
Patsy DeRito

5:00PM Anthony Mario Picinic, Jr.

10:00PM Mara Magnozzi

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
(CHRISTMAS)

9:00AM Vincenzo Calabrese

10:30AM Maria Lechich

12:00PM Anthony Mario Picinic, Jr.

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of  
Mary Matarazzo

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of  
Pasquale (Patsy) Matarazzo

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of  
Anthony Mario Picinic, Jr.

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of  
Tommaso & Maria Morin

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 52:7-10

Isaiah announces revolutionary news.

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Heb 1:1-6

God's final word to us is his own Son.

Jn 1:1-18

Jesus is the true light; the Word made flesh.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

... I invite you to remember in your prayers our RCIA candidates: Andrew Poye, Jacqueline Poye, Chad Armstrong, and Yvette Melian...Andrew and Chad are looking to convert to the Catholic faith from another Christian denomination...and Jacqueline and Yvette are both baptized Catholics looking to receive Confirmation as adults...They will continue to study and pray with our congregation as they prepare to become members of the Church of the Epiphany at Easter...

...Just a word of thanks to all of you who have donated so generously to the Food Pantry, and I have also noticed a lot of gifts coming in for the Advent Giving Tree. We will be distributing these Christmas goodies on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and I invite you to remember in your prayers all the people who will receive this food and these gifts to brighten their holiday. It is a good sign in a parish when the people understand how to be generous from their heart.

...May your heart be full of the love of Jesus at this time of the year and may your Christmas be holy and blessed. As we conclude this Advent time of preparation and move into the celebration of the great feast, may you and your family be filled with the grace that God gives us at this special time of year.

...This Advent season is the last segment of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year...We close our celebration on Christmas Eve at the 5PM Mass...It's been a wonderful year when we've had a chance to look back at our founders...to remember relatives who drew strength as they worshipped in our Church...to honor and remember in prayer those who passed a strong faith on to us...to hear the call of Jesus to live our own faith with as much gusto as we can muster...and to pass on this great gift of faith to the next generation through word and example...

...With the celebration of our patronal feast of the Epiphany on 8 January 2017, we begin our 101<sup>st</sup> year and our next century...

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.

December 11<sup>th</sup> h

Sunday Collection	\$5,860.00
Immaculate Conception	\$2,057.00
Assessment	\$1,825.00

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." – Matthew 1:24

We should put our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. We should strive to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

BINGO

PLEASE NOTE BINGO IS PLAYED ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM AND ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EVENING OR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please note that there will be no CCD Religious Education Classes for grades 1-7 on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will reopen on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM.

NEW JERSEY'S ADOPTION LAW HAS CHANGED

Beginning January 2, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted.

Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a *Redaction Request Form* which can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>.

The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through their Catholic Charities agencies. If you know individuals that could be affected by the changes to New Jersey Adoption law, please help alert them. Anyone needing assistance can call a **HELPLINE** at 609-989-4809.



**NEW CHURCH HYMNALS**

Our new hymnals are in the Church pews. The expense will be covered by the rebate sent to us by the "We Are Living Stones" Capital Campaign run by the Diocese. If your family would like to memorialize a loved one or simply present the hymnal as a gift from your family to the parish, please use one of the envelopes that are in the pews. The **memorial fee is \$25.00 per book**. We will be placing these memorials in the new books. We are keeping the dedications that were made at the time the old books began to be used and placing them into the Book of Remembrance in the vestibule of the Church.

**ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER**

The Cliffside Park Senior Center presents the following program: New Year's Eve Brunch – December 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:30AM-1:00PM –cost is \$10 payable by December 26<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for this activity, please call 201-943-3768.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION NIGHT**

God has created marriage, a holy union, to mirror His supreme love on earth. At the heart of their married love is the total gift of self that husband and wife freely offer to each other. Because of their sexual difference, husband and wife can truly become "one flesh." Through the language of their bodies, their sexual union recalls their vows: giving themselves to one another in love that is total, faithful, and life-giving. This call to love is to follow Christ himself, who handed himself totally over for his bride, the Church. Spouses imitate him by giving the entirety of themselves to one another, including the gift of their fertility and their openness to new life. Natural Family Planning methods are scientifically proven approaches to help a couple postpone or achieve pregnancy in a way that preserves the true, complete self-gift between husband and wife, the kind of love that brings real, lasting joy and peace. When we embrace God's plan for human sexuality and marriage and follow Jesus, we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives in a powerful way. To learn more, or to hear questions others have asked, please come to an informational session given by the Coordinator of Natural Family Planning for the Family Life Office. It will be held on January 11, 2017 from 7:30-9:00PM at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 220 E. Blancke Street, Linden, NJ Contact Jill Cherrey at 9743-497-4325 or [jillc@joyfilledmariagenj.org](mailto:jillc@joyfilledmariagenj.org)

**THAT NIGHT**

*It must have been a peaceful night  
With a bright star overhead  
A Babe lay in a manger  
As there was no infant bed.  
Angels sang a heavenly hymn,  
The breeze was cold that night,  
The cattle lowed most softly  
In the bright star's glowing light.  
The Mother held her new born Child  
And pulled the wrappings tight,  
The heavens were with glory filled  
And hovered o'er the night.  
Trumpets sounded o'er the land  
To announce the holy birth,  
For just a time it was so calm  
With blessed peace on earth.  
The mother sang a lullaby,  
A cradle song of old,  
Wise Men came from far away  
To give Him gifts of gold.  
It must have been a lovely night,  
Designed from up above,  
When a little Child was born to give  
Redemption, peace and love.*

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2016**

**CONFESSIONAL SCHEDULE**

Monday, December 19.....(Confessions Only).....3:00-4:00PM  
Wednesday, December 21.....(Confessions Only).....7:00-8:00PM  
Friday, December 23.....(Confessions Only).....3:00-4:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

Saturday, December 24.....Vigil Mass (Children's Choir).....5:00PM  
Preceded by Christmas Music.....4:45PM  
Christmas Eve Mass.....10:00PM  
Preceded by Christmas Music.....9:45PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

Sunday, December 25 ...9:00AM, 10:30AM (Adult Choir) & 12:00 Noon

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

Saturday, December 31 (Vigil Mass).....5:00PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

Sunday, January 1, 2017.....9:00AM, 10:30AM & 12 Noon

**PATRONAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

Saturday, January 7.....5:00PM  
Sunday, January 8.....8:00AM, 10:30AM & 12:00 Noon

**TD BANK AFFINITY PROGRAM**

Our participation in the Affinity Program continues. Going forward, the Church will receive \$10 for every existing checking account included in the program and \$50 for every newly opened checking account included in the program. **Nothing is taken from your accounts.** In addition, the **Church** will receive 1/10 of 1% of the average balance of all savings accounts and CDs included in the program. To sign up, please visit the TD Bank at Lafayette and Palisade Avenues.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Amantina Lizarido, William Weitzel, Michael Couglan, Colin Berg, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Ann Callagher, Esther Evertz, Barbara Dooley, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Joann Helmick, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Kathy Herring, Vinka Usalj, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efreem Lavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Sandy Snow, Lydia Locurcio, Kevin Harris, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis, Erica Duran, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Maria Murphy, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Roger Cook, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Baby Ella Grace Gavina, Sister Rosemary McGavin, Luisa Vlacich, Andrew Mircovich, Marie Gagliardi, Richie Menzella, Arianna Cappola, Liberata Tarabocchia, Archbishop John J. Myers.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH**

*Sarpia Balthasar.*

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NEED YOU. FEEL PRIVILEGED  
THAT YOU ARE LIKE A CANDLE  
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WHEN THERE IS DARKNESS!"**

