

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Palma Sileo
 8:00AM Vincenzo Venice
 10:00AM Florence & Dominick Legreca
 12:00PM Emma Vidovich

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE

8:00AM Betty, Elizabeth & Otto Bamert
 11:30AM Mayor Gerald Calabrese
 5:00PM Joseph Ferrara & Adrienne Pellegrino Webster – Birth.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
 BLSESSED VIRGIN MARY*

8:00AM Ernie Sdrigotti
 11:30AM DeCarlo & Bucco Families
 7:00PM Carmela & Attilio Dente

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

8:00AM Andrea & Maria Mircovich
 11:30AM Nicola & Nicolina Pallotta

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00AM Janet Bargna
 11:30AM Donato Balon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

ST. DAMASUS

8:00AM Anthony Paretti
 11:30AM Antonio Mircovich

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 11:30AM Libero & Silvestri Families
 5:00PM Joseph & Grace Fiore

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Martino Tarabocchia
 10:00AM Dinko Busanic
 12:00PM Mark Piccirillo



ALTAR BREAD

*For the intentions of
 The Prieto Family*

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of
 Gary Legentil*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
 Dec'd Priests of Epiphany*

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of
 Sgt. Mark Rafferty*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Zeph 3:14-18a

God is with his faithful people.

Isa 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Phil 4:4-7

Rejoice always, for God is near.

Luke 3:10-18

John prepares the way for Jesus.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

...As we light the second Advent candle on our wreath, we reintroduce ourselves through the words of today's Gospel to John the Baptist...whose calling it is to "prepare the way of the Lord"...it's our calling as well...repentance and forgiveness of sins...and making the winding roads straight...as we prepare a place in our hearts



for the Saviour to dwell...How're you doing with that 15 minutes a day for prayer and preparation for the great feast of Christmas?...Just a reminder: The parish Advent Service is scheduled for Monday 14 November at 7PM...Confession is also available every Saturday from 1-2PM - or by appointment at some other convenient time with me or Fr. Jim...

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

...Come and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Mon 7 Dec. at 5PM or on Tues 8 Dec. at 8AM, 11:30AM or 7PM...we honor Mary as the patroness of our nation and as the first disciple - who shows us how to live as her son Jesus taught us...

...This Sunday is the feast of St. Nicholas - the Bishop whose generosity informed the creation of the figure we know as Santa Claus...Along with the Magi who brought their gifts to the new-born King at Epiphany...we're reminded that this season of giving has a strong Christian basis...the 6th of December is also the first day of Hanukkah this year...Let's pray that these religious customs sustain and support the families of our area and remind us of the generosity we are called to show to one another.

...A ***BIG Thank You*** to all of you who made our Thanksgiving Food Pantry such a great source of caring for our neighborhood...thanks to those who donated...and to all the volunteers who prepared the parcels...and to the parish staff who pitched in to distribute the parcels to those who came to be nourished...

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.

	<i>Nov. 22nd</i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$5,565.85</i>
	<i>Nov. 29th</i>
	<i>\$5,897.94</i>

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." – Philippians 1:9-10
Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

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.

*Due to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be
 No Bingo this Tuesday Night, December 8th.*

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couple who will be married in our Church during the month of December:

Salvatore Avino.....Priscilla Bleffe

"HE WHO GUARDS HIS LIPS GUARDS HIS SOUL!"

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be on Monday evening at 5:00PM and on Tuesday at 8:00 and 11:30AM and 7:00PM. **THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.**

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 by December 17th.

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 8/29. All donations must be brand new – *please do not wrap the donations. Bring in all gifts by December 16th.* For more information, contact the Rectory at 201-943-7320.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Legion of Mary will be having a parish afternoon of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 20th 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!

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated food to our Food Pantry. The response to our request this year was very generous.

Thanks again!
Debbie Bonura

I would also like to thank our dedicated volunteers:

Gail Milone – Assistant Director ECFP

Gloria Bonura	Carol DeSantis	Cathy Eichler
Linda Galasso	Rosemarie Giordano	Iris Henriquez
Caitlin McFadden	Maria Maraia	Louise O'Connor
Sarah Romano	Dorothy Rossi	Barbara Santillo
Carol Weeks	All Other Volunteers	

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners of Epiphany Parish:

We write to thank you for the box tops that you have so generously taken the time to provide for Christ the Teacher School. Last year, with your kind assistance, we raised over \$500.00 for additional school supplies. Our Box Tops collection box disappeared over the summer, so we have made a new collection box and have placed it on the table near the elevator. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education and our Christ the Teacher School because CTT ROCKS!!

With gratitude,

Antonia, Alexis & Ana A. M.,
Christ the Teacher Students

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

All Saturdays in December.....1:00-2:00PM
Monday, December 13 – Advent Penance Service.....7:00-7:30PM
With Individual Confessions.....7:30-8:30PM

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Everyone is invited on Sunday, December 13th at 12:00 Noon Mass for the Opening of the Holy Door at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Those who pass through the Holy Door during the Jubilee Year and fulfill specific conditions will be granted a Plenary Indulgence. Local Churches that have been designated as "Pilgrim Churches" will enable the faithful to gain a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions as those at the Basilica. Some of these Churches in our area are: Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wallington and Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE

The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns

The Archdiocese takes very seriously the needs of victims who approach the Church seeking healing from abuse. In addition to counseling and other support services, the Archdiocese has provided in appropriate cases reasonable compensation to those victims seeking financial settlement of claims of abuse, even after the statute of limitations has passed. The Archdiocese does not require or impose confidentiality agreements on any settlements, and often includes funding for psychological counseling. Money used to fund settlements from abuse cases is provided solely through the Archdiocese's general liability insurance coverage. Although the Archdiocese, parishes and schools pay premiums to purchase this insurance, no parish or school assets, Archdiocesan assets or Annual Appeal or other fundraising collections are used to pay claims from abuse cases.

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, Cheryl Barbara, 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, Laurie Kolan, Samuel Esposito, Silvia Vega, Colin Berg, Angie Cozzitorto, Rose & Giulio Scocimarro, Robert Zweiman, Elizabeth Zenorini, Pat Romano, Michael Coughlin, Joyce Lind, Marta Coelho, Margaret Evers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Joseph Wymbs, Edward Casmir, David Holmes, Rev. Paschal Tsiquaye.

