

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Joseph & Grace Fiore
8:00AM Martino Tarabocchia
10:00AM Dinko Busanic
12:00PM Mark Piccirillo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00AM Ints. of Calabrese Family
11:30AM John Morin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00AM Faye & Joe Brignola
11:30AM Maria & Martin Morin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00AM Jean Maruska
11:30AM Marcella Viscovich

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00AM Mayor Gerald Calabrese
11:30AM Felicia Gonzalez

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM Dora Perkins
11:30AM Emilia DeBenedetto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

11:30AM Rocco Parisi
Edward Karrs
Catherine Pawluk
Roberto Zafrá
5:00PM Sr. Mary Ann Boyle, S.C.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Vera Dragas
10:00AM Donato Scrivanich
12:00PM Lorenzo Picinic

ALTAR BREAD

For the intentions of
The Prieto Family

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Gary Legentil

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Mark Piccirillo

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Maria & Martin Morin

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Micah 5:1-4a

A future king is promised to those in exile.

Psalms 80

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face.

Heb 10:5-10

Jesus was himself the perfect sacrifice.

Luke 1:39-45

Mary's visitation to Elizabeth

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

...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...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 100th Anniversary celebration...Our motto for this Centennial celebration is: "A CENTURY OF CHRIST AND COMMUNITY"...SOOOOOO!!!...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 100th year celebration with a reception in the parish hall after each of the Masses that weekend. Come and see our **Founders' Day Exhibit**...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**...

...Many thanks to all who attended the Tricky-Tray Dinner Dance put on by the Confraternity last Saturday...Good food and music...lots of prizes...and a good time had by all...Thanks to all who helped to put the evening together...

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. 6th

Sunday Collection

\$5,124.11

Retirement Fund for the Religious

\$2,973.00

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." - Philippians 4:6-7

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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.

WAITING FOR LOVE

All are invited to *Waiting for Love*, an Advent and Christmas cantata performed by the Children's Choir of St. Brendan's School in Clifton on December 15 at 7:00PM at Saint Brendan's Church. Written by New Jersey composers Gerard Chiusano and Mary Hochman, *Waiting for Love* unites music and catechesis to bring the story of redemption to life, from the creation through the Incarnation. It is a perfect Advent evening for families. The performance will be live streamed as well; please see www.ocp.org/WaitingForLove for information. Catechists and music directors won't want to miss the opportunity to see this resource in action. Admission is free. Saint Brendan's is located at 154 E. First Street, Clifton.

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 31st from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Cost is \$10 per person. Reserve your seat by December 28th. 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 25th. To make reservations, please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

"YOU SAY 'I'M NOT SMART ENOUGH.' GOD SAYS: 'I GIVE YOU WISDOM!'"

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. Please bring any gifts, toys and clothes to the Advent Giving Tree. All donations must be brand new – *please do not wrap the donations. Bring in all gifts by December 16th.*

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!

BLOOD DRIVE

The Benedict XV Council 2355 will be sponsoring a Fall Blood Drive this Sunday, December 13th in the Bloodmobile in the Church parking lot from 8:00AM-1:00PM. A light continental breakfast will be served in the Church Hall. Donors must be between the ages of 18-75, at least 110 pounds and in good health. Please bring photo ID which is required for registration purposes. Please try to make this one of our most successful drives and thank you for your support.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE

The Archdiocese Has Long Recognized the Pain of Child Sexual Abuse
Since his arrival in 2001 and his participation in the drafting of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Archbishop Myers has on many occasions either individually or with bishops in the United States, with the Holy Father, and with clergy throughout the world in acknowledging publicly the pain that sexual offenders inside the Church have inflicted on the innocent. At Chrism Masses before the entire presbyterate and parish representatives of the Archdiocese, in media interviews, in statements issued by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, and in essays and columns, Archbishop Myers has stated that "a Church which spends the largest portion of its resources and the largest portion of its personnel in serving children, can never, and will never, condone anything which harms those children...We also extend our apology and our assurance of support and help to those who have been harmed and who are seeking healing and support." Beyond words, however, are actions. Assistance to victims, training and background checks of staff and volunteers, reporting accusations to civil authorities, removing clergy with substantial accusations – these are clear indications that the Archbishop and Archdiocese do not condone child abuse. What's more, 20 years ago the Archdiocese was one of the first dioceses in the country to establish a formal Review Board of experts with legal, law enforcement, clinical and investigative background to examine allegations of abuse and recommend to the Archbishop action under Church law.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Lady of Grace Church Choir will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 20th 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.

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. Edivito Gamallo at 201-414-0522 or Fr. John Quill at 201-421-0009 for more information. God will reward you for your kindness.

SPECIAL NOON MASS

A special mass and support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 29 Legion Place, Closter, on Saturday, December 19th at 12:00 Noon. For information, please call 201-768-7565.

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 Couglin, 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 Evers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Michael Guba, Agnes Bean.

