

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Ottavio Martire  
8:00AM Anton & Emma Vidovich  
10:00AM Carlo Buonsanto  
12:00PM Patrick & Elaine Gratale

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00AM Domenica Mattessich  
11:30AM Lisa Mazzola

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00AM Joel More  
11:30AM Maria, Felizardo, Filomeno &  
Santos Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ST. ANDREW

8:00AM Gaudenzia Piccini  
11:30AM Tony Mezzich

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00AM Ints. of Jim Tucker  
11:30AM Eleana Morin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM Celia Gandara  
11:30AM Maria Mattesic

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

11:30AM Nick Morin  
John Van Buskirk  
Bridget Burns  
Roseann McDermott  
5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Beatty Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Dennis Ferrante  
10:00AM Maria & Luke Jurovich  
12:00PM Filomena Pallotta

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of  
Mary Matarazzo

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of  
Pasquale (Patsy) Matarazzo

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of  
David Mihalinec

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 11:1-10

Isaiah's poetic yearning for the one who  
will restore peace to Israel

Psalm 72

Justice shall flourish in his time.

Rom 15:4-9

Paul prays for hope and harmony.

Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist preaches repentance.

**"A FRIEND IS SOMEONE  
WHO REACHES FOR YOUR  
HAND BUT TOUCHES  
YOUR HEART!"**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

...This weekend is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and as we begin our preparation for the Great Feast of Christmas...and as we begin our new Church Year...we'll be blessing and using for the first time **our new HYMNALS...**

...The period of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas puts a lot of pressure on each of us and increases our level of activity...we get concerned about all kinds of things...to the point where we can forget what this Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season is all about...Jesus came among us...AS ONE OF US...to teach us about the Kingdom and to call us to holiness...and to save us from our sins...

...The Babe who came to Bethlehem is our Saviour and Lord...Let's try to find 10 minutes a day...(more if you can)...this Advent to be with Jesus in prayer...*every day*...to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas...because...after all...**Jesus is the reason for the season!!**

...**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...

...May this Advent Season of prayer and preparation touch our hearts...strengthen our faith...and help us to be grateful for the parish that gives us life and helps us to grow closer to God...

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.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the bulletin deadline of November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday Collection for November 20<sup>th</sup> and Black & Indian Collection for Catholic Relief Services will be placed in the December 4<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." – Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly Communion Mass on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 5:00PM Mass. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your Medal.

RETIREMENT COLLECTION FOR THE RELIGIOUS

The financial needs of the Religious Congregations especially during these days of economic stress continue to call upon the generosity of our people. The number of retired men and women in Religious Life increases every year and with that their need for their living and health care. With the costs of healthcare increasing and the income of religious communities decreasing, today many communities struggle to care for their elderly members. The aging men and women count on the generosity of those who were beneficiaries of their tireless ministry and they pray for their donors. The collection will be the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please note that there will be no CCD Religious Education Classes on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 on the side of the main altar beginning on the weekend of November 26/27 until December 16<sup>th</sup>. All donations must be brand new – *please do not wrap the donations*. For more information, contact the Rectory at 201-943-7320.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We had a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick a few weeks ago. If you were unable to come to the Anointing because you are not ambulatory and wish to be anointed, please call and arrange for a priest to come to your home.

### NEW CHURCH HYMNALS

Our new hymnals have arrived. The expense will be covered by the rebate sent to us by the "We Are Living Stones" Capital Campaign run by the Diocese. We are going to begin using them in Church on the First Sunday of Advent at the end of November. Between now and then, 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 as we put them into the pews. As we dispose of our very old hymnals, 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.

### 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 3 & 4 by November 28<sup>th</sup> or for December 10 & 11 by November 5<sup>th</sup>. Each wreath is stunningly decorated with pine cones, ornaments and a large red bow. Proceeds will benefit the painting of the elevator lobby.

### 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.

### 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.

### 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

**ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS** for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Dinner/Dance to be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30PM. It will be a Beefsteak Dinner catered by Giresi's Caterers and music will be by the Jumpin' Dragons. Ticket price is \$45 per person. A sit-down all-you-can-eat beefsteak dinner includes the following: relish tray, filet mignon, ziti, French fries, fresh fruit platters, ice cream dessert, coffee, tea, beer and soda. BYOB. There is a vegetarian dinner option which should be stated at the time of ticket purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 8:30-11:15AM concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Come and spend time with Our Lord.

### 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

We now have available Christmas Ornaments commemorating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **They are \$3.00 each and can be purchased at the Rectory.**

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you receive weekly envelopes, there is an envelope for Christmas Flower Offerings. You may give your donation in memory of a loved one or simply just as a gift from your family. If you do not receive envelopes but wish to make a donation, please use a blank envelope and put Christmas Flower Offering on the envelope as well as your intentions. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A US CITIZEN?

Are you interested in becoming a citizen of the United States? Catholic Charities can help with completing your application N-400 at one of our FREE workshops. Free consultations on the 1<sup>st</sup> and last Friday of the month: 10AM-12 Noon. To become eligible for citizenship, you must be at least 18 years old; permanent resident for 5 years or married for 3 years to an American Citizen; no extended period outside of America. They are located at 976 Broad Street, Newark. You may contact them by calling 973-733-3561 ext. 206.

### ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The Cliffside Park Senior Center presents the following program: New Year's Eve Party – 9:30AM-1:00PM. To sign up for this activity, please call 201-943-3768.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Linda Shiers, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Dorothy Mazzone, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Couglan, Colin Berg, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Mary Pugliese, Ann Callagher, Willie Soto, Esther Evertz, Barbara Dooley, Anthony Cherkashyna, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Joann Helmick, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Kathy Herring, Vinka Usalj, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efremlavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Sandy Snow, Lydia Locurcio, Kevin Harris, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Rev. James Carroll, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Ann Castrianni, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis, Erica Duran, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Thomas Chasmer, Florence Hoffman, Ryan Handschin, Michael Duddy, Maria Murphy, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Roger Cook, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Baby Ella Grace Gavina, Eleanor Gavina, Sister Rosemary McGavin, John Padovan, Luisa Vlacich.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Francia Frantin.*

