

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Beatty Family
 8:00AM Dennis Ferrante
 10:00AM Maria & Luke Jurovich
 12:00PM Filomena Pallotta

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00AM Gaudenzia Piccini
 11:30AM Albert & Robert Knebel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00AM Andrio & Maria Mircovich
 11:30AM Elvira Capriccio – Birth.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

8:00AM Anita Falcaro
 11:30AM Victoria Morales
 7:00PM Carmela Carlucci

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

ST. JUAN DIEGO

8:00AM Celia Gandara
 11:30AM DeCarlo, Bucco & Fiore Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

11:30AM Donato Balon
 Antonio & Rosa Donato–Anniv.
 Mary Newell
 Patsy DeRito
 Ints. of Andrew Mircovich
 5:00PM John & Marie Evers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Dinko Busanic
 10:00AM Carmela & Attilio Dente
 12:00PM Antonio Mircovich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
 Mary Matarazzo

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
 Pasquale (Patsy) Matarazzo

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
 David Mihalinec

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
 Ernie Sdrigotti

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:
 Isaiah describes the fulfillment of human
 longing.
Psalm 146
 Lord, come and save us.
Jas 5:7-10
 A call for patient waiting
Mt 11:2-11
 Jesus fulfills Isaiah's promises.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

...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 100th 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 101st 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...

...This weekend at the 10AM Mass our **four RCIA candidates** will be introduced to the parish through the Rite of Welcome...I invite you to remember in your prayers Andrew Poye, Jacqueline Magalhaes, 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...

*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>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>November 20th</i>
<i>Black & Indian Collection</i>	<i>\$5,418.00</i>
	<i>\$1,326.00</i>

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>November 27th</i>
	<i>\$6,064.00</i>

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." – Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH DUE TO THE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be on Wednesday at 5:00PM and on Thursday at 8:00 and 11:30AM and 7:00PM. **The Rectory office will be closed.**

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 until December 16th. All donations must be brand new – *please do not wrap the donations*. For more information, contact the Rectory at 201-943-7320.

ASSESSMENT COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be our Assessment Collection which is sent monthly to the Archdiocese.

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.

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 10 & 11 by December 5th. 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.

**"SOMETIMES YOU ARE UNSATISFIED
WITH YOUR LIFE, WHILE MANY PEOPLE
IN THIS WORLD ARE DREAMING OF
LIVING YOUR LIFE!"**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00AM-12 Noon in the Church Hall. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee and tea. Donation is \$5.00 and tickets can be obtained at the rectory. Reservations are required

100TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

We now have available Christmas Ornaments commemorating our 100th 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 1st 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 973-733-35616 ext. 206.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Peace on Earth Good Will to Men, a Christmas Concert, will be presented by Our Lady of Grace Church Choir, Fairview, on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00PM. All are invited to attend.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The Cliffside Park Senior Center presents the following programs: December 16th –Cliffside Park Housing Authority Holiday Party – 6:00-10:00PM; December 20th – Pre-K Holiday Concert – 9:30AM; December 21st – Dinner & Movie – "Love the Coopers" - \$5.00 – 4:00PM; December 22nd – Nutrition Ed with HUMC @Palisades -10:45am; New Year's Eve Brunch – 9:30AM-1:00PM –cost is \$10 payable by December 26th. To sign up for any of these activities, 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, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Coughlan, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Kenneth Kulig, Nikola Mezo Morin.

