

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Marie Martire
 8:00AM Anita Falcaro
 10:00AM Ints of Anton & Maria Morin –
 50th Wed. Anniv.

12:00PM Dominick & Florence Legreca

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

8:00AM Domenica & Antonio Hroncich

11:30AM Filomena Pallotta

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00AM Deceased Priests

11:30AM Albert & Robert Knebel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

ST. NICHOLAS

8:00AM Andrew & Maria Mircovich

11:30AM Elvira Capriccio

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE

8:00AM Betty, Otto & Elizabeth Bamert

11:30AM James Morin

5:00PM Joseph Ferrara & Adrienne

Pellegrino Webster – Birth.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00AM Maria Yun

11:30AM Ernie Sdrigotti

7:00PM Carmela & Attilio Dente

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

11:30AM Dinko Morin

Anthony Thomas Ricioppi

Vincent Culletton

Doreen McEhaney

Jim Jerry Duffy

Natalie Lopac

5:00PM Mary Palumbo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Dinko Busanic

10:00AM Donato Balon

12:00PM Luca & Maria Morin

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Martire, Abate, Stancato –

Grandparents

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Anna Mattessich

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

John Bucco

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Maria Yun

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

“Comfort, give comfort to my people.”

Ps 85

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us
 your salvation.

2 Pt 3:8-14

The day of the Lord will be unexpected

Mt 1:1-8

The Baptist foretells the Messiah's coming

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

...This weekend is the First Sunday of Advent and as we begin our preparation for the Great Feast of Christmas...we begin our new Church Year.

...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 Savior 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!!**

...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.

Sunday Collection

November 19th

\$4,741.00

Assessment Collection

\$1,187.00

November 26th

Sunday Collection

\$5,444.00

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” – Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time – our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

BINGO



THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be at 5:00PM on Thursday evening and on Friday at 8:00 and 11:30PM and 7:00PM. The Rectory Office will be closed on that day.

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 health care 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. We ask for your kind generosity to the servants of the church who find themselves in need. The collection will be this weekend.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

On Sunday, December 10th, Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10:00AM until 4:00PM, showcasing the talents of over 125 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.** Visit www.saintjosephregional.org



SAVE THE DATE – GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

ONLY FOUR WEEKS LEFT TO welcome in the New Year with your Epiphany Family. We will be having a Gala New Year's Eve Party, with all the trimmings, on Sunday, December 31st. Party will be held from 7:30PM-12:30AM. Dinner will be catered by Romans Italian Restaurant, New Milford. Music will be by Starlight Productions - featuring D J Nick. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and available for sale at the Rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9th at 9:00AM at Sacred Heart Church, North Bergen. If you plan on attending, please call Epiphany Rectory at 201-943-7320. There is no charge for this breakfast but a free good-will offering will be taken.

ADVENT OF GIVING

Throughout Advent our parish will be collecting brand-new toys, clothes, and Christmas gifts for our annual Advent Giving Tree Program. These donations are then distributed by the Epiphany Community Food Pantry to hundreds of local residents and families who are in need this Christmas Season. We are in need of an assortment of donations: Men's Clothing, Women's Clothing, Children's Clothing, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Household Items and Toys.

Donations must be brand-new and in original packaging.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR DONATIONS.

Please bring all donations to the Advent Giving Tree (located on the left side of the altar area) or directly to the Rectory Office. **All donations must be received by December 14th.** Contact the Rectory with any questions. As always, thank you for your generosity!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33) Advent has begun. Each day try to notice one act of helpfulness or kindness that your beloved does. Don't take each other for granted.

PARENTING POINTERS

Advent begins December 3rd. Although too often considered as the Christmas shopping season, our Church reminds us that it is a time to "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33) During this Advent each day watch your child and note one kind, joyful, or positive act.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK AND FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PATRICK

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is leading a pilgrimage to Ireland next March doing the footsteps of St. Patrick and Our Lady of Knock Shrine over St. Patrick's Day. Cost is \$2499.00 per person including airfare from Newark. There will be breakfast and dinner daily and mass will be celebrated daily. For a flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE wreaths at a cost of \$17.00 each. Wreaths will be ready for pick-up on December 9th and 10th. Proceeds will benefit the new Rectory boiler. Wreaths must be paid in full when ordering.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a combined Christmas Party on Friday, December 15th at 6:00PM in the Church Hall for members of the Confraternity of Christian Women, Food Pantry Workers, Bingo Workers and Legion of Mary. Cost is \$15.00 per person payable at the rectory. Also, there will be a grab bag gift for \$15.00. You will pick out a name prior to the party.

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.

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 or use one of the Christmas Flower envelopes at the Church doors. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

MASS BOOK FOR 2018

The Mass Book for 2018 has opened. **Three additional Masses may be reserved by parishioners and non-parishioners at this time.** Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Candles, Bread and Wine and Altar Flowers can also be reserved.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, George Landeck, Brother Peter Lyne, Lou Barricella, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Erika Duran, Cora Shaffer, Nicky Sertich, Sr., Bruno Matesic, Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokija, Ms. Ann, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Evelyn Roquemore, Joseph Weiss, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Eda Bussanich, Barbara Bicocchi, Doris Zinna, Rev. Kevin Murphy.

“A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO REACHES FOR YOUR HAND BUT TOUCHES YOUR HEART!”

