

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Amoroso Family
 8:00AM Tony Bussanich
 10:00AM Rita Garritano
 12:00PM Joseph Caroleo
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
 8:00AM Alfred Leubert
 11:30AM Bozo, Maria & Anthony C.
 Morin & David Mihalinec

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00AM Ints. of Cronin & Boddie Fam.
 11:30AM Nikolina Matesic

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00AM John & Nicolina Mattessich
 11:30AM Flora Dellicona

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

ST. PETER CANISIUS

8:00AM Gary Sidney
 11:30AM Maria Busanic

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00AM Louis M. Botto & Family
 11:30AM Joseph Thompson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

11:30AM Anna Nicolich
 John Bucco
 Arline Buda
 Joseph Gullace
 Natalie Lopac
 Ilonka Krizman

5:00PM Ottavio Martire

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00AM Ana Matesic
 10:30AM Maria Rici Mattesich
 5:00PM Rocco Suriano
 10:00PM Maria Busanic

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Martire, Abate, Stancato –
 Grandparents

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Anna Mattesich

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

John Bucco

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Luisa Vlacich

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

2Sm 7:15, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Promise of an heir from the house of
 David
Ps 89

For ever I will sing the goodness of the
 Lord

Rom 16:25-27

Everyone is offered salvation through
 Christ

Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces the
 prophecy's fulfillment

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

...Our Cantor Sara and her husband Chad Armstrong are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Theodore Anthony. We congratulate Sara, Chad and little Iris on this new member of their family.

...**PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION** to the schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses. They are listed here in the bulletin. Save yourself a phone call to the rectory and cut out this small piece and put it on your refrigerator so that you will have the schedule for the holyday masses. **PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY!**

...Just a word of thanks to all of you who have donated so generously to the Food Pantry, and I have also noticed a lot of gifts coming in for the Advent Giving Tree. We will be distributing these Christmas goodies on Monday, December 18th and I invite you to remember in your prayers all the people who will receive this food and these gifts to brighten their holiday. It is a good sign in a parish when the people understand how to be generous from their heart.

...CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT

Monday, 18 December from 3:00-4:00PM

Wednesday, 20 December from 7:00-8:00PM

Friday, 22 December from 3:00-4:00PM

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD.

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>November 26th</i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$5,506.00</i>
	<i>December 3rd</i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$4,814.00</i>
<i>Religious Retirement Fund</i>	<i>\$2,529.00</i>
	<i>December 8th</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception Collection</i>	<i>\$1,879.00</i>
<i>National Shrine</i>	<i>\$ 596.00</i>
	<i>December 10th</i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$5,555.00</i>
<i>Assessment Collection</i>	<i>\$1,669.00</i>

'Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.' – 1 Thessaloians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

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. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BINGO BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S. IT WILL RESUME AGAIN ON JANUARY 4TH.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The following are activities at the Cliffside Park Senior Center: December 20 – Dinner & Movie – Elf – 4:00PM - \$5.00 by 12/18; December 21 – Cliffside Park Kindergarten Holiday Visit – 9:45AM.

“GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!”

SAVE THE DATE – GALA NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

DON'T FORGET 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 DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and available for sale at the Rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

RECTORY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following are the Rectory Office Hours from December 22nd through January 2nd:

Friday, December 22nd.....9:00AM-6:00PM
Saturday, December 23rd.....10:00AM-2:00PM
Sunday, December 24th, Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th..... **Office Closed**
Wednesday, December 27th 10:00AM-6:00PM
Thursday, December 28th..... 10:00AM-6:00PM
Friday, December 29th.....10:00AM-2:00PM
Saturday, December 30th..... 10:00AM-2:00PM
Sunday, December 31st, Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd.....**Office Closed**

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate our parishioners who attend Paramus Catholic High School and who achieved First Quarter Honors: Kelsey Contreras – Grade 10 and John Anthony Romano – Grade 9. We wish them much luck in their future endeavors.

LOOKING FOR ALUMNI OF EPIPHANY SCHOOL

The 1958 graduating class of Epiphany School is planning a 60th Reunion for the fall of 2018. We are also inviting other classes to join us as we celebrate our years at Epiphany School. If you wish to be included in this list, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so that we may be able to contact you for this event.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Lady of Grace Church will hold its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00PM in the church at 395 Delano Place, Fairview. The Music Ministry has expanded so along with the Choir, the parishioners of the Spanish, Italian and Portuguese Music Ministry will be performing. The YCT youth group along with the students of Our Lady of Grace Academy will be part of this program. Admission is free and refreshments will follow. Relax and enjoy a very special spiritual and peaceful Sunday afternoon.

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

*In cradle rude on manger hay, the newborn Baby Jesus lay.
Mary and Joseph proud vigil kept, the holy Infant smiling slept.
The cattle and sheep beside Him stayed, warm shields from blowing cold winds made.*

Wise Men and shepherds journeyed afar, led by light from a shimmering star. Angels rejoiced in songs of good will, the wondrous events in stable so still.

Gold, incense and myrrh, gift treasures to greet the little Christ Child, gentle and sweet.

A shiny, bright halo encircled above the cradled dear Baby, surrounded by love.

Peace, faith and hope for our future were born, a joyous world's Gift on that first Christmas morn.

Elizabeth Weaver Winstead

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24TH

Saturday, December 23rd5:00PM
Sunday, December 24th.....**9:00AM & 10:30AM ONLY**
NO 12:00 NOON MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM
Christmas Eve Mass.....10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

9:00AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, December 27th11:30AM ONLY

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 31

Saturday, December 30.....5:00PM

Sunday, December 31.....**9:00AM & 10:30AM ONLY**

NO 12:00 NOON MASS

NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS, SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY

9:00AM & 11:30AM ONLY

Tuesday, January 2nd.....11:30AM ONLY

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., Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokia, Ms. Ann, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Joseph Weiss, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Angie Vigna, Vladimir Lopac.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Helen DeSoccio, Maria Morin, Evelyn Roquemore, Rev. Michael Santoro.

