

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:30 A.M. Sofia Totino
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Kathleen Della Terza

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:00 A.M. Elizabeth (Betty) Gantert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:00 A.M. Fr. James Hertel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

8:00 A.M. Mildred Bezold (9th Anniv)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH – Immaculate Conception

8:00 A.M. William & Robert Rech
10:00AM Sharon Barrick
7:30 P.M. Robert Dour & Stella Padlo Memorial Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:00 A.M. Lena Friscia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

9:00 A.M. Erwin Muench
5:00 P.M. William J. Bagdon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30A.M. Maureen Bryce
12:00P.M. Mary Jo Rowley

SCRIPTURES:

December 11th – Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: ISAIAH TELLS US THAT WHEN CHRIST COMES, THE WEAK WILL BE MADE STRONG, THE DEAF WILL HEAR, THE BLIND WILL SEE, AND ABOVE ALL, "SORROW AND MOURNING WILL FLEE."
(-ISAIAH 35: 1-6,10)

SECOND READING: AS THE FARMER WAITS PATIENTLY THROUGH WINTER AND SPRING FOR THE "YIELD OF THE SOIL" SO, TOO, MUST WE WAIT PATIENTLY FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH.
(JAMES 5: 7-10)

GOSPEL: WHILE IN PRISON, JOHN SENDS A MESSENGER TO JESUS TO ASK, "ARE YOU HE WHO IS TO COME OR DO WE LOOK FOR ANOTHER?" JESUS REPLIES BY CITING THE MIRACLES HE HAS PERFORMED FOR THE BLIND, THE DEAF, AND THE CRIPPLED. HE CONCLUDES BY IDENTIFYING JOHN AS THE MESSENGER HE HAS SENT TO PREPARE THE WAY. (Matthew 11: 2-11)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-December 4th

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down & thrown into the fire."
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th - is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 10:00 AM and 7:30PM. Come worship with us.

MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** the offering is \$15.

RCIA next meeting-Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30pm in the Rectory. Topic: Liturgical Year/Immaculate Conception.



Religious Education has **Advent Wreath sets available.** This practice is a good way to spiritually celebrate this tradition as a family. This year, Advent begins Sunday, November 27th. **Cost- \$16.** Please see Jaye Hedrick or call the Religious Education Office-- 973-663-0124 to purchase a set.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, December 11th- 8:45Am –A-Week (Pre-K) classes
10:30 AM – 6th Grade A & B Class Mass & Jesse Tree
Sunday, December 18th- 8:45Am –B-Week classes

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, December 11th -6:30-8:00PM -A Week classes
Sunday, December 18th -6:30-8:00PM -B Week classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Saturday, December 10th – 10:00AM – Freshman Retreat
5:00pm – Rite of Investiture- Parents presence requested.
Sunday, December 11th -6:30-8:00PM classes
Sunday, December 18th – 6:30-8:00pm (Sophomores)

DECEMBER 18TH -3:00 PM – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIRS NOW FORMING. COME JOIN US!

For more information please contact Therese Butler at 908-303-9402/ musicministry.olsos@gmail.com

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held **Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 PM** in the All-Purpose Room. Our middle and high school students will participate. **Rehearsals:** Sun. Dec 4th -w/older children-6:45-7:45pm, Sun. Dec 11th—full cast -except angels- 7-8 pm.
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 17th full cast with angels—1-3pm. Sunday, Dec.18 –all- last run through 1:30pm.
NOTE: Refreshments needed-call Stephanie 973-713-7548.



PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT-refreshments will follow.

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:
Msgr. Leo Carey, Msgr. Pat Brown, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Fr. Ray Pavlick, Sr. Rosemary Mc Sorley, Vivian Beyel, Vincent Hicks, Tina Mele, Dorothy Coale, Gloria & Frank Nolte, Tommy Vacca, Joseph Gorman, Carol Aulbach, Barbara & Chris Young, Thomas Herr, John Ulianiello, Mary & Michael Dalessio, Michael Kilroy, James Coughlin, Jr., Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.



THE GIVING TREE: is located in the statue alcove at the back of the Church. We are asking each family to purchase a gift for a boy or a girl with a tag marked (boy or girl and age appropriate). **Please do not wrap gifts. Deadline - Sunday, December 11th.** Gifts will be brought to Jefferson Recreation for the Jr. Women's League to distribute.

THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, **December 3rd and 4th. Give to those who have given a lifetime.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift today for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous in this Second Collection.



CYO BASKETBALL Sunday, December 4th

3 Home games-1:00pm, 2:15 & 3:45pm. For more information contact Steve Nizio, 201-214-1058,

staroftheseaad@gmail.com

MANY HANDS MAKE FOR A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

Now that Thanksgiving has passed it is time to write a note of thanks to all who made this Thanksgiving so special. Two weeks before Thanksgiving I had doubts that we could meet the needs of all those who requested baskets this year. Fortunately, I found I had no need to worry.

The economy, though in better condition than previous years, has slowed recently, leaving many families to continue their struggle to make ends meet. However, our Parish Family came through once again. Many people called the rectory to find out what foods were in short supply. The PBA brought us 18 turkeys and 9 hams. People of the parish came through again and shopped to provide more than enough turkeys for our baskets. Food also came from Jefferson Recreation, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and Little Learner Academy, who between them came up with 25 boxes of food. We also received 15 baskets of food and turkeys from Pope John High School and many bags of canned goods from Girl Scout Troop #111. Many, many, people made this all happen.

On Sunday, November 20th, our eighth grade Religious Education students and catechists had plenty of food to fill all 55 baskets, and distributed about 20 that day. Turkeys were dropped off as late as November 22nd, the second day of distribution.

The people who helped to distribute the baskets did a wonderful job and I want to thank them by name. They were: Ed Young, Jeanne Monaghan, Marilyn Di Gennaro, as well as Debbie Ferguson from Hurdtown Methodist Church. They also helped us finish the Christmas mailing.

The Thanksgiving Baskets are organized through the Religious Education Program in coordination with our food pantry, and I want to give a special thank you to Susan Lavin, Jaye Hedrick and Toni Tarighi for their tireless efforts in ensuring that the project went off as planned. I thank all those who donated money towards our gift certificates and all those who dropped off food and turkeys.

Through the generosity of so many people fifty seven families enjoyed a special Thanksgiving in our area, and we will be able to assist Hurdtown Methodist with their Christmas baskets in addition to helping Ed Young with a winter dinner at the Soup Kitchen in Dover.

I thank you all. May the Lord Bless You.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Chris



The Jefferson Community Players present a radio play for Christmas—"THE BISHOP'S WIFE"- Dudley, an angel, is sent to remind a Bishop & his family of the true meaning of Christmas. **Featuring: Jeff Rattner, Christine Dour & Michael Dour** - Sunday, Dec. 4th at 2 pm, Jefferson Senior Ctr.-54 Schoolhouse Rd., Oak Ridge. **Free Admission & Refreshments. No reservations needed.**

FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM, 1:30-3:15PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.

Pantry Coordinator – Toni Tarighi.

Needed: **COFFEE, CHILI, CEREAL, CANNED**

MEATS/ hash, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, pasta sauce, juice, oatmeal, canned pasta, SOUP, PORK & BEANS, carrots, spinach, peas, canned fruits, deodorant, 2-in-1 shampoo, toothpaste, dish & laundry detergents. REFRIGERATED: milk, eggs, yogurt, frozen foods, bread. **Shoprite cards also accepted.**

CHRISTMAS TREES AT ST. PAUL'S ABBEY, 297 Rte

206 So, NEWTON (1 mile south of Newton) are available for you to choose and cut from now until Dec. 23RD, 9AM – 4PM. These trees have been planted and cultivated by the priests and brothers at the Abbey. Contact Fr. Odilo Yi, OSB, at 973-383-2470 or www.newtonosb.org for more info and to set up a time to get your tree. **We also have The Abbey Gift Shop** with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts including books, statues, jewelry and more.



DONATE A POINSETTIA –you can help our Church look beautiful for Christmas by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The donation is \$25.00. Envelopes are in the pews today, or call Patricia at the rectory at 973-663-0211.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will hold its December meeting on **Monday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM** in the Church Hall. At this meeting we will accept unwrapped infant items sizes 0-24mos. as well as toiletries, clothing & phone cards to be distributed to the mothers at Birth Haven for Christmas. This is our last meeting until March, and our Christmas Party, with a hot meal. We hope to see everyone there.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS® Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus in Mt. Arlington on receiving the Columbian Award for activities that support the parish and church communities. If you have ever wondered what the Knights do or considered joining please feel free to contact us. If you have a few hours a month to as little as a few hours a year you can make a difference in your parish and community. For more info call Kevin Cullen 973-668-5161.

Thanks to a generous benefactor from our parish, who wishes to remain anonymous, Our Lady Star of the Sea has received a brand new Roland Digital Piano from the Music Den in Randolph. The piano is being donated in memory of Margaret Campbell Rogers. We are truly grateful for this beautiful new addition to our Church and music ministry.



SPECIAL COLLECTION December 10-11: will be taken to help with the \$14,000 restoration & repair costs *for our stained glass windows*. Envelopes will be in the pews next week. Thank you for your generosity.



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