

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

8:30 A.M. Msgr. Patrick Panos
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Giuseppa Garzia

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

8:00 A.M. Erwin Muench

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Patrick Panos

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

8:00 A.M. Lyn Schoonover

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00 A.M. Bill McDonald & Marie McDonald-Kalb

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

9:00 A.M. Sr. Eileen Dolan

5:00 P.M. Edward Diodato

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:30 A.M. Sofia Totino

10:30A.M. People of the Parish

12:00P.M. Kathleen Della Terza

SCRIPTURES:

December 4th – Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PASSAGE, A MESSIANIC PROPHECY, ISAIAH EXULTS IN THE COMING OF THE LORD, WHO WILL BRING JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL. (ISAIAH 11: 1-10)

SECOND READING: PAUL REVEALS TO US THE NECESSITY OF LIVING IN PEACE AND HARMONY. HIS WORDS, "ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, THEN, AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD," ARE AS NEEDED TODAY AS THEY WERE IN PAUL'S OWN TIME.

(ROMANS 15: 4-9)

GOSPEL: JOHN THE BAPTIZER PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS. CLOTHED IN A GARMENT OF CAMEL'S HAIR, HE BAPTIZES THE PEOPLE IN THE JORDAN RIVER, BUT WARNS THE PHARISEES IN RINGING TONES THAT THEY MUST GIVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY MEAN TO REFORM. (Matthew 3: 1-12)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-November 27th

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come", says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all that they have and all that they are and strive to live in readiness awaiting His coming.
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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, November 29th, 7:30pm in the Rectory. Topic: Tour of the Church..

BAPTISMS- will be performed on Sunday, November 27th at 1:00 PM.



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.

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.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27TH -NO CCD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, December 4th- 8:45Am –B-Week (Pre-K) classes
10:30 AM – CLOW

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, December 4th -6:30-8:00PM -B Week classes
Sunday, December 11th -6:30-8:00PM -A 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

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

Thank you to all who supported our Pancake Breakfast on November 6th. It is important for our young people to see the Parish community come together in support of this major fundraiser for Religious Education. Special thanks go to all who worked hard to make this happen – the Sophomore class & their parents who set-up, decorated, hosted, and cleaned up. We are also most grateful to Jared Young & Bob Watts- our wonderful chefs. Thanks also to Paul Verzi, who purchased all the supplies. The profit was \$570 for our Religious Education Retreat program.



Blessings of Peace, Mrs. Jaye Hedrick and Susan Lavin.

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Msgr. Leo Carey, Msgr. Pat Brown, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Fr. Ray Pavlick, Sr. Rosemary Mc Sorley, Lena Friscia, Tina Mele, Dorothy Coale, Gloria Nolte, Tommy Vacca, Joseph Gorman, Carol Aulbach, Barbara & Chris Young, Thomas Herr, John Ulianiello, Mary & Michael Dalessio, Fr. Brian Fletcher, Michael Kilroy, James Coughlin, Jr., Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.



ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate flowers for the church in memory of a loved one, or of an occasion e.g. birthday; please call Rectory 973/663-0211. Cost \$60-\$75. **This weekend's flowers were donated by the Soltysik family in honor of their deceased family members.**



THE GIVING TREE: is located in the statue alcove at the back of the Church as of today. 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 next 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.

COME, LORD JESUS

Each year the Church invites us during the four weeks of Advent to remember the long years of darkness before Jesus came as a "light" into our world. Our Advent Wreath is a reminder that the birth of Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us, sharing our lives. His life is the "light" showing us the way. It is also a reminder that we must work at preparing our hearts for Jesus to come into them once again.

Our Advent scriptures present us with models for our reflection: Isaiah who yearned for the coming of the Lord, John the Baptist who announced the presence of Christ in our midst, and Mary who was transformed by grace from the first moment of her existence. Like Isaiah, we are reminded to look forward to Christ's glorious return. Like John the Baptist, we are called to recognize Christ's presence among us and our need for repentance, and, like Mary, we are asked to embrace the will of God in order to prepare a place for Christ in our hearts.

During the first week of Advent we encourage you and your family to decide what you will do together to make these four weeks a meaningful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. In the midst of shopping and the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is important that we take the time to reflect on the **REAL MEANING** of this special season. Plan realistically and concentrate on doing one or two activities as well. The whole point is not to allow yourself to get so busy that Advent gets crowded out.

Some family activities might include:

1. Making an Advent Wreath together & lighting it weekly.
2. Choose a Krist Kindl and secretly do nice things for this person during Advent.
3. Invite each person to make a special Christmas tree ornament.
4. Search into your "roots" and discuss how your family has celebrated Advent down through the years.
5. Sit down as a family and draw up your Christmas list. Decide some personal way you might express the spirit of Christmas by giving the gift of "self" out of love.
6. Share your thoughts about these questions:
 - a. How would Jesus want His birthday celebrated today?
 - b. In the past what has meant the most to you at Christmas?
 - c. How can our celebrating focus more on people than on things?
7. Have a family Prayer Service for Blessing the Tree and Blessing the Manger. (there are papers in the back of the church with suggested prayers and activities)

May your Advent preparations enable you to experience more fully the Joy and True Meaning of Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Chris



BUS TRIP TO THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SHOW -- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2016. 7:30PM Show. Orchestra Seats – Bus/Ticket Price \$106 each. Call 973-663-0211 to reserve seats. Bus leaves parking lot at 4PM. Join us for this special holiday treat. Payment due by November 28th.

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 the true meaning of Christmas. **Featuring Jeff Rattner, Christine Dour & Michael Dour** -Sat. December 3rd-7pm, Sunday, Dec. 4th at 2 pm, Jefferson Senior Ctr-54 Schoolhouse Rd. **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: **CANNED MEATS/ hash, TEA, COFFEE, CHILI, CEREAL,** juice, peanut butter, jelly, **pasta & sauce, oatmeal, potato buds/sides, canned pasta, red & black beans, rice SOUP, cranberry sauce, STUFFING, corn, carrots, beets, peas, fruits,** mac & cheese, **2-in-1 shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, dish & laundry detergents.**

REFRIGERATED: milk, eggs, yogurt, frozen foods, bread.

Shoprite cards also accepted.



TRICKY TRAY THANK YOU

This year's Annual Tricky Tray, held on Oct. 28th, was very successful. There were over 200 trays and specials filled with food and drink, toys, fitness and household items, beautiful handmade items and holiday items. Our specials included such items as a Smart TV, Lenox dishes, Electronic fireplace, and tickets to the Rangers & Devils games, as well as, gift certificates from many local restaurants and stores. We would like to express a thank you to our CYO basketball players and coaches for setting up for us on Thursday night and takedown on Friday night and to Dottie Santasieri and her daughters for running with the trays to the lucky winners. Thank you to our CCD teachers and classes for donating such beautiful trays and to our parishioners who donated and also came to support the event. A big thank to our Rosarians who worked so hard to bring this event together by soliciting, baking and putting up signs. A very special THANK YOU to our chairperson, Sue Sacino, who stayed on top of the donations after sending out the mailing to our vendors. A special thank you to Cheryl Kaelblein and her kitchen helpers for managing our kitchen so well. To our wrapping crew, who spent many hours making the trays so beautiful! Thank you for a job well done!! **Save the date for next year: Friday, Oct. 27, 2017**
Gratefully yours, Grace Siller, President, Rosary Altar Society

FAMILY PROMISE is in RESIDENCE November 27th - Sunday December 4th. Anyone who can help with food, or time please contact **Donna at 973-663-3312, or Monica at 973-663-5335.**



CYO BASKETBALL Sunday, November 27th
3 Home games. For more information contact Steve Niziol, 201-214-1058, starofthesead@gmail.com

An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.



- We, who have so much to do, seek quiet space to hear your voice each day.
- We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.
- We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
- We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.



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Thanks for all your help, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.