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December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 28, 2020 - September 6, 2020

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. Arrangements for the Baptism should be made at least one month in advance. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage according to the Common Policy of the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey. Either the bride or groom must be registered with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of every Catholic. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of their collection envelopes. When moving, please notify the rectory office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2019**

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the LORD” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.

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PRAYING OF THE ROSARY

Saturday, December 14th,
at 12:00 PM inside
Our Lady of Sorrows
Church

*For Conversion, Salvation,
World Peace and
Personal Intentions*



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one or special intention. These flowers will be placed on the Altars of the Church during the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket, mail, or drop it off at the Rectory office.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin’s Day, November 11. This “Saint Martin’s Lent” extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter’s fast would

give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn’t pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior’s coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called “Winter Lent,” “The Nativity Fast,” or “Christmas Lent,” and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ
Thursday, December 5
Patriotic Rosary 7:00 PM
Holy Mass 7:30 PM
All are welcome.
*Sponsored by the Archdiocese of
Newark, Office of Evangelization*

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SHUT-INS
Those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes during the Advent Season, may call the Rectory during office hours to make the necessary arrangements.



MARTHA MINISTRY

The Martha Ministry will meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM. Come help us maintain our Church in beauty and order to honor God. The next date is December 21st.

**CHRISTMAS
MASS REMEMBRANCE**

All Masses on Christmas Day, including the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM, will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, named on the Christmas Mass Remembrance and Spiritual Bouquet envelopes. **The Spiritual Bouquet Christmas cards are available for a donation of \$5.00** and are located in the vestibule of the Church and at the Rectory office during office hours. Kindly complete the front of the envelope and return it with your donation of \$5 per name. Place it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory office. The greeting card and envelope are yours to present or keep. All intentions will be placed on the altar during all Christmas Masses.

ADVENT

Let’s approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

—Anonymous

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS
Envelope No. _____
Name of Donor: _____
In Memory of: _____
Two names maximum per request of \$10.00



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Ray Blair, Anne Caveney, Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, James Kashauer, Tom Kashauer, Edward McBride, Kathleen Podlaski, Joe and Barbara Russell, Jose Sanchez, June Struziński, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick"**.

May God grant them healing.



Saturday
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Monday
7:30 AM

Tuesday
7:30 AM

Wednesday
7:30 AM

Thursday
7:30 AM

Friday
7:30 AM

Saturday
7:30 AM

November 30

Daunoras and Kaselionis Families
Req. Kathy Daunoras

December 1
Vida Bilaitis Williamson
Req. Barbara Rokas

Richard, Tommy and George Fudali
Req. Kathleen Fudali

December 2
Mary Donorovich
Req. Madeline Pavel

December 3
People of the Parish
Req. OLS

December 4
Jessica Mangrella
Req. Toni Solano and Vincent Mangrella

December 5
Louis Gray
Req. OLS

December 6
Gloria Marie Kluss
Req. Walter Joseph Kluss

December 7
Mary Donorovich
Req. Linda Reina

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM

10:30 AM

December 7
Nick and Donald Zuza
Req. Esteves Family

December 8
Chris Najuch
Req. John and Alice Keogh
Richard and Paul Fudali
Req. Kathleen Fudali

THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 7/8		
	LECTOR/MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	L. Mackalonis J. Morton	Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen, Vincent
8:00AM	C. Danzi/A. Martinez	Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle
10:30AM	W. Kluss/L. Muldoon	Kayla, Savannah, Alexandra, Vanessa, Haley



Due to the production schedule, the collections for December 1st will appear in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS WAFERS



The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored "Old Country" traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table covered with a white cloth, under which there is straw, as a reminder of the Holy Child's Manger in Bethlehem. As the members share this "bread of peace and reconciliation" they wish one another happiness and joy for the Christmas Season and the New Year, mutually asking and receiving forgiveness for any hurts or offenses they may have been guilty of during the last twelve months. Wafers are available from the ushers or at the Rectory during office hours. Cost \$5.00.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
2:30 PM—4:30 PM

Pick up Christmas Wreath orders in the Church Hall.

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

2nd collection

Church's Higher Energy

No Religious Education classes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 PM Advent Penance Service

St. Cecilia Church

7:15 PM Adult Christmas Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 PM Fr. John's Bible Study
St. Cecilia Rectory Basement

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2nd collection: Feast of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Religious Education classes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Patronal Feast day of the of Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Adult Christmas Choir Practice.

Choir Practice resumes Monday, December 16th, at 7:15 PM.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 1, 2019



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...

People of the Parish / OLS

SANCTUARY LAMP...

People of the Parish / OLS

ALTAR CANDLES...

People of the Parish / OLS

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