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## November 29, 2020 FIRST 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 27, 2021 - September 5, 2021

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 Cath-  
olic. 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

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

WATCH THEREFORE;  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,  
WHETHER IN THE EVENING;  
OR AT MIDNIGHT,  
OR AT COCKCROW,  
OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35

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## A RESTART

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

## BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

## WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37



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 **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, June Struzienski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**  
**May God grant them healing.**

**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. The envelopes for the Christmas flowers are located on the table in the back of the Church. Please place it with your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory office mail slot.



**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 at the Rectory office. Kindly contact the Rectory office to arrange a time to pick up the wafers. Cost \$5.00.



**GIVING TREE 2020**

This year's Giving Tree, like everything else in 2020, will be very different. Since there can be no contact with families, we will be supporting the Town-wide Kearny Holiday Network. They can use Food Gift cards for any amount (please label the amount) and for Teens, \$10-15 Gift Cards to local businesses, such as Natas and Bowls, Pizza Places, Bakeries, or any other small stores where teens can shop. We will then also be supporting local businesses. Gifts must be returned by December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please put the gift cards in the Collection basket or drop in the mail slot at the Rectory.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

**Advent is a Perfect Time for Reconciliation.**

It is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Please join us on **Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. Cecilia Church. (Please note corrected time.)**



**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**



**Saturday 5:00 PM** **November 28**  
**Serafenas and McShulskis Families**  
 Req. Dot McBride

**Sunday 8:00 AM** **November 29**  
**Juan Lago**  
 Req. Maria Lago and Family

**10:30 AM** **George Farrell**  
 Req. Irene Potts

**Monday 7:30 AM** **November 30**  
**People of the Parish**

**Tuesday 7:30 AM** **December 1**  
**People of the Parish**

**Wednesday 7:30 AM** **December 2**  
**People of the Parish**

**Thursday 7:30 AM** **December 3**  
**People of the Parish**

**Friday 7:30 AM** **December 4**  
**Souls in Purgatory**

**Saturday 7:30 AM** **December 5**  
**In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday 5:00 PM** **December 5**  
**Nick and Donald Zuza**  
 Req. Esteves Family

**Sunday 8:00 AM** **December 6**  
**Gloria Marie Kluss**  
 Req. Walter Joseph Kluss

**10:30 AM** **Special Intentions of Sarah Manaois 18th Birthday (Living)**  
 Req. Harry and Teresa Manaois

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

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**



**Altar Bread & Wine...**  
 George Farrell / Irene Potts

**Sanctuary Lamp...**  
 George Farrell / Irene Potts

**Altar Candles...**  
 George Farrell / Irene Potts



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One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.  
 —St. Nicholas

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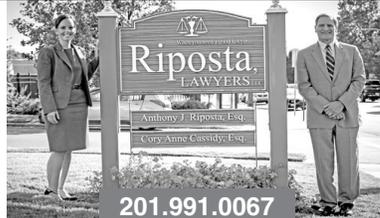
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