

**MASS INTENTIONS  
DECEMBER 4 - 12, 2021**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4  
VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
5:30 PM +Our Deceased Parishioners

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7:30 +Pauline & Charles Giamonco  
+Charlie & Kay Tedeschi  
9:30 +Jack Pricken  
+Joan Healy  
11:30 +Lou Guida  
+Marge Tremain  
+Virginia Savancea  
+Anthony Balloutine  
5:30 PM +Our Deceased Parishioners

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
11:30 +Franciscan Mass League

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7  
VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
11:30 +Virginia Massood  
7PM +Fr. Christian Camadella, O.F.M.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8  
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
11:30 +Donald Hayden  
7PM Español

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
11:30 +Mary Nugent

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
11:30 +Irene D'Arco - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
11:30 +Joan Ferrary

**VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
5:30 PM +Josephine Szczomak  
+Joseph Higgins  
+Joseph Trawinski  
+Ray Beesley  
+Joseph Torres

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7:30 +Our Deceased Parishioners  
9:30 +Maria Francesca & Marie Scorzo  
+Salvatore Giudice  
11:30 +Gaetano & Providenza Turdo  
+Msgr. Mark Giordani  
+Angelina Tollis  
5:30 PM +Our Deceased Parishioners

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**  
*Articles for the December 12<sup>th</sup> Bulletin  
should be in the Parish Office  
no later than Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>.*



*EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS of  
Bread & Wine are offered this  
week in Memory of  
Joseph Higgins*



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this  
week in Memory of  
Joseph Higgins*

**WEAR PURPLE  
ON THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT**  
Advent is a time of preparation and joyful expectations. It is also a time of penance and sacrifice. The season was known as a "little Lent." The penitential color of purple makes an appearance during Advent, the organ is muted, and the Gloria – one of the most festive hymns of the Mass – is not sung. During Advent, our thoughts, even on Sunday, should be on preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming.

**ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS NOVENA**  
Week 7 of our Christmas Novena  
on Tuesdays  
at the 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM Masses.



**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**  
Bishop Manning Hall  
December 5 10:30 – 11:30 AM All Grades  
December 12 10:30 – 11:30 AM All Grades  
December 19 **NO CLASSES**  
December 26 **NO CLASSES**

✠ pray for the deceased ✠

*DECEASED FRANCISCAN FRIARS*



**Pray For  
The Sick**

Sr. Jean Amore, S.M.I.C.,  
Sr. Ann Elizabeth Bolte, S.M.I.C.,  
David D'Arco, Ann Dorning, Kelly Fleming,  
Sasha Gibbons, Wendy Gonzalez, Gregory Hodkinson,  
Grace Olivo, Esther Petrucci

*If you would like to add a name of a sick person to this prayer list, please call the Parish Office.*

**FIRST COLLECTION**

November 21.....\$2,764.50  
Thanksgiving, November 25.....\$621.00  
November 28.....\$2,456.50

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Help aging religious.** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

**Thank you for your continuing support.**

**Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Fundraiser**

*To our family at  
St. Bonaventure  
We would like to thank all of you for your  
contributions and support for our  
Crohn's & Colitis fundraiser  
in memory of our dad, Jack Pricken.  
It meant so much to all of us.  
God bless you.  
Sincerely,  
The Pricken Family*

**THANK YOU!**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FR. DAN, FR. FRANK AND ALL MY FRIENDS AT ST. BON'S FOR THEIR GOOD WISHES AND CONCERN FOR MY WELL BEING. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.  
TONY ORLANDO**



**GIVING TREE**

**If you have taken a tag, please return a gift to ensure that every child will receive a gift. If you do not have the time to purchase a gift, you can leave a monetary offering at the Parish Office.**

**The tree will remain up through  
Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
and Gifts MUST be back at that time.  
Thank you, Jeanne Beagin**

**CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE**

**Proceeds to benefit  
St. Bonaventure Church  
Donation: \$5.00 per ticket or  
a book of 5 for \$20.00  
Drawing Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.  
Tickets may be purchased  
after every Mass or  
in the Parish Office.**

**St. Bonaventure's Religious Formation  
Winter Coat and Accessory Drive**

*Won't you help someone stay warm this winter?  
If you have gently used coats, scarves, hats, and gloves,  
please consider donating these items. We are taking all  
sizes. Please drop off your items after Mass at Bishop  
Manning Hall.  
We will accept donations through  
Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*

**CHRISTMAS TREES AT ABBEY IN NEWTON**

St. Paul's Abbey, on 289 Route 206, Newton, Nj 07860  
one mile south of Newton,  
has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut  
7 days a week until  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM.  
  
The Abbey Gift Shop also has many items that make  
ideal Christmas gifts, including books,  
statues, jewelry and more.

**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

***Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM***  
for those preparing for or recovering from surgery,  
for the seriously ill, and the elderly.

**SAINT BONAVENTURE CHURCH**  
**Paterson, NJ**

**PARTICIPATION OF OUR PARISH**  
**IN THE 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS**

**From Advent    November 28, 2021**  
**Until Easter    April 17, 2022**

Dear Parishioners,

The Diocese of Paterson has recently published a ***Plan for the Preparatory Phase for the 2023 Synod of Bishops***. As you have heard by now, the title of the Synod is "For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission."

**A Synodal Church is one that listens to its members.** Opportunities for such listening here at St. Bon's have been slim in the last several years. The Synod creates the opportune time to come together on the local level to speak and to listen. We look to the future of our parish as well as the future of the Universal Catholic Church in the world.

In order to do that well, we have created several occasions to gather between Advent and Easter. Listed here are several dates and times. Come to one, to some, or to all the sessions! We will gather in the Church Hall under the church, unless noted otherwise.

Saturday, December 4, 2021	10:00 – 11:30 AM	
Sunday, December 5, 2021	12:45 – 2:15 PM	(Tailor Shoppe, under sacristy)
Saturday, January 15, 2022	10:00 – 11:30 AM	
Sunday, January 16, 2022	12:45 – 2:15 PM	
Saturday, February 5, 2022	10:00 – 11:30 AM	
Sunday, February 6, 2022	12:45 – 2:15 PM	
Saturday, March 5, 2022	10:00 – 11:30 AM	
Sunday, March 6, 2022	12:45 – 2:15 PM	
Saturday, April 2, 2022	10:00 – 11:30 AM	
Sunday, April 3, 2022	12:45 – 2:15 PM	

We live in joyful hope that most if not all of our parishioners find at least one or the other (or more than one!) of these times agreeable to your schedule so that you may participate in the Synod. Actively participating in one or more of these times is considered actively participating in the Synod. Please join in the unity and communion of fellow parishioners. Participate in these listening sessions. Enter into the Mission of the Church by joining us for worship, good discussion, and meaningful ministry in the life of this community of faith.

Before our meetings, it is good to read the following paragraphs. Let our conversation begin with open minds and hearts, and in the presence of the Holy Spirit of God who enlivens us for new life and insight!

Peace and good to you and to your families,

Fr. Daniel, O.F.M.

Pastor

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**“The Church recognizes that synodality is an integral part of her very nature.** Being a synodal Church finds expression in ecumenical councils, Synods of Bishops, diocesan Synods, and diocesan and parish councils. **There are many ways by which we experience forms of “synodality” already across the Church. Yet being a synodal Church is not limited to these existing institutions.** Indeed, synodality is . . . a style and a way of being by which the Church lives out her mission in the world. **The mission of the Church requires the entire People of God to be on a journey together, with each member playing his or her crucial role, united with each other.**

The Second Vatican Council reinvigorated the sense that all the baptized, both the hierarchy and the laity, are called to be active participants in the saving mission of the Church (LG, 32-33). **The faithful have received the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation and are endowed with diverse gifts and charisms for the renewal and building up of the Church,** as members of the Body of Christ. **Thus the teaching authority of the Pope and the bishops is in dialogue with the sensus fidelium, the living voice of the People of God** (cf. Sensus Fidei in the Life of the Church, 74).

The path of synodality seeks to make pastoral decisions that reflect the will of God as closely as possible, grounding them in the living voice of the People of God (ICT, Syn., 68).

In this light, **the objective of the current Synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, and especially to those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times.**

The theme of the Synod is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.” The three dimensions of the theme are communion, participation, and mission. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the vital pillars of a Synodal Church.

**Communion:** By his gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that he offers to his people. . . It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit. *Together, we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, through the living Tradition of the Church, and grounded in the sensus fidei that we share.* We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God’s call for his people.

**Participation:** *A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. . . Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit.*

**Mission:** The Church exists to evangelize. . . This Synodal Process has a deeply missionary dimension to it. *It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. . . [S]ynodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God’s kingdom.”*

## Implications

1. The primary stance and attitude for all involved in this process ought to be one of **non-defensive encounter, attentive presence and active listening**. To approach this process first with something to say, or with the intention of telling others what they need to hear, is to miss the original invitation and intent of the Synod to listen and discern together.
2. “Synodality,” in some ways, is already built in to the being and structure of the Church; **these ways need to be specified, affirmed and encouraged**. These synodal bodies include the Presbyteral Council, the Diocesan Pastoral Council, parish councils, advisory boards, education councils, etc.
3. “Synodality,” in the current moment and in faithfulness to Vatican II, should **move beyond the mechanisms and institutions already in place to enter into greater listening and dialogue with the entire People of God**.
4. The preparatory process is **intended primarily for the baptized**, to be allowed to express the *sensus fidelium* and to be heard in the life of the Church, and also to learn how to listen to those on the peripheries.
5. The **first movement** in the process involves the entire Church, **laity and hierarchy in communion, listening to and discerning the Holy Spirit’s guidance and direction** through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.
6. The **second movement** involves the participation of the entire Church **in listening to one another and to those who are of particular concern to Jesus**, i.e., the poor, marginalized, vulnerable and excluded.
7. The **third movement** is for the Church to **incorporate the fruits of this process**—the attitude of respectful listening, reverence for the other, and responsive love—in the way she engages the world and bears witness to the Gospel.