

**MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 9-17, 2024**



Saturday, November 9th
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm For Our Living & Deceased
Parishioners

Sunday, November 10th
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am † Dawn Cardone
9:30 am † Cosmo & Rose Sciancalepore
11:30 am † Glen Bartman
† Gaetano & Providenza Turdo
† Eugenio Geracitano
5:30 pm Misa en español

Monday, November 11th
St. Martin of Tours Veterans Day
11:30 am † Janet Chidiac

Tuesday, November 12th
St. Josaphat, Bishop, and Martyr
11:30 am † Marie Carroll

Wednesday, November 13th
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
11:30 am † Anthony Tudda, Jr.

Thursday, November 14th
11:30 am † Harry Romeo

Friday, November 15th
St. Albert the Great
11:30 am † Louise Guzowski

Saturday, November 16th
St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude the Great, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary
11:30 am † Vincent Bustar
4:00 pm † Josephine & Michael Szczomak
† Nicholus Mongiardi

Sunday, November 17th
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am † Edward Barbary
† Mario, Susan, & Myrtle Nocera
9:30 am For Our Living & Deceased
Parishioners
11:30 am † Anita Semo
† Mary Hannigan
5:30 pm † Noel Imbachi
† Luis Iturre Alarcon



***EUCHARISTIC GIFTS**
of Bread & Wine are offered
this week in Memory of
Marie Carroll*



***SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn
this week in Memory of
Marie Carroll*

**Articles for the November 17th bulletin
are due in the parish office by Friday,
November 8th.**

COLLECTION

Sunday, November 3rd \$ 3,148.00

Thank you for your continued support.



**CONFESSION
EVERY SATURDAY 1-2PM**

**CONFESIONES TODOS LOS SABADOS
DESDE LA 1 HASTA LAS 2PM**

✠ pray for the deceased ✠
Eleonora "Lina" Buffa 1939 - 2024

Lina was born in Italy and resided in Woodland Park. Lina was a devoted and loving homemaker to her family. She was a faithful parishioner of St. Bonaventure. Lina was predeceased by her husband. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, her sister, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

May she rest peacefully in the Lord.



**WEEK 4 OF OUR CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO
ST. ANTHONY NOVEMBER 12TH AT 11:30am**



Sr. Jean Amore, S.M.I.C., David D'Arco, James Dean, Ann Dorning, Luca Favia, Kelly Fleming, Sasha Gibbons, Rick & Carol Ann Gigli, Gregory Hodkinson, Lisa Guarente-Hogan, Mohammad Muslih, Grace Olivo, Joseph Pezzano, Ronald & Nana Piazza, Richard Prospero, Richard Ruggiero, Alyssa Stepneski, John Szczomak, Jean Trommelen, & Bonnie Windley

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #240

Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray

November 16, 2024, at 6:00PM

Bishop Manning Hall.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person.

Please contact Grand Knight Patrick Murray at 973-296-3793 for tickets. They will also be sold after all masses and in the parish office.

No tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IN OBSERVANCE
OF VETERANS DAY.**



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS NOVEMBER 28 - 9:30 AM

Let Us Give Thanks!

*God has blessed us with many good gifts!
The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday and Friday.*



Thanksgiving Bountiful Basket

God has blessed us with many good gifts and blessings – let us share with our brothers and sisters of the community by donating fresh fruits and vegetables, a non-perishable item, or canned goods.

Please bring your donated item to church on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024, at 9:30 am Mass and place it in the baskets set up for food collection. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions contact Teresa Gallo-Tomcho at tgallo1130@yahoo.com.

ST. BONAVENTURE PRAYER GROUP

St. Bon's Prayer Group has been meeting since 1992. Many parishioners have joined us through the years, and some have steadfastly stayed since the beginning. We meet each Tuesday morning in the Tailor Shop.

We start at 10:00 AM and end with Mass at 11:30 AM. Each week we will do morning prayer, read the Gospel for the up-coming Sunday, and discuss how it can relate to our everyday lives.

This is an invitation to please consider joining us. There is no obligation to attend every week – you can join us whenever it is convenient. Please let us know if you are interested or have any questions. We hope to see you there. Marge and Joe Balough – 973-278-6152 or mjbalough921@gmail.com

Religious Formation Schedule

Classes Begin with 9:30 AM Mass followed by instruction in Bishop Manning Hall. All students are required to sign in before Mass.

November 10	NO CLASSES -VETERANS DAY (Attend Mass with your family)
November 17	10:30 – 11:30am – All Grades
November 24	10:30 – 11:30am – All Grades



DON'T BE ALONE ON THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Our Lady of Holy Angles Church

Cordially Invites You to

THANKSGIVING DINNER

In St. Francis Hall

465 Main Street

Little Falls, NJ

Dinner served at 1:00pm

Arrival between Noon & 12:45pm

***RSVP by November 22, 2024 to
Agnes Czaplinski 973.321.8821 or***

aczaplinsk@aol.com

(Subject line: Thanksgiving 2024)



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 you are no longer using, 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 November 17, 2024 until December 15, 2024. Any questions, please contact Teresa Gallo-Tomcho at tgallo1130@yahoo.com.



GIVING TREE

Each year the Ministry of Social Concerns sponsors "The Giving Tree." The goal of this activity is to collect gifts and clothing for children from infants to eighteen years of age for Christmas. A tree is set up in the back of church and decorated with tags. Each tag has a child's name, age, and information about a particular gift that he or she could use. If you take 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.

Our tree will be up on Saturday, November 23rd. Gifts MUST be back before Sunday, December 15th.

Thank you, Jeanne Beagin

Cada año, el Ministerio de Asuntos Sociales patrocina "El árbol generoso". El objetivo de esta actividad es recoger regalos y ropa para niños desde la infancia hasta los dieciocho años para Navidad. Se coloca un árbol en la parte trasera de la iglesia y se decora con etiquetas. Cada etiqueta tiene el nombre, la edad y la información de un niño sobre un regalo en particular que podría usar. Si toma una etiqueta, devuelva un regalo para asegurarse de que todos los niños reciban un regalo. Si no tiene tiempo para comprar un regalo, puede dejar una ofrenda monetaria en la Oficina Parroquial.

Nuestro árbol estará listo el sábado 23 de noviembre. Los regalos DEBEN ESTAR DE VUELTA antes del domingo 15 de diciembre.

Gracias, Jeanne Beagin



Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano – El Cenáculo de N.J.

Todos los miércoles a las 7:00 PM se celebrará el Cenáculo en la iglesia. Unid a este movimiento sacerdotal Mariano. Habrá Misa el último miércoles de cada mes a las 7:00PM.

FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY

Once again, our St. Bonaventure's community generously supported the Father English Center food collection on Saturday, October, 19th by contributing:

39 frozen dinners, 55 lbs. of frozen chicken parts, 14 bags of groceries, 13 bags of used clothing, 24 cartons of canned goods, 2 crocheted baby blankets, \$410 in donations.

These totals include a \$350 donation to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey for the account of the Fr. English Food Pantry made by our Francis J. O'Byrne Knights of Columbus Council #240, as well as \$60 in donations to the same account made by several generous parishioners.

Also, as the Food Pantry is not currently accepting used clothing, it was donated to Martin De Porres Village in Paterson in support of their fundraising efforts.

As we look forward to our next collection, please reflect on the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila :

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

In ministering to people who don't have enough to eat this Thanksgiving, you are, in reality, doing the work of Christ.

Please, as we go about our lives this month, continue to remember the poor and hungry in our midst and prepare for our next collection of groceries, frozen dinners and clothing on Saturday, November 16th.

Our Schedule for November is as follows:

FROZEN DINNER PANS

Saturday & Sunday, November 9/10

Available after all Masses in the rear of the church

FROZEN DINNER PICKUP

Saturday, November 16th – 8:15 to 9:45 AM

In front of Bishop Manning Hall

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES

May be dropped off at the same time or any time before November 16th in the rear of the church or the Parish Office.

From the Desk of Fr. Alex.....

I want to share with you a journey I've recently been part of that fills me with excitement for the future of our parish. Over the past four weeks, I have participated in a small cohort called Kickstart, alongside three other priests from the Diocese of Joliet and a wonderful coach named Diahne from Massachusetts. Throughout this time, we've focused on some critical areas of parish life that I believe are going to shape the future of St. Bon's: vision, leadership, evangelization, and cultural change.

A parish must have a vision — a clear direction that guides our actions and gives us purpose. But it's important to remember that this vision is not just mine, or even just ours as a community. This vision comes from God. It is the Holy Spirit who inspires and directs us, showing us the way forward as we seek to become a parish that fully lives out its mission. This isn't just about moving from one event to the next; it's about building a parish that is alive with the presence of Christ, where people encounter His love and grow deeper in their faith.

One of the most important steps in bringing this vision to life is creating a strong leadership team. A leadership team isn't just about having a council or committee—it's about forming a group of people who work together, each bringing their unique gifts and strengths to serve our parish. This team will help lead us forward, discerning how best to carry out the vision God has given us and ensuring that we are united in our mission.

Evangelization is also central to this vision. Jesus didn't call us to maintain the status quo—He commanded us to make disciples. Evangelization must be at the heart of everything we do as a parish. This isn't just about adding more programs; it's about creating a culture where we are constantly inviting others to encounter Christ. I believe that with God's guidance, St. Bonaventure can become a place where people are drawn in and experience the transforming love of Jesus in a real and personal way.

Of course, bringing this vision to life will require openness to change. Change can feel uncomfortable, but it is essential for growth. If

we want to be the vibrant, missionary parish that God is calling us to be, we need to embrace renewal in all areas of our parish life. This means rethinking how we operate and being open to new ways of ministering to others. Though change can bring uncertainty, it also brings new life and energy. I truly believe that we are on the threshold of something wonderful, and I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us through this process.

It's important that we all buy into this vision, even when we may have different ideas about how to achieve it. Our destination is the same: a deeper relationship with Christ and a thriving parish community. It's like being on a road trip; while we might take different routes, we are all heading to the same place. Our shared mission, guided by God's vision, will keep us moving forward together as a parish family.

This journey is not something I can lead alone—it requires all of us. Together, we can transform St. Bonaventure into a place where the Holy Spirit, evangelization, and strong leadership come together to create something beautiful. I invite you to join me in this exciting journey. When we come together, united by the Holy Spirit and this common vision, there is no limit to what God can accomplish through us.

Quiero compartir un viaje que he emprendido recientemente y que me llena de entusiasmo por el futuro de nuestra parroquia. Durante las últimas cuatro semanas, he participado en un pequeño grupo llamado Kickstart, junto con otros tres sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Joliet y una maravillosa entrenadora llamada Diahne de Massachusetts. Durante todo este tiempo, nos hemos centrado en algunas áreas críticas de la vida parroquial que creo que darán forma al futuro de San Buenaventura: visión, liderazgo, evangelización y cambio cultural.

Una parroquia debe tener una visión, una dirección clara que guíe nuestras acciones y nos dé un propósito. Pero es importante recordar que esta visión no es solo mía, ni siquiera solo de nuestra comunidad. Esta visión viene de Dios. Es

el Espíritu Santo quien nos inspira y nos dirige, mostrándonos el camino a seguir mientras buscamos convertirnos en una parroquia que viva plenamente su misión. No se trata solo de pasar de un evento a otro; se trata de construir una parroquia que esté viva con la presencia de Cristo, donde las personas encuentren Su amor y crezcan más profundamente en su fe.

Uno de los pasos más importantes para hacer realidad esta visión es crear un equipo de liderazgo fuerte. Un equipo de liderazgo no se trata solo de tener un consejo o comité, se trata de formar un grupo de personas que trabajen juntas, cada una aportando sus dones y fortalezas únicas para servir a nuestra parroquia. Este equipo nos ayudará a avanzar, discerniendo la mejor manera de llevar a cabo la visión que Dios nos ha dado y asegurando que estemos unidos en nuestra misión.

La evangelización también es central para esta visión. Jesús no nos llamó a mantener el statu quo, nos ordenó hacer discípulos. La evangelización debe estar en el corazón de todo lo que hacemos como parroquia. No se trata solo de agregar más programas; se trata de crear una cultura en la que constantemente invitemos a otros a encontrarse con Cristo. Creo que con la guía de Dios, San Buenaventura puede convertirse en un lugar donde las personas se sientan atraídas y experimenten el amor transformador de Jesús de una manera real y personal.

Por supuesto, hacer realidad esta visión requerirá apertura al cambio. El cambio puede resultar incómodo, pero es esencial para el crecimiento. Si queremos ser la parroquia vibrante y misionera que Dios nos llama a ser, necesitamos abrazar la renovación en todas las áreas de nuestra vida parroquial. Esto significa repensar cómo operamos y estar abiertos a nuevas formas de ministrar a los demás. Aunque el cambio puede traer incertidumbre, también trae nueva vida y energía. Creo sinceramente que estamos en el umbral de algo maravilloso y confío en que el Espíritu Santo nos guiará a través de este proceso.

Es importante que todos aceptemos esta visión, incluso cuando podamos tener ideas diferentes sobre cómo lograrla. Nuestro destino es el mismo: una relación más profunda con Cristo y

una comunidad parroquial próspera. Es como estar en un viaje por carretera; si bien podemos tomar diferentes rutas, todos nos dirigimos al mismo lugar. Nuestra misión compartida, guiada por la visión de Dios, nos mantendrá avanzando juntos como una familia parroquial.

Este viaje no es algo que pueda liderar solo; requiere de todos nosotros. Juntos, podemos transformar St. Bonaventure en un lugar donde el Espíritu Santo, la evangelización y un liderazgo fuerte se unen para crear algo hermoso. Los invito a que me acompañen en este apasionante viaje. Cuando nos reunimos, unidos por el Espíritu Santo y esta visión común, no hay límites a lo que Dios puede lograr a través de nosotros.

2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal **"United In Faith, Hope, Love"**

When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, you should be confident knowing that it supports the following causes: our Catholic Charities' programs, including helping fund the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, seminarian education, Catholic urban education, Nazareth Village, our residence for retired diocesan priests and retired priests' healthcare needs. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal also supports parishes, as 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to them directly for their own needs. Funds raised in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal stay in the Paterson Diocese and are used only for the purposes described above. Please consider a donation to the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal.

Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos 2024 **"Unidos en fe, esperanza y amor"**

Cuando das a la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos, debes tener la confianza al saber que apoya a cuatro causas: nuestros programas de Caridades católicas, incluso ayudar a financiar la renovación del Banco de alimentos Father English en Paterson, la educación de seminaristas, la educación católica urbana y Nazareth Village, la Casa de retiro sacerdotal diocesana para nuestros sacerdotes jubilados y la necesidad de atención médica para los sacerdotes jubilados. La Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos además apoya a las parroquias, ya que el 50% de todos los fondos que se reciban por encima de la meta de la parroquia se regresan directamente para sus necesidades. Los fondos recolectados en la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos se quedan en la Diócesis de Paterson y se usan solamente para los propósitos descritos anteriormente. Por favor considera hacer una donación a la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos.