

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2017**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 3-First Sunday of Advent**

5:00 p.m. – Loretta Joyce req. by her family  
8:30 a.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Anne & Bill Hopler  
10:00 a.m. – Margaret & Edward Porter req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

**Monday, December 4 -Advent Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Teofilo Valerio

**Tuesday, December 5-Advent Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Tom Haynes req. by Marie Byrnes

**Wednesday, December 6- Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

12:00 p.m. – Rita Coakley req. by Carol Parillo

**Thursday, December 7- Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

12:00 p.m. – Patricia DiGirolamo req. by her husband, Anthony

**Friday, December 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00 p.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by the Knights of Columbus

**Sunday, December 10- Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 p.m. – Rachel D'Anton & William V. D'Anton Sr. & Jr. req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

8:30 a.m. – Helen & Charles Vasey req. by the Gorman family

10:00 a.m. – Joseph Skutka req. by his sister, Marilyn Bakos

**TRIP TO IRELAND** – You are invited to join Father Zig in traveling to Ireland and Northern Ireland, April 9-21, 2018. A Colette travel brochure with all the information regarding cost, itinerary and much more can be found in the church vestibule or in the rectory.

**PARISH POLICY -PLEASE NOTE:** All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration has many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY** – All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the offering envelope system or Parish Pay.

**Gift Cards:** When shopping for your holiday dinners please remember you can purchase gift cards from our volunteers after the masses or at the rectory. We also sell different retailor cards you can purchase for Christmas gifts or Christmas shopping. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile program. If you have not, please give it a try!

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** – The sacrament of penance will be celebrated for the parishioners of both Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and Saint Cecilia Church on **Monday, December 18th at 7 o'clock in the evening**. A number of priests will be available for confession for both adults and children. All Catholics should approach the sacrament of reconciliation to prepare one's heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

**Oplatek Available:** Oplatek, the traditional bread used for the Christmas Eve Vigil Supper, can be found at the side altar in the church. A suggested donation of \$2.00 would be appreciated.

**St. Paul's Abbey**, on Route 206 one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut 7 days a week from November 24 to December 23, 9 AM to 4 PM. We also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.

**Xaverian Missionaries** thanks Sacred Heart of Jesus parishioners for the \$944.10 that was collected this past summer when Father Frank preached at our parish. They are very grateful for your generosity!



Collection for November 18&19: \$2696.00  
Collection for November 25&26: \$2190.00  
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$1830.48 (October)  
Collection from last year: \$2864.00  
Thanksgiving Day Collection: \$413.00

**PARISH PAY:** Have you thought about automating your giving? No more writing checks! You decide the amount and the frequency. Sign up today for automatic contributions to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Go to the Parish Pay link at [www.sacredheartrockaway.org](http://www.sacredheartrockaway.org) or call 866-727-4741.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:**

Major Mike Cherry, LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, Airman 1st Cl.  
Andrew Mistkowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force, Captain  
Jessica L. Rotide Rudo, Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer,1

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Irene Schreiber, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Robert Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica Gorman, Theodora Maulbeck. John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray, Louise Kelly, Tom Gorman, Carlos Carbajal, Danielle Cicchetti, Miguel Fojas, Mila Sering.

My Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Today we begin the new liturgical Year of Grace 2018 on this First Sunday of Advent. The Scriptural texts which are proclaimed to us as we come to celebrate the Lord's Day speak about the Lord's revelation to His people. In the Old Testament reading the Prophet Isaiah says, "No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him." In those times God had shown himself through the mighty deeds which were performed for Israel so that they might be assured of the Lord's fidelity even when they strayed from that covenant relationship. King David, the traditional author of the Psalms, yearned that the Lord might show Himself more wondrously, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." It was at the kairos moment that God had sent His Only Begotten Son into the world to show us His love manifested in Jesus. In today's epistle reading the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians. "...you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ." Yes, the Christians of first century Corinth and the 21 century Christians of today recall the Lord Jesus' words that "you do not know when the time will come." We are waiting for the Lord's second coming so that the Kingdom of God may be established in all its glory and that the forces of evil will be defeated as Christ comes to judge the living and the dead.

Advent is the season which prepares us for the Lord's revelation in the final age when He will return as judge of all the world. This season also prepares us to once again celebrate the feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. This is a time of preparation and waiting, an attitude which should mark everyday of our life.

As we await the revelation of Christ we also know that He shows Himself in the needy and the sick. In this season I ask that you participate in the ADVENT TREE PROJECT which will once again provide a gift at Christmas for those who are experiencing difficulties. Your generous spirit will bring joy to someone in need. What a wonderful opportunity we have to bring the light of Christ into the darkness of the world.

As we also await let us remember that this is also a perfect time to approach the sacrament of penance and to embrace acts of fasting and abstinence, especially on Friday, in preparation for Christmas as has been the venerable tradition of the Church Universal.

Let us prepare ourselves to meet the Lord, "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming...May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: WATCH!"

Happy New Year!

Father Zig

**2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal: In Giving, We Receive:** As you plan to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand names tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an on-line gift at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org). Say "Merry Christmas" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy in their lives by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. May God bless you for your generosity!

**Help Care for Elders.** "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

**St. Marks New Year 5K:** Come start 2018 off with a brisk dash around Long Valley and support a great cause—St. Mark the Evangelist R.C. Church. St. Mark's Church is hosting a 5K run on January 1st starting at 11:30 am through beautiful Long Valley. Come on out and walk or run the course. Compete for prizes and enjoy some fellowship and breakfast afterwards. Teams are welcome. Registration information is available at <https://newyearsday5k.wixsite.com/race> Registration fee is \$25 until December 1st. Come join the Fun!! Father Marcin is the administrator of St. Mark's!

**SIMBANG GABI** - The 1st night of the traditional novena of Masses before Christmas will be celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Friday, December 15 at 7:00 in the evening. Rev. Cerilo Javinez will be the main celebrant. Fellowship and Filipino refreshment immediately follows Mass. This traditional mass is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson. For more information or if you wish to help, please contact Elmer Maximo at (973)664-1949.

**RING OUT FOR LIFE:** On December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our parish Sacred Heart of Jesus, will join nine parishes in the Northern Morris County Deanery of the Paterson Diocese by participating in a joint prayer of unity to ask Our Mother, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States, to call to the attention of the nation "the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death" a most essential teaching of our faith as we "ring out for life." On December 8<sup>th</sup> Sacred Heart of Jesus will ring the church bells for one (1) minute at exactly 3:00 pm. Additionally, we are asking all of our parishioners to stop what they are doing and pray (1) "Hail Mary" upon hearing the bells ring, or at 3 PM and to ask Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception for her intercession for "universal recognition of the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

**Save the Date:** Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> A Communion Breakfast For the 80th Anniversary on the actual date of the creation of our Diocese of Paterson-9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass with Bishop Serratelli-11:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Brownstone. Tickets are \$40 per person and available online by visiting [www.rcdop.org/breakfast](http://www.rcdop.org/breakfast) This is a day of celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson. Come Share with us!

**ATTENTION ALL: LAST CALL:** The Men's Society's annual FISH & CHIP dinner is Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> in St Cecilia's, Hayes Hall from 5-7pm. Prices: Adult--\$16, Seniors--\$15, Children--\$8. (fish or chicken). Meal includes a drink. It's eat in or take out. You can pay at the door. For reservations call: Jack (973-625-4572) or Jim (973-366-9699), no later than Tuesday Dec 5th. Leave a call back number. Catered by TASTEFULLY BRITISH.

**The Sacred Heart/Saint Cecilia Rosary Society** Invites all parish organizations of both parishes to the CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Sunday, January 7th, 2018 1:30 PM at St. Francis, Pocono Rd, Denville. All reservations must be made by January 2nd. Cost per person: \$25.00 Please make checks payable to the Rosary Society and send into the office no later than 1/2/18.

**DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – The annual diocesan Christmas concert will take place in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Paterson on Sunday, December 3rd beginning at 4 o'clock. Parking is available in the garage located adjacent to the Cathedral on Grand Street.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: Sacred Heart of Jesus Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, December 23rd:**

5:00 pm – Holy Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

**Sunday, December 24th:**

8:30 am – Holy Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

10:00 am – Holy Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

**Sunday, December 24th:**

4:00 pm – Christmas Holy Mass

6:00 pm – Christmas Holy Mass

10:00 pm – Polish Christmas Holy Mass

11:30 pm – Christmas Caroling

Midnight – Christmas Holy Midnight Mass

**Monday, December 25th:**

8:30 am – Christmas Holy Mass

10:00 am- Christmas Holy Mass

