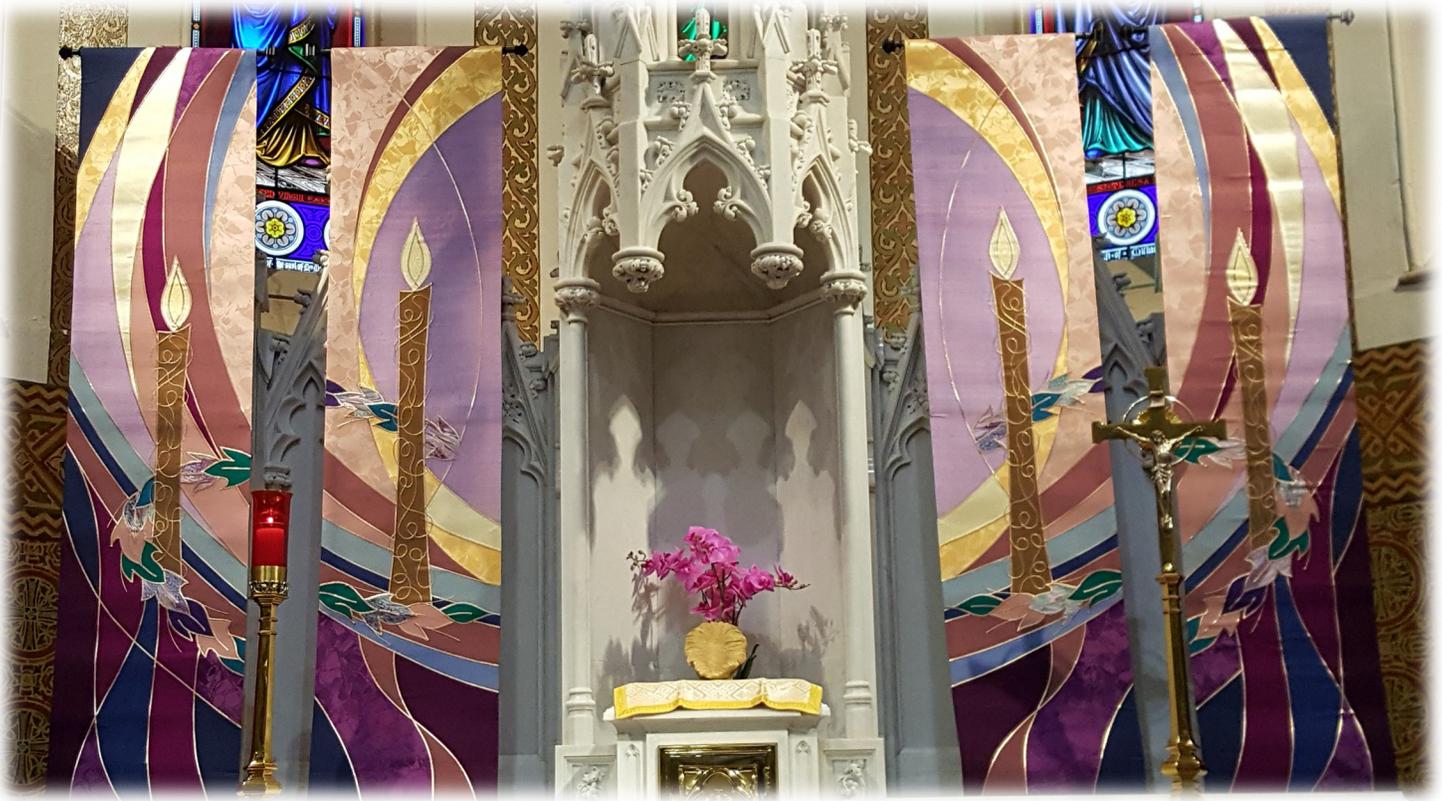


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CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 23rd from 12:45-2:00pm
and Saturday, December 26th at 4:00-4:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 20, 2020

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/19	5:00pm	Pauline & Joseph Pompilio John Fedash Deceased members of the Verona, Llabres & Rodriguez Families
		
Sunday December 20th	8:00am	Anne Lundgren Thomas Galuppo, Sr.
Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:30am	James P. Maitilasso Anne Savacool
	11:30am	Marjorie & John Mills Catherine Powell
Monday 12/21	12:05pm	Walter Schumacher
Tuesday 12/22	12:05pm	<i>Intentions of Dr. Frank Kane</i>
Wednesday 12/23	12:05pm	Frances Ivankovic Michael & Patricia Ryan
Thursday 12/24 Christmas Eve	4:00pm	"Pro Populo"
	10:00pm	"Pro Populo"
Friday 12/25 Christmas Day	9:00am	"Pro Populo"
	11:00am	"Pro Populo"
Saturday 12/26	5:00pm	Danny Vetrano Mary McGinley
Sunday December 27th	8:00am	Frances Ivankovic Salvatore Cassaro
	9:30am	Father Michael J. Burke Richard R. Fitzpatrick
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph	11:30am	Members of Bopp, Alonso & Kummer Families Joe Zukowski, Sr.
		

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns near the Tabernacle
as a reminder of our Lord's presence
in the Most Holy Eucharist,
burns this week in loving memory of:

Joseph Savage, Jr.

The hosts and wine,
which will become the
Holy Body and Precious Blood
of our Lord, were given
in loving memory of:

Robert Morsell

*May they now be resting in the peace
of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!*



"OREMUS PRO INVICEM"

**We pray for all those who are in need
of the Lord's healing presence:**

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 20, 2020

WEEKEND DONATIONS

December 13, 2020

**Collection \$5,203
Online Giving \$2,206**

Total: \$ 7,409

Our weekly budget still is \$10,000



For those who are still at home, we are always in need of your prayerful and financial support. You may mail your weekly or monthly budget envelope donations to the Parish Center: 22 Halsted Street, Newton, NJ 07860. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

The volunteers at Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry wish to thank all our Parishioners who took part in our Angel Gifts program this Christmas. We are so grateful for all the items that have already been donated. We will be giving all the toiletries, dish liquid and laundry detergent to our clients starting in January. If you have not returned your Angel Gift yet you still have time.

Over the next few weeks, we need groceries to prepare for January, as our supply of food is running very low. You will find a grocery card at the entrance to the church which has all the items that we offer to our clients. These items are also listed below.

If you are still at home and would like to continue to support your food pantry, you can mail a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. As always, we are grateful for your generosity and concern for those who are most in need of our support, both in prayer and action.

For the safety of our volunteers and clients, the food pantry has been temporarily closed during December. However, during this time, we will be taking care of those clients who are in urgent need on an individual basis.

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS



December 27, 2020

**Sirach 3:2-6
Colossians 3:12-17
Saint Luke 2:22-40**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CONFESSIONS

**Wednesday, December 23rd
12:45-2:00pm**

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

**Thursday, December 24th
4:00pm and 10:00pm
(both in Church)**

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

**Friday, December 25th
9:00am and 11:00am
(both in Church)**



Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard	Manwich
Salad dressings (all kinds)	Dinty Moore Stew
Progresso Soup (all kinds)	Spam
Beans (all kinds)	Chili
White rice (long grain)	Tea (regular & decaf)
Chef Boyardee (all kinds)	Coffee (regular & decaf)
Rice-a-Roni (all kinds)	
Canned fruit (all kinds)	
Sugar, Flour	Cookies (all kinds)
Canned Vegetables (all kinds)	Granola bars (all kinds)
Cooking oil	Applesauce snack cups
Bread crumbs	Pudding snack cups
Hamburger Helper (all kinds)	Children's juice boxes
Knorr (Rice & Pasta sides)	Paper towels
Canned Tuna fish, chicken, sardines	Toilet paper
Pasta Sauces (Marinara, Meat, Alfredo; jars only please)	

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

On December 23rd flowers will be delivered to the church.

If you can assist with unloading and bringing them into the church please call the Parish Center.



LAST WEEK'S HOMILY

The first week of Advent, we spoke about waiting. Last week, we spoke about hoping. This week, we focus on Rejoicing! This week is called "Gaudete" Sunday taken from the first words of the old Latin Mass' Opening Prayer: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("*Rejoice in the Lord always!*")

While it is not always easy for us to wait, even though most of our lives are spent doing just that, and hoping is not foreign to us either, for we all deep down inside, hope for something better, something more, something brighter, either in this life or in the next! However, rejoicing? That's not so easy!!

This past Wednesday, I had a funeral for a very dear friend's dad in Staten Island. Knowing what the traffic would be like in the morning, I decided to stay in a hotel in Staten Island on Tuesday. So, after celebrating the 7:00pm Mass here on Tuesday evening for the holy day, I made my way to Staten Island.

It was only a 1 hour and 18-minute drive. However, when I arrived at the hotel and opened my trunk to get my suitcase out, I noticed that it was not there. I had forgotten it on the outside of my garage back here in Newton. So of course, I had to drive all the way back to Newton and then back again to Staten Island. Four hours of my life that I will never get back. Although, I enjoy driving, there was hardly any rejoicing in this three-legged trip, back and forth and back again to Staten Island. Rejoicing was NOT the feeling that was coming to mind during this four-hour drive! I had to make a conscious decision not to be angry, disappointed and frustrated as I tried to focus on why I was there: to celebrate the Funeral Mass for my dear friend's dad which was the positive and real reason why I was traveling all these miles.

As usual, the next morning, I was 45 minutes early for the funeral and I decided to park in the church's parking lot and engage in my favorite past times: People watching. I noticed people's faces as they were going into the church and leaving the church and all I could see was angst, impatience, edginess, half-awakened looks and eyes over their glasses trying to figure out who I was and why I was in their parking lot. I thought to myself: All in the name of the Lord??? So, I had to ask myself: is this how we should rejoice when we come to Mass? Isaiah said: "*I rejoiced heartily in the Lord!*" Saint Paul reminds us to "*rejoice always!*" Even the Psalm response was: "*My soul rejoices in my God!*" So, my question for you on "Gaudete" Sunday is: What do you rejoice in?

This past year has been a very hard time for many people to rejoice. Whether it was the fear of catching the virus, the angst of going to the supermarket and praying there was enough toilet paper, hand sanitizer and paper towels. Or this year, you could have experienced something truly serious, like having to bury a loved one and not being able to visit them in the hospital during their final hours, and when they finally passed, you were not able to even have a Mass of Christian Burial for them in church. It certainly would be hard to rejoice in these situations, correct?

I think the most common thing that people say is "I just want to be happy!" And yet, so many people are just plain miserable. Since we all long to be happy, why is it that so many people are not? I think the problem with having happiness as your goal in life, is that it is almost always circumstantial. This means that depending on the circumstance of our lives, we can experience happiness, but it is not something we can achieve or work towards.

For some people, finishing things or getting things "done" is when happiness is possible. Once I finish this, this and that, then I will be happy. Once we complete what we were supposed to have done, happiness is not always there, so then we make new lists to complete in order to find happiness again. So maybe happiness should not be our goal. Well, then what? How do we find peace in our lives that cannot be taken away, that is not just circumstantial? We all long for happiness, but the truth is that we are made for joy and for rejoicing.

Certainly, happiness and joy are similar in how they make us feel. However, happiness is circumstantial and left to chance, while joy can be defined as: an abiding and pervasive sense of well-being.

So, when we are in the middle of difficulties, crises, problems, dilemmas, tragedies and even death, we can still find joy and rejoice... HOW? Only in Jesus Christ!

As G.K. Chesterton, a Christian convert once said: "Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian." Why might you ask? Because, until Christ came along, you either believed in chance, fate or circumstances, or you might have believed in the gods (who at best were powerful and distant and at worst, never loved you), but here came Jesus, who reveals the heart of His Father; God is one, God is good, God is just and He knows you by name. God cares about you so much, that as Saint Paul said: "*God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8).

Therefore, in any circumstance, in any situation, I can choose to be joyful, I can choose to rejoice! The abiding and pervasive sense of well-being, that regardless of what happens to me, regardless of my circumstances, I know that God knows my name, I know that He loves me and I know that He is near! This is what Saint James meant when he said: "*Consider it all joy... when you encounter various trials.* Therefore, in the midst of all circumstances, even in the midst of trials, you can still choose to be joyful, to rejoice.

You might be afraid. But you are not alone, because God is with you. You might be in the midst of great pain and great sorrow and suffering. You might have great uncertainty in your life, but you do not have to be afraid, why? Because God is with you.

I have learned that hoping without Jesus is just therapy. But, hoping with Jesus, is salvation.

I know you believe? I know you want to trust? I know you are willing to hope? But the real question is: Are you willing to make the decision to be joyful? Are you willing to make the decision to rejoice?

FAITH FORMATION

Due to the spike in the number of cases of the Wuhan virus cases in Sussex County,

ALL Faith Formation Classes have been suspended until January 4, 2021.

Please check your email for further details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Father Michael J. Burke Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to help sort through the many donations that have been made over the past several months.

The dates needed for volunteers are:

**December 28th, 29th & 30th
10:00am till 2:00pm.**

Please call the Parish Center Office if you can volunteer.

OPLATEK

One of the most beautiful and most revered Polish customs is the breaking of the Oplatek. The use of this Christmas wafer is practiced by people all over the world whose ancestors came from Poland.

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HYMNS FOR HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

PROCESSIONAL

*“O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel”*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. **R.**

**R. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to You,
O Israel.**

2. O come, O wisdom from on high,
who order all things mightily
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in Her ways to go. **R.**

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by Your drawing nigh
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. **R.**

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind.
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us our King of Peace. **R.**

PSALM RESPONSE

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

“Immaculate Mary”

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing; You reign
now in splendor with Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known
the grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed;
most blest is the fruit of your womb then conceived.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.

COMMUNION

“My Soul in Stillness Waits”

**R. For You, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;
truly my hope is in You. You.**

O Lord of light, our only hope of glory, Your
radiance shines in all who look to You; come, light the
hearts of all in dark and shadow. **R.**

O Spring of joy, rain down upon our spirits; our
thirsty hearts are yearning for Your word; come,
make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. **R.**

O Root of life, implant Your seed within us, and in
Your advent, draw us all to You, our hope reborn in
dying and in rising. **R.**

RECESSIONAL

“People, Look East”

1. People look East. The time is near of the crowning
of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim
the hearth and set the table. People, look East and sing
today - Love, the Guest, is on the way.

4. Stars keep the watch. When night is dim, one more
light the bowl shall brim. Shining beyond the frosty
weather, bright as sun and moon together. People look
East and sing today - Love, the Star is on the way.

5. Angels announce with shouts of mirth, Him who
brings new life to earth. Set ev'ry peak and valley
humming, with the word, the Lord is coming. People
look East and sing today - Love, the Lord is on the
way.



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

*Saint Joseph our patron
we call upon you today
to look upon our parish family in Newton.
We ask for your fatherly protection
and paternal guidance through
these difficult times in our country,
in our world and in our Church.
Continue to watch over our elderly
and those most vulnerable at this time;
May they know of your fatherly care
and be comforted by the Lord's presence.
This we pray through Him whom you
watched over as your own child,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!

This week we remember Police Officer Tyler Herndon and Officer Jose Santana who either died in the line of duty or after contracting the Wuhan virus as the result of exposure while on duty.



May they now be resting in the peace of God's heavenly kingdom and may all their good deeds have gone with them!

Father Brian Tomlinson, C.F. 16 Cap.

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(Week 4) **O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in Your hands, come and show us the way to salvation. Amen.**



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