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Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 In the prophet's vision, The Lord addresses a heavenly assembly that includes himself. Someone speaks up and says that the Lord will soon lead a new exodus through the desert.

Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14 The author addresses any cynics who scoff at God's seeming delay in coming. This time actually allows for necessary repentance. Still, the day of His coming remains unknowable.

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 Mark relates the promise of the Old Testament prophets to John the Baptist, and also to his divine Cousin Jesus who actually is "the One to come," the Messiah.

Readings for the Week

Monday Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26 Tuesday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30 Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15 Friday Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b,15-16,18-19 Mt17:9a,10-13 Sunday Is61:1-2A,10-11 Lk1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes5:16-24 Jn1:6-8,19-28

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners.

Back in ancient times when a king planned to visit a certain town, he sent an "advance man" ahead of him. Because few ancient roads were paved with gravel or stone, the advance man would have the people fill up mud holes and straighten out the paths. Another thing the advance man did was instruct the people in the proper protocol for receiving the king.

In the season of Advent, the Church is the advance man. It focuses our attention on Jesus. It tells us Jesus is coming and discusses how to prepare for Him.

In today's gospel, John the Baptist was Jesus' advance man. He saw that the roads were prepared and told the people to be kind to one another, just as Jesus teaches us.

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming, we too want to follow Jesus' teaching of kindness to one another. Along with preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth, we're also preparing for Jesus' second coming, when we receive our final judgement.

So let's see the church as Jesus' advance man. In our kindness to one another, we are following Jesus' message of love. Then we will be preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. We will also be preparing for his second coming at the end of time.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Dominick

Next Weekend - Bambinelli Sunday

"Blessing the Christ Child"

We invite you to participate in this special Advent tradition!

Next weekend - December 16/17
Bring your Baby Jesus figures from home to Church for a special blessing at all Masses.



This year we have 3 opportunities for our Christmas Giving outreach:

◆St Mary's Parish, Jersey City

Gift tags are available in the narthex.

Please wrap your gift and affix the gift tag onto the gift.

Place gift under our tree in the narthex by 1PM TODAY! Sunday, Dec. 10th.

◆ Eva's Village, Paterson

Gift tags are available in the narthex for new, warm winter gear. Please do not wrap gift.

Place gift in the large box in the narthex by 1PM NEXT Sunday, Dec. 17th.

◆ OASIS — A Haven For Women and Children, Paterson

List of items is available in the narthex.

Please do not wrap gift - No gift tag is necessary.

Place gift in the large box in the narthex by 1pm on Monday, Dec. 18th.

May God Bless you and thank you for your generosity!





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All Are Invited - The St. Catharine Youth Ministry Presents



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

A spiritual & beautiful Christmas gift to our parish community.

Please join us in the Church TONIGHT at 7PM

Eucharistic Bread and Sacramental Wine

Donated this weekend in loving memory of Cath McDonough

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- The Eucharistic Presence of our Lord in the Tabernacle -

The Sanctuary Lamp

Burning this weekend in loving memory of Sister Lucille Durso, CSJP

by Sister Norah Clarke



Sanctus Bells

Last weekend we brought back the practice of ringing the Sanctus Bells during the consecration. This practice is used to call attention to the precise

moment when transubstantiation, the conversion of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, takes place. The bells are first rung prior to the consecration at the "epiclesis" - when the Holy Spirit is called down to change the gifts of bread and wine into the Body, Blood, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The bells are rung a second and third time at the elevation and presentation of the Body and Blood of Christ. The fourth and final ring happens after the Priest has consumed the Body and Blood. This final ring also serves as an invitation for all to come forward and receive the Eucharist.

Please join us Christmas Eve at 9:15 PM
- prior to 10 PM Mass "Lessons & Carols"

Presented by our Music Ministry

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Joey Hyde, Dillon Rinaldo, Albert Yancius, Anthony Pezza,
Frederick Paccione, Robert Weber, Richard Matanle,
Blanche Rapenske, Helen Iler and Audrey Tracy

Prayers Our parish community extends our deepest sympathy to each family on their loss.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9

5 PM Margaret Gori req. Casella Family
Richard Pinkham req. Tom & Judy Boxley

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8 AM Romualdo DeSensi *req. Vila Family*Gina Marie Fortunato *req. D'Angelo Family*

10 AM Marie Gugliotta, Millie & Nicholas Cianelli

req. Paula & Ron Mineo

Ronnie Peters req. Tammy & Stewart Morel

12 PM Ed Grzesiak req. Mary Gizzi Brian Rogers req. Mary Connolly

Monday, December 11

8 AM Josephine Romeo reg. King Family

Tuesday, December 12

8 AM Mary Flynn req. Carol & Andrew Coll

Wednesday, December 13

8 AM Mrs. Madeline Bacsik req. Teresa Yip & Prescott Scofield

Thursday, December 14

8 AM Kathy Lonie (Living Intention) reg. Robert & Helena Thomas

Friday, December 15

8 AM Jay, John Sr. & John Jr. Orrico reg. Stephanie Orrico

Saturday, December 16

9 AM All Parishioners

Adrienne Vaughan White req. Coles Family

5 PM Margaret Gori req. Mayer Family
Richard Pinkham req. Dalton Family

Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

8 AM Warren M. Buser, Michael Buser & Lorraine Halsch (35th Anniversary) req. Mark & Mary-Ann Ruckhaus Sister Lucille Durso, CSJP req. Lorraine Casey & family

10 AM Ellen Brancato req. John & Charlotte Byrne Tim Downing req. Friends

12 PM Margaret Mary Salzano req. Salzano Family David Holzbaur req. Mary Gizzi & family

Prayers for the Sick

We remember those who are ill, especially:

Ruben DeLucca, Katherine Dworetzky, Fred Gaudart, Steven Geier, Jr., Kathleen Harnig, Sydney Heinold, Brandon Higgins, Alda Mechetti, Mary Beth Mueller, Joseph Neri, Alexis Nunez, Mary Ann Rogan, Nicole Salzano, Mary Sweeney,

Valerie Stephenson, and Sister Matthew James Gay Lord, Hear Our Prayers

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The 52nd Annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on Wednesday, Dec. 13th and Thursday, Dec. 14th at 8PM (two performances). Doors open at 7PM. The Carol Sing has become one of the most significant Christmas concerts in northern New Jersey. The ambiance of candlelight and seasonal décor, along with the Cathedral Choir, organ, brass, percussion and thousands of participants, combine to create an event that must be experienced. Free-will offering. Call 973-484-2400 or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org for more info.



CLOW Children's Liturgy of the Word Join us for CLOW next Sunday, Dec. 17rd at the 10AM Mass

All children ages 4½ - 4th grade are welcome to participate!

CLOW allows children to hear the same Gospel message as their parents, on a more age-appropriate level.

Children are led out of church after opening prayers by our CLOW teachers and they return to the church after the Homily & Prayer of the Faithful. No registration is required.

Please Join Us Next Sunday!

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Advent Penance Service

This Wednesday, Dec. 13th in the Church at 7PM

Please Note: The Parish Office will close at 1PM this Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14/15.



Monday Religious Education Meeting this week, 4:00 -5:15PM.

Weekend Family Catechesis The next gathering will take place Jan. 20/21. Please watch your newsletter for sign-up link.

Children's Liturgy of the Word CLOW will take place at the 10AM Mass next Sunday, Dec. 17th.

All children ages $4\frac{1}{2}$ - 4^{th} grade are welcome to participate! CLOW allows children to hear the same Gospel message as their parents, on a more age-appropriate level. Children are led out of church after opening prayers by our CLOW teachers and they return to the church after the Homily & Prayer of the Faithful. No registration is required.

If You Are New to Our Parish - Welcome! Please register as a parishioner by contacting the rectory office. Parish registration is required for participation in our Religious Ed Programs. The Religious Ed Office will be happy to answer any questions about our programs. Contact the office at stcatharinereligioused@gmail.com.



CYO Tonight 12/10 - Festival of Lights 7PM in the Church—All are Invited!

Please contact Youth Ministry Director Dana McStowe with questions: dmcstowecyo@gmail.com.

All High School students are welcome to join our Youth Ministry!



St. Catharine's Reach-Out Ministry

"Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, that you do for me..."

Our monthly collection for St. Mary's Emergency Food Pantry in Jersey City takes place <u>TODAY Sunday</u>, <u>Dec. 10th</u>

Donations can be left in the Narthex <u>or</u> dropped off in the parking lot between 8AM and 12NOON.

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Playgroup is BACK!

Join us every Wednesday from 9AM - 11:30AM in the Ministry Center Playroom!

Now also meeting on Mondays during CCD from 3:45 - 5:15pm!

Please reach out to our Playgroup Coordinators for sign up details and more info:

Darby Vinciguerra darby.vinciguerra@gmail.com Jadyn Miller jadyn.a.miller@outlook.com

> Safe Environment Requirements must be completed prior to attending playgroups. For assistance please contact the rectory at parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org

Moms & little ones. . . Join us!!

Mary La Croce, a parishioner of St. Catharine, has published a book of devotional poetry. The title of the book is *Inscape*.

The book is a collection of reflections and ponderings about the mystery of the sacred, and its immanence in our lives, and, indirectly, of some of the ways nature itself unfolds and announces this mystery. Each poem is superimposed on a photo.

Inscape is available on Amazon.com and BN.com.



Please join us in the Ministry Center! This Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 7:30PM

Our ministry fashions, blesses & donates handmade prayer shawls and lapghans. These gifts benefit those who face bereavement, illness or other life changing challenges.

Everyone is invited - no experience is necessary! Directions, materials and mutual support are freely offered. Email shawl requests to stcatharineshawlministry @gmail.com or call the rectory 201-445-3703. Recipients need not be parishioners. our creations have literally been sent around the world!

Homebound Visits

Physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease can prevent our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with your community of faith is needed more than ever.

We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist in your home on a permanent or temporary basis. Visits can be weekly or monthly and may be done any day of the week. Sacramental Confession as well as Anointing can also be made available on a regular basis.

For more info please contact the rectory office at parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org or 201-445-3703.



Christmas Flowers Dedication

All are invited to dedicate flowers to adorn the Church during the

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Donations should be received by Monday, December 18th. Thank you!

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Advent Prayer

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for His coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.



Join us for Daily Mass in the Ministry Center Chapel

Monday - Friday at 8AM Saturday at 9AM



We Joyfully Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Nicholas Tyler Stokes

Olivia Ann Stokes

Prayer for Our Troops O God of mercy, we ask You to protect in a special way those who are fighting for us and for the country we love.

Bless them and take care of them. Give them strength. Give them comfort. Touch them with

Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when we may all enjoy the blessings of peace. Amen.



Faith & Grief Support Gatherings

Open to all faiths, Faith & Grief Gatherings are opportunities for those mourning the loss of a loved one to gather together and be strengthened through sharing, scripture, prayer & reflection. In cooperation with Valley Hospice, CHCC offers these gatherings on the third Wednesday of the month. Our mission is to provide opportunities for comfort and hope to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 12 NOON at the Christian Health Care Center Auditorium (700 Mountain Ave., Wyckoff).

Registration is required. Participants must wear a mask, sign in, and be screened at the reception desk before going to the auditorium. **To register, visit FaithandGrief.org/gatherings.** For more info contact CHCC Pastoral Care Dept. at 201-848-5839.

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<u>For more information</u> contact John Lederer at 201-286-9354 or Joe Bonis at 201-390-7169 or Eamon Jennings at 917-841-2558. **Upcoming dates:**

Thur, Dec. 14: St. Catharine's Ministry Center (1st floor meeting room) **Sat, Dec. 16:** St. Anne's Faith Center, Fair Lawn (rectory, lower level) Meeting times: Thursdays from 7-9pm; Saturdays from 10am - 12noon



"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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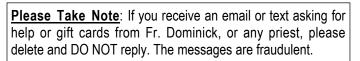
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