

YOU ARE MY HOPE,
MY TRUST, O LORD.

- PSALM 71:5

Hope



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Lady of Pompei Church

Paterson, New Jersey

MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

5:15 †Nicoletta Bastante, r/b Charlie & Rose Anne DiGiaino
†Al Reda, r/b Charlie & Rose Anne DiGiaino
†Michele Reda, r/b Bob & Jerry Barone

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:00 †Mario Ippolito, r/b family
†Mary Styga, r/b Frieda Debiak & family
†Agostino & Domenica Capalbo, r/b family

10:00 †Eugenio Gencarelli, r/b family
†Eugenio Perri, r/b family
†Marie Palazzone, r/b Judy Tedeschi and Lisa, John & Ava Beirne
†David Fant, r/b Judy Tedeschi and family
†Barbara Rizek, r/b Judy Tedeschi and Lisa, John & Ava Beirne
†Panfilo Di Iorio, r/b family

11:30 Spanish Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

8:00 †For our deceased parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

8:00 †Francesco Gencarelli, r/b daughter Rosa, Giovanni and family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

8:00 †For our deceased parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

8:00 †Edward Ventimiglia, r/b Tom & Ginny Uzzalino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

5:15 †Innocenza Dattilo, r/b Franca Dattilo
†Melina DiIorio, r/b Silvia & Ray Farinella
†Emil D'Ambrosio, r/b Marge Gaffney

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

8:00 †Mario Ippolito, r/b family
†Eugenio Perri, r/b family
†Helen Joseph Handal, r/b David Handal & family
10:00 †Eugenio Gencarelli, r/b family
†Marie Palazzone, r/b Joe & Sana Cuntrera and family
†Oliver Dittamo, r/b Joe & Sana Cuntrera and family
†Panfilo Di Iorio, r/b family
†Mary & Peter James Hascup, r/b family
†Mary Anne & Ralph Futecola, r/b family
†Dolores & sons, William and Richard Capo, r/b family

11:30 Spanish Mass

We await the Savior
EMMANUEL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:45 AM

December 7: CLASS
Advent Confessions
Giving Tree Christmas Gifts

December 14: CLASS
Giving Tree Christmas Gifts

December 21: NO CLASS
Christmas Blessings

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass is our Family Mass



"Three Counties, One Family of Faith"

As the year comes to a close in the next few weeks, please consider making a year-end charitable contribution to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, which serves so many people in great need. Every gift to the Appeal is a blessing to both the contributor and the recipient. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit card or online, as well as through gifts of securities and IRA distributions. May God bless you for your support!

Please consider a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit www.2025appeal.org to make a gift today.

CAMPAÑA PARA LOS MINISTERIOS DIOCESANOS 2025

"Tres Condados, Una Familia de Fe"

Cuando das a la Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos, debes tener la confianza al saber que apoya las siguientes obras: Programas de Caridades Católicas en los condados de Morris, Passaic y Sussex, la educación católica urbana, educación para los seminaristas, Nazareth Village, la Casa de retiro para nuestros sacerdotes jubilados diocesanos y las necesidades de atención médica del sacerdote adulto mayor. La Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos también apoya a las parroquias, ya que el 50% de todos los fondos que se reciban por encima de la meta de la parroquia, se les regresa directamente para sus necesidades. Los fondos dados a 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 un donativo a la Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos 2025. Escanea el código QR o visita www.2025appeal.org para hacer un regalo hoy.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 13th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Join us for an evening with family, music and dinner. We will have an ugly sweater fashion show. Tickets price is \$25.00 (buffet dinner).

FATHER GEORGE'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

We invite you to join Fr. George's weekly Sunday Reflections every Sunday at 7PM.

To watch the live stream, please visit St. Gerard Majella's website at: stgerardmajella.org.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Holy Day of obligation. Our Mass schedule is Monday, December 8th at 8:00 AM.

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Thank you for your support and generosity!

Ministry Schedule-December 6 & 7

Lectors

- 5:15 Toni Jacobus
- 8:00 Terri Napoli-Nick
- 10:00 Carolyn Calafiore

Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist

- 5:15 Michele DiSanto
- 8:00 Vincenza Ippolito
- 10:00 Ginny Uzzalino

WE WILL POST THE COLLECTION FOR

NOVEMBER 23RD

THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7TH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 13th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Ticket price is \$25.00. Please see the flyers below.



FIESTA DE NAVIDAD

Nuestra fiesta de Navidad se celebrará el 13 de diciembre de 18:00 a 21:00. El precio de la entrada es de 25,00 dólares. Por favor, consulta los folletos a continuación.

Our Lady of Pompei Church
Annual Parish Christmas Party
Come for an evening with family, music and dinner.
All are welcomed!

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Location:
 Church Hall,
 70 Murray Ave.
 Paterson, NJ
Price: \$ 25.00
(Buffet Dinner)
Ugly Sweater Fashion Show

For more information
 Contact the Rectory
 (973) 742-1969

Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Pompei
Fiesta Parroquial Anual de Navidad
 Venga a pasar una noche con la familia,
 música y cena.
 ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Fecha: Sábado, 13 de diciembre de 2025
Hora: 6:00 p. m. a 9:00 p. m.
Lugar:
 Salón Parroquial
 70 Murray Ave.
 Paterson, NJ
Precio: \$25.00
(Cena tipo bufé)
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Message from Father George



First Sunday of Advent — A Season of Hope and Preparation

The time for preparing for Christmas has officially begun! Santa has already made his appearance—at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, in the parade in Madison, and most importantly for us, right here in Totowa, Little Falls, Woodland Park and Paterson. Radio station 106.7 has turned its music to Christmas favorites, and the familiar sights and sounds of the season are now all around us.

But for Christians—followers of Jesus Christ—this time of year is about much more than parades and Christmas music. It is about Advent: a sacred season of preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior. The very word *Advent* means “toward the coming.” In these first weeks, the Church invites us to reflect on the final coming of Christ in glory. As we draw closer to Christmas, our focus shifts toward the wondrous celebration of His first coming—His birth in Bethlehem.

As we begin this journey together, I would like to invite you to be intentional about living the spirit of Advent. Here are a few simple ways we can prepare our hearts:

- **Make time for silent prayer.**

This is a busy time of year—so many lists and tasks! But like our Blessed Mother Mary, we need moments of quiet in God’s presence. In the silence, God works on our hearts.

- **Prepare for Sunday Mass.**

Take a few minutes during the week to read the Sunday readings beforehand, especially the Gospel. Even better, follow the daily readings found in our Advent booklets. Notice how the prophets prepare the way for Christ, and how their promises are fulfilled in Jesus.

- **Practice patience and kindness.**

Lines may be long, traffic may be slow, and tempers may run short. Advent is a perfect time to practice patience and to remember gratitude—especially toward those who serve us in stores, restaurants, and elsewhere.

- **Be generous to those in need.**

This is a season of giving—beyond our own families and friends. Support our charitable outreach at Pompeii, the Giving Tree at Gerard’s or find another way to bless someone who may be struggling.

- **Reach out to the hurting.**

Some find this season difficult due to illness, loss, or hardship. A simple card, a phone call, or your presence can make all the difference.

All of these practices cultivate in us the beautiful gift of Christian hope. Our hope is not rooted in circumstances or outcomes—it is rooted in the unshakable truth that we are held firmly in God’s love. God is with us. God is at work. And God is unfolding good for all who love Him.

This hope gives us strength each day as God’s Kingdom continues to grow—begun when Jesus came among us as one like us, and continuing now as you and I build that Kingdom of love through our lives.

May this Advent season fill your heart with hope, peace, and joyful expectation.

Fr. George

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