

Blessed Sacrament Church

Martinsville, NJ

FOURTH SUNDAY

of Advent

Love



MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

WEEKDAYS, MONDAY—FRIDAY, 9:00 AM AND 12:10 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS 11:00 –11:30

**Monday - December 20**

- 9:00 AM + Raymond Papp
r/o Dee Papp
- 12:10 PM + Lauren Richmond – 13th
Anniversary
r/o Laurie, Dean & Dana
Richmond

Tuesday - December 21

- 9:00 AM + Rose DeMauro
r/o Jennifer & Mike
Golembeski
- 12:10 PM + Monsignor John Gorney
r/o Fahey Family

Wednesday – December 22

- 9:00 AM + Faithful Departed
- 12:10 PM + Gerry LoGiudice
r/o Frank & Helen Giesler

Thursday - December 23

- 9:00 AM + Giacomo DeCandia
r/o Rosemarie DeCandia
- 12:10 PM + William Velazquez
r/o Noonan Family

Friday - December 24

- 5:00 PM + Lauren Richmond
r/o Laurie, Dean and Dana
Richmond
- 8:00 PM + People of Blessed Sacrament
Church
- 10:00 PM + Steve Sisolak
r/o Kathie Sisolak

Saturday – December 25*The Nativity of the Lord*

- 10:00 AM + Bernadine Kritzberger
r/o Massari Family
- 12:00 PM + People of Blessed Sacrament

Sunday - December 26*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

- 7:30 AM + Veronica & Thomas Kissell
r/o Nancy Tamburri
- 10:00 AM + Joseph Marinaccio - Birthday
r/o Anne Marie Marinaccio
- 12:00 PM + Antonio Bianco
r/o Wife

 THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 20

No Classes -Children's Faith Formation
Boy Scouts, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 21

No Classes-Children's Faith Formation
Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 22 Adoration,
9:45 am

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm

Spend time with our Lord

Adoration is every
Wednesday after the 9 am
Mass



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered
for...

Bill Knox



The Sanctuary Candle burns before
the Blessed Sacrament for...

Jack M. Lopes

 SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION

Christmas Message from Pope Francis

"The power of this Child, Son of God and Son of Mary, is not the power of this world, based on might and wealth; it is the power of love. It is the power which created the heavens and the earth, which gives life to all creation: to minerals, plants and animals; it is the force which attracts man and woman, and makes them one flesh, one single existence; it is the power which gives new birth, pardons faults, reconciles enemies, and transforms evil into good. It is the power of God. This power of love led Jesus Christ to strip himself of his glory and become man; it led him to give his life on the cross and to rise from the dead. It is the power of service, which inaugurates in our world the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and peace."

**ON BEHALF OF FATHER BRIAN,
FATHER PAUL, DEACON LOU AND
THE PARISH STAFF**

**WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**



faith

December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

Additional time for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
for the season of Advent will
be offered on

December 20th at 6:30





Blessing of a Christmas Manger

In its present form the custom of displaying figurines depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

Please remember the parish for your Christmas Offering. Your support helps to serve the parish community and important ministries of the parish.

Thank you



Please remember to pray for those who are sick, especially

Michael DeFelice

Janine DeLeon

David Steck

Bogan Family

Sue Pulsinelli



The First Quarter Performance Report can be found on our website

www.blessedsacramentnj.org.



Our new Breaking Bread 2022 Missal is now available as an App. This is a great resource for \$4.99. You can purchase the App or get your own print copy by calling Oregon Catholic Press at 1-800-548-8749.



Weekend Intentions

4 pm Tom Geslak

7:30 People of Blessed Sacrament Church

Dominic Franzoso

10:00 Song Lu

12 Cathleen Callahan

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ December 24 (Vigil): 5pm Church (livestream), 5 pm Parish Hall, 8pm, 10pm (livestream)

Please note there is no 9 am Mass on Friday, December 24th

December 25: 10 am (livestream), 12 noon

No 4 pm Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, Dec. 25

We will have our regular Sunday Mass schedule on December 26: Masses at 7:30, 10 am, 12 noon

New Year's Eve—Friday, December 31

9:00 am, 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God

January 1: 9:00 am

4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Epiphany)

*We will have our regular Sunday Mass schedule on
January 2: Masses at 7:30am, 10 am & 12 noon*

BOLD
youth ministry by the Sacraments

BOLD is coming to Blessed Sacrament Church for January 2022!!

Coming soon...

Youth Ministry Nights

Info Night - January

Ski Trip - February

BOLD Youth Ministry exists to expose teens to God's love, and provide a place for teens to enjoy each other's company.

BOLD = Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

NEW IN 2022!

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE PARTNERING WITH LOCAL PARISHES, ST. BERNARDS AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TO BEGIN OUR YOUTH OUTREACH.

LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE UPCOMING BULLETIN AND ON OUR WEBSITE.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE...

A Mass for Engaged Couples will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi at 4 pm/. Fr. Timothy Christy will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. To register, please visit: diometuchen.org/engaged-couples-mass. If you have any questions please email amarshall@diometuchen.org.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Cornelius 'Neal' Huhn

Book Club

Next meeting will be held on

January 10th at 10 am.

Church Fathers –From Clement of Rome to Augustine by Pope Benedict XVI. Hosted by Teresa Rusmisel. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Ketrin Maxwell at ksaud@optonline.net or Amy Nocera at amynocera@yahoo.com

Please pray for our parish sick

Praying for our sick is a critical ministry for the entire parish. If you have a family member or friend who is sick and you would like our parish to lift them up in prayer, please send your names to Denise Metzgar at dmetzgar@blessedsacramentnj.org. In addition these names can also be added to our parish prayer line.

PARISH PRAYER BOOK OF INTENTIONS

In our Parish Prayer Book, we pray for the sick, needy, struggling, suffering, etc. Every intention in our hearts! No intention is too big or too small for prayer! St. Paul reminds us:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

Join our Youth Group on January 9th at 7pm

We will be meeting to talk about Summer Service Opportunities. A representative from JusticeworX will speak about opportunities for service in New Jersey and West Virginia. All High School students are welcome. Contact Erin Noonan at erinnoon@optonline.net.



Christmas Oplatki is available for purchase in the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Denise Metzgar at 732-356-4405x2

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

O Lord, be present with all those who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence. Keep them close to You and grant them strength, wisdom and grace. Especially those in our parish family,

LtCdr Douglas Stahl, Navy

2nd Lt. Jacob J. Garrett, Army

Sgt. First Class Charles Esposito, National Guard

PFC Gennaro Castaldo, US Marine

ITSN Scott Davis, Navy

If you have a family member, relative, or friend in the military, especially overseas, or in a dangerous assignment, please let us know so we can request the prayers of our parish family. Furnish their name, rank and Branch of Service to Denise Metzgar at dmetzgar@blessedsacramentnj.org.

THE PRAYER LINE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Since 1999, about 40 volunteers have been responding to prayer requests of parishioners and friends of Blessed Sacrament Church. Sometimes people need to talk with someone when they have a concern, or joy, or urgent request that they wish to share with God. If you would like to submit a prayer request or would like more information about the Prayer Line, please call Barbara Hoff at 908-647-5749 or Gloria Edwards at 908-722-4791.

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