



SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:30 a.m. George Gildersleeve
- 9:30 a.m. Nora and Edward Finnegan
Betty Lampron
John Keown
- 11:30 a.m. Cornelio and Felomena Rodaje
Thomas Elliott
Carolyn Sherwood

MONDAY: NOVEMBER 28

- 7:00 a.m. Dr. Bernard Covalesky

TUESDAY: NOVEMBER 29

- 7:00 a.m. Glen Wagnez
Maria Ferro
Vincenza Bambina

WEDNESDAY: NOVEMBER 30

- 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 1

- 7:00 a.m. Al Samanns

FRIDAY: DECEMBER 2

- 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 3

- VIGIL** Joseph J.P.Murray, Sr.
- 5:30 p.m. John Venillo

SUNDAY: DECEMBER 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:30 a.m. Paul Scucchi
- 9:30 a.m. Deceased members of Barron Family
Yves and Marie Cloitre
Nancy and Samuel George
- 11:30 a.m. Al Sammans
George Gildersleeve
Cornello and Felomena Rodaje

BREAD AND WINE

Given this week in memory of
Glen Wagnez
Requested by his parents

SICK/HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is sick, homebound, or in a nursing home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sr. Thomasine at the parish office (973-366-0184 or 973-879-7008)

PARISH SUPPORT

Last weekend's collection: \$5,390.00
Thank you for your continued support!



Don't forget to join us for the next three Thursday evening's – December 1st, 8th and 15th – at 7:00 p.m. for our Advent journey with Sister Anita Constance. The Theme of our journey this year will be: *THE THIRSTS OF ADVENT: LOVE, COMPASSION, HEALING.* As always we look forward to her creative and prayerful approach to this special time of the year which brings us to the birth of the Lord.

Once again I offer many, many thanks to those who helped to make Thanksgiving a special time for those who come to us for help at this time. We made and distributed well over 100 baskets once again this year. To be honest food was not as abundant as it was last year. Our pantry could have used a great deal more. As always the Knights of Columbus, our scouts and many others brought food and supplies to fill the baskets. Some brought baskets made and ready to go – thanks so much for that. Money came in to make purchases and that really helped save the day. Ten huge/spectacular baskets were donated by the Community Relations Committee at Booz & Company and our thanks goes out to them for their generosity. They made a number of families very happy this year.

Your response to Chris Alpaugh's Eagle Scout project was also most encouraging from what I Hear – Many thanks! When the project is complete the new signage will certainly be an improvement to the front of our church property here and at St. Mary's Cemetery. I'm sure Chris will report as the project unfolds.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Holmes, Josephine Hricko, Margaret McKearney, Eileen Curylo, Carmella Cullen, Joan Shotmuller, Mary Mancin, John Skidmore, Nettie Yaros, Louise Jacobsen, Mary Burns, Sophie Gargiulo, Tina LePre, Wayne Tompkins, Scott Sullivan, Robert Kelly, Theresa Bell, Denise Bencel, Mary Narcise, Anthony Colicchio, Mike Suckey, Miguel Rivera, Barbara LaPallo, Benny Vecchia, Tom Daley, Brittany Bragg, and all the sick of the parish.

COMPANIONS OF PAULINE

Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Bermingham Hall. See Sr. Thomasine for more details.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

(Times are p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- SUNDAY:** CCD (grades 7 & 8) – 6:30
November 27 Confirmation Classes – 6:30
Children's Choir practice after 9:30 Mass
- MONDAY:** Happy Hours – 1:00
November 28 CCD (grades 1-6) – 7:00
Mater Dei Prayer Group – 7:30
- Tuesday:** Practice for Nativity Play – 6:30
November 29
- THURSDAY:** Advent Series – 7:00
December 1 "The Thirsts of Advent: Love, Compassion Healing"
Sr. Anita Constance, presenter
- FRIDAY:** Practicum for new Eucharist Ministers
December 2
- SATURDAY:** Set-up for Breakfast with Santa – 3:00
December 3
- SUNDAY:** Breakfast with Santa – 8 am – 12:30
December 4 Children's Choir – after 9:30 am Mass
Basement Café – 6:30

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Dec. 1/8/15: Parish Advent Presentation – 7 P.M.
"The Thirsts of Advent - Sr. Anita Constance, presenter
- Dec. 04: Breakfast with Santa – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30
- Dec. 10-11: Giving Tree Gifts due back
(Gifts will be distributed Sunday, Dec. 18th)
- Dec. 14: Advent Penance Service – 7:00 p.m.
at St. Bernard's Parish
- Dec. 19: Nativity Play – 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20: Christmas Trip to Huntingdon Playhouse

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 4th 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saint Mary's Cafeteria

Menu includes: eggs, bacon, sausages, bagels, pancakes, fruit, orange juice, coffee tea, toast, milk, etc. Also over 120 Christmas "Tricky Trays" will be raffled off. Admission is \$7.00 per person.



PARISH COOKBOOKS

Copies of our Parish Cookbook are available after all masses this weekend at \$12 each. These cookbooks make a great Christmas presents!



GIVING TREE

Gift tags from our Giving Tree are available. Suggested gifts and sizes are on the Christmas tags which will be given to needy families in our community and residents of Straight and Narrow in Paterson. Please attach the tag to wrapped gift and return under tree by Sunday, December 11th. Gifts will be distributed the following Sunday, December 18th.



A HOLIDAY MUSICAL REVUE!

Saint Mary's Parish is sponsoring a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Play House, "A Playhouse Christmas 2011", on December 20, 2011. Cost: \$90 per person, includes bus, luncheon and show. Contact Sr. Thomasine to reserve your spot.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 am Mass. Please see Paul Fersch (973) 691-9208 or Jeannie Hubley (973) 361-8621).



ACTS YOUTH MINISTRY - BASEMENT CAFÉ

Basement Café meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Bermingham Hall for students in 7th grade and higher.

Next meeting – December 4th

For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Beirne at 973-366-5679.

(Save the date – December 18th - ACTS Basement Café Christmas Party!)

FOOD PANTRY

Food donations are being accepted to replenish our food pantry for the needy in our community.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help work the pantry. If you can help please call Ann Hartnett at 973-584-6012.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



God is near