



**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

**MONDAY: DECEMBER 5**

- 7:00 a.m. Thomas Elliott

**TUESDAY: DECEMBER 6**

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

**WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 7**

**Vigil**

- \*7:00 p.m. Thomas Heslin

**THURSDAY: DECEMBER 8  
The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7:00 a.m. Larry and Peg Dukin  
Jack Bermingham
- 12:00 noon Bridget Hennessey

**FRIDAY: DECEMBER 9**

- 7:00 a.m. Raymond DeMattia

**SATURDAY: DECEMBER 10**

**VIGIL**

- 5:30 p.m. Genevieve Russo

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 11**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 7:30 a.m. George Gildersleeve  
Bill Dabb, Jr.  
Marvien Minnick
- 9:30 a.m. John Kwasnik  
Theodore Sagan
- 11:30 a.m. Bridget Hennessey  
Joseph J.P.Murray, Sr.  
Wanda Gausepohl

*\*Please note, there is no morning mass on December 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Last weekend's collection: \$5,6458

Next weekend the second collection will be taken up for "Retirement Fund for Religious".

**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.

I just want to tell you how wonderful it was for me to celebrate my two Eucharist's this past weekend using the new Roman Missal. The congregation was marvelous in their enthusiasm and prayerfulness. I think we are making the transition for these changes in our usual marvelous fashion. A few members of the community wondered about the meaning of 'consubstantial' – in a word I like to say it means 'equal' – the Father and Son are equal in all things. The new word I hate the most is to say 'many' at the consecration instead of 'all'. I know there is a theological explanation for that but it still gets stuck in my throat. Keep up the good work and again you are to be congratulated.

Don't forget to join us on Thursday evenings for Sister Anita's presentations. They are always well worth it. This week it falls on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We figured it didn't matter. Those who always come will return at night for her presentation. This week's theme: "Compassion."

Be sure to return your gifts for the poor by next weekend so that they can be distributed in plenty of time.

Have a great, prayerful Advent!

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thursday's Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the Church's belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, though conceived and born as all of us are, was preserved free from all sin from the moment of conception, that she "might be a worthy Mother for God's Son, an image of the Church, the Bride of Christ, and a model of holiness" for all God's people. (Preface of the Immaculate Conception). The Virgin Mary, under this title of the Immaculate Conception, is Patroness of the United States and all the Americas, and we see, in her generous cooperation with God's saving plan, a challenge to give of ourselves unconditionally and unreservedly in the loving service of God and our neighbor. Masses for this feast will be celebrated here as follows:

**Wednesday (Vigil) – December 7: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – December 8: 7:00 a.m. & 12 noon**  
**Saint Bernard's Mass Schedule**  
**Thursday – December 8: 8:30 am and 7:00 pm**

**2011 HOLIDAY CONCERT**

On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., St. Therese Church will present "American Boychoir". For tickets and information please call the rectory at 973-584-8271.

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony Fichera** who died this past week.

## FOOD PANTRY

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

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



## PARISH COOKBOOKS

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

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

(Times are p.m. unless otherwise noted)

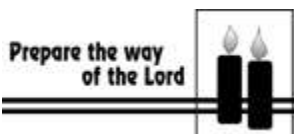
<b>SUNDAY:</b> <i>December 4</i>	Breakfast with Santa – 8 am – 12:30 Basement Café – 6:30
<b>MONDAY:</b> <i>December 5</i>	CCD Parents Mtg. – 7:00 CCD (grades 1-6) – 7:00 Mater Dei Prayer Group – 7:30
<b>TUESDAY:</b> <i>December 6</i>	Practice for Nativity Play – 6:30
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> <i>December 7</i>	Baptism Prep – 7:30
<b>THURSDAY:</b> <i>December 8</i>	Advent Series – 7:00 “The Thirsts of Advent: Love, Compassion Healing” Sr. Anita Constance, presenter
<b>SATURDAY:</b> <i>December 10</i>	CCD Craft Morning – 9am – 12noon Baptisms – 11:30 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY:</b> <i>December 11</i>	CCD Mass (grade 8) – 9:30 a.m. Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers – 11:30 a.m. Mass Confirmation classes and Grades 7 & 8 – 6:30 Dress rehearsal for Nativity Play – 6:00

## CATECHIST/ADULT EDUCATION MEETING

Please join us on Monday evening, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. when Mr. Dennis Corcoran, our guest speaker, will present -“The Price of Perfection (Forming Family)”.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Dec. 8/15:	Parish Advent Presentation – 7 P.M. “The Thirsts of Advent - Sr. Anita Constance, presenter
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



## GIVING TREE

Please take a gift tag from our Giving Tree this weekend. Suggested gifts and sizes are on the 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 next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be distributed the following Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>**.



## A HOLIDAY MUSICAL REVUE!

A few tickets are still available for the 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 will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in Bermingham Hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Beirne at 973-366-5679. (Save the date – December 18<sup>th</sup> - ACTS Basement Café Christmas Party!)

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you wish to make a donation toward Christmas flowers or in memory of a loved one, please return the envelope included in your monthly packet by December 18<sup>th</sup>. A list of names will be included in the bulletin for December 25<sup>th</sup>.

## 2011 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

*See the Face of Christ in Everyone*

Please take advantage of the remaining weeks of 2011 to make a year-end gift to our Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Your pledge is essential so that the Church of Paterson can continue to help tens of thousands of people throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex County each year. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish’s Appeal goal are returned to the parish for their own needs. By contributing to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you are also helping your local faith community. May God bless you for your generous support!

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian community the following children who were baptized in November:



### ADDISON JUNE

Daughter of Frank and Megan Simini, III

### SARAH MARIE

Daughter of Michael and Dianne Rogacki

### LEILA MIA

Jorge and Gianna Villarroel