

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	January 5th	
8:00 AM	Jim Selleck requested by Virginia Husk	
9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving requested by Josephine Falzarano	Polish
10:30 AM	Leonard E. Brooks requested by Millie Brooks	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Thomas Kleinbard (Living) requested by Ann Mahon	Cantor
Monday	January 6th	
8:00 AM	Anthony DeVincenzo requested by Betty and Dan Collins	
Tuesday	January 7th	
8:00 AM	William Dinkins	
Wednesday	January 8th †	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Thursday	January 9th	
8:00 AM	Anthony DeVincenzo requested by Maureen and Pete Zapp	
Friday	January 10th	
8:00 AM	Anthony DeVincenzo requested by Lois Chamberlin	
Saturday	January 11th	
8:00 AM	Perpetual Mass Intentions	
5:00 PM	Earl J. Parsons III requested by Friends at Hewitt Post Office	Cantor
Sunday	January 12th	
8:00 AM	Kathy Wortham requested by Roberta and Ray Kilgallen	
9:00 AM	Victor Krol (Living) requested by Teresa Krol	Polish
10:30 AM	Leonard Brooks requested by OLQP	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Mary Burke requested by Ann Mahon	Contemporary Choir

Readings for January 12, 2014

Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



Pro-Life Corner

Physicians, nurses and healthcare workers can touch the lives of women and girls who may be considering abortion with practical assistance, counseling and adoption alternatives. Equally important, they should be conscious evangelizers of their own professions, witnessing by word and example that God is the Lord of life. (#29) *Living the Gospel of Life USCCB*

*Before I formed you
in the womb
I knew you* Jeremiah 1:5



From the Desk of Father Michael Let us awaken to the Epiphany in our Life



As the New Year has officially started, we arise to the joy of the last couple of weeks with the birth of Christ, and look forward to the twelve months ahead.

Jesus' birth hopefully has sparked a special interest and desire in our hearts to enter into a closer and deeper relationship with Him. After all He came into the world out of love for us. His birth gives us the message to follow Him in obedience, sacrifice, and adhering to the moral code in order to gain Eternal Life. It is the same Eternal Life that He promised to the faithful through His death on the Cross.

We have also shared in the joy of parenthood. Joseph and Mary set the benchmark for their dedication and example stands till today.

Now we are awakened to the Epiphany. The time we celebrate the three kings who come to see Jesus.

Sometimes you hear people say that I don't go to Church because I don't get anything out of it. There is a problem with that and any other statement like it. We don't go to Mass for what we get out of it; but we should be concerned with what we bring to it. Remember, the Magi did not go to see Jesus in the manger to get something. They came to see the Christ Child to do Him homage and bring gifts. Their intent was not to be a receiver but rather the giver of gifts to the newborn king.

That is the example of Christ. He is a gift to us. He gave fully of His life for the intent of showing us the way to eternal life. Our desire and interest should be the same as the magi who come before the Lord with gifts. The gifts we offer should be a total gift of oneself without hesitation.

The magi set the example for us in our worship of Jesus. They traveled many miles, not by car but camel, endured various weather conditions, lacked food, comforts and luxuries, all to see Christ. It gives us a new meaning and purpose on how we ought to pay homage and worship Jesus.

For all He gives us, he simply asks for us to love Him and follow Him. This calls us all to have an Epiphany in our life. We need to start the New Year right by willingly following the example of Christ, and putting Him above all else. If something is blocking us from entering into that deeper relationship, we need to address it. If something or someone is denying us from entering into that deeper relationship with God, we need to seek a resolution and solve it. It may take weeks or even months to defeat a habit or destroy the poison of sin, but it is necessary to do it if we really want to give a gift to the Christ Child. That gift is our self-awareness, joy, faith, and hope in Christ.

There is no better time for change than now on this Feast of the Epiphany and the start of this year. The prophet Ezekiel writes: "I will sprinkle clean water upon you." May the waters of our Baptismal promise to follow God be renewed. May this be the year that we each establish a deeper and closer relationship with God.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 5th

Sunday CCD – 9:00 AM – Education Center
AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, January 6th

Monday CCD – 7:00 PM – Education Center

Tuesday, January 7th

Tuesday CCD – 4:35 PM – Education Center
Children's Choir – 5:45 PM – Church
CYO Basketball Games – 7:00 and 8:15 PM - Gym
Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 PM – Church
Baptism Class – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space
Pack Committee – 7:30 PM - Library

Wednesday, January 8th

Women's Cornerstone – 7:00 PM – Gathering Space
Boy Scouts – 7:00 PM – Gym

Thursday, January 9th

CYO Basketball – 6:30 PM - Gym
Confirmation I – 7:00 PM – Education Center
Bible Study – 7:00 PM - Library

Friday, January 10th

Saturday, January 11th

Legion of Mary – 8:30 AM – Library
AA – 2 PM – Gathering Space
Confessions – 4:00 PM – Church

Sunday, January 12th

Sunday CCD – 9:00 AM – Education Center
Confirmation II Mass and Class – 12:00 PM – Church
CYO Basketball Game – 2:00 and 3:15 PM - Gym
AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

ALTAR CLEANING**

**Please, Water live plants carefully, as needed

Week of December 29, 2013

Team 8 – Marie Bryan, Nona Runo, Carole Mazzucco
and Chris Fullerton



Food Pantry item this week

Tuna

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

Tithing:

Sunday, December 21, 2013	\$8,978
Christmas Day	\$23,308
Christmas – second collection	\$2,636

Second Collection next week Deficit Reduction

We thank everyone for their generosity to our Christmas collection. It does help us meet our bills to operate the parish and we are grateful. If by chance you were away, we ask that you forward your support and stewardship to the parish office this week as we need to close the 2013 books.

Sometimes you may wonder: what are the special envelopes for the parish? Why do we need them?

Generally speaking we have a weekly stewardship envelope that helps meet our parish operating costs. This is very important each week because it goes to pay employee salaries and benefits, general maintenance, and operating costs. We have additional second envelopes for:

1. **Deficit Reduction:** Once a month we ask you to consider making a donation to help defray the debt we owe the diocese.
2. **Maintenance:** This twice yearly envelope helps to cover the cost of major expenses like plowing, and major landscaping (fertilizing, leaf removal).
3. **Diocesan Assessment:** This envelope helps us pay the \$64,000+ to the Diocese for diocesan operations. Each parish is assessed a certain **amount to cover costs.**

We are truly thankful for your kindness to your parish. Your help goes a long way to meet these costs.

Wine and Bread for January 1-11, 2014

In Memory of deceased members of Rosary Society
Requested by Rosary Society of OLQP

SHOP-RITE and A&P GIFT CARDS

Week Ending December 22, 2013

Sold – \$4,025.00

Profit – \$201.25

Total Profit since July 1 – \$3,984.25



Trip to NYC



The youth ministry took their second annual trip to NYC to see the Rockefeller Center tree and other Christmas sites. Everyone enjoyed the trip, the warm weather was a great bonus. We were so proud of everyone, what a wonderful group of teens. Thanks to them and all our chaperones!

Confirmation Classes resume this week
Confirmation I – Thursday, January 9, 7 PM
Confirmation II – Sunday, January 12, Mass & Class, 12PM

Service Hours Available

CYO Home Games (sell concessions)
Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 pm – 9 pm
Sunday, January 12, 1:30 pm – 5 pm

Return All Service Hour Forms

Please have students bring in any service hours that they have completed, especially those completed outside church. A letter will be sent home during January total number of hours that have been submitted. I would like it to be as accurate as possible.

March for Life

Wednesday, January 22 is the **Right to Life March** in Washington DC. See registration form below. We do not have class again until January so we need to know as soon as possible how many are planning to attend. We leave around 5:30 AM and return approximately 11 PM. Families are welcome to attend also. Forms can be turned in between now and when class restarts after the holidays.



CCD Families - CCD Classes resume this week, January 5-8, 2014. We look forward to another year of sharing our faith with the children of our parish.



PASTOR NOTES

Eagle Scout Project

Austin Turek is completing his Eagle Scout project in the gym. He is painting the gym kitchen, back of stage area, and recreation closet where we keep children toys. Additionally he is building a toy chest, shelving, and railing for the steps up to the stage area. Next weekend, January 11-12, he will have a bake sale after the Masses to assist him with the costs of the entire project. As you've seen at our Parish Festival and other occasions, Eagle Scouts accept direct donations to help defray the costs and fulfill the fundraising component required for this prestigious award. We ask you to stop by and offer encouragement and thanks for the support of our Scouts.

Support our Teams

We invite our parishioners to come and support our CYO teams. I'm proud of these kids and coaches who enter each game with excitement. Their next home games are Tues., Jan. 7 at 7 and 8:15 PM, Sun. Jan. 12 at 2 and 3:30 PM and Thurs., Jan. 16 at 7 and 8:15 PM.

Altar Servers

Last call for any student 4th Grade and up who wishes to become an Altar Server. Practice will be schedule soon. If interested, please see Fr. Michael, or call the office.

March for Life

Please sign up for our annual trip to Washington to give voice to the voiceless. See flyer in this bulletin and sign-up.

RCIA – Adult Confirmation

We hope to offer classes in preparation for adult Confirmation to take place in late spring. If you are 18 years old or older and have never received Confirmation this class may be for you. Would you like to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation, but have never received Confirmation yourself? Here is an opportunity for you. We will have a four month intensive study with weekly classes to prepare for this celebration. If you are interested, please call Mary Beth 973-728-8162, ext. 309.

Keep Christ in Christmas Demonstration 12/21/13



We were blessed with a beautiful day, and the response from the town's people was over whelming, with the blowing horns, waving and best of all the warm smiles. Thank you Charlene and Michael, you represented Our Lady and St. Joseph perfectly.



Please remember in your prayers the following: Laurie Burton, Ann Cascio, Michael DeMarco, Ed Fava, Nancy Ann Gallo, Matthew Gangi, Robert Green, Frances Hackett, Pat Hajek, Ted Hajek, Duane Hendrickson, Sandra Hendrickson, Sr., William Hochstadter, Stanley Holuba, Ed Hudak, Irene Hudak, Mary Hudak, Randolph Iannacone, Bob Innella, Ian Jennings, Olivette (Ollie) Kennedy, Jo Lampe, Mike Ligus, Marie Marino, Dave Monti, Ibette Morales, Father John Murray, Walter Murray, Sr. Rosemary Napolitano, Baby Elaina Perrone, Genevieve Puso, Peter Sands, Fr. Bill Scully, Jane Sikkema, Beverly Schwab, Marge Starick, Eileen Trahan, Jamie Travis, Carol Vassallo, Alison Walters Soderburg, Sal Vitale, Florence Zellin, Ronald Zellin, Brice Zimmer.

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Evelyn Grich

**WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE
Valley Home Care and Hospice**

Seeking volunteers in the Passaic County area. Must be 18 years or older. Volunteers provide visits, respite for families, emotional support and assistance with errands for terminally ill patients and their families.

Also other volunteer opportunities with visiting patients on Home Care, along with volunteering for events offered. No training necessary.. Please contact Maria Salerno 201-291-6246 or print application online at www.valleyhealth.com under "Valley Volunteers."

St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, New Jersey 07940 is offering the following:

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. **Saturday, January 4 from 10:00 a.m.-noon.**

Mission Think Tank

Clergy, parish staff members, and interested others are invited to seek positive solutions to contemporary challenges in evangelizing. **Wednesday, January 8 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

(repeated on January 17, from 1:30-3:00 p.m.)

Friday Night Light: Christopher de Vinck

Christopher de Vinck, a husband, father, and accomplished author, vividly conveys the enormous impact his incapacitated brother had on him and his family during his life and how being a Catholic impacted his life. **Friday, January 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Reasons to Believe: A Year with Pope Francis

Fr. Derek Anderson will concentrate on another topic raised by Pope Francis during his first year. **Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m.**



March for Life Trip to Washington, DC

When: Wed. Jan. 22

Time: Departure 5:30 AM

Return 11:00 PM

Bagel and Orange Juice provided in the morning. Mass on Capitol Hill at the Church of St. Peters

March for the voiceless, children aborted, parents involved in abortion, and for an end to abortion.

Those interested are asked to return the following form to the office by January 19, 2014. Tickets are first come, first serve. Please do not delay.

March for Life – January 22 – trip to Washington, DC

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____

Adults (\$30) _____ # Students (\$20)

Please complete and return before January 19th