

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Holy Mass

MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00AM
SATURDAY 8:00AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(LOWER CHURCH)

Tuesdays - 8:00PM

Wednesdays - 8:00PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

(CONFESSION)

Saturday

2:45PM TO 3:45PM

Neo-Catechumenal Mass

Saturday 8:00PM (English)

Seminary

8:30PM (Spanish)

Lower Church

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday - 4:00PM (English)

8:30AM (English)

10:00AM (Italian)

11:30AM (English)

1:00PM (Spanish)

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

4:00PM TO 5:00PM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday 7:00PM - English

ROSARY

Monday 8:00PM - Spanish

PRAYER GROUP

(LOWER CHURCH)

Friday 7PM-9PM

**For the SACRAMENTS OF
MARRIAGE AND BAPTISMS**

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HOLY MASS

Saturday December 1, 2018

4:00PM Dennis Arcano by M/M J. Sabato

Sunday December 2, 2018

8:30AM Joseph, Rose Maria & Joseph Jr. Pace by Family

10:00AM Silvio Boccuzzi by Family

11:30AM Armando Perrone by John Phillips & Tammy

1:00PM Eloisa Ministro por su hijo Carlos Tufino / Juana Kisich por familia

<p>The Lamp, Host & Wine for the week of Dec. 2 – Dec. 8 in Memory of John Centonze by Dr. & Mrs. Greg D'Onofrio</p>

Monday December 3, 2018

7:00AM In Thanksgiving

8:00PM Healing Mass

Tuesday December 4, 2018

7:00AM Joann Fratturo by Friend

Wednesday December 5, 2018

7:00AM Jules, Franco, Joachin & Veronique Pericles / Germaine, Merisier, Sherley, Gerard & Edner Derameau Dieu / Gracelie Vilme, Amelize Angerville & Venicia Chereenfant by Marie Falene Florestal

Thursday December 6, 2018

7:00AM Deceased of the Tolla Family by Family

Friday December 7, 2018

7:00AM For our Parishioners

5:30PM George & Melinda Upton by Family

Saturday December 8, 2018

8:00AM Armando Perrone by Rosa Mallozzi

4:00PM Vincenzo & Felicia Martino by Family

Sunday November 9, 2018

8:30AM Ottavio Castiglione by Giovanna & Andrew Fox

10:00AM Desiderio & Maria Cirelli by Family

11:30AM Michele Guarna by Rosa Guarna

1:00PM Rose Hill by sister

SUNDAY COLLECTION – The Sunday Collection for the weekend of November 24 & 25 totaled \$4,227.00. Thank you and please be as generous as possible.

FOR THE DECEASED - We ask the Lord to grant Eternal Rest to Rose Sabia and the deceased of the parish.

THE ILL OF THE PARISH: Please remember in your prayers: Kelly Long, Graziella Cucco Curry, Frank Picciallo, Lynette Lyons, and our parishioners who are ill.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Monday, December 3, 2018 in the Lower Church at 7:30PM. All men of the parish are invited.

GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISMS: Classes in English will take place on the First Saturday of each month. The next class will be held January 5, 2019 in the church at 1:00PM and then the child can be baptized after that on the second Saturday of each month at 1:00PM.

MESSA IN MEMORIA SETTIMANALI: Se qualcuno vuole donare l'ostia, il vino per la messa o la lampada del santuario in memoria di una persona cara o come una donazione si prega di contattare l'ufficio 203-324-9544. L'offerta e` di \$25.00 per ciascuno.

CLASES PRE-BAUSTISMALES: En Español se ofrecen el tercer sábado de cada mes, a la 1:00PM en la iglesia. Por favor llamar a la oficina para registrarse 203-324-9544. La proxima clase será el 15 de Diciembre. Los bautizos es Español se celebran el cuarto sábado de cada mes a la 1:00 PM.



***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018 - ANNUAL
ITALIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER - 6:00PM IN
THE LOWER CHURCH***

SOLD OUT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018: SACRED HEART CHOIR will perform a Christmas Concert, Saturday, December 15, 2018 after the 4:00PM Mass. The concert is free and open to the public. Please join us after the concert in the lower level for refreshments.



FRIDAY, DEC. 14TH AT 8:00PM: REDEMPTORIS MATER DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SEMINARY OF BRIDGEPORT WITH THE REDEMPTORIS MATER ARCH DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SEMINARY OF BROOKLYN: Cordially invite you to attend their

***First Annual Christmas Concert
Saint Raphael Church
162 Oak Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606***

SISTER PIETRINA MAZZOLA, MPF

Sr. Pietrina Mazzola, MPF, 96 died early Sunday morning, Nov. 25, 2018, at St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ.

The viewing was held on Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the St. Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 4:00pm. Interment was in the Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.

Born and raised in New York City in 1922, Sr. Pietrina entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1937. She received her habit in 1938 and made her religious profession in 1941.

Sr. Pietrina was awarded a BS degree in Biology from Fordham University and a MA in Administration from Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT.

Sr. Pietrina taught both in the Elementary, Jr. High and High School levels in the Archdiocese of Newark and NY and in the Diocese of Trenton and Camden, NJ.

In 1960, Sr. Pietrina moved to Connecticut where she remained for the rest of her professional ministry. **She administered as principal in the following schools:** St. Sebastian, Middletown, CT; St. Anthony Bristol, CT; **and Sacred Heart, Stamford, CT where Sr. Pietrina was also a great presence in our school and Church. She is always remembered for her hard work and commitment.** During these years, she will best be remembered for her annual musical production "Melody Time." Although Sr. Pietrina retired in 2009, she continued to volunteer her time at St. Peter, Torrington, and then the Montessori School at Queen of Apostles in Bristol, CT. Visiting hospitals and nursing homes were also part of her continued ministry during these years of retirement.

Through her many years in Connecticut, Sr. Pietrina also served as local superior. She further ministered Provincial Councilor for the Queen of Apostles Province for two 6 year terms. In 2004, Sr. Pietrina received the Pro Ecclesia Award from the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, a papal award conferred for distinguished service to the Church.

Sr. Pietrina became a resident at St. Joseph Hall, Home Healthcare Center for the Filippini Sisters in late September 2018, two months prior to her passing. She will always be admired as a faithful community member of the Filippini Sisters.



Questa Domenica è la prima di Avvento, un tempo di conversion e per ricordare la seguente:

DOPO

Dopo ti chiamo.

Dopo lo faccio.

Dopo lo dico.

Dopo io cambio.

Ci penso dopo.

Lasciamo tutto per dopo.

come se il dopo fosse il meglio,

MA NON CAPIAMO CHE

dopo il caffè si raffredda...

dopo la priorità cambia...

dopo l'incanto si perde...

dopo il presto si trasforma in tardi...

dopo la malinconia passa

dopo le cose cambiano...

dopo i figli crescono...

dopo la gente invecchia...

dopo le promesse si dimenticano...

dopo il giorno è notte...

DOPO LA VITA FINISCE.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advent) of Christ into our lives. Besides his first coming at his birth, Jesus comes to our lives through the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), through the Word of God, through the worshipping community, at the moment of our death and, finally, in his Second Coming to judge the world.

In today's Gospel, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany his Second Coming and encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant and well-prepared: "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence.

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting for our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance and by sharing our blessings with others. Advent also provides an opportunity for us to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us accept the challenge of Alexander Pope this Advent season: *"What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?"*

The Church reminds us that we will be asked to give an account of our lives before Christ the Judge, both at the moment of our deaths and at Jesus' *second coming*. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives every night during Advent and to make the necessary alterations in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Amid the tragedies that sometimes occur in our daily lives and the setbacks in spiritual life, we must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again.

God bless you,

Fr. Alfonso Picone
Pastor





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