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Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2020

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Mass Schedule
Monday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday 5:30pm &
8:00 pm (in classroom)
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00 pm
Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.

Parish Office:
Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
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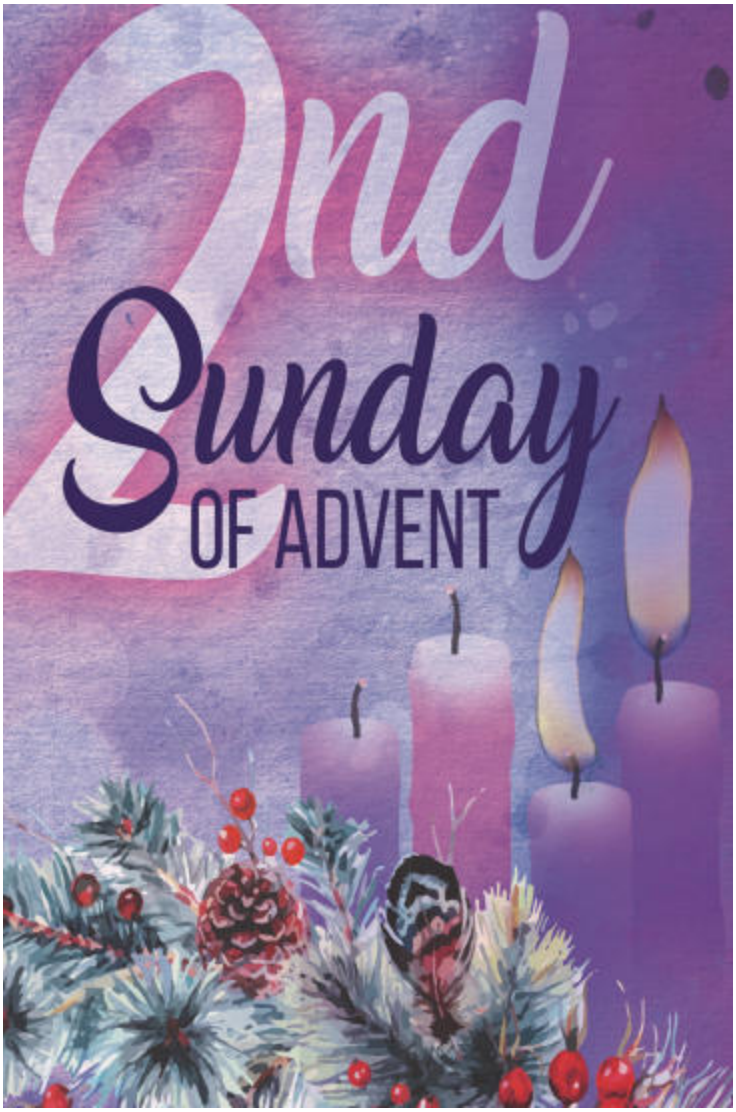
Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm



Mission Statement: Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather and worship to praise God, and strive to imitate the life of Jesus as we reach out beyond our own faith community.

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In a recent survey the British were declared the worst dressed people in Europe.

The French are turned out in elegance and style. Italians have a Mediterranean flair. But the British are relegated to last place when it comes to fashion sense. The frumpy tweed jacket and knotted hanky are no match for their continental cousins.

John the Baptist was not British, but he would have come in last on the catwalk. Dressed in camel's hair and a leather belt, he would have stuck out like a sore thumb here in Bergen County.

And yet this odd ball was a magnet for all who saw him. What attracted them? Certainly not his fashion sense! People flocked to him to... acknowledge their sins!

This is the heart of Advent. St. Charles Borromeo says that Advent makes present the fact that the Father sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan. The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again, when we remove all obstacles to his presence.

The greatest obstacle is sin.

Of course you can't talk about sin today. People can talk about God, they can quote Jesus, they can discuss the Bible. But sin must never be mentioned. Ours is another anthropology, that of the '*Bon Savage*.' We are all fundamentally good, we have an innate beatitude, we are all children of God. Everyone goes to heaven. We have no sin. We have a musical soul.

Post modernity proclaims there is no objective truth. There are opinions, and everyone is entitled to their opinion, to do what they think best. There is a gradualism of conscience. The truth, the good, what is right, is dictated at an individual level.

John the Baptist was having none of this. He proclaimed repentance and a Baptism for forgiveness of sin. The amazing thing is that people took him seriously. They accepted that they were, in fact, sinners.

Perhaps this is not so surprising. A recent psychological report said that many of the complexes people suffer from can be traced to one thing: a radical lack of humility. Humility is the truth. The truth is that we are flawed, we are sinners, we are in need of repentance, we are in need of the grace of God. When this truth is not present, we live in an alienation, a false reality.

John the Baptist's voice will resound in the Gospel at Mass today. It will be a sobering dose of reality. We will be confronted with our brokenness, but also the great truth that we can be freed from the tyranny of Satan.

May we hear the Baptist's voice, and receive his message, no matter what clothes he might be wearing!

Fr. Sean

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday **December 5**
5:30 pm Joseph Ferrara

Sunday **December 6**
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Paul Camella
10:30 am Robert Ellis
6:00 pm Vincent Papaleo

Monday **December 7**
St. Ambrose of Milan
8:30 am Ursalina & Michael Vernaglia
7:30 pm (Vigil) Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

Tuesday **December 8**
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Marian Turpak
12:00 pm Rosa DiCapua

Wednesday **December 9**
8:30 am *St Juan Diego*
Ellen Micelli

Thursday **December 10**
8:30 am Joseph DiBella

Friday **December 11**
8:30 am *St. Damasus*
Alice McGovern

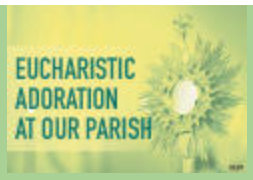
Saturday **December 12**
5:30 pm *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
John Chiavelli

Sunday **December 13**
Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am John Chiavelli
10:30 am Patricia Houlihan
6:00 pm People of the Parish

The Bread and Wine will be offered for the Weeks of November 22-December 5 in Memory of

Molly Offer

Requested by The Offer Family



Come visit with Jesus!!
Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Silent reflection and prayer in the church

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed"

Parish sick list: *Marie Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Bischoff, Francesca DeMarco, Arlene Desposito, Carol Franco, Trevor Giesberg, Tom Harrington, Jennifer Hartmann, Kathy Hedley, Brad Jones, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Rosemary Levin, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, Nat Lucarello, Kevin Murphy, Terry Racanelli, James Ranazzo, Carol Schmidt, Bro. Kevin Smith, Bob Staab, Ivan Tarabokia, Tom Woodhour, Eric Vanderleif and Bryce Werner*

"A time to mourn"

"A time for war and a time for peace"

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

Waterfront Nursing Home Resident Christmas Gifts

In the spirit of Christmas, we are once again asking our parishioners to purchase a holiday gift for a resident who lives in this facility. We ask you to please stop by the table in the church foyer after all Masses this weekend and pick up a name tag which will include an item from their "wish list." Please return the wrapped gift with the resident's name on the card to the church foyer **no later than the weekend of December 19/20**. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Stan at 201.391.5013, who will be delivering the gifts on December 21st.

Stewardship of Treasure
My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility
"Prepare the way of the Lord…" - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

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November 2020

Rev. Sean Manson
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Dear Rev. Manson,

On behalf of the women and children we serve, we thank you for so generously donating 37 Visa gift cards worth $25.00 to distribute to our clients.

As we move through this season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of just how much there is to be thankful for. Despite the enormous challenges these days bring, Oasis is blessed. Our doors are open. Our lights are on. Thanks to your generosity, we can still cook, serve, teach, counsel, and care for the women and children who turn to us.

The numbers are stunning: Since March 17, we have distributed 14,009 food bags (enough food for a family of 4 to last 2-3 days) and 101,010 hot meals. Our classrooms are open, teaching both in-person and virtually. And our social workers are here daily, helping the most vulnerable families in our community navigate through this challenging time.

Nine months ago we would have never dreamed that Oasis could have pivoted the way we have. But together, with your support, we've created a place designed to respond to changing needs. We were built do to this, but only with your help.

This Thanksgiving, know there are thousands of women and children in Paterson who are thankful for you.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving season,

Jennifer Brady
Executive Director

Thank you & Happy Thanksgiving!

Oasis is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; no goods or services were exchanged.
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Christmas Eve
4:00 pm/Children's Mass
5:30 pm/12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day
8:30 am & 10:30 am
New Years Eve
5:30 pm
Friday, January 1, 2021
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
10:30 am

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of December
In memory of

Michael Pisano

Requested by Barbara Pisano

Faith Formation

Faith Formation News

Advent-A New Beginning!

On the Second Sunday of Advent we light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world. The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah,* contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis.* depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return. God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return. Let us hope with confidence that God will find favor with us when he returns. May we continue to pray during this time of preparation for the birth of our Savior Jesus!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 8th is the day we honor Mary, the Immaculate Conception, and Patroness of the United States. The Gospel for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary tells us the story of how God called Mary to accept a special role. Mary was conceived without original sin unlike us. She was made special to be the Mother of God. We honor Mary because she is the Mother of Jesus and our Mother as well. We can grow closer to God through Mary because of the special place she has in relationship to Jesus. Take time to go to Mass and honor Mary, our Mother.

Youth JAM & Confirmation Schedules

Youth JAM will next meet Sunday December 13 at 4:30 PM and includes the 6 PM Liturgy. Future dates: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9

Confirmation class will next meet Sunday, December 13 and begins at the 10:30 AM Liturgy. Future dates: Jan. 17, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9

Important Dates for Faith Formation

Dates for In Person Gatherings in Church

Teaching Mass will be rescheduled.

Wed. 12/16 3:45 – 5 PM Teaching Mass

Wed. 1/20 3:45 – 5 PM Grade 2 Reconciliation Workshop

Question of the Week

This week's question***: Who is the Patroness of the United States?*** Last week's answer: The beginning of the Liturgical year is the First Sunday of Advent. ***Congratulations to Gabe Egbert!*** To enter this week's raffle, email faithformationolmc@gmail.com by 3pm on Wednesday. ***All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen***.

Kids' Bulletin: Win a Gift Card to Dairy Queen!

Each week we send out the Kid's bulletin by email which focuses on the Sunday readings with fun activities. ***Congratulations to Justin Sorrenti!*** To enter, send the completed bulletin to Faith Formation, A drawing for a gift card to Dairy Queen from entries submitted.

Pope Francis says: *"Advent is the Season in which we remember God's nearness, that He came down toward us." Nov 30, 2020*

Thank you to all our very generous parishioners who donated to our Thanksgiving outreach. Gift cards have been sent to some local families and to St. Joseph's and Oasis Centers for Women and Children. The Outreach Committee wishes everyone a very happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving".

STAY AWAKE, BE READY!!!

Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir was a great success last year. We are most grateful for the opportunity to grow this ministry and to work with you and your children. We would like to kickoff our season and provide you with a brief schedule so we can get started.

We will conduct the rehearsals in person and via zoom so you and your child have an option.

These are the Masses you will be singing: Christmas Eve, December 24th (prelude at 3:30 pm and Mass at 4:00 pm).

These are the rehearsals: Sun, December 6 (11:30 am after the 10:30 am Mass), Wednesday, December 9 at 5:00 pm, Sun, December 13 at 11:30 am, Wed, December 16 at 5:00 pm (same day as FF live class), Mon, December 21 at 5:00 pm and/or Wed, December 23 at 5:00 pm.

Blessings and prayers to you and your families. Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us! We are blessed.

Musically,

Miss Marie (201) 396-2947
Miss Lucia

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations to the Food Pantry in November. Our next collection will be this weekend. **The special needs and requests for this month are: canned fruit, tuna and hot and cold cereal..** While we are grateful for ALL donations, the food pantry cannot distribute expired food items. **Please make sure you check the expiration dates on all the donated food items.** Any other donations are of course welcome as well. All those concerned at the pantry deeply appreciate your continued generosity.

Thank You Bakers and Casserole Makers!!

Your generosity made it possible to add sweetness for over 200 clients. God bless you! If you are interested in this ministry please call Pat 201-403-4897 or email patkeenaghan@yahoo.com. *"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;"* Matthew 25:35

Thank You to Ho-Ho-Kus Bakery and Mr. James Gentile

Twice a week Ho-Ho-Kus Bakery donates bread, rolls, bagels, muffins, and pastries that we bag for distribution at the Tri-Boro Food Pantry. Tri-Boro Food Pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday for donations of food and distribution. The pantry is experiencing a much higher demand and needs more donations. When food shopping, please consider donating an extra bag of groceries for the pantry and bring to the church lobby. Thank you to Rita Hartmann for coordinating this.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH DONATE ONLINE OR BY MAIL

Thank you for continuing to financially support our parish. Please continue as much as your situation will allow. Your continued generosity is such a big help! There are different options to do this:

- Envelopes can be mailed or dropped off in the church mailbox,
- Online Parish Giving-details on our website.
- Online Archdiocesan Go Fund Me-all contributions come directly to our parish when you choose Team 'Our Lady Mother of the Church'. Details are also on our website.

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