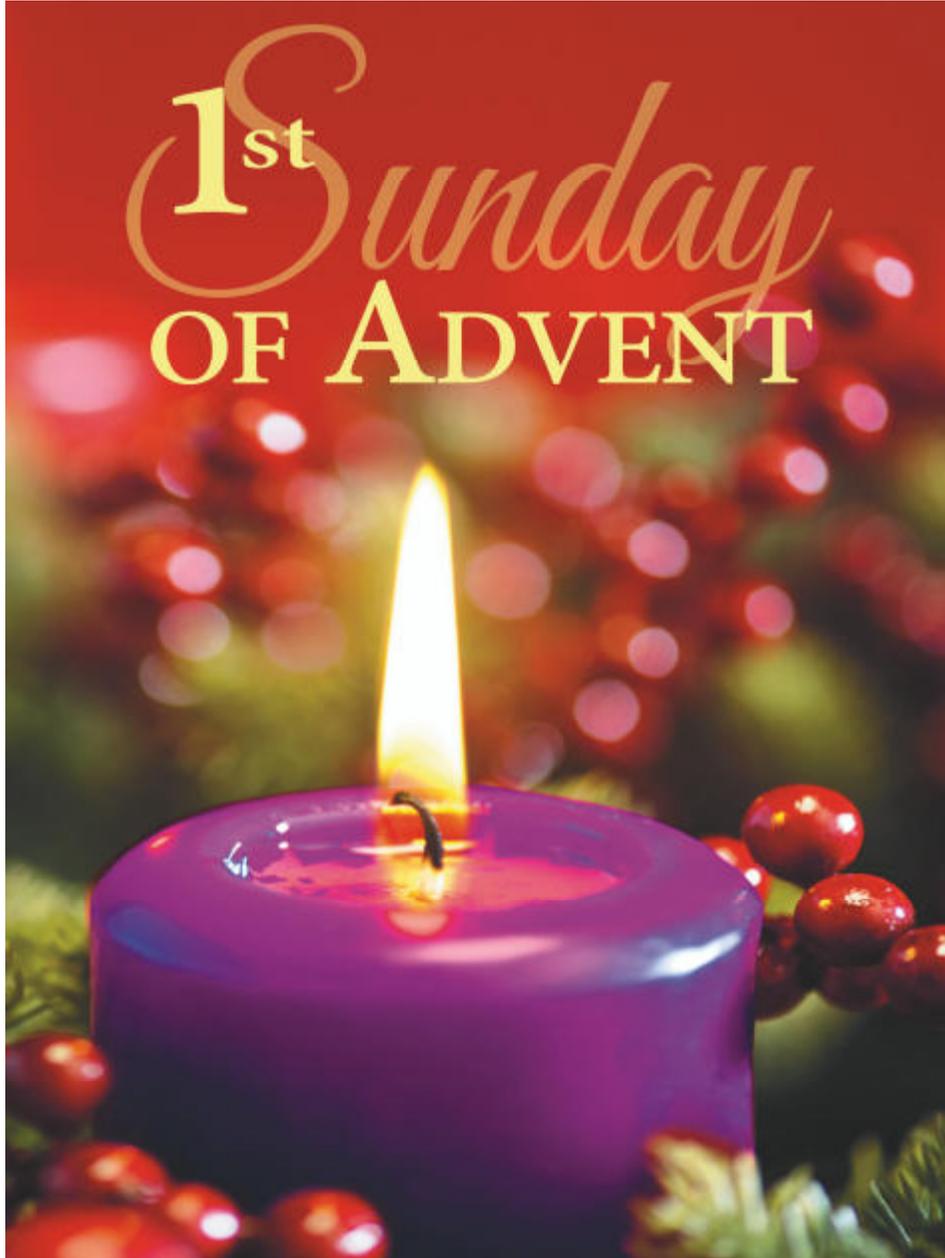




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November 29, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent



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Mass Intentions

Monday November 30
7:30am Michael Kivlon r/b Al & Ann Taggart

Tuesday December 1st
7:30am Richard Buss
r/b Matteo & Gerald Hroncich
Deceased members of Perrone Family
r/b Family

Wednesday December 2nd
7:30am Ludmila Tomaszkowicz
r/b Tomaskowicz Family

Thursday December 3
7:30am Special Intentions: Michael McKernan
r/b Maria

Friday December 4
7:30am Felix & Alice Bucinell

Saturday December 5
8:00am Irene & Felix Bucinell
5:00pm Terence Farrelly
r/b Donald & Lorraine Chiossi
Healy & Farrelly Families r/b Kay
Catherine La Pointe r/b MJ Husted
Michael Votor r/b Christine Schmidt

Sunday December 6
7:30am **Second Sunday of Advent**
Ed Aungst r/b Family
Michael Kivlon r/b Tom & Sue Decker

9:00am
Special Intentions: Krystyna Konopka r/b Agnes
Helen Ebers r/b The Whatley Family

11:00am
Robert Sullivan r/b Kathleen Sullivan
Charles McDonald " "
Joyce Bender " "

12:30pm Mass in Spanish
Giuseppa Barone r/b Bob & Kathy Santee



For all that are ill, especially
Daniel O'Donnell, John David Caruso, Karen Ball Potucek,
Philip Guidotti, Joey Poretta, Fr. Joseph Laracy,
Christopher Zittel, Claudia Olimpia, Claudiu Dorin,
Judi Watson, Roy Davidson, George Conklin,
Joanne & Joseph Spero
We ask you to call the parish office to request prayers.

Pray for all the deceased

DONATIONS TO HELP SEMINARIANS

The ladies from the Columbiettes will be at church after all the Masses this weekend to collect donations for the Seminarians they help support while they are studying to become priests.

Thank you for your generosity!



Due to the advanced printing schedule, the collection amount will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you very much!

Please consider maintaining your financial support of our parish at this time. This can be done through mailing your donation envelopes to 65 Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ 07405 or donating online through this website: <https://saopp.churchgiving.com>

We are grateful for your continued support especially at this time.

Consider St. Anthony's Parish in your will.

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For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.

**Retirement Fund for Religious
2nd Collection - December 6th**

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious Helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. Thank you.

"Communications is a means of expressing the missionary vocation of the entire Church; today the social networks are one way to experience this call to discover the beauty of faith, the beauty of encountering Christ."
Pope Francis

Diocese of Paterson

In an effort to better communicate with everyone, Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney has assembled a team of "digital missionaries" to start the diocesan Facebook page and explore other ways in which the diocese can more effectively communicate and evangelize through social media.

Bishop Sweeney is encouraging all to follow his Instagram account @bishopkevinsweeney and the Diocesan Facebook page [facebook.com/patersond](https://www.facebook.com/patersond)

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You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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Many thanks to the Butler Knights of Columbus Council #943 for their generous donation of rolls and pies to complete the Thanksgiving food bags given the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Remember your loved one.

You can have a candle lit from the candle stand for a year in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. The donation is \$250.00 and a small engraved plate would be placed on the last row. Please stop by the parish office.



The Sanctuary Lamp that burns for a period of about a week.

This is the candle that burns near the tabernacle to indicate the living presence of Christ in our sanctuary in the reserved sacrament of the Eucharist. An offering of \$20 a week to remember your loved ones. Please make a request at the parish office.

GIFT SHOP in the Parish Office

Please free to visit the parish office to see the assortment of gift items for sale; rosaries, bracelets, greeting cards, statues, books, medals, crochet scarves made by Fr. Joe too!

Office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 7:30, 9, 11am &
12:30pm in Spanish**

**Live Streamed Masses at 9am Sunday and
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Baptisms

Please ask for Annette at the parish office to find out more information. 973-838-0031

Marriage

Please call the parish office and leave message for Fr. Joe. The preparation period is one year.



FOOD PANTRY: THANK YOU
We are in need of assorted
canned vegetables, pasta, rice,
soups and macaroni & cheese,
non perishable items. During the

week, the items can be brought to the parish office from 9 to 3 Monday to Friday or can be placed in the box in church when you attend mass.

As always, thank you for your generosity and appreciation!

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers!



This year, on December 19, 2020, the Butler/Kinnelon

Veterans Group will be remembering and honoring our Veterans by laying remembrance wreath on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and saying the name of those Veterans aloud. If you or your family would like to volunteer on Saturday, December 19 please email Ray at Butlerkinnelonwreaths@aol.com

To purchase a wreath:

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NJ0145

**JOIN US AS WE WORK TO END THE SCOURGE OF
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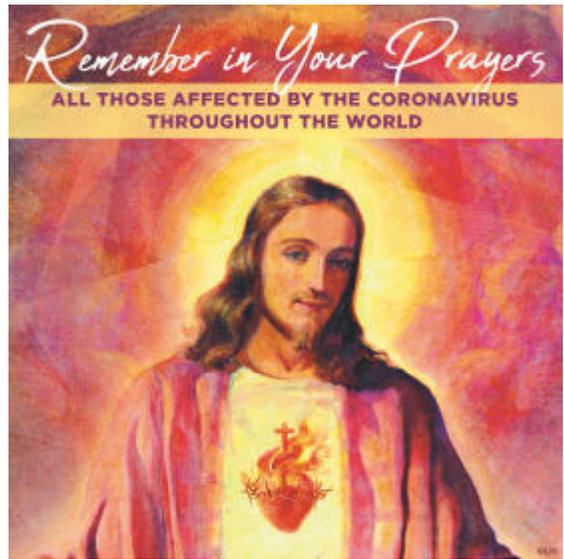
U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Working in collaboration and solidarity we can confront the structural issues that cause and perpetuate human trafficking. (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)

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Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them
Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit
of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them
Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as
instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.
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**Pray for all the Active Men & Women
in the Military**

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Please notify the parish office of any changes.

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