



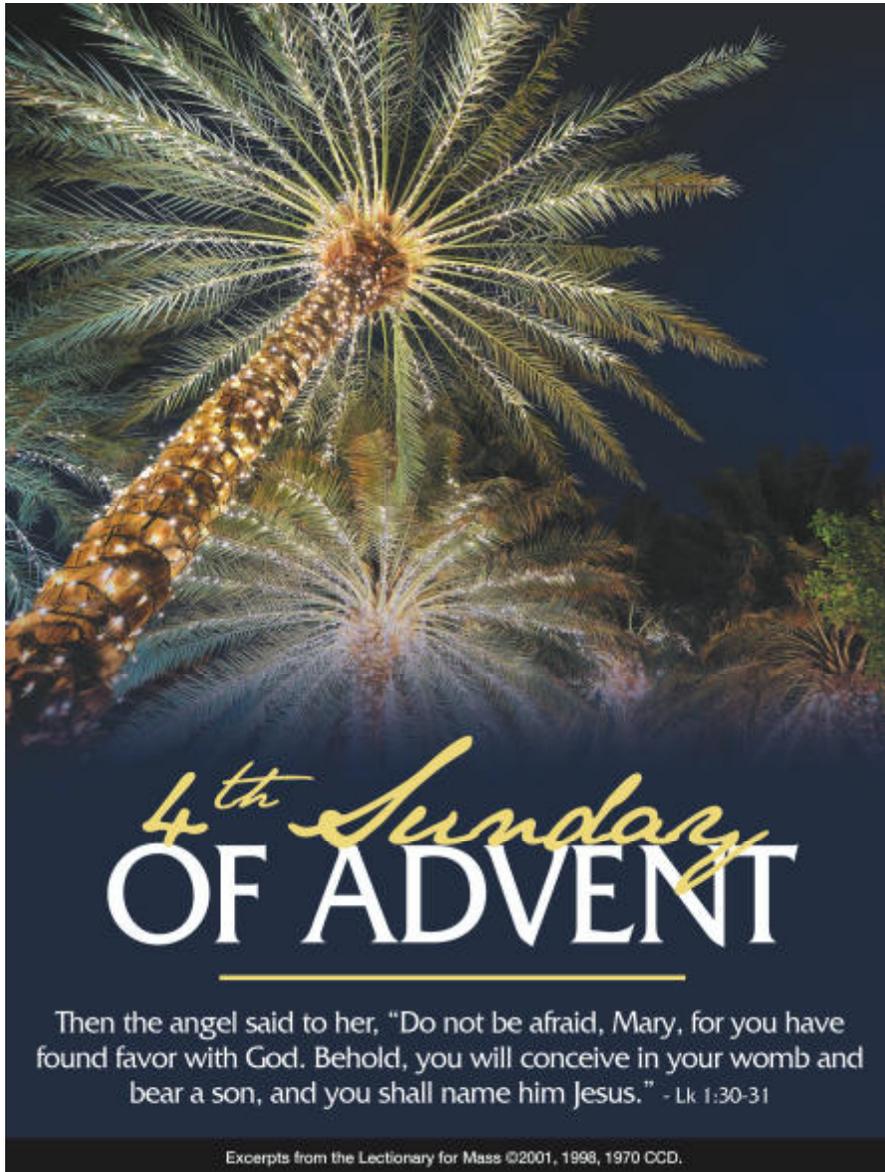
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Masses at 5:00pm Saturdays, 7:30, 9 & 11am Sundays, 12:30pm in Spanish
Weekday Masses 7:30am, Saturday 8am & 9am Mass is Live Streamed
****Morning Prayer**** Tuesdays at 8:30am by the Friars is Live Streamed.



December 20th, 2020 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*



4th Sunday
OF ADVENT

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

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Mass Intentions

Monday **December 21**
7:30am Patricia Indoe r/b The Snyders
Tuesday **December 22**
7:30am Ludmila Tomaszkowicz
r/b Tomaszkowicz Family

Wednesday **December 23**
7:30am James Durandy Sr.
r/b Philip & Rosemarie O'Toole
Assunta & Luigi Conte r/b Family

Thursday **December 24**
7:30am Pat & Joel Riley r/b Family

Friday **December 25**

Saturday **December 26**
8:00am Terence Farrelly r/b Regina Struble
5:00pm Samuel Tarrillo r/b Family
Jeff Holter r/b Lindemann Family
The Drew Family r/b Lindemann Family

Sunday **December 27**
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30am Joyce Miller r/b Al Miller
Fr. Gerald McMinn r/b Al Miller

9:00am Deceased of Cusack & Kiely Families r/b Marge
Helen Ebers r/b The Whatley Family
Lucille Dwyer r/b Mom

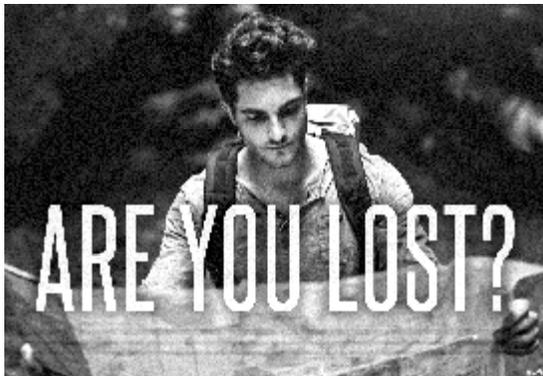
11:00am Jean Quinn r/b Celeste & Craig Kmiecik
George Bauer r/b Glen & Linda Borgman
Bill Bird r/b Jim Struble

12:30pm Mass in Spanish

Pray For... 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, Roy Davidson, George
Conklin, Joanne & Joseph Spero

We ask you to call the parish office to request prayers
and give us updates.

Pray for all the deceased especially
William P. Monahan, Peter F. Falco, Sr.



**The collection for December
6th was \$4,996.50.
We Share \$749.00
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.

Retirement Fund for Religious

"We are conscious of the great generosity of the
many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund
for Religious Fund for Religious each year", says a
Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a
tremendous blessing to our retired sisters."

**Thank you for donating to last week's second
collection of \$658.00**

**2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
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As the year comes quickly to an end, and
many are planning on how to make a final year
-end charitable contribution that has the most
impact, please consider the many lives that are
helped because of the support given to the
Diocesan Ministries Appeal. These are your
neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and
seminarians and urban school students. All of
us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries
Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause
or as a recipient of its mission – and all are
blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan
Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end
philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check,
credit cards, through gifts of securities or
on-line at www.2020appeal.org.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Notice: The Masses at the Knights of Columbus Hall have been cancelled.

**Masses at church:
Seating will be limited to 75 people.
First come, first come, no tickets required.**

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

4:00pm

Kip Cusack & Brad DePascale r/b Marge
Jack DeKorte r/b Barbara
Kevin Milone r/b Milone Family
Helen Ebers r/b Her Children

The Mass at 6:00pm will be in Spanish

Kevin Milone r/b Family

8:00pm

Louis & Patricia Regis r/b Family
William Whitty r/b Family
Sobczyk, Kaczynska, Iskra
r/b Grace Sobczyk

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

7:30am

Biagio & Robert Hroncich &
Martha & John Fitzgerald
r/b Matteo & Geraldine Hroncich
Carlo Priola r/b Rosenkranz Family

9:00am

Claire Cosgrove r/b Family
Mary & Pat Daly r/b Ann Marie
Geraldine Moeller r/b Husband

11:00am

Matlosz & Rupeikis Families r/b Family
Kaczynska Sobczyk r/b Grace Sobczyk
Joan & Lorraine r/b Jack & Sue
Barry Meier r/b Amy Meier

12:30pm in Spanish

***MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!***

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.



Christmas Flower Offerings

Please print legibly the names of your loved ones, either in memory of or in honor of on the flower envelope in your packet and you may drop them in the collection basket.

All the names will be remembered at our Christmas Masses. Extra Christmas Flower & Christmas Offering envelopes are available in church by door.



"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

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





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
7:30am Monday to Friday, 8am Saturday
****Morning Prayer** Tuesdays at 8:30am**
by the Friars is Live Streamed.

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.



Thanks to everyone that has brought food.

Any non-perishable food can be brought to the parish office from 9am to 3pm on Monday to Friday

or can be placed in the box in church when you attend mass. Food is given out once a month.

As always, thank you for your generosity and appreciation!

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers!

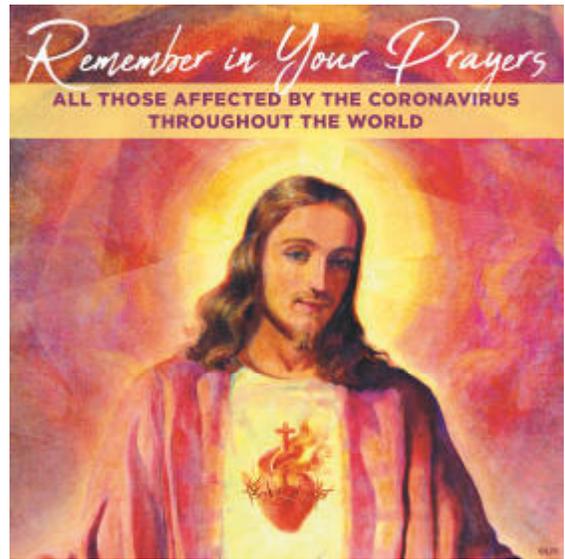
The Butler/Kinnelon Veterans Group will be remembering and honoring our Veterans by laying remembrance wreath on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and saying the name of those Veterans aloud. Thank you to all the volunteers and to Ray and his team. Butlerkinnelonwreaths@aol.com
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Prayer 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**

Cmd. Kevin Dore USN, 1st Lt. Tim Dore, Isis Rivera, USN
 Col. Justin Sapp, Capt. Bridget McGovern USAF, Lt. (j.g)
 Brian Fritz USN, L.Cpl. Matthew Accetta USMC, Jonathan
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Please notify the parish office of any changes.

MASS INTENTIONS : The 2021 Mass Book is available now. REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS, DATE OF DEATH OR ANNIVERSARIES.

PRAY FOR PEACE



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