



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 24, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017

- 8:30 AM + Deceased Members Starrs & Gross Family
- + Marge Bello (Camardo Family)
- 5:00 PM + Jack Sweeney (Family)
- + Florence O'Neill (Daughter, Mary Dick)

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24, 2017

- 7:30 AM + Ruth & Frank Colorio (Colorio Family)
- + Desmond Ferguson (Beatrice Ferguson)
- 9:30 AM + Stout & Brady Family (Jean Marie Brady)
- + Giuseppe Caterino (Family)
- 11:00 AM + Mary & Raymond Coffey (Son, John)
- + Henry A. Urban (Kenneth Wojcik)

❖ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) ❖



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

- 4:00 PM + Children of Holy Family Parish
- 6:30 PM + John Sweeney (Family)
- + Deceased Members of the Kiley & Raine Family (Family)
- 12:00 PM + Memorial Flower Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 7:30 AM + Raymond Ottinger (Wife and Family)
- + Maria Coppola
- (In Loving Memory/Woodrow Family)
- 9:30 AM + Eugene Brown (Wife, Mary)
- + Eileen Olson (Holy Family Staff)
- 11:00 AM + Mary & Raymond Coffey (Son, John)
- + Margaret Kelly
- (In loving Memory/Woodrow Family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

- 8:30 AM + Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

- 8:30 AM + Edward Composto (Ronald Polo)
- + Lucille A. Fahey (Wayne & Donna Marie Jablonski)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

- 8:30 AM + Gabriel Santopietro (Wife & Children)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017

- 8:30 AM + Vilma Vyniski (Family)
- + Herbert Carbone (Friends)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

- 8:30 AM + Lucille & John Gruszczyc (Family)
- 5:00 PM + Cecila Cozzati (Jim & Florence Cozzati)
- + Peter Cassidy (Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

- 7:30 AM + Jeanine Nye (John & Suzanne Quinn)
- + Cornelius Spangler (Eileen Cassidy & Family)
- 9:30 AM + Julia & John McNamara (Ferguson Family)
- + Margaret Colligan (Ferguson Family)
- 11:00 AM + John Baldo, Jr. (Baldo & Baird Family)
- + John Dilius (Daughter, Maureen)
- 5:00 PM + Walter & Mildred Gruszczyc (Gruszczyc Family)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Monday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Friday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

The 4th Sunday of Advent: Love

Today we light the 4th candle representing God's love for each one of us. The Bible tells us: God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. The angel tells Joseph: Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit, she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:20

Christmas: The Christ Candle

Today we light our white candle, the candle which represents Jesus. It is the center of our wreath, just as Jesus is the center of our lives. Happy birthday, Jesus! God, our hearts sing with joy and praise because of Jesus. By his birth, life, death, & resurrection he has shown us the way to you, Father. Help us to remember Christmas all year long by sharing the good news with others and your gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, kindness and understanding. Amen!



Holy Family Parish

St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry

Over 70 Families were
provided Food Baskets!

A special thank you to our parishioners, friends, and volunteers who made donations of food or money to help us fill the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets provided to our food pantry families. Over 70 food baskets were distributed.

Special thanks to our P.R.E.P. teachers, students, and families for their support of our food pantry, not only during the holidays, but throughout the year.

Thank you for helping us to help others!



P.R.E.P. NEWS

Eighth Grade Christmas Party/Snowman Contest

Our eighth grade students gathered for their Christmas party last Wednesday December 13th. Each student made a prayer wish ornament, intention for Christmas. Students also worked together competing in a snowman contest and participated in holiday games.



The Giving Tree



Heartfelt gratitude and thanks for all those who participated in this year's Giving Tree. You donated over 360 gifts between Bayshore and Regency Park Nursing Homes, making Christmas bright for so many senior residents! Special thanks to all those who assisted and coordinator Theresa Ferreira.

**Ministry Schedule
Weekend of December 30 & 31
and January 1 Octave of Christmas**

Serving at the Altar

5:00 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	9:30 A.M.
Kaylee Mescal Jeremy Ramos	Aiden Lorenzo Kayla Rose	Meghan Lewsley Brian MocarSKI Charlotte MocarSKI
11:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.	January 1 Solemnity of Mary 8:30 a.m.
Aiden Mulvey Jamie Reyes Ethan Reyes	Alex Auletta Angelina Christ	Gabriel Farese Nicholas Gates Jadelyn Gates
January 1 Solemnity of Mary 12:00 Noon		
Robert Fischer Michael Fischer Gabiella Raad		

**Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion**

5:00 P.M.	J. Farley	R. Aagre, F. Cozzati
7:30 A.M.	M. Ottinger	J. Quinn, S. Quinn
9:30 A.M.	A. MocarSKI	J. Lembo, M. Oquendo
11:00 A.M.	D. Mulvey	D. Neubauer, G. Rotella, F. Rotella
5:00 P.M.	T. Mathias	M. DiGiorgio, F. Maysonet
January 1 Solemnity of Mary 8:30 A.M.	M. Ottinger	L. Robinson, R. Tucker
January 1 Solemnity of Mary 12:00 Noon	T. Corcoran	J. Corcoran, J. Stragella

Parish Giving

Last Week – December 17

1st Collection - Weekly \$5,720
2nd Collection Programs & Facilities \$1,610

This Week – December 24

1st Collection – Weekly
2nd Collection – Programs & Facilities

CHRISTMAS – December 24/25

Next Week – December 31

1st Collection – Weekly
2nd Collection – Programs & Facilities

Diocese of Trenton – Our Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting of and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Vigil

Sunday, December 24

4:00 P.M. Children's Mass

6:30 P.M. Mass

11:30 P.M. Choir Presentation

followed by 12 Midnight Mass

(No 5P.M. Mass)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

7:30, 9:30, and 11:00 A.M.

(No 5:00 P.M. Mass)

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Saturday December 30 – 5:00 P.M.

Sunday December 31 – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

Monday, January 1, 2018

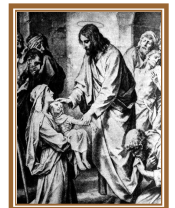
OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

8:30 A.M. and 12 Noon

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick

Ed Prince, Bernard Fahey Sr., Jack Evans, David Brett, Dennis Carraturo Sr., Mary Frankowich, Damian Breen, Dennis Halloran, Kathleen Sullivan, Maureen Wines, Jay Scott, Gale Byrne, Larry Thorpe, Michael Mazzaro, Kelly Neilson, Angelina Rotella.



RECENTLY ILL: Carmella Aliperti, Vincent Hermans, Christopher D'Amodeo, Sue Hicks, Joseph Healey, Bob Rodell, Loraine Warnick, Jenny DelGoria, Ron Zollo, Thomas & Colleen Burke, Theresa Toth, Victor Lembo, Ken Smolinski.



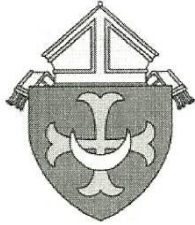
Please Pray for the Deceased

Winifred M. Sheehan



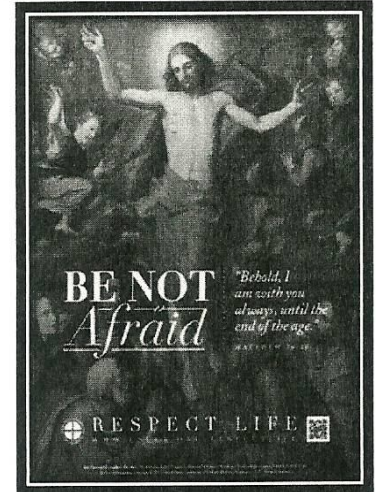
Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday December 25th and Tuesday December 26th for the Christmas Holiday. Offices will re-open Wednesday morning at 9 a.m.



Diocese of Trenton - Respect Life Annual Poster, Essay, and Photo-Meme Contest

The 2017-2018 Theme is "*Be Not Afraid*"



Eligibility: *This contest is open to students in the Diocese of Trenton only*

- This contest is for K-8 students enrolled in Catholic Grammar Schools, Parish Religious Education and Youth Programs, and Home-Schooled Students.
- There are six entry categories:

Grades K – 2 Posters	Grades 6 – 8 Posters
Grades 3 – 5 Posters	Grades 6 – 8 Essays
Grades 3 – 5 Essays	Grades 6 – 8 Photo-Meme (*new*)

Contest Rules:

- **No group entries-** Each entry must be created by one individual student.
- **No adult help-** All entries must be created in their entirety by the student, him/herself.
- **Stay on theme-** All entries must reflect the *Be Not Afraid* theme and must pertain to "Respect Life" issues.
- **Include Form-** All entries should have a completed and signed Entry Form attached to the back of the poster, essay, or photo-meme.
- **Specifications:**
 - Posters may be no larger than 20" x 30" and no smaller than 8 ½" x 11". Drawing must be freehand. Collages of magazine pictures or computer-generated drawings are not admissible.
 - Essays must be between 400 and 500 words and are to be typed and submitted in PDF format.
 - Photo-Memes must use an original photo including a caption containing the theme "Be Not Afraid". Photo-Memes must be printed out and mailed in. Do not submit electronically.

Deadlines, Judging, and Prizes:

- Entries from schools, religious education or youth programs must be received by the Principal, DRE/CRE, youth minister, or their designee by January 5, 2018 for preliminary review in order for the school, religious education or youth program to select one entry from each of the six categories to be submitted to the Diocese for judging. Only ONE entry from each of the six categories listed above may be submitted by a particular school, religious education, or youth program. Home-Schooling parents may submit their child's/children's entries without this preliminary review.
- **Deadline For Submission to Diocese-** Selected entries from schools, religious ed. or youth programs, or home-schooling parents must be received at the Diocese by January 12, 2018. Send entries to:

Diocese of Trenton
Department of Pastoral Care
c/o Respect Life Contest-Rachel Hendricks
701 Lawrenceville Rd.
Trenton, NJ 08648
- Entries for each category will be judged on creativity, clarity of message, and visual appeal.
- **\$100 prizes** will be awarded to one winning entry in each of the six categories, Diocesan-wide; **\$40 prizes** will be awarded to the first runner-up in each county.

Prizes will be awarded at the Respect Life Mass on March 4, 2018 in your home county. Mass sites will be announced soon. For more information contact 609-403-7192 or rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org

For additional information about the theme, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:26-38

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE, SEE THE LIGHT!

The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with good news. She would give birth to Jesus, and her cousin Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist, for nothing is impossible with God.

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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

1ST Day of Winter even in the short daylight hours

We See the Light!

4 bright candles – Jesus is coming soon...

WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

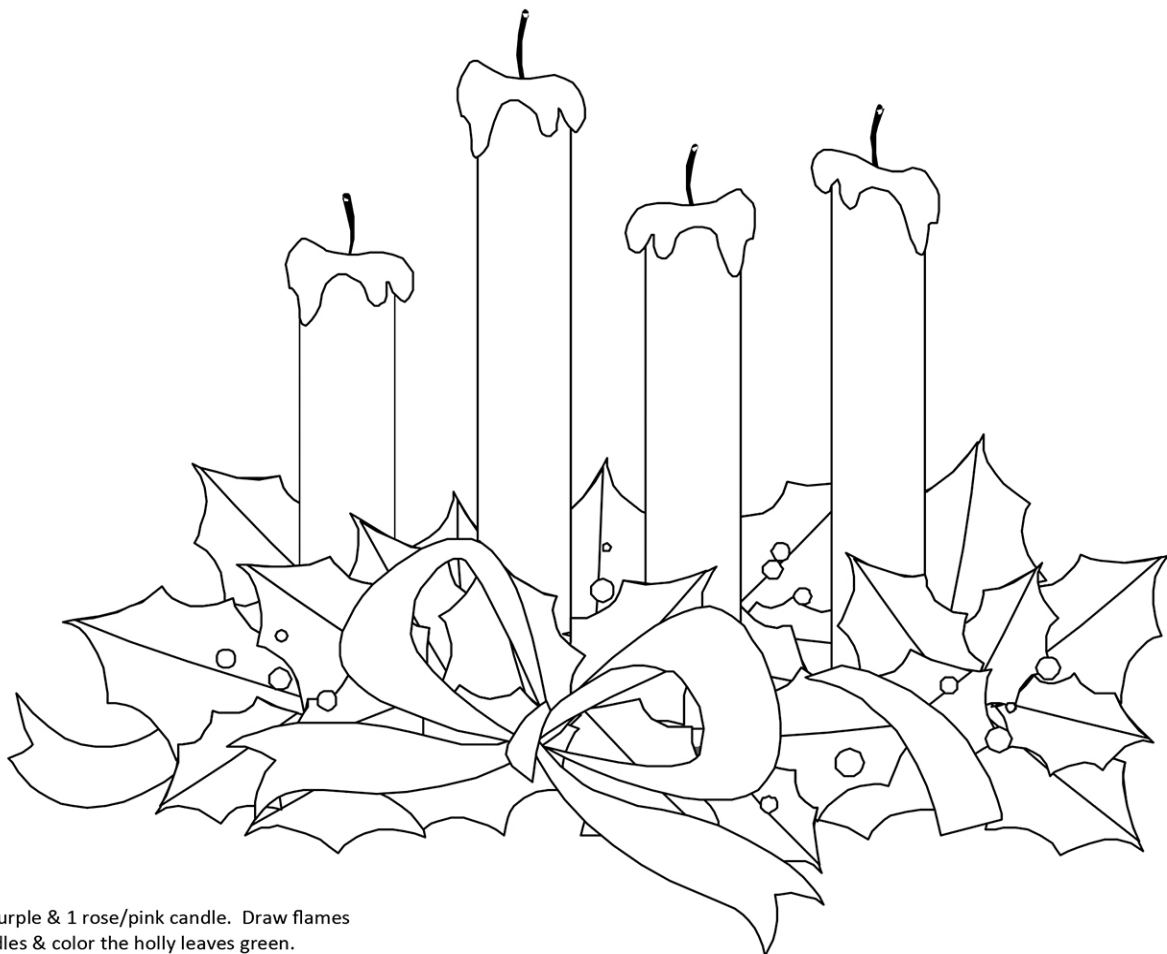
Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Father or head of household lights all the candles.

**We are Aware, We are Prepared,
We Rejoice, We see the Light!**

Christ, Light of the World.



Color 3 purple & 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 4 candles & color the holly leaves green.