

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday	January 8th	
8:00 AM	Paul Roth requested by the Pskowski Family	
9:00 AM	Teresa Wodziak (Living) requested by her family	POLISH
10:30 AM	Helen Dodzik requested by Moninger and Sarnella Families	CHOIR
12:00 PM	Robert Duffy requested by the Smiths and McCabes	CANTOR
Monday	January 9th	
8:30 AM	George Smirgadis (Living) requested by Dave and Lucille Hardin	
Tuesday	January 10th	
8:30 AM	People of the Parish	
Wednesday	January 11th	
8:30 AM	Tilly Leech requested by Frances Bough	
Thursday	January 12th	
8:30 AM	Mr. Harry Schafer requested by Frances Bough	
Friday	January 13th	
8:30 AM	Matthew Baurle requested by Lucille and Dave Hardin	
Saturday	January 14th	
8:30 AM	Georgette Broderick requested by Frances Bough and Family	
5:00 PM	Robert S. Holtman requested by Eileen Gangi	
Sunday	January 15th	
8:00 AM	Joyce Ragonese requested by Joseph Ragonese	
9:00 AM	Zotia Glinkowska requested by her family	POLISH
10:30 AM	Barbara Buonanno requested by OLQP Parish	CHOIR
12:00 PM	Donald Williams requested by Joan Williams and Edward Sciler	CANTOR

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL EPIPHANY

The feast of the Epiphany marks the day of the first calling of the Gentiles. The mission of Christ begins now and ends with the salvation of souls by dying on the Cross.

The three wise men or magi left their homes and took the long journey to follow a star that would lead them to the Newborn King. The star illuminated their journey through the darkness of night. It was better than any GPS system for it brought them to recognize and adore the king of heaven and earth.

The obedience of the magi serves as an example to all of us. We are called to be servants with great zeal to almighty God like the magi. The magi didn't merely rely on their own knowledge and mission in life, but rather sought out their mission laid down by God out of obedience, faith, and belief in Christ.

The magi followed the light of Christ. Do we follow that same light? We need our souls to be illuminated. It is the light of Christ that illuminates us in our very darkness and weakness.

We need to allow Christ to shed light on our souls for the light represents openness and transparency while darkness represents secrets, and the depth of the evil one.

The Catechism informs all of us that all human beings "need to be enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things which exceed understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason."

It is incumbent upon us to know, practice, and embrace the Catholic faith. We need to illumine our mind with the goodness, love, and justice found in the Newborn King. Anyone saying that a good Catholic is one who loves God and their neighbor without following the moral order sent to us by God would sadly be mistaken. For the love of Christ means we need to fully understand the teachings of the Church and put them into practice.

We need to also illumine our mind with the goodness of God's creation. Christ asks us to fill our souls with good material in print, and through electronic media. It is true that we can fill our brain, which is a gift from God, with good music, material to educate us, and books that will direct us to a greater understanding of the mysteries of God.

Illicit materials, or things not from God's goodness, must be avoided. The devil lurks in the darkness that is found in some music, periodicals, movies, Internet, and video games.

We can grow closer to Christ if we desire to follow that shining star that burns so brightly. If we let Him rest in our hearts and illumine our minds, we are insured of the peace of Christ.

May we begin the year with a resolution to be the light of Christ and follow His mission.

Father Michael

READINGS FOR January 15, 2017



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

PASTOR NOTES



No Knights Breakfast in January

The monthly breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will not be held in January but will resume in February.

Free Throw Contest Children Ages 9-14

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 15 in the Parish Education Center gym from 12 noon to 4 PM. Children ages 9-14 are invited to participate and must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served. Winners in their age group will advance to the regional and potentially state level competitions. For more information email Mark Baczewski at markbavi@me.com or call 201-376-2730.

Becoming Stillness

The next Women's Afternoon of Reflection is Sunday, January 15th. See registration flier in next column. This is a wonderful opportunity for women to come together, enjoy some quiet prayer time, share with other women and learn more about God who loves us without limit. All women welcome, so bring your friends and relatives. Registrations due by January 9th: Call 973-728-8162, ext. 309, e-mail mbosecki@olqpnj.org or mail in registration form to register.

Health Precaution Taken

We have been alerted by a large number of parishioners who have been very sick with the stomach flu. Since we wish not to expose parishioners to any potential illnesses, in this heightened time, we are suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood this weekend, and will resume when we get through the peak of the illness. It is important to bear in mind that we have no reports of illnesses after reception of the Precious Blood, but rather we are acting out of the abundance of caution. The practice of receiving the Precious Blood is purely an option, and one receives both the Body and Blood of the Lord when they receive the host. Further, unlike other parishes who suspend the use of Precious Blood each winter and flu season, or never have the Precious Blood offered, we have offered it each week, but there are times we must consider all health concerns in the community as well. Thank you for your understanding.

March for Life – January 27

Please take note, registrations for the Right to Life March to Washington are being taken at this time. A flier can be found in this bulletin, on our website, and in the parish office. Please register if you plan to attend.

ALTAR CLEANING



Week of January 8, 2017

Team 2 – Sr. Barbara Kowalik and Alice Lyko

BECOMING STILLNESS



AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Sunday,

January 15, 2017**

12 – 4 PM, beginning with Mass

Free will offering will be taken up at event to cover expenses.

**BRING YOUR JOURNAL (if you have one)

Program to include:

- Mass and Lunch
- Reflections on Mark 1:12-13
- Presentation on Prayer
- Journaling, silent reflection, sharing and prayer



This event is open to all Christian women, so bring your friends, relatives and neighbors.

MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO THE EVENT. Call (973-728-8162, ext 309), e-mail Mary Beth mbosecki@olqpnj.org, or complete and return registration form below to: **Mary Beth Osiecki, Our Lady Queen of Peace, 1911 Union Valley Rd, Hewitt, NJ 07421** by January 8th.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

PRAYERS REQUESTED



Please remember in your prayers the following: Tom Baron, Wilma Caldwell, Doris Colborn, Joan Dundorf, Pat Hajek, Barbara Jawson, Suzanne Kahaly, Infant Gabriella Mann, Margaret Mateus, Evelyn McCabe, Dave McClellan, Mac McCormick, Babies Ryne Onarato and Mia Onarato, Frank Pellegrino, Gemma Felice Podwol, Genevieve Puso, Nicholas Salleroli, Sr., Joann Somma, John Tenhula, Ursula Torella, Joe Verboys, Ann Vogel, Barbara Zaccaro.

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Marion Hartmann, Joseph Kasper.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 8th

CCD Classes grade K-4 – 9:00 AM-Education Center
 Festival Planning Meeting – 9:00 AM – Library
 RCIA – 11:30 AM – Library
 Confirmation I and II Mass – 12:00 PM – Church
 Confirmation I & II Class–1:00 PM–Education Center
 Baptism – 2:00 PM – Church
 AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria

Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, January 9th

What Comes Next? – 7:00 PM – MP Room

Tuesday, January 10th

CCD Classes grade 1-4 – 4:30 PM-Education Center
 Children's Choir – 5:45 PM – Church
 Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church
 CCD Classes grade 5-8 – 7:00 PM-Education Center

Wednesday, January 11th

Boy Scout Troop – 6:30 PM – Gym
 Women's Cornerstone – 7:00 PM – Annex
 Knights of Columbus – 8:00 PM – KofC Hall

Thursday, January 12th

Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Library

Friday, January 13th

Saturday, January 14th

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM –Library
 AA – 2:00 PM – Library
 Confessions – 4:00 PM – Church

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Women's Afternoon of Reflection–12 PM–Church/Annex
 Free Throw Contest –12-4 PM–Education Center Gym
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PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

O God of all seasons and senses,
 grant us the sense of your timing
 to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly
 in the turn of the seasons.

In this season of short days and long nights,
 of grey and white and cold,
 teach us the lessons of endings;
 children growing, friends leaving, loved ones dying,
 grieving over,
 grudges over,
 blaming over,
 excuses over.

O God, grant us a sense of your timing.
 In this season of short days and long nights,
 of grey and white and cold,
 teach us the lessons of beginnings;
 that such waitings and endings may be the starting place,
 a planting of seeds
 which bring to birth what is ready to be born—
 something right and just and different,
 a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love—
 in the fullness of your time.

O God, grant us the sense of your timing.

Taken from Guerrillas of Grace by Ted Loder

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

December 25, 2016	\$6,057
Christmas	\$23,097
January 1, 2017	\$5,415
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,601
Deficit Reduction	\$1,673

Donation For Loved One

Altar Bread and Wine for Week of January 7-13

In Memory of Anthony DeSimone
 Requested by Millie Brooks

SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

Week Ending January 1, 2017

Sold – \$2,070.00
 Profit – \$103.50
 Total Profit since July 1 – \$3,876.75

FOOD PANTRY ITEM



Mac and Cheese

PERPETUAL MASS INTENTIONS MONTH OF DECEMBER

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Edna Blanche Connor	Diane & Richard Kelly
Gertrude Ladio Ordillas	Gelacio Family
Candida Rosa Torres	Diane & Richard Kelly

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

JANUARY – Human Trafficking Awareness month.
LEARN about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area.
US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Your Kids Will Thank You

For Going On A Marriage Encounter Weekend!

On a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**, married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at (973) 427-7016 or (609) 335-6880, email njwwme@peoplepc.com, or go to www.njwwme.org.



March for Life Trip to Washington, DC

When: Friday, January 27, 2017

Time: Departure 5:30 AM

Return 10:30 PM

Mass on Capitol Hill at the Church of St. Peters
March for the voiceless, children aborted, parents involved in
abortion, and for an end to abortion.

Those interested are asked to return the following form to the parish office by January 19, 2017. Tickets are first come, first serve. Please do not delay.

March for Life – January 27, 2017 – trip to Washington, DC

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Town _____

Adults (\$40) _____ # Students (\$15) _____

Please complete and return before January 19th