

**Second Sunday of Advent** 



## Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Have the youngest child light the first violet candle this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.	30 Set up the Nativity scene together. (Leave out the Holy Family.) Picture yourself in the scene and talk about how you would act if you were part of it.	1 December Make Christmas cookies together and decorate them with symbols of the Christmas season.	2 In your Christmas cards, write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love for your family and all families.	3 Set a timer or other reminder to help you get up five minutes earlier than usual and pray as a family every morning during Advent.	4 FAMILY STORY NIGHT! Read your favorite Christmas stories over cookies and milk before bedtime tonight.	5 Make a "manger" for the Baby. Take a box and place a piece of straw, made of a strip of paper, for every good deed done throughout the Advent season.
CLet the oldest child light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.	Today, try to make at least one generous act of love in honor of St. Nicholas. Do it in secret, the way he did.	The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's birth without Original Sin. Attend Mass as a family and pray a family Rosary.	O Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and his Mother.	1 ORead about the legend behind the poinsettia, then make a bouquet from felt or construction paper and pipe cleaners.	The Even if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.	To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it
The halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy.  Read Luke 3:10-18.	14 Using markers, crayons, colored paper, or whatever cherful supplies you have around the house, make cards to give to your priests and parish staff.	15 Draw names randomly and write a love note to the family member you chose. Leave it on his or her pillow tonight.	16At dinner tonight, sing your favorite carols. Who can remember all the words to "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"?	1 7 Place Mary and Joseph near the Nativity scene. Pray an "Our Father," a "Hail Mary," and a "Glory Be" as you think about the coming birth of their Baby.	18 Help children to make a good examination of conscience and go to Confession as a family. Then go out for a treat afterwards to celebrate forgiveness.	19 Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.
20 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading, Luke 1:39-45.	2 1 Put Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Remember that this can be a sad time for those who are alone or away from home. Include someone in your own gatherings who might otherwise be forgotten.	22 Give up arguing today. Resolve to say only kind words to everyone What a great gift of love to give the coming Savior!	23 Talk about Biblical accounts of God's mercy to sinners. Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt.	24 Write a letter to Jesus, thanking him for all the gifts you received throughout the year.	25 Rejoice! Place Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 21-20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.	
"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was						

### Thank You

St. Anne's Parish would like to thank the members of the Holy Name Society for their hard work and dedication - providing the Parish with a delicious Pancake Breakfast a few weeks ago. It was a very successful event and and was well attended.

## Christmas Spectacular

Caldwell University will present its annual Christmas Spectacular 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, in the Student Center auditorium. See last week's issue of The Bulletin for details. Tickets are \$10 and are available online, through mail order and at the door. For more information, contact Greenwald at 973-618-3520.

## Advent Concert

with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).

All are invited to Waiting for Love, an Advent & Christmas cantata performed by the Children's Choir of St. Brendan's School in Clifton on December 15 at 7:00pm at Saint Brendan's Church. Written by New Jersey composers Gerard Chiusano and Mary Hochman, Waiting for Love unites music and catechesis to bring the story of redemption to life, from the creation through the Incarnation. It is a perfect Advent evening for families. The performance will be live streamed as well; please see www.ocp.org/ Waiting For Love for information. Catechists and music directors won't want to miss the opportunity to see this resource in action. Waiting for Love, Tuesday, December 15, 7:00pm. Free admission. Saint Brendan's Church at 154 E First Street, Clifton

## **Worldwide Marriage** Encounter

The search is underway for the longest married Couple in the U.S. Do you think you know who they are?

Maybe it's your parents... grandparents... That nice couple who live down the street... Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to: wwmelmc2015@gmail.com Nominations accepted until January 10. 2016.

Winners will be announced February 2016 to celebrate World Marriage Day. Nominate a couple you know today!

St. Joe's Prayer Grp

Mr & Mrs Osoria

Pat Roda

### Novena – December 2015

### Requested for † Jose Mallari † Purificacion Gonzales Lawrence Shin

† Teresa Fusco † Mercian Travasso

Jocelyn R. Sandal Birthday Thanks Giving

### Requested by

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Francis Roda Debbie Stella

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† Ursulina Vazquez † Antonio Vaccarella

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Pat. Joe & Debbie Pat Roda

Toni Belfiore † Lorenzo Dairo

+ William Curtis Nance Ir. Dolores & Frank McNamara Loretta Dempsey

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### **Weekly Planner**

SUNDAY 12/6 ● 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10 AM/12 NOON
10 AM
1-3 PM
7-10 PM
MONDAY 12/7

To AM/12 NOON
Baptism Church
CCD Church/Cent Hall
Fil-Am Choir Practice Cent Hall
OLG Novena Convent Chapel

3:30-4:30 PM Legion of Mary Convent Comm Room
6-8 PM Brownie Mtg Cent Hall
7 PM Anticipated Mass for Holy Day of
Obligation Church

7:30—10 PM OLG Novena Convent Chapel

TUESDAY 12/8 ● Immaculate Conception Rectory office is closed in observance of Holy Day

NO BINGO

3–4 PM Holy Hour for Priests Convent Chapel
7–10 PM OLG Novena Convent Chapel
WEDNESDAY 12/9

6–8 PM Daisy/Jr Mtg Cent Hall
7–10 PM OLG Novena Convent Chapel
THURSDAY 12/10

7–10 PM OLG Novena Convent Chapel FRIDAY 12/11

12:15 PM BINGO Cent Hall
7-10 PM OLG Novena Convent Chapel
7:30-9:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg Convent

SATURDAY 12/12 ● Feast of our Lady Guadalupe

2:30 PM (set up) Rosary Scty Brunch Cent Hall (front)
7–10 PM OLG Celebration Church/Cent Hall

SUNDAY 12/13 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

10 AM-1 PM H.N.S Mass/Mtg Church/Convent 10 AM CCD Mass Church; Lesson at Home 12 PM Rosary Christmas Brunch Cent Hall

Liturgies

Saturday Evening ChurchEnglish 5:30 PM(anticipating Sunday)Misa Español 7 PMSunday Church8 AM, 10 AM, 12 NoonMonday ▶ Saturday: Mass Church9 AMWednesday: Mass Church7 PM

**Holy Hour** 

**Tuesdays** Convent Chapel 3–4 PM

**Sacrament of Penance** 

Saturdays Church (Or by Appointment) 5 PM

Schedule of Masses December 7th-13th, 2015

Monday, December 7 9 AM Novena

9 AM Jose, John & Connie Family

Tuesday, December 8 9 AM Novena Wednesday, December 9

9 AM Novena

7 PM Special Intention OL Perpetual Help Group

Thursday, December 10

9 AM John Shin Family
Friday, December 11

9 AM + Emily Infante Carroll Family
Saturday, December 12
9 AM Honor of St. Lucy Gerardo Fusco

9 AM Honor of St. Lucy 5:30 PM + Giuseppe Del'Occio

& Ernestina Fam

7 PM + Alicia Alzate Nubeola Hernandez

Sun day, December 13

8 AM Honor of St. Lucy Frank & Gemma Infante 10 AM + Mary Prestimonico Parish intention

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in Heaven

12 PM + Vito & Giovannina Mr. & Mrs. Gerardo
Manzi Manzi

### **Sunday Readings**

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

### **Weekday Readings**

Monday Memorial of Saint Ambrose ls 35:1-10/Ps 85:9AB & 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Lk 5:17-26 Tuesday Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/ Lk 1:26-38 **Wednesday** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10/ Mt

11:28-30 **Thursday** Is 41:13-20/ Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13AB/

**Friday** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/ Mt 11:16-19 **Saturday** *Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe* Zec 2:14-17 /Judith 13:18BCDE, 19/Lk 1:26-38

### Sanctuary Gifts for December 6<sup>th</sup>— 12<sup>th</sup>

Gift In Memory/Honor of Requested By
Altar Wine † Sebastian D'Amico Parish Intention

Altar Bread + Barbara Stewart Parish Intention
Sanct. Lamp + Eduardo Gonzalez Parish Intention
Altar Candles + Philip Kidney Parish Intention

#### Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Dolores McNamara • Marie Portelli • Portelli Niece & Nephew • Jennifer O'Connor • Donna Tuzzo • Matt Bolger • Dennis Mallon • Marie Carlson • Lawrence Shin • Lupe Pena • Frances Kearns • Josephine Cermak Rowan • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Diane Shea • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • Javier Vega • Jennifer Moloughney • Antoinette Maddi • Carol Jordan • Anthony Biggio • Sammy DeLeon • Shane Quinn • Alice Daly • Sadie Krieger • Dolores DelMonte • Dianne O'Sullivan • Carl Carlson • Larry Bello • Miyuki Campbell • Diane Albert • Meghan Connaughton

### **Ministry to the Sick**

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call *St. Anne's Rectory at 201-*360-0838 or email: info@sahjerseycity.com

### **December Papal Prayer Intentions**

**Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

### **Religious Education News**

Our Religious Ed Office is located inside St. Anne's Rectory. Office Hours: M-T-W 9 am to 5 PM, TR & F, 10 am to 5 pm.

### **Social Media**

Please follow the official channels of the parish:

sah\_promise Faith Formation Grade K—1
sah\_goodnews Faith Formation Grade 2—3
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### **Website & Online Services**

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Parish Calendar and online

Readings of the Day: sahjerseycity.com/calendar

### **GIVING TREE**

## Sharing The Christmas Message of His Love!

Our Giving Tree is up! Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift(s), attach tag to gift and drop off DROP OFF AT THE CHURCH UNDER THE TREE by December 13<sup>th</sup>!

ALL GIFTS ARE REQUESTED
TO BE GIFT-WRAPPED WITH
THE ORIGINAL TAG ATTACHED.
THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



Giving tree elves came in today to do their part to help the needy this Christmas. On behalf of all the parish, thanks to Ana, Dana, Elida, Rosa, Kevin, David, Javier and Liana. Great job guys!

### **Baptism Information**

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every Month: 2 Baptisms per Mass at 10 AM & 12 Noon (English). Because they will be promising to help raise your child in the practice of the Faith, the church requires that at least one of your child's godparents be a 'fully initiated Roman Catholic;' i.e., one who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the time of registering your child for Baptism, we ask that one of your chosen godparents provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate or some documentation from their church of Baptism or Confirmation indicating the month and year of their Confirmation. GOD-PARENTS & PARENTS are also required to attend a "baptism instruction" session on Saturday (the day before the Baptism) @ 4:00 PM in CHURCH (English & Spanish). A donation to the church for Baptism is always appreciated: please place your offering in an envelope marked 'BAPTISM' with your child's name and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Contact the office with any questions. Thank You.

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December 2015

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## Unwrap the gifts from your Father

One Minute Meditations

St. Thomas Becket

Thomas enjoyed power and riches as a close friend of England's King Henry II, who appointed

him chancellor of England. In 1162, King Henry had Thomas named Archbishop of Canterbury. The King tried to pressure Thomas and the other bishops into agreeing to laws allowing the state to regulate Church matters, but Thomas refused. The King exiled Thomas, who fled to France for safety. To protect the Church, Thomas returned to England and was martyred soon after.

### Gratitude and Generosity

Gratitude and generosity often go hand in hand. God is generous in his blessings to us, and often gives us more than we need. Our gratitude inspires us to "give back" to God. Gratitude is the attitude of a generous heart.

"Do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving ma be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you' (Mathew 6:3-4)

God loves to give his children gifts, especially at Christmas. "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift" (2 Corinthians

9:15). This year, unwrap your heavenly gifts ...

Joy - "Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 12:6). We are joyful because God gave us the gift of himself. Celebrate by talking about God with others.

For example, tell how he has blessed you in the last year.

Peace - "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which time, not money, on those you love.

will come to all the people "(Luke 2:10) Is it possible to live in the world and not be afraid? Yet peace is what the angel advised Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds at the

> Incarnation. Take the angel's advice and "be not afraid." Accept the gift of peace; avoid worry and doubt.

Love - When God sent his Son to our rescue, he gave us an incomprehensible gift of love. This gift calls for a response,

as he invites us to share in his love. "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7) Share love at Christmas by spending

Why Do Catholics Do That

## Why does the priest wear purple during Advent?

The colors of the priest's vestments highlight a season of the liturgical year or a mystery of the faith. Purple (violet) represents a time of penance and preparation. During three weeks of Advent, the priest wears violet vestments to remind us to

prepare penitentially for Christ's coming. On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), he wears rose vestments to signal the halfway point of Advent. This is a happy time when we anticipate the joy in Christ's coming.

## The peacemakers are children of God

This is the season during which we become our better selves. Peace reigns in our hearts while we exchange gifts and pleasant thoughts. The best gift we can offer the King of Peace, however, is to be peacemakers throughout the year.

Bring harmony. It isn't enough to avoid conflict. Peacemaking means admitting wrongdoing and accepting responsibility immediately. Peacemakers give up ground even if they are entitled to it.

**Allow small things to remain small.** It can be easy to find opportunities to take offense or find others in the

wrong. Peacemakers don't accept every opportunity they are offered for a fight.

Catch others at their best. Gratitude and graciousness are the best remedies for conflict and anxiety. Share respect freely. Bring goodwill to every situation.

Watch for opportunities to spread peace. Daily you will face situations in which you will have to make a choice, take a stand, defend a position, or seek a peaceful resolution. Be prepared to be a peacemaker even when it won't be popular, pleasant or easy.



### Luke 2:41-52, Living in the world

In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem during the year Jesus was

twelve. In those days, a Hebrew boy became a man around the age of twelve and was recognized in a ceremony we know as a Bar Mitzvah. At this point a Jewish boy would begin formal education in the Torah and Hebrew Scriptures.

This was an important time in Jesus' life. This reading said that Jesus stayed behind to talk with the scholars and teachers, and told his parents he was doing his Father's work. He had become aware of his duties to his

Father in Heaven, yet he remained mindful of his responsibilities to

his parents on Earth and obediently left with them.

Christians live in the world, in neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. Jesus demonstrated his

respect for his ties to his family, yet he continued to pursue his place in God's plan of salvation.

The lesson for us is we don't have to retire from the world to be holy. Instead, we have to find ways to live a holy life in the world.





Dec. 8 – The Immaculate Conception of Mary. On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin. In addition to attending Mass, praying the rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.

Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). A humble Native American and faithful Christian, Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Virgin at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked that a chapel be built for her, and sent him to the bishop with roses as a sign. When the roses were emptied before the bishop, Juan's cape

retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, Peter joined the Jesuits in 1546, and worked to safeguard the faith through his writings and teachings. His work, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, is still used today.

Dec. 28-The Holy Innocents: On this day, we remember the infants massacred by King Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2:16-18). We also pray for the safety of unborn children.



# Where did we get the Nativity Scene?

The tradition of the nativity scene started in Greccio, Italy. St. Francis of Assisi was amazed that God, out of love for us, would allow himself to be born



in a lowly stable. He wanted to illustrate the humility of the Bethlehem scene for those around him. Three years before his death, he had the chance to do just that. The

chapel his order usually used was too crowded to celebrate Midnight Mass indoors, so St. Francis set up an altar in a nearby cave and celebrated Mass there.

With the permission of the Holy Father, St. Francis also set up a manger in the cave and brought in an ox and a donkey. The nativity scene was powerful in rekindling the faith of the people of Greccio. A former soldier even reported seeing the wax figure of the baby Jesus come to life! Whether the figure came to life or not remains a mystery. Today, it reminds us God "was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

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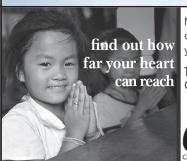
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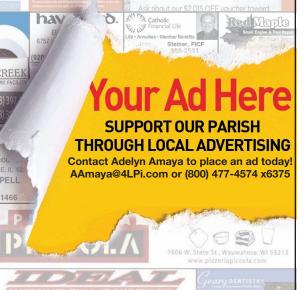
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