

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

TO TEACH, TO BUILD, TO SERVE, TO SANCTIFY

246 Dodd St. corner Midland Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey 07017

DECEMBER 23rd, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Served by:
Rev. Frederick A. Pfeifer

Pastor

Rev. Charles M. Kelly

Priest in Residence

Rev. Vincent Sebastine

Priest in Residence

Rev. Mr. Leo Woodruff

Deacon

George Henderson

Music Director

Marilyn Spesak

Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:

Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday in the Chapel

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must first register at the Rectory for confirmation of a date. Parents should be registered members of the church prior to making baptism arrangements. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be presented as well as sponsor certificates for the godparents, if they are not members of the parish.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every First Friday of the month, 7PM-12AM in Church.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:

Couples planning to marry should make arrangements with the priest **1 year** in advance of the wedding date.

MINISTRY to the SICK and HOMEBOUND:

If you are hospitalized and would like to be visited by your parish priest, please notify the parish directly. If you are sick or homebound and would like to be visited by a priest, deacon or a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Holy Communion, please call the Rectory.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Saturday after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We invite new parishioners to register at the Rectory. If you are moving, or have an address or phone change, please notify the secretary.

Parish Website: www.hnjeo.org

RECTORY AND PARISH CENTER: 184 MIDLAND AVENUE, EO, NJ 07017

Parish Center Hours - Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Rectory and Parish Center Phone: 973-675-4444

CCD Emergency Phone: 201-953-5077

Protecting God's Children Victim Assistance Coordinator: 201-407-3256

E-mail: coholyname@verizon.net

Social Services: 1-800-227-7413

The Transforming Power of Peace

What's your favorite Christmas song? Perhaps it's one that echoes the words of the angels in Bethlehem. "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men!" "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!" Maybe your favorite Christmas media moment is Linus's speech to Charlie Brown where he shares the story. These moments warm our hearts during the holiday season, but the wintery cold of reality seems to always wait for us. Here on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we're not quite to that reality-defying proclamation in the Christmas Gospel. But our readings do foreshadow what God's peace can look like.

The first reading is a glorious promise of the reign of God. The prophet Micah proclaims: "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; He shall be peace." Here we read what we might expect at Christmastime, the hope that this earthly life will be marked by the stilling of conflict, a joy triumphing over sorrow, and a surpassing "peace" across the world. Yet, we celebrate the peace of God, year after year, century upon century, and it can seem we are no closer to an absence of sinful upheaval in the world.

So from where does peace come? What is this supernatural peace promised by God? The second reading gives us a hint. In the letter to the Hebrews, the humble obedience of Christ is emphasized. "When Christ came into the world, he said ... 'Behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" This yes to the plan of God is repeated in the Alleluia verse, but from different lips. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

The Gospel reminds us of the vitality of individual faith. Mary did not say yes to an abstract idea, but to a person. She said yes to God. Her Advent, so to speak, was nine months of bearing Christ within her, preparing to give birth to love. The life of God within her compels her to move, to go forth, to live her individual life as a peace-bearing gift to others. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste..." The Christ-life that Mary bears is so powerful, so tangible, that John the Baptist dances in the womb of Elizabeth!

For peace to transform the world, it must transform us first. The peace of God is supernatural, and it must be formed in each individual life. As this Advent season draws to a close, consider your own transformation. Do you take time to listen to the voice of the Lord? Do you reflect on the Scriptures and allow the word of God to grow to fruition in you? Do you find concrete ways to bring the life and love of Christ to others?

Peace on earth, and goodwill to men!

Anna Carter

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pastor – Rev. Frederick A. Pfeifer

Deacon – Rev. Mr. Leo Woodruff

Chairperson – Deacon Rev. Mr. Leo Woodruff

Secretary – Janet Lasher - 973-818-6327

Sub-committees:

Coordinator of Music – Kathy Yates 973-450-5721

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Coordinator of Lectors – Jean Kuras - 973-743-1940

Coordinator of Altar Servers – Donna Daniel – 862-216-1797
Marva Rudder – 862-216-6690

Coordinators of Ushers and Greeters – Mike and Bernice Mulvihill
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Coordinator of Devotional Activities (First Friday Devotion, Rosary Society, Altar Society, etc.) – Beverly Mitchell – 973-954-1400

Coordinator of Church Decorations/Hospitality – Nita Malazo/Angelita Diaz – 973-634-8546/Donna Daniel - 862-216-1797

Ministry for the Sick and Homebound – Mary Ann Bulgia 973-678-6408

All interested parishioners, please contact the subcommittee coordinator. We welcome you to join us.

Elizabeth Hegarty, Delano Kimbrough, Ellis Thomas, Fred Watson, Kevin Watson, Rev. Arthur Jackson, Dorothy Jackson, Helen Hiner, Adrien Marc Gilles, Mary Angela Kunst, Paula Del Vento, Julia Daniel, Cornelius and Mary Lou Boylan, Joan Ciecura, Bob Simons.



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

December 23rd, 2018

Saturday, December 22, 2018

5:30 PM – People of the Parish

Sunday, December 23, 2018

9:00 AM – Johnnie Lee Parker, Sr.

And Jaunita Parker

By Pamela Ambriz

11:30 AM – Fred Federico Galanido

By Jerry and Rose Galanido

Masses For The Week



Monday, December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

8:00 AM – Carol Jenkins

Birthday Blessings

5:30 PM – People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Christmas Day

9:00 AM – Rev. James, Stella,

Matthew Sr. and Jr. Travers

By Joan Travers

11:30 AM – Thanksgiving for

Andaya Family

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

8:00 AM – Anniversary Blessings

Alfred and Marva Rudder

Thursday, December 27, 2018

8:00 AM – Robert Schilling

Friday, December 28, 2018

8:00 AM – Mike Viray Memorial

Mass

Saturday, December 29, 2018

8:00 AM – Anthony Mallamace

By Daughter Maria

5:30 PM – Carlos de Guzman

By Galanido Family

Sunday, December 30, 2018

9:00 AM – Deborah Daniel

Birthday Blessings

By Daniel Family

11:30 AM – Thanksgiving for

Muriithi Family



REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER



Monday, December 24, 2018

Reading: 2 Samuel 1:24-38

Gospel: Luke 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Christmas Day

Reading I: Isaiah 52:7-10

Reading II: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27, 2018

Reading: 1 John 1:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28, 2018

Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Reading: 1 John 2:3-11

Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

What the Catechism of the Catholic Church Teaches...

What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean?

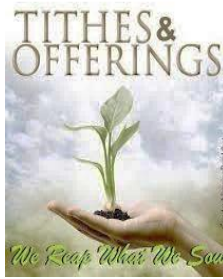
The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of a virgin solely by the power of the Holy spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is, however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine.

In what sense is Mary “ever Virgin”?

Mary is ever virgin in the sense that she “remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin nursing him at her breast, always a virgin” (Saint Augustine). Therefore, when the Gospels speak of the “brother and sisters of Jesus”, they are talking about the close relations of Jesus, according to the way of speaking used in Sacred Scripture.



(CCC 496,-498, 503 499-507, 510-511)



COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY

December 16th, 2018

STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION - \$ 2,757.00

Thank You for Your Faithful Giving!

Luke 6:38-39 - Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated this week for Mario Howard Birthday Memorial.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb left for joy.” (Luke 4:6).

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest; rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MASSES

Please note that there will now be a vigil Mass for January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God at 5:30 PM as well as the regular 9AM and 11:30AM Masses.

NEXT WEEKEND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be only one collection, the regular Stewardship.

ARCHDIOCESAN PARISH SUPPORT GROUPS

Many who hunger for God’s consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated & divorced, single parents. To find a support group near you, please go to:

www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0 and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or **Lauren.Egan@rcan.org**

50/50 DRAWING – UPDATE

There are letters for mailing 50/50 tickets at both entrances of the Church. Please sign the letter and return it to the office. Also, we will have envelopes at the exits with 5 tickets in each; you may pick them up at any of the Masses. Please know that you do not have to purchase all five; just take as many as you like and return the rest. The next 50/50 drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 25. If you wish to be a sponsor please call the office with your intention. The stipend is \$100.

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2019 Mass Book is open. It will be in the Sacristy at all weekend Masses if you wish to reserve any.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve
5:30 Vigil

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day
9:00 AM
11:30 AM

Saturday, December 29
5:30 PM

Sunday, December 30
9:00AM
11:30 AM

Monday, December 31
5:30 PM Vigil

Tuesday, January 1
2019
9:00 AM
11:30 AM

