



MON 12/18	8:00 am	† Robert Villano Family
TUES 12/19	8:00 am	† Doris Colligan John Sundermann
WED 12/20	8:00 am	† Mr. & Mrs. John Patente Anne Patente
THUR 12/21	8:00 am	† Joseph Koury Family
FRI 12/22	8:00 am	† Nicholas & Victoria DiGiovanni Nancy
SAT 12/23	4:30 pm	† Barbara Harrington Jamie Sundermann
SUN 12/24	8:00 am	† Thomas Sagedy, Jr. Mom, Dad & Family
	9:30 am	† Charlie & Parker Sayia Pat & Ryan Daly
	11:00 am	Parishioners

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5:00 pm	Intentions of Celebrant
10:00 pm	Intentions of Celebrant

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:
1st Collection December 9 & 10, 2017 = \$4,315.77
2nd Collection December 9 & 10, 2017 = \$1,417.33
Sent to Diocese - Support for Religious Retirement = \$779.00
Immaculate Conception = \$686.00
Christmas Flowers to date: \$1,429.11



Michael Boyd, Carmen Cortenez, Brian Regn, Marie Graney, Carol Ottoson, Carmella Albanese, Rose Gilliam, Edward Langschultz, Linda Leggatt, & Lael McGrath

MONTHLY:
Rosary Altar Society (Hall) – 1st Sunday @ noon
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Kolbe Room) - 3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm
K of C (Hall) - 1st Tuesday @ 7pm

WEEKLY:
Adult Choir (Church) – Saturday @ 3:00pm
Children's Choir (Church) - Sunday following the 9:30am Mass
Legion of Mary (Kolbe Room) – Tuesdays @ 10:30am

Sponsor of the Week
St. Joseph's Catholic
Cemetery & Mausoleums
Thank you for placing an ad!

Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the
GLORY AND HONOR OF ALMIGHTY
GOD

in memory of
Joe Koury
Requested by
Maryann & Carl Palmisano



DON'T MISS.....
A great trip to Resorts Casino
sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society
on Wednesday, January 10, 2017
Cost is \$30 and rebate is \$30. For
reservations call Mary @ 732-929-2690.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Minister Schedule
December 23 & 24, 2017**

<u>4:30pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
C Martowlis	J Kleva	L&F Rodgers	T Reynolds
L Raniero	S Degeorgis	J Sharkey	M Dzibela
M McKee	G Stefanacci	J Stokes	K&S Wood
G Guito	B McCarthy	J DelGuercio	
S McCarthy	J Moyses		

LECTORS

J Jackson	J Moyses	K Howe	P Urso
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ALTAR SERVERS

A&F Tortoriello	J Lombardo M Salt	S Maulshagen G Monahan	A&K Kulzy
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December 20 - *Classes cancelled*
December 27 - No Classes
January 3 - Classes in Session
 including Confirmation Class
January 10, 2017 - Classes in Session

Help Wanted



Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday contemporary choir is looking for new members! If you can sing, or play a musical instrument, you'd be most welcome! Please speak with either Mike or Lori Vance either before or after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY WILL BE COLLECTING AFTER ALL MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.
 THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Ministry Schedule

Christmas Eve 2017

5 pm	Lector	A. Vahey
	Eucharistic Ministers	S Degeorgis G Guito M Miller J Stokes T. Zurawski
	Altar Servers	E. Beaudry D Casadonte L. Zurawski
10 pm	Lector	P Karnatski
	Eucharistic Ministers	J Kleva C&J Tweed
	Altar Server	H. Milian V. Rhoades-Zagorski
Christmas Day 2017		
11 am	Lector	M. Kulzy
	Eucharistic Ministers	M. Dzibella C Hourihan D Mathis
	Altar Servers	J. Roselli S. Kapp



Sunday, Dec. 24th
 Christmas Eve Masses
 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass
 10:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Monday, Dec. 25th
 Christmas Day
 Mass at 11:00 a.m. only

New Year's Day
 January 1, 2018
 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Sin Removals during Advent

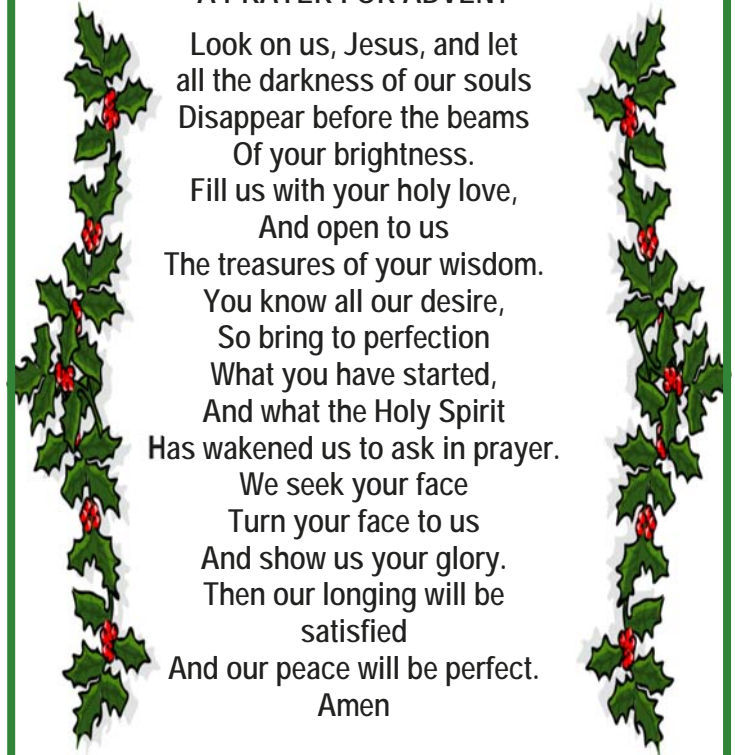


**Monday, Dec. 18th
7:00 p.m.
Here! St. Catharine's!**

**Tuesday, Dec. 19th
7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's, Toms River**

**Tuesday, Dec. 19th
7:00 p.m.
St. Luke's, Toms River**

All sinners welcome!



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Look on us, Jesus, and let
all the darkness of our souls
Disappear before the beams
Of your brightness.
Fill us with your holy love,
And open to us
The treasures of your wisdom.
You know all our desire,
So bring to perfection
What you have started,
And what the Holy Spirit
Has wakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek your face
Turn your face to us
And show us your glory.
Then our longing will be
satisfied
And our peace will be perfect.
Amen

— St. Augustine of Hippo



Simon's Soup Kitchen

The Quonset hut at Our
Lady of Perpetual Help in Seaside Heights
serves free meals every Tuesday and Friday
nights: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Full free meals, All are welcome.

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 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 that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail 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.

College-Age Retreat

January 5-7, 2018
Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working, come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$130 per person, double occupancy
Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call
609.884.3829.

Some financial aid is available.

*Current high school seniors welcomed.

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.