

DECEMBER 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY – Saint Francis Xavier

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Tom & Denise
McLaughlin

TUESDAY – Saint John Damascene

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Arline Sharpe
Special Intention of Levien, Geronimo &
Gorospa Families req. by Anna & Simon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Betsy Sutherland

THURSDAY – Saint Nicholas

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Jeremy & Elizabeth
Curcio

FRIDAY - Saint Ambrose

8:30 William McGovern req. by Family
9:30 Charles Catalano req. by Dennis & Trish Quinn
Agnes Romano req. by Becca, Alan, Miles &
Louis

**SATURDAY – Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

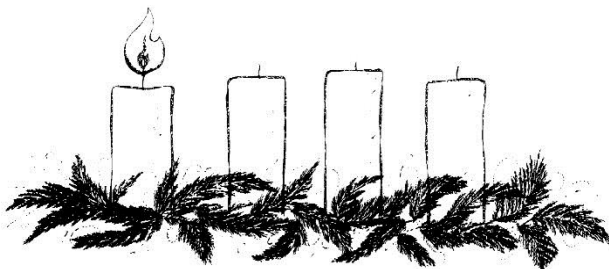
8:30 People of the Parish
Richard Redshaw req. by his loving family
5:30 Gloria Opitz req. by Family
Peter Nocerino req. by Nocerino & Kiefer
Families

DECEMBER 9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:45 Edna Pietrucha req. by Family
9:00 Charles Catalano req. by Bill & Nancy Clear
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Joseph Greshko req. by Paul & Mary Owens

PARISH FINANCES

November 18, 2018	\$ 11,154
November 25, 2018	\$ 9,400
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 2,181
Next week's Second Collection is for our Diocesan Assessment.	



PASTOR'S CORNER

I recently met with Brian Beale who is very enthusiastic about Relevant Radio. I hope his reflection will help us grow in our faith.
- Fr. David

Relevant Radio

Have you wanted to learn more about your Catholic faith but feel you just don't have time in your busy schedule? Maybe Relevant Radio is the answer for you.

Relevant Radio is Catholic radio that is faithful to the Magisterium and Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is united to the Bishop's and under the protective intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The station closest to us is 1430AM in Newark. Regretfully the signal usually doesn't reach us in bucolic Sussex County. The good news, however, is that most of us are commuters and the signal picks up in Southern Morris County, but you can also listen online at <https://relevantradio.com> or on the free relevant radio app from the Apple or Android store. It is also available on Alexa or in newer cars with Apple Car Play or Android Auto.

The average commute for a resident of Sussex County is 35.9 minutes. So, depending on the time of your commute in that 35 minutes you can reconnect with not only what you believe or should believe as a Catholic, but why you believe and how to discuss your faith with compassion and kindness.

It can be time spent learning historical perspectives on incredible saints, martyrs, and doctors of the Church – who they were and how they not only shaped the Church, but civilization. Or, the time can also be spent hearing the day's national and world headlines without the noise of politics, but a distinctly Catholic perspective and analysis.

There is also prayer and contemplation through morning prayers, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every day at 4:00 p.m. and the National Family Rosary at 8:00 p.m.

Throughout the day and night, Relevant radio has compelling programming for any Catholic and it reaches people right where they are – in their car, at home, and at work. It also reaches them wherever they are spiritually – fallen away, lukewarm, or on fire for their faith – in a survey 31% of respondents said that they returned to the Church because of Relevant Radio programming. Another survey from the National Catholic Register and Relevant Radio indicates that 94% of Relevant Radio listeners are more spiritually engaged and inspired and 86% of the people who listen to Relevant Radio state that it is very important or essential to them.

So, please, if you commute to Essex, Hudson or Bergen counties or NYC, tune into 1430AM or better yet, go online or download the app and stream any shows anytime. Also look for show schedules and other information in the baskets by the entrances of our Church. If you have any questions or want to learn more, you may contact me via email at bsquard@ptd.net

God Bless,

Brian R. Beale
Relevant Radio Ambassador

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 12/2 to 12/8, 2018

Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
Mon.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:30 PM K of C	McKenna Hall
	7:30-8:30 PM Confessions	Church
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Class	Library
	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM Bible Study (DVD)	Cassidy Hall
Wed.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM R.C.I.A.	St. Benedict
	7:30 PM Baptism Class	Library
Thurs.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:45 PM BINGO (non smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Fri.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM Filipino Mass	Church/Youth Room
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	7:30 - All Day - CYO Basketball	Gym
	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Adopt-A-Family Drop Off	MH
	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
Sun.	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	4:00 PM CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*



CONGRATULATIONS!

Two of our parishioners – John Robayo and George Sensale – have been accepted by Bishop Serratelli as candidates for the Permanent Diaconate. It is a five-year program which begins on January 2019.



John Robayo



George Sensale

As they begin this important journey, please remember them and their wives in your prayers. I'm grateful for their generous response to this calling and their willingness to serve God's people as deacons.

DO YOU NEED A SPIRITUAL "TUNE-UP"?



"*Keeping The Fire Alive: Navigating Challenges In The Spiritual Life*" is a video presentation given by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM and is being offered here in Cassidy Hall on Tuesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Follow-up discussion and fellowship should make for an enriching experience. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 AM Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. It will be an hour well spent.

YOUTH GROUP

ATTENTION TEENS - Need service hours?

Come to the FIRST SUNDAY each month. Join us at the 12:00 pm Mass, followed by lunch, fellowship and a service project at the Church. From 1 - 2:30 PM in youth group room.

Sunday, December 2

RSVP - allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org

MEET NEW FRIENDS!

OLL Youth Group - all high school teens and college students are welcome. Join us every Monday from 6:30-8:00 PM. Meet new friends, talk about faith, play some board games and outside games, listen to music and enjoy snacks.

NORDIC KNIGHTS OCEANIC CRUISE



Join Father David and Our Lady of the Lake parishioners for a presentation on sailing the Nordic Knights on Oceanic Cruises from July 22nd to August 4th 2019 -visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan

Scully 973-534-6462 or Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Diocesan Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 4:00 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson. Join Bishop Serratelli, the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese as we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Silent Night. A variety of music will be presented spanning many centuries and cultures. There is free parking in the municipal garage across the street from the Cathedral.

St. Paul's Abbey – Christmas Trees

St. Paul's Abbey, on Route 206, one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut, 7 days a week from November 23 to December 23, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on December 6, 2018. Our Theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for December, as we enter into the Advent season, is: "God Lives Among Us!" The day begins at 9:00 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30 PM. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY – GET NAMES TODAY



The bag drop-off will be on **Saturday, December 8th in McKenna hall from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Come to McKenna Hall, drop off the bag and enjoy some live music and sweet treats.

LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent begins on December 2nd. Sign up for the lighting of the Advent Wreath at Sunday Masses. You can find the sign up binder in the vestibule of the church.



- See the trifold brochure in today's bulletin for information on upcoming events in our parish during Advent.
- Don't forget to come to our Christmas Concert on December 9th at 4:00 PM

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE



In preparation for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we will have confessions available every Monday during Advent from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

Our Advent Communal Penance Service

will take place on Monday, December 17th beginning at 7:30 PM. There will be additional priests available for confessions. Please take this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

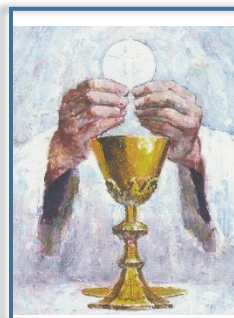
December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate "Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:30 AM. Please note: the 5:30 PM Mass on December 8th is the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent.



Pictured here is Mrs. Baszczij's grade 3 Sunday morning Religious Education class who in the spirit of Thanksgiving talked about the Eucharist. The word Eucharist means "to give thanks". In The Blessed Sacrament Jesus is truly present - the Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine. Every time we celebrate Eucharist we share a Thanksgiving meal.



Mrs. Novak's Sunday morning Religious Education Kindergarten class seen here giving thanks & wishing all HAPPY THANKSGIVING



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED to serve at Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses. Please sign up on the inside cover of the brown sign-in binder in the vestibule of the church.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Christmas Concert



ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS

Featuring:

Our Lady of the Lake
Adult Choir and Children's Choir
Our Lady of the Lake Orchestra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2018

4:00 PM

Come and sing along!

Free will offering appreciated.

Our Lady of the Lake Church

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Parish Staff

Rev. David McDonnell	Pastor
Rev. Marcin Bradtke	Associate Pastor
Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Curcio	Deacon
Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Allison Ognibene	Confirmation/Youth Minister
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Lori Kelly	Bookkeeper
Joanna Mattos	Secretary
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 5:30 P.M.

Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12 Noon

Weekday Masses 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses

8:30, 9:30 A.M. (except August 15th), and 7:00 P.M.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 P.M.

Novena

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday 8:30 A.M.

Eucharist Adoration:

Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00 P.M.

For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office
Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Or find our registration form on our webpage

www.ourladyofthelake.org

THE GIVING TREE



We will once again be collecting baby items to benefit Birth Haven in Newton. The Christmas tree will soon be up in the vestibule. Items that would be most appreciated are: boys or girls clothing - size 0-9 mos., baby monitors, crib sheets, BOPPY pillows, car seat/stroller combo, baby laundry detergent, wipes, diapers.

