

December, 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18

7:30 **The Deceased Members of the Colombo Family**
Req. Charles & Diana Colombo
11:30 **Angelina & Alfonso Vigna**
Req. Adolph & Angela Vigna

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 **Ivica Dusevic** req. Berislav Beretin & Family
11:30 **Mother Justine Iodici** req. Betty DeCotiis

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 **Mira Rancic** req. Berislav Beretin & Family
11:30 **Sister Pauline Lattere** req. Betty DeCotiis

Thursday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

7:30 **Msgr. William J. Koplik** req. Fr. Conner
11:30 **Dinko Hroncich** req. Bernarda Grubic

Friday, December 22

7:30 **Antonijo Hroncic** req. M/M Nick Busanich
11:30 **Nicolo Busanich** req. Busanich Family

Saturday, December 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:30 **Recitation of the Holy Rosary**
9:00 **Francesco Ventre** req. Anthony Ventre & Family
5:30 **Michael J. Pfund** req. Pfund Family

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

8:00 **M/M DeCotiis & Family** req. Betty DeCotiis
10:00 **M/M A. Facendola** req. Hall Family
12:00 **Joseph DeMatteo**
5:30 **People of the Parish**
12:00 Midnight **People of the Parish**

PRAYER REQUESTS



A time to be healed...

Barbara Auché, Orazio Bruno, Vito Bruno, Nicole DeOrio,
Holly Duddy, Michael Duddy, Bernadette Halbing, Josephine
Leo, Carolyn Mangino, Felicia Martello, Addison Rose Palardy,
Jim Pfund, and Daniel Vandak

A time to serve...

All men and women in our military, stationed here and
abroad

A time to return to the Lord...

Fr. Michael Santoro, Mary Lou Strobel



Sunday, December 17, 2017

Religious Education
Grades 1-5 8:35-9:45am
Grades 6-8 10:45-11:50 am
Parish Christmas Concert – 3:00pm

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Religious Education Gr. 1-5 at 3:30pm-4:40pm
Divorce Survival Group – 7:30pm in Conference Room

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Bible Study – 7:00pm – Columbian Hall

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Pope St. John XXIII Assembly #668 – 4th Degree
Regular Business Meeting – 6:30pm
Archbishop Thomas J Walsh Council #3550
Regular Business Meeting – 7:30pm
KofC Christmas Party – 8:30pm
Columbian Hall

Sunday, December 24, 2017

No Religious Education Classes
Parish Raffle – 1:00 pm

Stewardship Of Treasure

“Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. As disciples of
Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. In
giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.”

Financial information for last weekend and this
weekend will be available in next weekend’s bulletin

HOW MUCH IS 5%

Weekly Income	\$150	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
Offering	\$7.50	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25

Offertory Collections-December 10, 2017

Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,196.00
Actual Collection	\$4,981.00
Surplus/Deficit	(\$- 215.00)

Year-to-Date thru December 3, 2017

Actual	\$124,704.99
Surplus/Deficit	\$112,064.44
	(\$-12,640.55)

**This weekend’s second collection is for
SNOW REMOVAL**

Your generosity is sincerely appreciated!



St. Matthew Parish Annual Christmas Concert

St. Matthew's Music Ministry will present its annual
Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17, 2017

At 3:00 pm in Church.

This concert is free to all and will feature both the
Adult and Children's Choirs and
Several Soloists.

Come join us and celebrate the birth of the Child Jesus

THE GIVING TREE

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE (GREEN TAG)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (PURPLE TAG)

**NEW BRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER
(BERGEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER)
PASTORAL CARE (RED TAG)**

BIRTHRIGHT (YELLOW TAG)

FRIENDS IN NEED (BROWN TAG)

**THE HONOR LEGION OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY: GIFTS FOR HOSPITALIZED
CHILDREN (BLUE TAG)**

Gifts should be returned (WRAPPED with the
tag taped to the box by Sunday, December 17th
BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

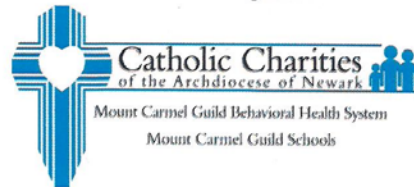


Ridgefield Feeding The Needy & Homeless

On Monday, December 18th, 2017, St. Matthew Church
will be feeding the needy and homeless in Bergen
County. If you would please cook a half tray of food or
donate some of the items below for the cause it would
be greatly appreciated.

Menu: Ziti & Meatballs, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Iced
Tea, Coffee, Tea, Milk or if you wish to make a
donation, it would also be greatly appreciated.
Please call Pat Shilinsky at 201-914-6306 (cell) or
201-945-9098 (home).

A Divine Child's birth gives hope - will you?



The birth of the infant Jesus represents hope for all
humanity. Many people due to their impoverished
conditions have difficulty finding hope in this joyous season.
Please help Catholic Charities be a beacon of hope by giving
items to our donation bin. We accept the following: In
addition to all forms of used clothing, small appliances,
shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and
children's books are accepted. Thank you.



**Our Next Marian Cenacle will be held on
Saturday, January 6, 2018 from
10:00am to 12:00 noon**



The Pope St. John XXIII Assembly East #668 of the 4th Degree will be holding its regular business meeting at 6:30 PM in Columbian Hall, Thursday, December 21st.

All Sir Knights are invited to attend and stay for the 8:30pm Christmas Party.

The Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh Council #3550

Will be holding its regular business meeting at 7:30 pm in Columbian Hall, Thursday, December 21st. All Knights are urged to attend and join us afterwards for a Christmas Party of Good Cheer at 8:30 pm.

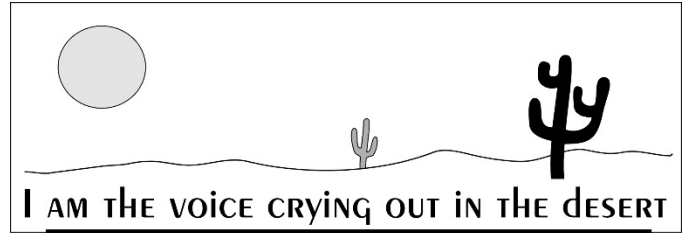


The Knights of Columbus Council #3550 & The Pope St. John XXIII Assembly #668 4th Degree

Are selling Poinsettia plants to raise money for their General Charity Fund. Please consider purchasing one on your way home.



They are also selling Keep Christ In Christmas Magnets and Crosses from the Holy Land. They make truly meaningful stocking stuffers for Christmas!



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017**

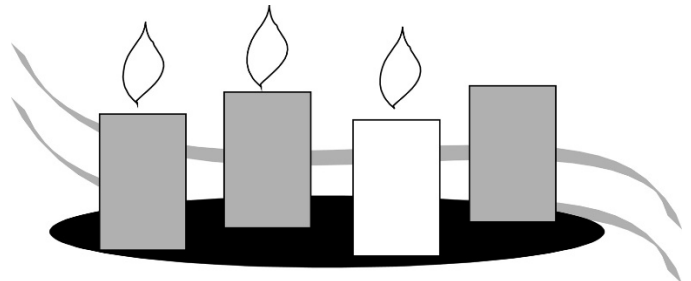
“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”

Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.’ We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was ‘anointed’, the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message ‘good news.’ He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah’s prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.

‘Come Lord Jesus.’



Rejoice in God