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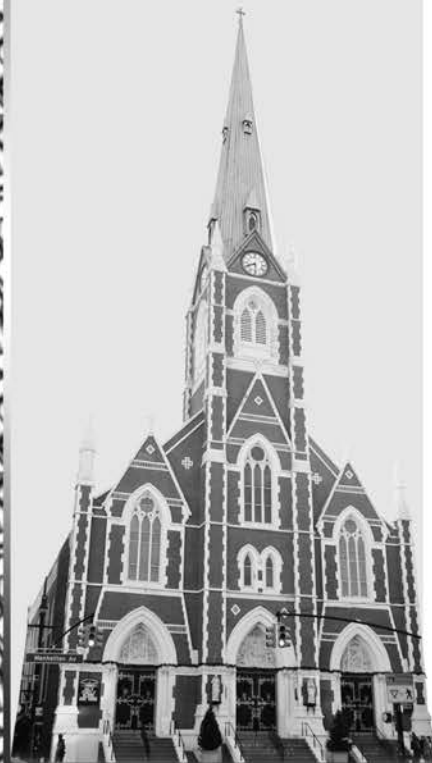
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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday: 8:15 am and
12:15 pm

Friday: 8:15 am, 12:15 pm and
7:30 pm (Spanish)

Saturday: 8:15 am and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:00 am
(Spanish) and 12:30 pm

Holy Days: 8:15 am, 12:15 pm,
7:30 pm (Spanish) and Vigil Mass
on the previous evening at 7:30 pm
in (English)

December 3, 2017



Devotions

(After 8:15 am Mass)

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Tuesday: St. Anthony

First Friday: Eucharistic
Adoration

Confessions

Place: In the lower church.

Thursday: After 8:15 am Mass
Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Friday: (In Spanish) 7:00 pm
and after the 7:30 pm Spanish
Mass

All other times please call the
Rectory.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 3:

- 9:30 + Rev. Stephen Jozwicki by Christine Collins
11:00 + (Spanish) Sgt. Nicholas J. Aleman by the Martinez Family
12:30 + Camilo Sayers by sister, Zira Ford

Monday, December 4:

- 8:15 + Kenneth LaBarbera by Rosemary Tedeschi
12:15 For the Special Intentions of Johanna and Elwood Sinson by Sophie Novack

Tuesday, December 5:

- 8:15 + Vincent Mack by daughter, Tracy
12:15 + Frank Ullmann (Birthday) by Frank Cassara

Wednesday, December 6:

- 8:15 + For the People of the Parish
12:15 + Joseph Belle (Birthday) by Frank Cassara

Thursday, December 7:

- 8:15 + Deceased Members of the Barbarite & Keenan Families by Family
12:15 + Molly & Vincent Mack by Tracy Mack
7:30 For the People of the Parish

Friday, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception):

- 8:15 + Thomas Mack by Tracy Mack
12:15 + Marlon Kymali Boston by Grandma Chris
7:30 + (Spanish) Gavina Vidals by Chavez-Dominguez Family

Saturday, December 9:

- 8:15 + Peter Earley by Bridget Buckley
5:30 + Rose Salvato by Debbie Mileski

Sunday, December 10:

- 9:30 + Michael & Helen Palica by Barbara Maffia
11:00 + (Spanish) Marisol Palma by brother
12:30 + Paul Kowalski (Birthday) by wife and children

Please remember those on our sick list in your prayers:

Dolly Youngfleisch, Dennis Nusspickel, Allen Ryczek, Levieva Svetiana, Molly Tyburczy, John Tyburczy, Julissa Garcia, Carolyn Lattanzio, James Cahill, Joan Dobkin, Laurie Rueckheim, Roman Rurak, Judith Ball-ester, Steve Belus, Janice L. Whelan, James Cunniff, Joseph Buenos, Patty Behan, Donald Buddenhagen, Matthew Colasanti, Roza D'Souza, Ann Kalter, Julia Bis, Bob Quagan, Elizabeth Kies, Joseph Anthony D'Avino, Laura Borruso, Amy Pisarki, John Slattery, Joseph Lauron, Patricia Riordan, Carmelo Reyes, Marylou Ryan, Patricia Taranovich, Eugene Stonebreaker, Zofia Orlowska, Mary Sanz, Richard Schlopp, Robert Keenan, Ryan Marshall, Anne Marie Stampf, Edward Pertell, Genowefa Biernaca, Elizabeth Malenik, Kataryna Gierczynska, Caitlyn Geer, James Buddenhagen, Gracielo Mero, Bill Wisniewski, Gary Normandia, Eleanor Heiberger, Brian Francis Campion, Gemma Ferrara, Joseph Micatonick, Frank Sarlie, Peggy Mae, Edwin Soto, Irene Cahill, Lawrence O'Donnell, Christine Mascia, Marie Mascia, Julia Silva, Anthony Kimkowski, Theresa Good, Mary Knapp, George Koslab, Robert Trotta, Juano Cano, Michael Anobile, Michael Aiello, Yolanda Aiello, Diane Arzon Rodriguez, Martha Banfield, Gustavo Guerra, Michael Conboy, Jaylin Figueroa

Pray for the deceased: Pedro Shervoni, Jr.

Bread & Wine

The bread and wine at all the masses from December 3rd to December 9th will be offered in memory of John P. Batka by his mother Cathy, his brother Nick and his daughter Alexia Batka. (Happy Birthday in Heaven)



Christmas Wafers will be available after all Masses.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

Advent is a very special time, one in which we await Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. This is also a time in which we focus on His second coming in triumph and glory at the end of time. Though we don't know when Jesus will return, each of us will face our own "end times" at death when we will face our Lord and our eternal destiny in Heaven or Hell in what we call our General Judgment. Advent is a good time to take stock of our lives, to make sure, as in the parable of the ten virgins, that there is enough oil in our lamps as we prepare to meet the bridegroom. Advent is also a moment of grace. In the midst of all Christmas preparations, think of what you might give that little baby who was born in a stable to assure you eternal life.

The word "Advent" means coming or arrival. It reminds us of the anticipation and expectation held over hundreds of years by the people of Israel for their Messiah. We mark Advent in the Church with the display of a wreath. Its circle reminds us of God himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen, reminding us of the Hope of eternal life. The four outer candles incorporated into the Advent wreath represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent. The four Sundays represent the 400 years of prophetic silence between Malachi and the angelic Visitation. The lights of the candles remind us of the Light of the World. The white central candle of the Advent wreath, lit at Christmas, reminds us of fulfillment of His first Advent.

Advent is a time to wait, listen and ponder the awesome wonder of God who sent his only Son as a baby to save us. It is a time of prayer and a time to wait for His footsteps. We won't hear His footsteps if we are too busy with preparations. So take time, slow down, be still and be awake. Be aware of the trick of evil to keep us too busy decorating, preparing food, and Christmas shopping for the big celebration that we actually miss the coming of Christ. Advent is a journey and Christmas is the destination of our journey.

Wish you all a Graceful Advent Season.

Fr. Antony Vadakara, CMI

WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekend of November 18 - 19, 2017

Attendance - 687

Collection - \$ 3,422.00

Human Development Collection - \$ 1,316.00

Thanksgiving Gift - \$ 295.00

Votive Candles - \$ 610.00

Last year's attendance - 721

Last year's collection - \$ 4,004.00

Last year's Human Development Collection -
\$ 1,504.00

Last year's Votive Candles - \$ 644.00

Weekend of November 25 - 26, 2017

Attendance - 638

Collection - \$ 3,851.00

Fuel Collection - \$ 1,212.00

Votive Candles - \$ 737.00

Last year's attendance - 693

Last year's collection - \$ 3,984.00

Last year's Fuel Collection - \$ 1,733.00

Last year's Votive Candles - \$ 660.00

Special Collection

Next weekend, December 9 - 10, 2017, there will be a special collection for Religious Retirement.

Sisters will be selling gift items next weekend after all Masses in the church vestibule.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize - \$ 1,500.00

2nd Prize - \$ 1,000.00

3rd Prize - \$ 500.00

Tickets: \$10.00 each

Tickets can be purchased after all weekend Masses. Drawing will be held on December 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All proceeds will go to the Elevator Fund.



Mass Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination and Supporting the Cause for Beatification and Canonization of The Most Reverend Francis Xavier Ford, M.M.

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:00 PM
Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
856 Pacific Street, Brooklyn

Celebrant: Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Homilist: Rev. Kevin Hanlon, M.M.

This celebration will be an important moment as a diocese in which we join together to recognize his heroic legacy and pray together for his Beatification and Canonization. All are welcome!

Deanery Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 16, 2017
3:00 - 5:00 pm
St. Francis of Paola
219 Conselyea Street

All are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Our food pantry is in need of the following items: **coffee, tea, cereal, canned meats (Spam, ham), peanut butter, jelly and canned fruit.**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, December 8, 2017

Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 7: 7:30 pm (English)

Friday, December 8

8:15 am & 12:15 pm

7:30 pm (Spanish) Misa a La Inmaculada
Concepcion

Newly Baptized

The parish family welcomes the newly
baptized:

Lucja Olivia OBaid
Maximillion O'Connor

RCIA

RCIA candidates Marsha Dixon and Katherine
Abreu are preparing for Sacraments at the
Easter Vigil. Keep them in your prayers.

School Boilers

Six boilers in the school building were replaced
with two new boilers, energy efficient.
Total cost \$ 139,982.02.

Parish Council Meeting

A reminder to all Parish Council members,
there will be a meeting on Monday,
December 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Many Thanks to . . .

Thanks to all who helped packaging and distrib-
uting food baskets.

Thanks to all who served food last week to the
homeless.

Thanks to Carol Kulikowski for arranging the
bus trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania and to all
who went.



Rededication

Rededication of the Shrine/Grotto behind the
old convent, on Leonard Street, will take place
on Saturday, December 9th, after the 5:30 pm
Mass. Total cost: \$15,748.60. The family of
Zofia donated \$ 14,600.00 to rebuild it.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 10: Procession
arrives at the Church at 10:45 am
11:00 am Mass

Monday, December 11:
7:00 pm - Midnight
Vigil with Mariachi

Tuesday, December 12:
7:30 pm - Solemn Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas "Adopt-A-Family"

Anyone who is interested in donating \$25.00 (or any amount) to help defray the cost of providing food baskets to families at Christmas, may leave their donation at the rectory or drop it in the collection basket on Sunday. Please mark the envelope "Adopt-A-Family".

We provide holiday food baskets three times a year (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) to approximately 250 families. We also provide toys at Christmas. The St. Vincent de Paul Society works hard to make sure many families have a wonderful holiday.

If you know of someone or a family in the community who is in need of the "Adopt-A-Family" program, please call the rectory and leave their name, address and phone number and a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will reach out to them. Thank you for your continued support.

Advent Giving Tree

Next weekend, December 2 - 3, our parish is once again sponsoring an Advent "Giving Tree" for the benefit of those who are homeless and our neighbors at the Santulli Residence next door to the Church.

Please consider taking an ornament from the "Giving Tree". Please purchase the item written on the ornament and return the gift wrapped with the ornament taped to the package.

Gifts may be placed under the "Giving Tree" no later than December 16th. Any gifts returned after December 16th may be brought to the rectory.

The "Giving Tree" has become a parish Advent project of charity (love of neighbor).

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated in English on the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and Spanish baptisms are celebrated on the first Saturday of every month. Arrangements must be made at the rectory in advance. The birth certificate must be presented. Instructions are required for parents and godparents before Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Pre-Cana Conferences are part of preparation. The website address is:
<http://www.pre-cana.org/>

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Priests are available anytime. Ministers of the Eucharist can be invited to bring Communion to the home of the sick.

SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday:

Pre-Communion and Communion Classes
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Continuing Classes to Confirmation, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Please register at the Rectory. Any letters for Sponsorship, Baptism/Confirmation, as well as a letter for Immigration, you must be a registered member of the Parish.

CHOIR

Meets each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

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