



WALKING THE PATH OF ADVENT

Open the Doors of your Heart



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Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. These are the words of St John the Baptist who cries in the wilderness. When we make prepare for someone who comes to meet us, it means our profound

affection. Here, he urges us to straighten crooked paths. Which paths are these? What come to mind might be the visible roads we see. But far beyond all we see from our eyes is the human spirit. It is the part of us which God truly desires. It is where He wants to enter so we can find the meaning of our life on earth. But before He enters, it requires our preparation. But do we really love him that it will urge us to prepare immensely? These are the paths which we open ourselves to his coming: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, visit the sick and bury the dead. He comes not from an unknown dimension. He comes through the face of our neighbor. If the doors of our hearts are closed, there is no room for God. Advent, thus, also invites us to see Him.

GIVING TREE

Sharing The Christmas Message of His Love!



Our Giving Tree is up! Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift(s), attach tag to gift and drop off at the Rectory by December 15th!

ALL GIFTS ARE REQUESTED TO BE GIFT-WRAPPED WITH THE ORIGINAL TAG ATTACHED. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

Christmas Spectacular

Caldwell University will present its annual Christmas Spectacular 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, in the Student Center auditorium. The Caldwell University



Chorale will sing songs on the theme "The Season of Light," including Eric Whitacre's "Lux Aurumque," "Nativity" by Steve Sametz and "Chanukah Fantasia" by Coreen Duffy. The Caldwell Wind Ensemble and High School Honor Band will perform "Africa: Ceremony, Song and Ritual," "Celtic Carol," "Rush," "Sleigh Ride" and more with over 90 musicians onstage. And audience members will enjoy the annual sing-along. "The Christmas Spectacular is a wonderful community event. We look forward every year to celebrating the holiday season with the university and local community, families and friends," says Dr. Laura Greenwald. **Tickets are \$10 and are available online, through mail order and at the door. For more information, contact Greenwald at 973-618-3520.**

Retreat Opportunities

The Benedictine Center of St Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth offers the following retreats:

- **Hoping with Mary: An Advent Retreat,** December 19, 9AM-3:30 PM. Mary waited for the first Christmas with expectant hope. Let us take time to reflect, to pray and to learn from her example. \$35 lunch included. Women are invited to spend the weekend, December 18-20. \$135. **For information and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.com**
- **A New Year's Eve retreat** for women from 4 PM Thursday eve until 1 PM Friday. Join others to begin the New Year with prayer and reflection. \$60. **For information and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.com**

Christmas Around The World



The *Dominoes* will return to St Peter and Paul in Hoboken for another concert on Saturday, December 5 at 6PM under the direction of Joseph Napoli. The Saint Dominic Academy Glee Club is the largest and one of the most honored activities at the academy. This girls chorus continues to attend regional competitions every year, consistently bringing home top honors. This year's concert will feature Christmas songs and carols from many different countries, acknowledging the incredible cultural diversity of the school's student body. **Admission is free and open to the public. Contact Director of Music Ministries, Matthew Still for more details: matthew.still@spphoboken.com 404 Hudson Street, Hoboken**

Novena – December 2015

Requested for	Requested by	Francis Roda	Great Grandma	Toni Belfiore	St. Joe's Prayer Grp
† Jose Mallari	Family	Debbie Stella	Pat & Family	† Lorenzo Dairo	Pat Roda
† Purificacion Gonzales	Gozales Family	† Ezequiela V. Gomez	Mirna Paciello	† William Curtis Nance Jr.	Mr & Mrs Osoria
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<i>Birthday Thanks Giving</i>		William Staranka	Pat, Joe & Debbie	† Michael Weber	Diane & Family
		Lawrence Shin	Pat Roda		

OUR PARISH

The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns

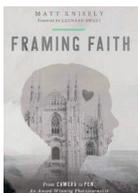
The Archdiocese takes very seriously the needs of victims who approach the Church seeking healing from abuse. In addition to counseling and other support services, the Archdiocese has provided in appropriate cases reasonable compensation to those victims seeking financial settlement of claims of abuse, even after the statute of limitations has passed. The Archdiocese does not require or impose confidentiality agreements on any settlements, and often includes funding for psychological counseling. Money used to fund settlements from abuse cases is provided solely through the Archdiocese's general liability insurance coverage. Although the Archdiocese, parishes and schools pay premiums to purchase this insurance, no parish or school assets, Archdiocesan assets or Annual Appeal or other fundraising collections are used to pay claims from abuse cases.

Seton Hall Prep School



Seton Hall Preparatory School – New Jersey's oldest Catholic prep school – will be hosting its FINAL TWO entrance/scholarship examinations for current 8th graders on both Saturday, December 5, 2015 and Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Scholarships and financial aid are still available! Tours of the campus will be offered to all families who may have not been able to attend our fall Open House. **For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973)325-6632 or visit shp.org.**

BOOK



Framing Faith: From Camera to Pen

Like a photographer or storyteller, Jesus exhibited time and again how easy it is to capture moments of profound importance just by noticing, stopping, and responding to his surroundings. In a world moving way too fast, Framing Faith is a book for people seeking to focus their lives, to find a deeper knowledge of God, and a more authentic Christian faith. In this modern age, many of us fill every "spare" moment we have rather than taking an intermission to see the true works of God and realize that he is present in every moment. Matt Knisely communicates biblical truths in a fresh way, allowing you to really hear them, as if for the first time. **Available at amzn.com/0849921872**

Thanksgiving Baskets Giveaway

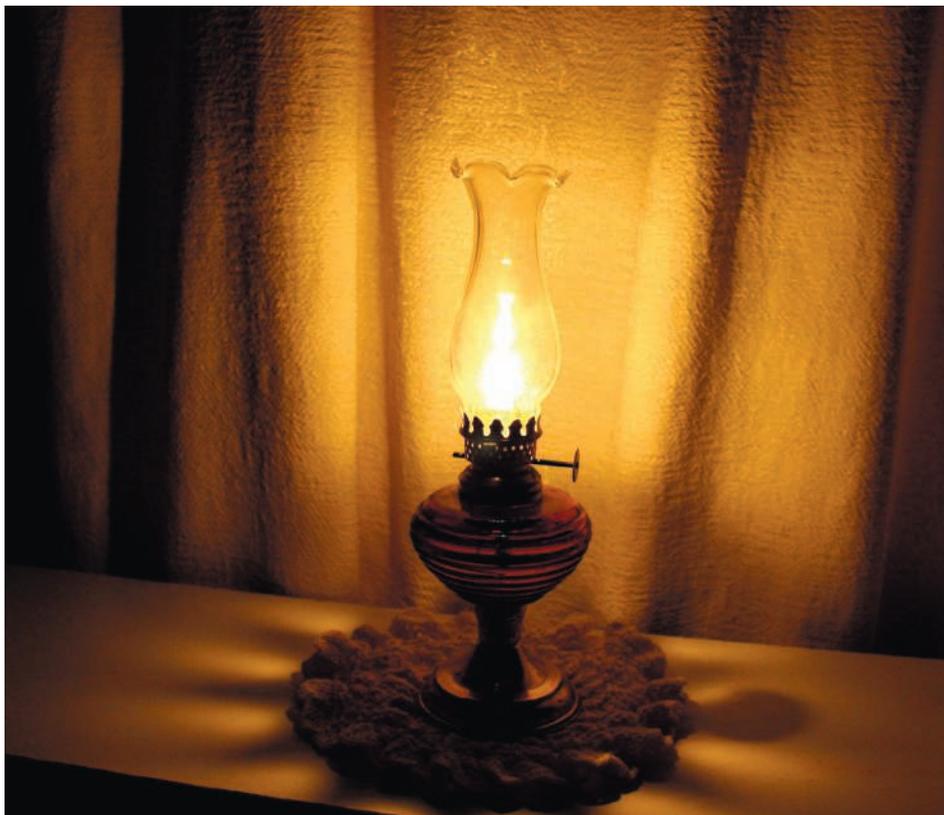
Reaching out to those who need our help in a spirit of gratitude and fellowship



Our traditional Thanksgiving basket giveaway took place last Saturday. It is a distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need on the weekend before Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers that have assisted, especially those that have distributed the baskets to the recipients, have departed the event with a sense of fulfillment, joyful smiles, uplifted spirits, and tears of satisfaction of making "a difference" in someone else's life. Thank you to all those involved in the preparation, the promotion and the distribution of this Work of Mercy!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be Vigilant!



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written af-

ter the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

Light From The East

From the earliest times, Christians at prayer have turned towards the East. Christ is the Dayspring, the rising sun who dawns upon us from high *to give light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death* (LUKE 1:9). The eastward orientation of churches and altars is a way of expressing the great cry of every Eucharist: *Let our hearts be lifted high. We hold them towards the Lord. When, in the celebration of the liturgy, the priest faces east, he is guiding the people in pilgrimage towards the Kingdom and with them, keeping watch for the return of the Lord. This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven* (ACTS 1:11).

The Eastern churches follow to this day the apostolic tradition of celebrating the Eucharist towards the East in anticipation of the return of the Lord in glory. A powerful witness is given in the prayer of a priest and people who stand together facing eastward and giving voice to the same hope. *The Spirit and the Bride say "Come" And let him who hears say, "Come"* (REVELATION 22:17).

Liturgical Colors



The liturgy of the Church makes a rich and varied use of color. The color of the stole, chasuble and dalmatic changes according to the feast and season. The variety of liturgical colors signifies the different ways in which we are touched by the grace of Christ in the liturgy. Violet or purple, signifying longing and penance, are used in Advent and Lent. Rose-colored vestments, a sign of anticipated joy, may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The association of colors with the various feasts, seasons, and mysteries of the Lord is part of our Catholic liturgical heritage. The Church, *in many-colored robes is led to the King* (cf. PSALM 44:12).

CHRISTMAS Candle Light Carol Sing at Sacred Heart

The 45th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 17th, at 8pm (two performances). Doors open at 7pm both nights and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more info call 973-484-2400, or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org



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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 11/29 • 1st Sunday of Advent

10 AM CCD Attend Mass;
NO CLASSES *Church*
11-12 AM Fil-Am Choir Practice *Cent Hall*

MONDAY 11/30

10 AM H.N.S. Christmas Decor *Cent Hall*
3:30 PM-4:30 PM Legion of Mary *Convent Comm Room*

TUESDAY 12/1

12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*
3-4 PM Holy Hour for Priests *Convent Chapel*

WEDNESDAY 12/2

6-8 PM Daisy/Jr Mtg *Cent Hall*

THURSDAY 12/3

7-10 PM OLG Novena *Convent Chapel*

FRIDAY 12/4

10 AM H.N.S. Board Mtg *Cent Hall*
12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*
7-10 PM OLG Novena *Convent Chapel*

SATURDAY 12/5

7-10 PM OLG Novena *Convent Chapel*
CCD use *Cent Hall*

SUNDAY 12/6 • 2nd Sunday of Advent

10 AM-12 PM Baptism *Church*
10 AM CCD *Church/Cent Hall*
1-3 PM Fil-Am Choir Practice *Cent Hall*
7-10 PM OLG Novena *Convent Chapel*

Liturgies

Saturday Evening Church English 5:30 PM
(anticipating Sunday) Misa Español 7 PM

Sunday Church 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

Monday ▶ Saturday: Mass *Church* 9 AM

Wednesday: Mass *Church* 7 PM

Holy Hour

Tuesdays *Convent Chapel* 3-4 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays *Church* (Or by Appointment) 5 PM

Schedule of Masses Nov. 30th– Dec. 6th, 2015

Monday, November 30

9 AM Lawrence Shin *Family*

Tuesday, December 1

9 AM Novena

Wednesday, December 2

9 AM Novena
7 PM † Special Intention *OL Perpetual Help Group*

Thursday, December 3

9 AM Novena

Fri day, December 4

9 AM Novena

Saturday, December 5

9 AM Novena
5:30 PM † Jose Mallari *Conzales Family*
7 PM † Aura Ordonez *Parish Intention*

Sun day, December 6

8 AM Novena
10 AM † Giuseppe DiSalvo *Manzo Family*
12 PM † Dolores Becker *Husband*

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **Jeremiah 33:14-16**
Psalm: **Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**
Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2**
Gospel: **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Weekday Readings

Monday *Feast of Saint Andrew*

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10A/Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday *Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier*

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-1/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

Sanctuary Gifts for Nov. 29th—Dec. 5th

Gift	In Memory/Honor of	Requested By
Altar Wine	† Kathleen McGuinness	Parish Intention
Altar Bread	† John L. Churuti III	Parish Intention
Sanct. Lamp	† Carmen Rizzo	Parish Intention
Altar Candles	† Francis Lyons	Parish Intention

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (*People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified*): Marie Portelli

● Portelli Niece & Nephew ● Jennifer O'Connor
● Donna Tuzzo ● Matt Bolger ● Dennis Mallon
● Marie Carlson ● Lawrence Shin ● Lupe Pena, ●
Frances Kearns ● Josephine Cermak Rowan ● Steve
& Rachel Mastin ● Diane Shea ● Joseph Callandrillo
● Humberto Quintana ● Julia Annicchiarico ●
Javier Vega ● Jennifer Moloughney ● Antoinette
Maddi ● Carol Jordan ● Anthony Biggio ● Sammy
DeLeon ● Shane Quinn ● Alice Daly ● Sadie Krieger
● Dolores DelMonte ● Dianne O'Sullivan ● Carl
Carlson ● Larry Bello ● Miyuki Campbell ● Diane
Albert ● Meghan Connaughton

Ministry to the Sick

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call **St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email: info@sahjerseycity.com**

November Papal Prayer Intentions

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Religious Education News

Our Religious Ed Office is located inside St. Anne's Rectory. Office Hours: M-T-W 9 am to 5 PM, TR & F, 10 am to 5 pm.

Social Media

Please follow the official Twitter channels of the parish:

 [sah_promise](#) **Faith Formation Grade K—1**
 [sah_goodnews](#) **Faith Formation Grade 2—3**
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Website & Online Services

Website: sahjerseycity.com

Parish registration: sahjerseycity.com/register

CCD Registration: sahjerseycity.com/ccd

Parish Calendar and online

Readings of the Day: sahjerseycity.com/calendar

How much should I give in the collection basket each Sunday?

We ask **each person working** in the household to gift **one hour's wage** to the parish **every week**. **How much is one hour?** Below you can find the recommended contribution based on your annual combined income:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$100,000	\$50
\$75,000	\$38
\$50,000	\$25
\$40,000	\$20
\$35,000	\$17
\$30,000	\$15
\$25,000	\$12
\$20,000	\$10
\$15,000	\$7

We are grateful for your contribution!

Baptism Information

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every Month: 2 Baptisms per Mass at 10 AM & 12 Noon (English). Because they will be promising to help raise your child in the practice of the Faith, the church requires that at least one of your child's godparents be a 'fully initiated Roman Catholic,' i.e., one who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the time of registering your child for Baptism, we ask that one of your chosen godparents provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate or some documentation from their church of Baptism or Confirmation indicating the month and year of their Confirmation. **GODPARENTS & PARENTS** are also required to attend a "baptism instruction" session on Saturday (the day before the Baptism) @ 4:00 PM in CHURCH (English & Spanish). A donation to the church for Baptism is always appreciated: please place your offering in an envelope marked 'BAPTISM' with your child's name and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. **Contact the office with any questions. Thank You.**

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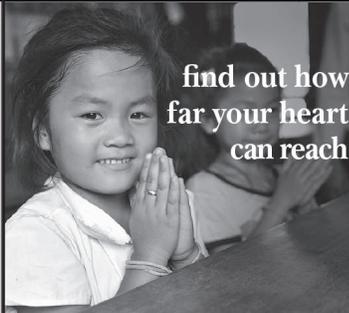
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