



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

"And they came with haste and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger." (Luke 2:16)

Blessings to you for the Christmas Season, the Solemn Feast of Mary Mother of God and the new year of 2019.

Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both written about the importance of Christ, as a child, as the center of our life. In this Christmas season, we grow closer to God as we meditate on his presence as an infant in Bethlehem and in the mystery of life made present through the children among us.

These are lessons which we can all learn about authenticity through the Christ child and through the lives of children.

CHILDREN AND AUTHENTICITY

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Pope Francis reminds us that children also teach us about the authenticity of emotion and to the truth we can discover when we listen to our hearts.

It is true that children grow into both the clothes we buy them and the expectations we set for them. That is, we give them time – in school and at home – time to learn expressions – the how - of emotional behavior. Nevertheless, we do not really need to define what is happiness, what is anger, what is sadness. They learn these quite naturally. What they need, often, are simply the boundaries.

Pope Francis gives the example of why children have also wept in his presence, though he is not alarmed: "Some, when I pick them up to embrace them, smile; others see me dressed in white and think I am a doctor and that I am going to vaccinate them, and they cry... spontaneously! Children are like this: they smile and cry, two things which are often "stifled" in grown-ups ... do I smile spontaneously, frankly, with love or is my smile artificial? Do I still cry or have I lost the capacity to cry? These are two very human questions that children teach us." (Francis, 18 March 2015, General Audience)

Pope Francis observed also that "children remind us that we all, in the first years of life, were completely dependent upon the care and benevolence of others. The Son of God was not spared this stage. It is the mystery that we contemplate every year at Christmas." (Pope Francis, 18 March 2015).

I hope and pray our prayer with and prayer to the Christ child may help us to uncover the authentic movements and calling of God in our lives.

Blessed Epiphany and Feast of the Three Kings to you.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure	
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2018	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection: December 22-23*	\$ 4716
Deficit:	\$ 2084
* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit	

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 5 JANUARY

8:30 am Justina Nzegwu
(Special Intention)
5:30 pm Brendan Byrne

SUNDAY 6 JANUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the
Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am Maureen Rosen

MONDAY 7 JANUARY

8:30 am Frank & Angela Volpe

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY

8:30 am Ester Marie Joseph

WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY

8:30 am Rev. Yvon Joseph

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

8:30 am Margaret McDermott

FRIDAY 11 JANUARY

8:30 am Martin Olson (1st Ann)

SATURDAY 12 JANUARY

8:30 am Victor Saint-Preux
(Special Intention)
5:30 pm Michael Cassels

SUNDAY 13 JANUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Parisi
11:30 am Thomas, Evelyn, and
Robert Clayton

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 6 JANUARY EPIPHANY of Our Lord



9:00 am Recitation of Rosary
10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am Mass Family Catechesis
12:30 pm Christmas Epiphany Drama

WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY

7:00 pm KOC Meeting

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements
for January 20th bulletin email:
lourdesbulletin@aol.com.
6:00 am Choir Practice

SUNDAY 13 JANUARY

10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal



LITURGICAL MINISTERS— SUNDAY 13 JANUARY

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Frank Refinski Eileen Reilly Sharon Rosario	Francesca Appolon Thiago Lavado Jacquyanah Vincent
7:30 am	Howard Casey	Bless Bernardo Mary Cassels Louis Volpe	Rosalinda Saniel Lisa Westheimer
9:30 am Choir	JoAnn Melhorn	Ann Pflug John Pflug Myrna Regino Bill Talbot	Seamus Murphy Volunteer
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Carmelita Dizon Paul Hirsch Wendy Sheyka	Faith Nzegwu Andrew Onubogu William Onubogu
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy	Rachelle Brown	
10:30 am	RCIA		

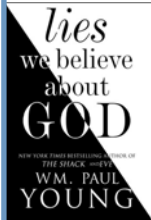


PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vincent Aiello, Sean Bailey,
Josefina Balerdi, Suzane Ball,
Gina Cammarata, Darlene Cangialosi,
Teresa Carbin, Josephine Ciullo,
Tom Collinson, Jeannie Cox, Ramona De Castro,
Peggy Dolan, Pierre Ferrus, Helen Filan,
Catherine Gascoyne, Al Gebhardt, Judy Givas,
Gary Grasso, Alberta Greco, Michael Harris,
Marissa and Richard Hedstrom, Jovann Henry,
Yann Henry, Glenn Holland, Prepty Joint,
Bruce Kiefer, Tim Klein, James Leung,
Rose Mateus, Marion McConville,
Mary McGuinness, Stephanie Montano,
Noreen Meyers, Liam Morley, Florence Olabiyi,
William Ollenschleger, Otilia Ortega, Idelourdes
Petion, Patrick Pierre, Mark Quarno, Thelma
Ramaglia, Amy Ricciardi, Mary Lou Ruppel,
Marie Salvatoriello, Vincent Santucci, Jr.,
Heather Scoffone, Patricia Seib,
Natalie Sims, Marie Stopfer, Jimmy Tiernan,
Robin Tobia, Ann Whelan, Michael Whelan,
George Zachos.

If you wish to have a loved one prayed for,
please call the rectory at 973.325.0110.

Around the Parish & Community



CHRISTIAN BOOK DISCUSSION –
Our Next Book: “LIES WE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD”
By: WM. PAUL YOUNG

Join the Book Discussion Group on

Thursday, JANUARY 17th

at 7:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room,
Connor Hall

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE BAKE SALE



Thank you to everyone who made the Bake Sale Fundraiser a success! We made \$1,577.00 and the proceeds will go towards related Respect Life endeavors.

From the OLL Respect Life

“SOUPER BOWL”



The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting cans of soup through the month of January to be delivered to St. John’s in Newark to nourish and warm the less fortunate.

Please bring your donation of soup to the collection bins located at the entrances of the church.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 973.497.4012.



MARRIAGE, DIVORCE & CHURCH ANNULMENT: WHAT DOES THE CHURCH REALLY TEACH?

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
7 PM to 9 PM**

Presented by: Lauren Egan, BA, CADC
Assoc. Dir. Of Family Life Office
Trained Pastoral Advocate

All are welcome to this presentation followed by a Q & A session. Maybe you have asked the questions, What is Marriage? Is annulment just “catholic divorce”? Can divorced people receive the Eucharist? Or maybe you would just like information & support.

RSVP: <https://conta.cc/2RWHBUM>

Location for both talks:

OUR LADY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
28 Livingston Avenue
Roseland, NJ 07068
Founder’s Hall

WORKSHOP ON DIVORCE & FAMILY LAW

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
7 PM to 9 PM**

Presented by: Allan Scazafabo, Jr.
Matrimonial Law Attorney

Allan Scazafabo, Jr. a Catholic, Matrimonial Law Attorney & Alyssa A. DeFuria, Family Law Attorney will both present on the “nuts and bolts” of the divorce process. Resources will be given, including articles and handouts related to divorce & family law. The talk will end with an open Q & A session.

RSVP: <https://conta.cc/2RVmD8G>