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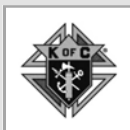
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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Monday - Friday**-----7:30 and 11:30 am  
**Saturday Morning**----- 9:00 am  
**Saturday Mass of Anticipation**----- 5:30 pm  
**Sunday Morning**----- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon  
**Holy Days**-----to be announced

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARCHBISHOP WALSH COUNCIL #3550

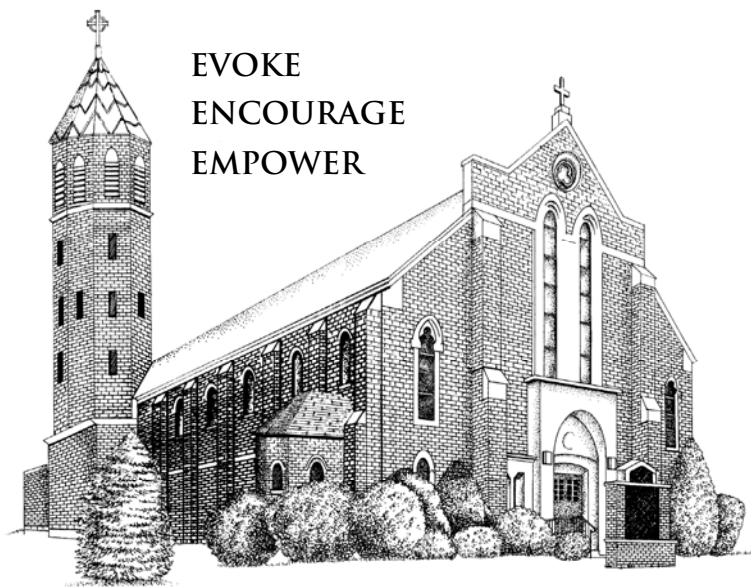
Meets at St. Matthew Columbian Hall every  
4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.



### POPE JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY #668

Meets at St. Matthew Columbian Hall every  
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

**How to Report 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 201-407-3256.



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## WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE

**BAPTISM:** The third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm.  
Arrangements for Baptism are made by calling the rectory at 201-945-3500.

**EUCCHARIST/CONFIRMATION:** Preparation programs for these sacraments are supplemental to the CCD or Interparochial School religious education programs. All eligible parish children participate in these programs regardless of their place in schooling.

**MARRIAGE:** The Bishops of New Jersey have directed that all sacramental preparations for the celebration of Marriage are to begin, with a staff priest, one year prior to the date of marriage. Engaged couples themselves are expected to call the rectory to make the proper arrangements.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please notify the Rectory of a family member who is ill. Urgent calls will be attended any time day or night.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Saturday from 1:00 to 1:30 pm.  
Confessions will be heard anytime upon request.

**Rectory**----- 945-3500

**E-mail**-----stmatthews@stmatthewridgefield.org

**Website**-----stmatthewridgefield.org

**Knights of Columbus Website**----- www.KOFC3550.org

January 13, 2019  
 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 14**

7:30 **Paulette Daniele** req. Ermelinda Guacci  
 11:30 **Joseph Lally** req. The Kerrisons

**Tuesday, January 15**

7:30 **Mario Mircovich** req. M/M Albino Scrivanich  
 11:30 **Rosamaria Esquivel** req. John Piccinich

**Wednesday, January 16**

7:30 **Ann & Leonard Falco** req. Philip & Yolanda Pietro  
 11:30 **Matea Busanich** req. Jill Busanich

**Thursday, January 17** St. Anthony, Abbot

7:30 **Maryann Busanich** req. Charles & Diana Colombo  
 11:30 **Caterina Tarabocchia** req. M/M Ben Mattessich

**Friday, January 18**

7:30 **Maryann Busanich** req. Sam & Rosemary Griglio  
 11:30 **Barbara Coppolecchia** req. Bonacci Family

**Saturday, January 19**

8:30 **Recitation of the Holy Rosary**  
 9:00 **Dinko Scrivanich** req. M/M Albino Scrivanich  
 5:30 **Marcos Asan** req. Marco & Mildred Asan Parents

**Sunday, January 20** 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 **Leonardo DeVincenzo** req. Wife & Children  
 10:00 **People of the Parish**  
 12:00 **Angelina Freda** req. Rosalba & Gaetano Guacci

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



***A time to be healed...***

Patricia Carley, Kenny Castel, Patricia Carley,  
 Lorraine DeSimone, Albert DeSimone, Holly Duddy,  
 Michael Duddy, Sam Griglio, Bill Killinger,  
 Elizabeth Maglirto Loughlin,  
 Carolyn Mangino, Marie Marino, Leslie Martino,  
 Felicia Martello, Angela Meyer, Joseph Pecorino,  
 Christine Sargent, Rev. Msgr. Francis Seymour,  
 Ron Storf, Anka Srnak,  
 Annette Tobin and Daniel Vandak

***A time to serve...***

All men and women in our military, here and abroad

***A time to return to the Lord...***

Rev. Msgr. Francis Seymour

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

Religious Ed  
 Grades 1-5 8:35-9:45am  
 Grades 6-8 10:45-11:50am

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Religious Ed  
 Grades 1-5 3:30-4:40pm

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

Bible Study – 7:00 pm – Columbian Hall

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Knights of Columbus Assembly #668  
 Regular Business Meeting – 7:00pm

**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, your will receive the peace of Christ.”

**Offertory Collections-December 31, 2018**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly 2018-2019    | \$4,904.00        |
| Actual Collection, Incl. Electronic Giving | <u>\$3,393.97</u> |
| Surplus/Deficit                            | (\$1,510.03)      |

**Year-To-Date through December 31, 2018** \$132,408.00

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Actual          | <u>\$123,170.83</u> |
| Surplus/Deficit | (\$ 9,237.17)       |

**Offertory Collections- January 6, 2019**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly 2018-2019            | \$4,904.00        |
| Actual Collection, Incl. Electronic Giving/Monthly | <u>\$6,130.82</u> |
| Surplus/Deficit                                    | \$1,226.00        |

**Year-To-Date through January 6, 2019** \$137,312.00

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Actual          | <u>\$130,948.83</u> |
| Surplus/Deficit | (\$ 6,363.17)       |

**HOW MUCH IS 5%**

|                      |               |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Weekly Income</b> | <b>\$150</b>  | <b>\$200</b> | <b>\$300</b> | <b>\$400</b> | <b>\$500</b> |
| <b>Offering</b>      | <b>\$7.50</b> | <b>\$10</b>  | <b>\$15</b>  | <b>\$20</b>  | <b>\$25</b>  |

**Next Weekend’s Second Collection will be for  
 SNOW REMOVAL AND HEATING**

**Your continued generosity is always greatly  
 appreciated!**

### INTENTION REQUESTS – 2019

We can spiritually remember an anniversary of marriage, ordination or death, birthday or other significant milestone for a living or deceased by dedicating the items we use for worship:

**Sanctuary Lamp (burns by the Tabernacle)**

**Wine & Hosts (consecrated at Mass)**

**Altar Candles (Which remain lit during each Mass)**

**Food for the Hungry**

A set donation is requested for each intention, a card is provided, and the intention is printed in the bulletin.

To request an intention, please visit the rectory.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

#### **Notre Dame Academy , Palisades Park**

is happy to announce our OPEN HOUSE and School Tours for the 2020 school year registration cycle.

#### **Open House on:**

Sunday, January 27 from 1pm-4pm

#### **School Tours on:**

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 2pm

#### **Open House on:**

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm 8:30pm

We officially begin our 2019-2020 school year enrollment for grades PK3 to grades 7 during the first Open House. Please visit our website at [www.notredameint.org](http://www.notredameint.org) and check out the admissions tab for further details. Notre Dame Academy is fully accredited, faith-filled, peaceable school environment that has been enriching the hearts and minds of students since 1991.

### **Ecumenical Christian Unity Worship**

On Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM there will be an Ecumenical Christian Unity Worship at

**Saint James Episcopal Church  
514 Abbott Avenue, Ridgefield.**

**The theme is: "Justice"**

All are welcome. Anyone who wishes to bring baked goods for the gathering in the Church Hall would be greatly appreciated.

## ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of **\$1,075** as a result of your clothing donations from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. These funds combined with monies from other participating parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 94,355 nights of shelter to 1,324 homeless individuals and families (FY17/18).

Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

**The New Bridge Medical Center Administration, Pastoral Care Department, and staff would like to express their sincere appreciation to your parishioners for the love and time we have given in the form of holiday gifts for their residents and patients.**

### **Morning of Healing: For Perinatal Loss**

The Offices of Family & Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago.

Agenda includes: Presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments provided. When: Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 8:30am to 12:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ

Free of charge and babysitting is provided.

For more information call 973-497-4327

**Must register online at:**

<http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss/>

## **The Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist Retreat**

“Join the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist  
Retreat Day on **Saturday, February 2, 2019**

From 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

At the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling, NJ

The day includes Morning Coffee/Tea, Lunch, Rosary,  
Spiritual Reflections, Holy Mass, the Sacrament of  
Confession, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction,  
Advance registration is required – space is limited.

Please send an e-mail to

[MostHolyEucharistNJ@gmail.com](mailto:MostHolyEucharistNJ@gmail.com) or call

Joanne Spadafora at 631-912-5712 and include your  
name, e-mail address, home phone and parish/town.

Registration by e-mail is preferred.

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Please direct any questions you may have to:

[MostHolyEucharistNJ@gmail.com](mailto:MostHolyEucharistNJ@gmail.com) or call

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## **St. Joseph Regional High School performs “Bright Star”**

St. Joseph Regional HS is proud to be one of the first  
High schools in the world to perform **Bright Star**  
Featuring the Grammy-nominated bluegrass score by  
Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. Bright Star’s run on  
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Drama Desk Award nominations and 8 Outer Critics  
Circle Award nominations as well as many wonderful  
reviews.

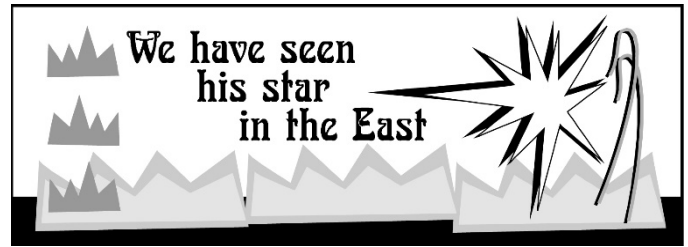
Among the production team are Director and  
Choreographer Eric Sciotto, Richard Todd Adams and Ed  
Ginter, along with 6 of the original musicians from the  
Broadway production.

Performances are to be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> thru  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Inserra Theater at St. Joseph  
Regional High School, 40 Chestnut Ridge Road,  
Montvale, NJ. Tickets on sale January 10<sup>th</sup> at  
[SJR.BOOKTIX.com](http://SJR.BOOKTIX.com)

All seats are reserved and priced at \$23/\$17.

Organizations of 10 or more are eligible for a group  
ticket discount. A senior citizen preview performance  
will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm. Tickets for this  
performance will be sold at the door.

For more information, visit [sjrtheater.com](http://sjrtheater.com) or call  
201-391-7422



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY  
READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 6, 2019**

**Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.”**

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It’s our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can’t wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. “They departed for their own country by another way.”



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