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Give Thanks...



*Bless us, O Lord,
and these thy gifts
which we are about
to receive from thy
bounty through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Happy Thanksgiving

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, HACKENSACK, NJ



“But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.” This servant was scared. He didn’t want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, *“Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground.”* And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day. What

factors are keeping us from making a return on God’s investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of *“talents”* to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us. Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we *don’t* have instead of embracing what we do. Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, *“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”*



That God will relieve their suffering and restore them to health. Please pray for: Kellie & Kathy

Salata, Kelly Chinchar, Jessica, Carol Mangino, Gloria, Daniel Breslin, Stanley, Marie, Bonnie, Helen Traina, Joseph Marrone, Bill Marshall, Anthony, Michael, Denise Gautier, Joseph, Jessica Esopo.

Collection Report

Last Sunday's collection was \$2,001.

E-giving was \$330.

Your generosity is most needed and greatly appreciated.

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icchackensack.com



for parish information including priest’s weekly schedules and upcoming events (calendar tab), hymns for next weekend’s masses, sign up for electronic giving, our weekly bulletin and more!

Catholic Everything Expo

On December 2 and 3, John Leaps Foundation will be hosting The Catholic Everything Expo in the Meadowlands Expo Center, Secaucus, NJ. Tickets for 2 days is \$50. Theme is on rebuilding the Church. Dynamic speakers, entertainment and great Catholic vendors. 800-313-6933. Be Catholic Proud. www.catholiceverythingexpo.com

“ We give thee thanks ”

**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Every one of God’s children is a unique creation with talents and gifts that are found in no one else. Each of us is asked to bring our special “twist” to life and to living the Gospel, leaving our impact on the world in a way that no one else can. Are we ever afraid to use our gifts or to be who we are? Fear can cripple us and prevent us from discovering the profound and creative ways in which we can become the person God meant us to be. We like our comfort zones and do not like to be stretched and challenged. Yet this is necessary if we are going to produce the fruit we are capable of producing and live the radical message of the Gospel. For serious Christians, the status quo has got to go!

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

- Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
- Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
- Tues: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
- Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
- Thurs: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
- Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
- Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
- Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving and as we gather with loved ones let us remember to give thanks to God for our loved ones and all that God has given us starting with our very lives. Let us remember to thank Him for all the good things we have in our lives, the joyful times, peaceful times and healthy times. Let us also give Him thanks for the strength and courage to face the bad times in our lives. I am adding below a prayer that you can use to give thanks at the dinner table:

God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.

Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts.

Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need.

Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and forever. Amen.

God Bless you and have a wonderful week and a fantastic Thanksgiving, Fr. Michael

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“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.” - Mt 25:20b-21



THE GIVING TREE will be on the altar next weekend. Please take a gift tag and purchase a Christmas gift for an underprivileged child. Sign your name and telephone number on the pad at Church next to the corresponding gift number. Please attach the gift tag securely to the OUTSIDE of your package.



SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” – MATTHEW 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn’t want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES-Gr. 1-6

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm - Memorial School

Holy Hour – 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Church

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Mass today at 8:30 am – Start the day

Giving Thanks to the Lord!

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 25TH/26TH

2nd Collection for our Utility Bills

Giving Tree will be on the Altar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES-Gr. 7-10

10:45 am to 12:00 Noon – Church Basement

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2ND/3RD

Monthly Food Drive at all Masses

2nd Collection for Religious Retirement

*Rosary Society to recite the Rosary after
10 am Mass on Sunday – All are Welcome!*

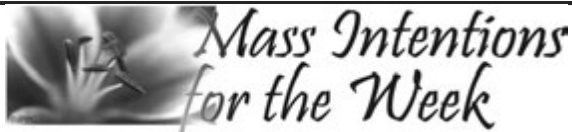
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses – 8:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:30 pm

Rectory Office is Closed



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

8:30 *Annv. John A. Dalessio
by the Family*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

8:30 *Louise, John
& Michael Hansen
by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond DeRiso*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017

8:30 *Frank Pizza
by the Family*

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017

8:30 *Paula Leonardi
by the Family*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

8:30 *Richard F. McShera
by the Guilianti Family*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

8:30 *Rocco Riotto
by the So. Hackensack Seniors*

5:00PM *Paul Stendardi
by the Family*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

8:00 *For the People of the Parish*

10:00 *Pete LaBarbiera
by Rev. Michael Trainor*

12:00 *Rose & Anthony Falato
by Maryann Falato*



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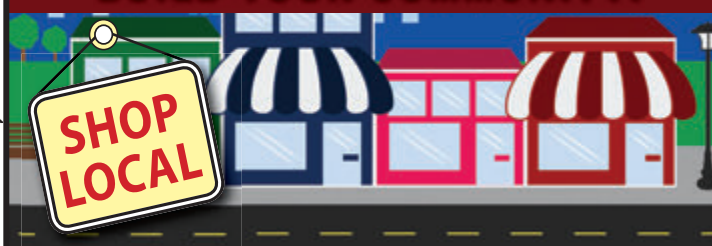
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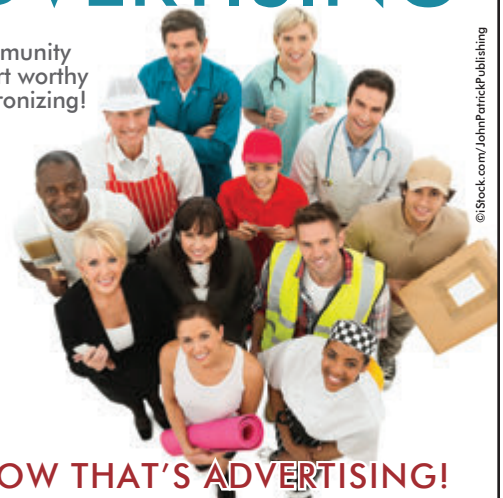
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