



Our Lady of Peace Church

522 CARROLL STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11215-1030
FRANCISCAN FRIARS & SISTERS
Established 1899

First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2015
Primer Domingo de Adviento - 29 de Noviembre de 2015

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Patrick Boyle, O.F.M. - Pastor
Rev. Orlando Ruiz, O.F.M. - Parochial Vicar
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OUR LADY OF PEACE CONVENT

Hermanas Franciscanas de la Inmaculada Concepción
209 First Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215
Sr. Margarita Barrera, H.F.I.C.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m. &
7:15 p.m. - Neo-Catechumenal Way
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - English
9:30 a.m. - Latin Tridentine Mass (*also every 3rd
Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.*)
11:00 a.m. - Spanish
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
and by appointment at the Rectory.

BAPTISMS - By appointment

MARRIAGES - Arrangements should be made first with
the parish at least six months in advance. Couples
must show readiness, attend Pre-Cana classes and
receive special instruction at the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - Anytime

OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday:

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon ONLY .

NEO-CATECHUMENAL COMMUNITY

Directors: Andres & Miladys Torres - (917) 562-2732

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (C.C.D.)

Lilian M. Flores - Director. Classes are held on Saturday
mornings, October through May, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”



“Ven, O Ven Emmanuel”

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Hour - 'First Friday' of each month, beginning with the
8:00 a.m. mass, and continuing with Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

SAINT ANTHONY DEVOTIONS - every Tuesday following the
8:00 a.m. daily mass.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Senior's club meets every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.,
September through June in the gym.

MUSIC MINISTERS

Michael Ancona Brittany Stetson
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TRUSTEES:

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From the Pastor's desk . . .
The season of Advent!

The Season of Advent consists of the four Sundays and weekdays that precede Christmas. It is a season and time for us to *'prepare'* . . . to be *'watchful'* . . . to be *'ready!'*

This will be the fifth Christmas that Fr. Orlando and myself will celebrate with the community here at Our Lady of Peace, and without exception, every year I have mentioned in the bulletin, that **"Advent is my favorite season of the Church year."** It is so full of energy and eager expectation as we prepare to celebrate the Christ event that is Christmas. And it is that sense of positive energy and urgency that spills over even into our secular world. Whether people want to admit it or not . . . whether they want to be *'politically correct'* and wish you *'Happy Holidays'* instead of *'Merry Christmas,'* we know, as the popular saying reminds us, that **"Jesus is the reason for the season!"**

Advent can also be an exhausting time (*and I'll admit to being just 'a bit' tired when the services are all completed on December 25th.*) but it's a *'good tiredness!'* You know *'why'* you're so tired, and it's very satisfying.

So as we begin a new church year with this First Sunday of Advent, once again, I encourage you to use the season to its best advantage. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle and Christmas preparations, try to find some quiet time to reflect on the wonder of the season. Once again, I'd like to share with you a poem from a collection entitled: **"KNEELING IN BETHLEHEM!"** by *Ann Weems*, which I've shared each Advent, as I continue to use this collection for my own daily Advent meditations. It's not great poetry, but I love the simple images that Ms. Weems expresses in her words. I pray that this season of Advent will be a very grace-filled time for us all.

Sincerely,
Fr. Patrick



'In December Darkness'

The whole world waits in December darkness
 for a glimpse of the Light of God.
 Even those who snarl **"Humbug!"**
 and chase away the carolers
 have been seen looking toward the skies.
 The one who declared he never would forgive
 has forgiven,
 and those who left home
 have returned,
 and even wars are halted,
 if briefly,
 as the whole world looks starward.
 In the December darkness
 we peer from our windows
 watching for an angel with rainbow wings.



+ Jubilee Year of Mercy +

Along with beginning a new liturgical year, this First Sunday of Advent features an additional **"beginning"**— next week's opening on December 8th, of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, a graced opportunity to contemplate more profoundly and live more concretely the mystery of God's unconditional love. Pope Francis says that mercy, as the bridge connecting God and the human family, opens our hearts to welcome God's love for us sinners and our eyes to recognize others, especially society's least loved and most vulnerable, as brothers and sisters entrusted to our care. Today's scriptures provide a perfect Jubilee preparation. Jeremiah comforts us with the promise of God's justice; Paul challenges us to abound in love for all; Luke bids us anticipate Jesus' future coming as the joyful advent of our redemption. But in a unique way, this Jubilee Year's Advent reminds us that Jesus, whose coming we await, is already present among us, in those for whom we need to become instruments of God's mercy.



+ Año Jubilar de la Misericordia +

Además de un Año Nuevo Litúrgico, este Adviento se caracteriza por incluir otro **"comienzo"**— la próxima semana es la inauguración del **Año Jubilar de la Misericordia**, un tiempo de gracia para contemplar más profundamente y vivir más concretamente los misterios incondicionales del amor de Dios. El Papa Francisco dice que la misericordia, así como el puente que conecta a Dios con la familia humana, abre nuestros corazones para dar la bienvenida al amor de Dios por nosotros pecadores y abre nuestros ojos para reconocer al prójimo, especialmente en los menos amados por la sociedad y los más vulnerables, como hermanos y hermanas confiados a nuestro cuidado. Las Escrituras de este día facilitan una perfecta preparación para el Jubileo. Jeremías nos consuela con la promesa de la justicia de Dios; Pablo nos desafía para prosperar en el amor por todos, mientras que Lucas se esfuerza por anticiparnos el futuro de la venida de Jesús como el alegre adviento de nuestra redención. Pero de una única manera, el Adviento de este Año Jubilar nos recuerda que Jesús, de quien esperamos su venida, está ya presente en medio de nosotros, en aquellas personas para las que necesitamos convertirnos en instrumentos de la misericordia de Dios.

+ 'The Miracle of Christmas!' +

The day-trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to see the stage production of **'THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS!'** is scheduled for **next Saturday, December 5th**. The bus will depart from in front of the Church at **7:15 a.m.!** We will not wait for any latecomers, since there is a full day planned, so we must stick to the schedule. We will have the church opened at **6 o'clock in the morning**, for those who would like to get here early and wait inside. **If you are late, there is no refund for the price of your ticket.**

The bus should return to Our Lady of Peace at approximately **7:30 P.M.**

Nuestra excursión a Lancaster, Pennsylvania, para la presentación **'El Milagro de Navidad!'** está programada para el **5 de Diciembre**. El bus saldrá a las **7:15 a.m.!** No esperaremos por los que lleguen más tarde de esta hora; ya que el día completo está organizado y debemos seguir el horario. La Iglesia estará abierta desde desde las **6:a.m.** para quienes vengan temprano y deseen esperar dentro de la Iglesia. Estos tickets no son re-embolsables.

Estaremos de regreso aproximadamente a las **7:30 pm**

**+ First Friday Holy Hour + Rosary +
+Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe +**



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*

This Friday, December 4th, is the *'First Friday'* of the month. For those who like to mark this day in a particularly prayerful manner, we will be conducting our monthly *'Holy Hour'* as part of our 8 o'clock morning mass. The *'Holy Hour'* will include, mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening, members of the Hispanic community will conduct the *'Praying of the Rosary,'* and they will begin the *'Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.'* The *'novena'* will be prayed each evening until the feast day of *'Our Lady of Guadalupe'* on Decem-



**Masses for
the Week**

Saturday, November 28, 2015

4:30pm Domenick Stuto & Alfonse Manzo (*Dec*)
7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2015

8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (*"Pro-Popolo"*)
9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
11:00am Concepcion Garcia Daza, Gloria David y Pedro Gonzalez (*Dec*)

Monday, November 30, 2015

8:00am Mr. & Mrs. R. Borriello (*Dec*)

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

8:00am St. Anthony - Mr. & Mrs. F. Vollaro (*Dec*)

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

8:00am Lucille, Diana, Ann Borriello (*Dec*)

Thursday, December 3, 2015

8:00am Andrew, Louie, Patsy Borriello (*Dec*)

First Friday, December 4, 2015

8:00am Oh Family (*Living*)

Saturday, December 5, 2015

4:30pm Elvera Lentini (*Dec*)
7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2015

8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (*"Pro-Popolo"*)
9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
11:00am Faustino de Jesus Lugo, Juan Garcia Ignacio & Mercedes Morales (*Dec*)

**+ Saint Francis Academy +
'Early Kindergarten Registration!'**

Great news! St. Francis Xavier Catholic Academy, located at 763 President Street on Park Slope, will open an *'early registration period'* for Kindergarten between December 1, 2015 and February 5, 2016. Families registering for Kindergarten during this period will be guaranteed tuition and registration fees at the current rates - *no increase for the 2016-2017 school year!*

Tours of the Academy will be held daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call (718) 857-2559.

Come, visit our Academy where your child's happiness and success matter to you — and to us!



*Let's approach Christmas
with an expectant hush,
rather than a last-minute rush.*

- Anonymous

+ Stewardship of Treasure +

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, this bulletin needed to go to press before the collection figures for the *'Thirty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time'* were available.

The figures will be posted in next Sunday's bulletin.

*As always, we remain grateful for your generous support,
"Thank You!"*

+ Please Remember and Pray for the Sick +

"And the prayer offered in faith may make the sick person well"

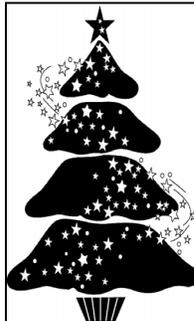
+ James 5:15

Hector Ortiz, Guadalupe Bautista, James Morganti, Nicholas-Tomsic, Lucille Acocella, Friar Daniel Morey, ofm, Arlene Morganti, Henry Seretta, William Casale, Maria Albanese, Melissa Torres, Molly Meltzer, Salvatore Russo, Carlos Emilio Flores, Friar Ron Bolfeta, ofm, Elaine Vona / Dr. Ray Mustafavi, Dolly Panza, Catherine Scorgia, Sebastian James Diaz, Dante Manzo, Flo Leopold, Vincent Manzo, Isabel Chavarria, Ciro Diaco, Catherine Dashiff, Matthew Anthony Keefe, Gia Florio, Luis Rodriguez, Nicolas Escamilla & Ernestina Martinez Rojas, Maria Teresa Salazar Alava, Luis Cáceres.

Please inform the parish office when it's appropriate to remove someone's name from this prayer list. Thank you.

+ The Tree is Going Up! +

The local churches have successfully raised enough money (*\$5,000.00*) toward the purchase and erection of a Christmas Tree in the Arch of Grand Army Plaza (*I'm embarrassed to say, that I've been announcing it was going to be at the 'Park Slope Armory'!*) The lighting will take place on Tuesday, December 15th (*'time' still to be set*).



+ REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES +

+ **Sanctuary Lamp** + John DiSalvatore (*Dec*)

+ **Altar Bread & Wine** + John DiSalvatore (*Dec*)

+ **Chapel Lamp** + John DiSalvatore (*Dec*)

