

# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY: 12/1 5:00 PM**-In loving memory of Fernando Virola. Requested by Meg & George Davidson.

**SUNDAY: 12/2 9:30AM**- Birthday blessing for Hedda & Dimitri Gallard. Requested by Gallard Family.

**12:00 PM** In loving memory of Jackquelen M. Caamaño. Requested by Millie Caamaño.

**MONDAY: 9:00 AM** In loving memory of Aileen O'Pharrow. Requested by Linda Grissom.

**TUESDAY: 9:00 AM** People of the Parish.

**WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM** In Thanksgiving & Blessing for Pope Francis.

**THURSDAY: 9:00 AM- COMMUNION SERVICE**

**FIRST FRIDAY: 9:00 AM**- In loving memory of Michael Corretto, Edith Panerella & Salvarote Gagliardi. Requested by Gloria Gagliardi.

**\*THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION -Holy Day of Obligation**

**SATURDAY: 12/8 9:00AM:** In loving memory of Kingsley Perkins. Requested by Gloria Perkins.

**5:00 PM Vigil**-53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary blessings for Dulce & Miguel Minaya. Requested by Miguel Minaya.



Michael McKinney, Jennie Santos, John Wilson, Louise Worrell, Msgr. Hinch, Silvia Charles, Camilo Meneses López, Gloria Gagliardi, José Miranda, Asunción Nuñez, Yuklin Hernandez, Annie Andrews, Laura Garrick, Isabel Benitez,

Helen Clarke, Gessie Kouakou, Myrna Charles, Lois Clarke, Lauraine Bennette, Elgin Ranjitsingh, Perlin Landers, Franklin Strachan, Mary DeLuca, Msgr. Steven A. Ferrari, Vivene Holman, AnnMarie, Mark, Michelle Miller, TerriAnne Lynch, Albert Baptiste, Hasketh Tonge, Anthony, Michael Todd, Crystal Brunner, Cyrus Flavigny, Norine Greig & Estelle Love.

We will keep names on the prayer list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory to have the name reinstated. Thank you.

**FOR ALL THE DECEASED** Parishioners and Priests of our Diocese

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

December 10, 2018 Religious Retirement Fund

December 25, 2018 Catholic Charities



Saturday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. St Laurence will be having ONE Mass this day. There will be a Mass at 9:00 a.m.



### BREAD AND WINE

*This week the bread and wine for the Mass was donated by Viola Agard for birthday blessings for Mario Agard.*



*Sanctuary Candle, Before the Blessed Sacrament will burn this week in loving memory of Susana Cross. Requested by Rodney Cross.*

## Readings for the Week

### DECEMBER 2 SUNDAY

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First: Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Second: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

### DECEMBER 3 MONDAY

#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER

First: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

### DECEMBER 4 TUESDAY

#### ST JOHN DAMASCENE

First: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

### DECEMBER 5 WEDNESDAY

First: Isaiah 26:1-6  
Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37

### DECEMBER 6 THURSDAY

#### ST NICHOLAS

First: Isaiah 26:1-6  
Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### DECEMBER 7 FRIDAY

#### ST AMBROSE

First: Isaiah 29:17-24  
Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31

### DECEMBER 8 SATURDAY

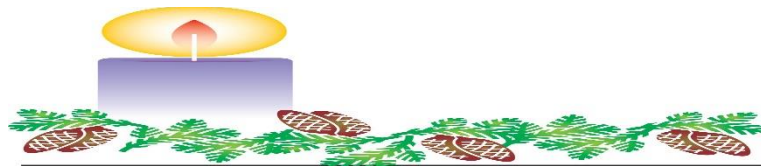
#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First: Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### DECEMBER 9 SUNDAY

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First: Baruch 5:1-9  
Second: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

*All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.*

#### ANTICIPATE ADVENT:

*A rich Advent makes a joyous Christmas. Use the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Christ's coming. Offer extra prayers, perform penance and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Read Luke 2:29-32*

# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection.

The parish of St. Laurence complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please do so at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel – priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call The Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.



## **RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:**

FIRST SATURDAY IN THE MONTH AT 10 AM SHARP, 1018 BASEMENT IN THE RECTORY

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:**

Meeting will be held on the Wednesday December 19th, 2018. At 6:30 pm in the Rectory. Members please contact Ginger Wright to rsvp.



The Cluster Food Pantry is available to those of our parishes who need food. The Pantry is located in the basement of Our Lady of Miracles Rectory (757 E. 86th St. Between Flatlands Ave. & Glenwood Rd.) Entrance through parking lot, back of rectory. Open from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ONLY Saturdays

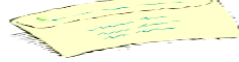
## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Please use the special envelope in your box, or take one from the vestibule to make your donation for our Christmas flowers. Our Church is always decorated so beautifully during this Christmas season, and that only is possible with your donations. All donations go towards the Cost of the plants, wreaths, garland, etc., that are part of the decorations. Thank you for your generosity!



Beginning January 2019, Two Intentions per Mass will be allowed.

## **Offering Envelopes**



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES.**

If you are NOT a registered parishioner and would like to receive envelopes, PLEASE visit the rectory to register for envelopes. If you are registered, **PLEASE USE YOUR ENVELOPES.**

### It is important

- Your Gift to Your God.
- For proving that you attend church.
- For support of your church.
- For tax purposes.
- To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK:**

St. Laurence Church should share in the profits, for Each car, truck or van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or elected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525. Thank you for your participation.



The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

*Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains;*

*Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services;*

*Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation;*

*Bishop Muguvero Residence for infirmed clergy;*

*Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.*

Due to the rising cost of “The WORD AMONG US” books, beginning January 2019, copies of “The WORD AMONG US” will no longer be provided.

# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## News: Top Stories

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

For questions concerning the Religious Education program, please call Lori Ramos-Johnson at 718-645-0545 or email the Director of Religious Education at [ramosj.lori@gmail.com](mailto:ramosj.lori@gmail.com).

### **BAPTISMS:**

Every third Saturday of the month at 3 PM.

If you are interested in having your Child baptized, please call the rectory for Baptism and meeting dates.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar Servers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

#### **(R.C.I.A.):**

With the gift of Jesus' Precious Blood on the Cross and in the Eucharist, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through our Baptism into him – to be heirs of the promise and liberated from sin. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way by which persons become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Inquiry sessions are ongoing. For more information, please, contact the Rectory, 718-649-0545.

### **Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy**

1696 Canarsie Road  
Brooklyn, NY 11236  
718-241-6633 [oltcasocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:oltcasocialmedia@gmail.com)  
Hope Faith Love

At Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy, we approach each child as an individual with talents and one-of-a-kind needs. Our goal is to help your student meet the learning benchmarks for their grade.

#### Why Choose Our School

- Pre-K 3 (3-year-old program) through Grade 8 instruction
- Smartboard, Computers and Internet access in every classroom
- Quality Education
- Dedication & Caring Staff
- Nurturing Environment
- Community Activities
- Differentiated Instruction
- Religious Celebrations



#### A Caring Community

Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy provides all students with a Catholic faith-based education rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. We strive to facilitate each child's optimum growth and development – spiritually, intellectually, and socially. Under the guidance of Our Lady of Trust, the school fosters and creates an atmosphere of warmth and caring; a place where the development of confident, self-sufficient, responsible, moral human beings may flourish and grow. The school provides a safe, nurturing learning environment for each child.



### **Cursillistas' Annual Raffle**

*Tickets are available for purchase after each Mass. As always thank you for your continued support and generosity.*



### **Come out and join us St Laurence..**

This Christmas Season with Readings and Hymns. Join us as we continue to prepare for The Lord Jesus with Lessons & Carols on Saturday, December 8, 2018 immediately following the 5pm Mass. A Bilingual celebration for all to enjoy!!

**Admission is FREE**



## **FUNDRAISER**

***This weekend November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>***  
***The Altagracia Committee of***  
***St. Laurence will be selling***  
***Tee-shirts***  
***for \$12.00 in the Church Vestibule.***



# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



On Saturday December 1st we will be continuing our tradition of our Advent Giving Tree. The recipients of this years' Giving Tree is Catholic Charities' Santa's Toy Shop (information to follow) and The Volunteers of America/Domestic Violence.

All NEW, unwrapped gifts will be collected before and after each Mass.

The items needed for Catholic Charities' Santa's Toy Shop are non-violent toys as well as gift cards, name of child, age and anticipated toy are printed on the Angel ornament For Volunteers of America (women and children) include: gloves, scarves, hats, & socks. Deadline for donations will be, Sunday, December 16th thank you in advance or your generosity!!!



## **BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES:**

The staff asks that a member of each family kindly pick up their 2019 Contribution Envelopes at the end of each Mass, this weekend, December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please verify that you have the correct box of envelopes, name and envelope number is highlighted. If there are any errors or changes please fill out correction sheet or contact the Rectory. Please note that collection envelopes are not mailed. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and may God bless you.

*St. Laurence R.C. Church  
Iglesia R. C. St. Lorenzo*

**SAVE THE DATE....**

**APARTA ESTE DIA....**

*Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Sight and Sound Theaters*

*Presents.....*

*Sabado Abril 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Teatro Sight and Sound*

*Presenta.....*



*-Admission-Entrada*

*-Outlet Shopping at Tangers - Compras en  
el Outlet at Tangers*

*-Transportation -Transportación*

*-Lunch - Comida*

*Please contact-German Medina 917-753-  
8216*

*Por favor de contactar a—German Medina  
St. Laurence Rectory- Rectoria de  
St. Lorenzo 718-649-0545*

*Seats are filling up quickly, reserve your seat  
today!*

*Los asientos se llenan rapido, reserve su asiento hoy*

*Adults -170 Children - 165*

*-1<sup>st</sup> Payment December 10, 2018 - \$50.00*

*1<sup>st</sup> Pago Noviembre 29, 2018 - \$50.00*

*-2<sup>nd</sup> Payment January 16, 2018 -\$40.00*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Pago Diciembre 16, 2018 -\$40.00*

*-3<sup>rd</sup> Payment February 20, 2018 - \$40.00*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Pago Enero 20, 2018 - \$40.00*

*-4<sup>th</sup> &- Final Payment March 21, 2018 - \$40.00*

*4<sup>th</sup> & Pago Final Marzo 20, 2018 - \$40.00*