Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas
31 December 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	**8:00 AM**	**December 31**
	10:30 AM	
	5:00 PM	
Monday	**8:00 AM**	**January 1**
	10:30 AM	
Tuesday	**8:00 AM**	**January 2**
Wednesday	**7:30 PM**	**January 3**
Thursday	**8:00 AM**	**January 4**
Friday	**7:30PM**	**January 5**
Saturday	**10:30 AM**	**January 6**
	5:00 PM	

Confessions
15 minutes before Daily Masses
30 minutes before Sunday Masses
Tuesday Evenings, 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord

Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord

January 1

LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday **December 31** **I Class**
Sunday Within The Octave Of Christmas
Readings: Galatians 4, 1-7 & Luke 2, 33-40
8:00 AM Low Mass
10:00 AM Terce
10:30 AM High Mass

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sunday **December 31** **I Class**
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord
Confessions: 4:30 PM – 4:55 PM
Readings: Titus 2, 11-15 & Luke 2, 21

ANNO DOMINI 2018

Monday **January 1** **I Class**
Octave Day Of The Nativity Of Our Lord
Confessions: 30 minutes before each Mass
8:00 AM Low Mass
10:30 AM High Mass
Readings: Titus 2, 11-15 & Luke 2, 21

Tuesday **January 2** **II Class**
Most Holy Name of Jesus
Readings: Acts 4, 8-12 & Luke 2, 21

Wednesday **January 3** **IV Class**
Feria in Christmastide
Readings: Titus 3, 4-7 & Luke 2, 15-20

Thursday **January 4** **IV Class**
Feria in Christmastide
Comm. Saint Elizabeth Seton, *Widow*
Readings: Titus 3, 4-7 & Luke 2, 15-20
7:00 PM BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY WATER

Friday **January 5 FIRST FRIDAY** **IV Class**
Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Comm. Saint John Neumann, *Bishop & Confessor*
Readings: Ephesians 3, 8-19 & John 19, 31-37
7:00 – 7:25 PM Confessions
7:30 PM Mass
8:30 – 9:30 PM Holy Hour: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday **January 6 FIRST SATURDAY** **I Class**
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Readings: Isaias 60, 1-6 & Matthew 2, 1-12
10:30 AM Choral High Mass

May God Grant You
A Blessed & Healthy New Year!

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2018

Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord
Holy Day of Obligation

CONFESSIONS
½ hour before each Mass

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31, 2017
Sunday Within Octave of Nativity
Saturday (December 30)
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass

Sunday December 31
8:00 AM Low Mass
10:30 AM High Mass

Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 31, 2017
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018
8:00 AM Low Mass
10:30 AM High Mass

The Feast Of the Epiphany
Of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 6

O Come let us adore Him!

The Sacred Music for the
Feast of the Epiphany
is sponsored by
Henry & Cynthia Verrecchia
For Living and Deceased
Family Members

Rectory Office Hours for the New Year Holiday

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 1.

The office will reopen on Tuesday.

Please plan accordingly.

A Blessed New Year to All!

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
January 2

That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

Philippians 2, 10

Ticket Raffle:

Win a Pair of Tickets to our 2018 Dinner Theater Production of:

"You Can't Beat the House"

Chances are now on sale and are $1 each.

There will be two drawings for a pair of tickets
so you have two chances to win.
Chances are being sold after all weekend Masses.

The drawing takes place December 31, 2017

You do not need to be present to win.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2018 Mater Ecclesiae Dinner Theater Production of

You Can't Beat the House

Friday, February 9, 2018

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Sunday, February 11, 2018

(Snow dates: February 16, 17, and 18)

Tickets are $25 each and include a buffet dinner.

Tickets go on sale beginning January 1, 2018 after all Weekend Masses and by contacting Kathie DiLoreto at angel.kisses@comcast.net

January is the Month of the Holy Family

One thing I have asked of the Lord:

this will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house

of the Lord all the days of my life.

Psalms, 26, 4

House of Charity
Bishop's Annual Appeal

As we enter the new year of 2018, please take this opportunity to make sure that your 2017 House of Charity pledges have been fulfilled.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal 10% refunds on collected parish goals will be going out shortly. If you have fulfilled your pledge, thank you. If you are still paying on your pledge, thank you for continuing.

Please make every effort to fulfill any pledges as soon as possible so that we can maximize the refund to our parish.

Please remember to turn in your Flower Donation Envelopes as soon as possible!

It is not too late to donate to defray the cost of decorating the church!

Thank you to everyone who already donated!

Choral Mass Schedule

Feast of Epiphany
Saturday, January 6, 2018
10:30 AM

Candlemas
Friday, February 2, 2018
7:30 PM

Adult Catechism Classes

Love Christ More!

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kozikowskifamily1@gmail.com or

732-255-9179 for more information

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https://www.reddit.com/r/VideoSancto/comments/3elabi/8_years_of_audio_sancto_the_final_archive/

Online Giving

Online Giving is now available at Mater Ecclesiae. This option makes use of current technology and security standards, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

Start giving online today!

1. Visit our parish website at www.matereccclesiae.org and click on the online giving link.
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office.

A Note of Appreciation:

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to decorate and prepare the chapel, narthex and hall for Christmas!
Each year our dedicated volunteers give their precious time to Mater Ecclesiae to prepare for this magnificent Holiday!

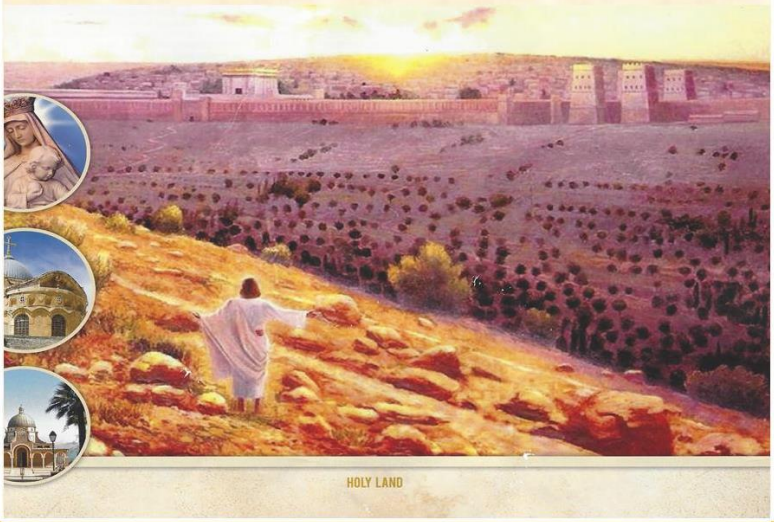
11 Day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

Traditional Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form

TIBERIAS—MT. CARMEL—SEA OF GALILEE BOAT RIDE—NAZARETH—JERICHO
BETHLEHEM—MT. of OLIVES—JORDAN RIVER—DEAD SEA—JERUSALEM

NEW DATES: NOVEMBER 11—21, 2018

(Includes Roundtrip Air Transportation from Newark, NJ, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, Daily Mass in the Extraordinary Form, 2 Meals a Day—Breakfast & Dinner, Daily Prayers, Daily Sightseeing, Entrance Fees, Tips to Driver & Guides, Airport Taxes & Fuel Surcharges—*"Which are Subject to Change".)*



SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual March for Life

In Washington, DC,
Will take place on

Friday, January 19, 2018
Mass at 7:00 AM

Bus leaves at 8:00 AM

Join us after both Masses for our next Breakfast!!

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 14

Enjoy a great meal with friends!
Serving pancakes, farm-fresh eggs, fresh oven-roasted potatoes, sausage, pastries, toast and more!

Beverages include coffee, tea and juice.

Tickets available at the door:

Age 12 and up / Adults: $8.
Children to age 11: $5.
Families: $30.

All proceeds benefit Mater Ecclesiae.

Spiritual Director:
Fr. Robert Pasley, KCHS

Please join me on this wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As a Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, I especially look forward to this journey. A pilgrimage is a time of holy sacrifice, reflection, prayer and enjoyment. The center of each day will be celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, called by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. If you have your own Latin Mass Missal, please make sure you bring it with you. We will pray together, seek God's assistance through the intercession of Our Lady and the Saints, and pray for the healing of our relatives and friends who are in physical or spiritual need. Finally, we will learn so much about our Lord and the places where our salvation was won.

There is so much turmoil in the world and even in the Church. Rooted deeply in the traditions of our Faith we go forth to praise and thank God, seek His protection, and be instruments of His peace. Please join me in this pilgrimage of a lifetime!

Mater Ecclesiae Roman Catholic Church, Berlin, NJ

Pilgrimage Director: Paul Mazoch
Pilgrimage Coordinator: Kathie DiLoreto

Have you always wanted to go to the Holy Land? Come with Mater Ecclesiae on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 11-21, 2018. Some of the highlights will include Cana, Tiberius, Mt. Carmel, Sea Of Galilee Boat Ride, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Mt. of Olives, Jericho, Beatitudes, Jordan River, Dead Sea and Jerusalem. **Married couples can even have their marriage blessed at Cana.**

Father Robert Pasley will be our Spiritual Director and all Masses will be said daily in the Extraordinary Form. Deposits are now being accepted, and inclusion will be on a first-come, first-served basis. *Space is limited.*

For additional information and registration please contact Kathie DiLoreto at 609-975-2321 or angel.kisses@comcast.net or Paul Mazoch at 215-677-9557.

Events at Mater Ecclesiae

Liturgical Calendar

- Sunday, December 31 –Sunday Within the Octave of the Nativity
  - 5:00 PM Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass
  - 8:00 AM Low Mass with Hymns
  - 10:30 AM High Mass & Benediction
- **Sunday, December 31 – Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord (fulfills Holyday of Obligation)**
  - 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass
- **Monday, January 1, 2018 – Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord**
  - Holyday of Obligation
  - 8:00 AM Low Mass
  - 10:30 AM High Mass
- Tuesday, January 2 – Confessions 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday, January 4 – Blessing of Epiphany Water 7PM
- Friday, January 5 – First Friday
  - 7:00 – 7:25 PM Confessions
  - 7:30 PM Mass
  - 8:30 – 9:30 PM Holy Hour: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 9:30 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday, January 6 – Feast of the Epiphany
  - First Saturday
  - 10:30 AM Choral High Mass
- Sunday, January 7 – Holy Family
  - 5:00 PM Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass
  - 8:00 AM Low Mass with Hymns
  - 10:30 AM High Mass & Benediction

Parish Calendar

- Sunday, January 14
  - CCD Grades K-4, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
  - Pancake Breakfast After Both Masses
- Sunday, January 21 – CCD Sunday
  - Grades 5-12, 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Baltimore Catechism

LESSON TWENTY-SEVENTH:

On the Sacramentals

Q. 1093. What is the scapular, and why is it worn?

A. The scapular is a long, broad piece of woolen cloth forming a part of the religious dress of monks, priests and sisters of some religious orders. It is worn over the shoulders and extends from the shoulders to the feet. The small scapular made in imitation of it, and consisting of two small pieces of cloth fastened together by strings, is worn by the faithful as a promise or proof of their willingness to practice some particular devotion, indicated by the kind of scapular they wear.

Q. 1094. How many kinds of scapulars are there in use among the faithful?

A. Among the faithful there are many kinds of scapulars in use, such as the brown scapular or scapular of Mount Carmel worn in honor of Our Lord's passion; the white, in honor of the Holy Trinity; the blue, in honor of the Immaculate Conception; and the black, in honor of the seven dolors of the Blessed Virgin. When these are joined together and worn as one they are called the five scapulars. The brown scapular is best known and entitles its wearer to the greatest privileges and indulgences.

CCD NEWS

CCD CALENDAR

MONTH	GRADES K-4	GRADES 5-12
January 2018	**January 14**	**January 21**
February 2018	**February 4**	**February 25**
March, 2018	**March 4**	**March 18**

Classes meet 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM.

TUESDAY NIGHT CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Penance is available every Tuesday evening from 8 PM to 9 PM.

PRAYER CHAIN FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS & INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Mater Ecclesiae parishioners who have a need for intercessory prayers or who wish to commit to participate in our Prayer Chain should contact Lou DiLoreto at 609-304-4911 or sifulou@comcast.net.

MEN'S SCHOLA

The Schola Divinum Officium is open to men and boys (ages 14 and up) of the parish. No previous musical experience necessary. This second schola provides basic lessons in singing Gregorian chant and leads the singing at selected sung Masses during the year, the Office of Terce each Sunday, and other Divine Office services. New members are encouraged to join.

Please contact John Rotondi at 856-669-7783 or at jrkc122703@verizon.net for more information

TIMBER WOLVES

The Federation of North American Explorers, a Catholic faith based movement for boys and girls, ages 6-18, meets on Thursdays in Bishop DiMarzio Hall from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information see: www.northstarexplorers.org or contact akela@northstarexplorers.org.

PRO-LIFE APOSTOLATE

Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 7:30-9:00 PM. The Pro-Life Newsletter is published each month and is available in the Narthex and online at our Website www.matereccleslae.org.

MATER ECCLESIAE COUNCIL #12833

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 PM in the Knights Room. The Scriptural Rosary and Prayer for Vocations are said at 7:30 PM in the Church. New members are welcome. The Scriptural Rosary can be found on their website: www.KofC12833.org.

DISCALCED CARMELITE SOCIETY OF MATER ECCLESIAE

The Discalced Carmelite Society of Mater Ecclesiae is a Contemplative Third Order of the Discalced Carmelites. Our vocation is not a social one, but one of prayer. Our duty is to be Obedient to the Church and our Superiors. Meetings are open to Parishioners only who are 24 years of age and older or admitted by our Spiritual Director, Rev. Robert C. Pasley, KCHS.

Meetings are the First Saturdays of the month and special Feast days. Formation is a journey lasting about 6 years. If you are interested in discerning your vocation to the Discalced Carmelites and would like additional information, or if you are in need of prayers, please contact one of the council members below.

- Colleen DeLuca OCD, Professed: 937-554-5129 or deluca.colleen@yahoo.com
- Nancy Hilbert OCD, Novice: 609-505-7102 or nanhil@verizon.com
- Monica Lenthe OCD, Novice: 856-383-0326 or Monica430@comcast.net

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Come, consider the call.

Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a ***"Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group"*** at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ.

If you are currently a junior or senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 years old), and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood.

All meetings are on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 P.M. The schedule is as follows:

January 14, 2018	**March 11, 2018**
February 11, 2018	**April 15, 2018**

For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at 856-583-2864 or email: michael.romano@camdendiocese.org.

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Since the summer of 2006, we have been copying our weekly bulletin in-house. Each week, we incur the cost of the paper and copying for approximately 200 bulletins.

If you would like to help to defray the costs of printing our weekly bulletin by advertising your business each week on our back cover, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory office. For more information, please call Barbara at 856-753-3408, or email: secretary@matereccleSiae.org. Thank you!

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