Notre Dame Church

359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

The Seasons of Advent and Christmas



A Schedule of Events 2026 and 2027

2026

All Masses are on Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12 noon, unless otherwise noted.

November 29 — Sunday

First Sunday of Advent — Mark 13:33—37

Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.

December 6 — Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent — Mark 1:1—8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

December 8 — Tuesday

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 am Mass in Chapel; 9:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses in Church

December 13 — Gaudete Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent — John:1:6—8, 19—28

There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

December 20 — Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent — Luke 1:26—38

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

December 21 — Monday

Individual Reconciliation — 4:00 pm — 7:00 pm

Priests will be available in the church to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Stop by after work to prepare yourself spiritually for the coming of Christ.



December 24 — Thursday, Christmas Eve Liturgies

4:00 pm — **Family Mass with Manger Blessing**

5:30 pm — **Christmas Eve Mass**

10:00 pm — **Christmas Carol Prelude** — Notre Dame Music Ministry

10:30 pm — **Christmas Mass During the Night**

Choir with ensemble

December 25 — Friday, Christmas Day Liturgies

Masses

8:00 am	Cantor and Organ
10:00 am	Choir and Ensemble
12:00 noon	Cantor and Ensemble

December 27 — Sunday

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — Luke 2:22—40

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January 1 — Friday, New Years Day Liturgies

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God — Luke 2:16—21

Holy Day of Obligation, Masses: 9:00 am and 12:00 noon — Church

January 3 — Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord — Matthew 2:1—12

January 10 — Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord — Mark 1:7—11

This Concludes the Christmas Season.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us…

John 1:14

Advent — Christmas Parish Events

Sunday, November 29 — Santa's Advent Workshop
1:00 pm — 3:00 pm in the Church Hall
Picture with Santa, make fun Advent crafts, and eat some sweet treats!

Wednesdays, December 9 and 16 — Advent Scripture Study
Blessed is She: A Scriptural Journey with Our Lady through Advent
7:00 — 9:30 pm in the Parish Center

Thursday, December 17 — Senior Holiday Social
1:00 pm in the Williams Suite
Join us for our annual Senior Holiday Social, a festive afternoon of Christmas cheer.

Sunday, December 20 — 6th Annual Parish Christmas Concert
7:00 pm in the Church
Join us for our annual Christmas Concert, featuring our ensemble, choral selections, and the beloved classics of the season, culminating in a candlelit "Silent Night."

Advent Candle Blessings

Use these short prayers to bless your Advent Wreath at home each week.

Week 1 — Hope
Lord God, bless this candle of Hope. May your light dispel all darkness and prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Amen.

Week 2 — Peace
Lord God, bless this candle of Peace. Calm our hearts and guide our steps toward the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Week 3 — Joy
Lord God, bless this candle of Joy. Fill our homes with gladness as we await the Savior's birth. Amen.

Week 4 — Love
Lord God, bless this candle of Love. Make our hearts ready to welcome Christ, your Son, our Light. Amen.