

December 2018

Happy Holidays Kenilworth! It is my hope that your Thanksgiving Holiday was a blessed one. And with the craziness and hustle and bustle of the Christmas season upon us, everyone took time out to be thankful for all the things we have and to remember those who are less fortunate.

I like to take this time to remind everyone to **HELP STOCK YOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY**

Non-perishable goods and gift cards to any supermarket can be left in the  
Cry Room at St. Theresa's Church after any Mass.  
Monday - Friday donations can be dropped off at the Rectory (9 am - 5 pm)  
Supermarket gift cards and or check donations (payable to St. Theresa's) can be mailed to:  
*Social Concerns, c/o The Church of St. Theresa, 541 Washington Ave, Kenilworth, NJ 07033*  
If you are in need of food, you can contact the Rectory at 908-272-4444, they will arrange  
for a volunteer to meet you at the pantry.

**All identities of people receiving assistance are kept confidential!**

Here are some important dates for December;

December 2: Hanukkah begins and ending on December 10.

December 7: On this tragic day The United States was attacked by Japan in a sneak attack. Over 2,000 soldiers and sailors perished that day, keep this day in remembrance and honor those who sacrificed their lives, so we may live free in this Great Nation.

December 9: The Kenilworth Historical Society present and "Old-Fashioned Christmas" at the Nitscke House cost is free and opens at 12 to 5 pm. Tour a circa 1880 house authentically decorated, meet Victorian Santa (Photography welcome) and visit the Christkindlmarkt featuring an array of unique handcrafted gift items and holiday treats.

December 9: The annual Christmas Tree lighting starts at 6:00 pm.

Week of Dec 16: Santa Claus will be visiting the Kenilworth Fire Department and Rescue Squad, stay tuned for more details.

December 17: Concludes Leaf Pick-up by the Borough, after that all leaves must be placed in a in a covered trash receptacle and after January 25, 2017 leaves will not be picked up.

December 21: Winter Solstice.

December 25: May you all have a Merry Christmas!

December 26: Kwanza begins.

For the month of December there are always events for adults and children, make sure to check in at [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org) for more details.

As always visit our website at [www.kenilworthborough.org](http://www.kenilworthborough.org) for more details about these events and more.

Make sure to visit our businesses and shops their continued success is all our success!

I would like to take this time to thank all our Boro employees who keep the wheel turning, here's to a better year coming up. THANK YOU to all the Kenilworthians who have volunteered throughout the year. I understand it's hard sometime with the busy schedules to make some events or to participate, but I know all your hearts are in it. This Community is second to none in that aspect. That is what makes Kenilworth and its people great...You the people. Our Nation can learn a lesson by seeing how we all come together to make Kenilworth what it is, one of the best communities to live and work in.

In closing, may you all have a Merry Christmas, however you choose to celebrate. As a final thought, this time of year people feel overwhelmed even disheartened. Don't let fear and obstructions consume you and take hold of your hearts. Be kind to others, be respectful, carry a message of positive encouragement, not only to others but to yourself. Have Faith and Believe in all the good things that can happen. Live Christmas not just one day but all year around the positive karma you project will come back tenfold.

God Bless you all

And God Bless America