

CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

A blessed Christmas to everyone! This is indeed a beautiful parish and it is all of you who make it so. At Christmas time that beauty is so evident and I am so grateful to be a part of it. I thank you for your love and generous support of our Parish. And the amount of gifts received from you to give to those in need, and all the food and money donated to give for poor families is truly inspiring. The Christmas spirit is alive and well here at Sacred Heart.

From the Prophet Isaiah at the Midnight Mass we hear: *"Today a child is born to us...A Son is given to us."* And as the Angels declared to the Shepherds announcing the Birth of Christ: *"This will be sign for you, you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling close and lying in a manger."* How good is our God. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI put it: *"He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby, defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child."* What touches our hearts more than the beauty, purity, and innocence of a little baby? An infant can soften the hardest of hearts. For when we behold the face of an infant we are in a real sense beholding the face of God.

God's ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. His display of power is an infant lying in a manger wrapped in the clothes of the poorest of the poor. He humbled himself, emptying Himself of the splendor of his Divinity and took on the weakness of our humanity. This is real power: the power of Love, of Humility, of Mercy, and of Sacrifice. There will never be genuine peace in our world or in our hearts until God's ways become our ways, until His thoughts become our thoughts, until our hearts and minds are conformed to the Heart and Mind of Jesus.

Let me leave you with this beautiful prayer of Saint Pope John XXIII to the Infant Jesus: *"O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of all people this Peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately, and which you alone can give them. Help us to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to us also your beauty, holiness*

and purity. Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Unite us all in charity, and grant us your Heavenly Peace."

May this Heavenly Peace that Jesus was born to bring us descend upon you and your families this Christmas and remain with you forever. And once again on behalf of Father Innocent and our Rectory Staff, I wish you all a Merry Christmas. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

*Merry
Christmas!*

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

May our Parish Family be Blessed
with Peace and Joy
this Christmas Season and
throughout the New Year.
With Love & Prayers,
Sacred Heart
Religious Education Program

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to thank the many parishioners who contributed food, money or effort during the year to help us in our mission. Our efforts reflect **your generosity** to the many less fortunate as we strive to help them in Christ's name.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild wishes to thank all our friends and parishioners who donated gifts for the Birthright. We would like to wish them and all of our parish family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

The Faculty, staff and administration of the school wish to extend their best wishes during this Christmas season. May all members of the Sacred Heart School and Parish community have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**SALESIAN COMMUNITY OF
DON BOSCO PREP**

On behalf of all of us here at Don Bosco Prep, we wish you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas with health and happiness in the New Year.

Fr. Jim Heuser
Director/President

AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS

The Community of Tagaste Monastery wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Peace, Joy and Hope to you and to your loved ones
this Christmas Season!**

**La comunidad del Monasterio de Tagaste le desea
una Santa Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo**

**Paz, Gozo y Esperanza a usted y todos sus seres
queridos en la Navidad!**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

For the third year in a row the Knights here in Suffern have generously donated food to the parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to feed and care for the less fortunate in our parish and community.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25

CYO – 2 to 4pm in the gym

Monday, December 26

School Closed

Office Closed

Confessions 4pm to 8pm

Novena –Canceled

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

SEE SOLEMNITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31

ANNOUNCEMENT

As of January 7th, 2017 the current 6:00pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will now take place at **5:30pm**. **All those who have attained a Mass for 6:00pm will be notified.**

ST. ANTHONY'S CEMETERY

St. Anthony's Cemetery is pleased to announce that our cemetery expansion is completed. We will begin selling pre-need graves on Monday, Dec. 5th, by Appointment Only. No Walk-Ins Please. Contact the Office to schedule your appointment (845-623-2138) Ext.7 Mon.-Fri. 9am to 3:30pm. Or visit the website at www.stanthonyscatholiccemetery.com

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of
God**



**Saturday, December 31st
6pm**

Sunday, January 1st, 2016

7:00AM

8:30AM

10:00AM

11:30AM

1:00PM

NO 5:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

**SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC
BEGINS JANUARY 8, 2017**

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Clinic runs for eight weeks beginning January 8th and runs thru March 1, 2017. Please come 15 minutes prior to first clinic session to register. Cost per child is \$125.00.

**Grades - K and 1st - 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Grade 2 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

On December 14th at 4pm children from both our Religious Education Department and Sacred Heart School helped to distribute the generous and beautiful gifts that you the parishioners donated. (From the tags on the Giving Tree). Carols were sung and hearts were filled with Christmas Spirit, as the children handed out the gifts to the residents of Ramapo Manor. Thank you to all who made it possible.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS NAME

Due to early printing of the bulletin Collection totals will be reported in the upcoming bulletins.

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en el cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 10 de enero 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

SOFIA ADELAY MORENO

Daughter of Juan and Brenda

JAMIE HERNADEZ

Daughter of Antonio and Norma

ALEXA EUNICE HERNANDEZ DURAN

Daughter of Jose and Maria



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Jenna Applebaum, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Louis Molinelli, Estella Morales, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Maura Reynolds, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez Peter Veraldo and Irene Wanamaker.

ALTAR MEMORIALS DECEMBER 25, 2016

**Altar Wines In Memory of
ANTHONY GRAFF**

**Altar Breads In Memory of
JEANNE BUKOWSKI**

**Altar Candles in Memory of
JOHN BUKOWSKI II**

**Sanctuary Candle in Memory of
ADAMS & BOLTON FAMILIES**

**BOOSTER CLUB WINNER
WEEK 10- MARGE JONGBLOED**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00am – Deacon Joseph & Thomas Witt

SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM –CHURCH – All Parishioners

4:00PM –SCHOOL – All Parishioners

6:00pm – All Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – All Parishioners

10:00am – All Parishioners

11:30am – All Parishioners

1:00pm –All Parishioners

NO 5:30PM MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00am – **Canceled**

9:00am – Aline Hendrickson

7:15pm – **Novena - Canceled**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00am – Stephen Karas

9:00am – Rosanne Moscato

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00am – Special Intentions of
Kenneth & Althea Frank

9:00am – John Renner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00am – Special Intentions Bobby & Nina Frank

9:00am – Donna & Richard Hallett

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00am – Charles J. Lynch

9:00am –Special Intentions for Eric Hendrickson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am – John Lewandowski

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Deacon Joseph & Thomas Witt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – All Parishioners

10:00am – All Parishioners

11:30am – All Parishioners

1:00pm – All Parishioners

NO 5:30PM MASS



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and **Gloria Lulfs.**