

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Advent got off to a great start last weekend. The parade in the village on Saturday night was so much fun, and Sacred Heart was well represented with a beautifully decorated float for our 150th Anniversary Year and with our children singing songs that proclaimed the true meaning of Christmas. I need to thank Christine Schnabel for all the work she did putting this together and all the volunteers who stepped up to help. I also want to thank our Choir and Mary Peden for coming out Sunday night and putting together a beautiful and prayerful Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. And a special thank you to Samantha Schnabel-Madronero for sharing her phenomenal voice in lifting our Spirits with her solo of "Mary Did You Know." A further thank you to Barry Tessauman and our C.Y.O. leaders for the wonderful reception in the Cafeteria to which all were invited after our first annual "Sports Mass" with many of the children and coaches of our CYO Sports Program and the blessing and dedication of our newly refurbished Gymnasium and new wood floor.

Now we come to the Second Week of Advent when each year the Gospel takes us back to the Jordan River and the preaching of John the Baptist. The people of Israel patiently waited for centuries for the promised Messiah to come. All the prophets spoke of His coming up until John the Baptist, who pointed Him out when at last He came. Saint Mark tells us in today's Gospel that John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." John is the Voice crying out in the wilderness spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." May we heed the words of John the Baptist this Advent by sincere repentance and seeking forgiveness of our sins by making a good Confession in order to make straight the way of the Lord into our hearts this Christmas.

Mary is another great Advent figure who has so much to teach us. We just celebrated Her *Immaculate Conception* on Friday. From the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, Mary was free from sin and filled with Grace so that she could be a worthy Mother of the Son of God who was born into this world to free us from sin and fill us with Grace.

One hundred years ago at Fatima, Mary entrusted the message to the shepherd children that prayer and penance, and a heart like her Immaculate Heart is the only path to peace in our world. For a heart like Mary's - pure, humble, undefiled and filled with faith and trust in God - is more powerful than all the evil in the world. That is a good lesson of what Advent is all about. Through our prayer and penance this Advent may our hearts become a little more like the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of her Son, Jesus, so that the Peace that Jesus was born to bring may at last come to our world and remain in our hearts. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent



O Lord, stir up our hearts to prepare the way of your beloved Son, so that, through His coming on earth, we may serve you always with pure intentions. We ask this though Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son.

(Someone lights two purple candles.)

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

James McDermott	Keira Faith Kenny
Louis Fasano	Evelyn McMullen
John P. Hoffman	Mary Ellen Gannon
Robert Francis Killackey	Dorothy Watson
Dr. Leonardo B. Manabat, Sr.	Laura De Torres
Rev. Brian Coffey	Clairita Nichol森
Kevin Harkin	Mary Desiderio
Austin Harthman	Cristina Frabrizio

Ann Haniss
Tina (Fotini) Andreopoulos

THANK YOU SCARR FUNERAL HOME!

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Scarr Funeral Home once again this year for our beautiful Calendars. Blessings on Mr. Scarr and company.!

**SCHEDULE FOR
ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2017**
Monday, December 18– 4:00 to 8:00pm
Reconciliation Monday
(Blessed Sacrament will be exposed)
Friday, December 22nd – 12:00 noon to 1:00pm
Saturday, December 23– 3:00 to 5:00pm

SISTERS OF LIFE

38 Montebello Rd., Suffern

December 21, 2017

7:00pm to 8:30pm

The Sister of Life here in Suffern Cordially invite all the parishioners of Sacred Heart to a Christmas Caroling Open House. Come enjoy some hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas Cheer.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

CYO Basketball – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Monday, December 11

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball – 5 to 9pm gym

Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 – 7:00pm in the school

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the Rectory

Novena- 7:15pm

Tuesday, December 12

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5- 4:30pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Rel. Ed. Gr. 8 – 7:00pm in the school

Wednesday, December 13

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's Choir – 5:00pm Church

Choir Practice – 7:00pm Church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, December 14

SHS Christmas Concert – 7pm in the gym

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2

Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal – 11:00am church

Hispanic Christmas Party in the gym – 7pm

Sunday, December 17

CYO Basketball – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Christmas Pageant – 7pm in the Church

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

1st Sunday of Advent –\$15,849.

Last Year's Collection –\$15,007.

PARAMUS CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL

We wish to congratulate the following students from our Parish who have achieved academic honors:

President's List: James Argo, Christina Carrozza, Skyler Keough, Grace Mattern, Jasmine Thomas Petit.

First Honors: William Argo

Second Honors: Stephanie Lezin, Kenyatta Lorvil, Dylan Nguyen.

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the following people for their help in preparing the float, allowing us to be a part of the Suffern Christmas Parade on Saturday. Scott Bisig, Mr. Moravansky, Mr. Sepulveda, Buckwild towing and Chief Osborn and all the volunteers who helped decorate.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2017

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 for Christmas

4:00pm in the Church and School

5:30pm in the Church Only

12:00pm Midnight Mass

(Choir sings at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am,

11:30am , 1:00pm (Church and School)

THERE WILL BE NO 5:30PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

(December 26, 9am Morning Mass Only)

5:30PM MASS THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH

We welcome the choir from our Hispanic Community at Tagaste Monastery who will be singing at the 5:30pm Mass this Sunday Night. We thank them for sharing their incredible talent with us, which they do at the 10:30 Mass each Sunday at Tagaste Monastery.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION TODAY, DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2017

There will be a second collection for Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese of New York **Today**. This annual collection helps to support the Religious who have given their entire lives in service to the Church. It is through your generous support that the Archdiocese is able to care for them during their retirement years. May God bless them!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are requesting canned hams and non-perishable food for Christmas Baskets for the needy. Please leave your donations in the rear of the church in the boxes provided. Hams requiring refrigeration can be placed in bin outside in the parking lot (there is sign on the garage). Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 21. **Deadline for donations: Sunday, December 17.** Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE

This effort highlights the generosity of our parishioners towards those who can use some help. The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, needy children, homeless and others in need. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 17th.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

11AM TO 12:15PM

DRESS REHEARSAL DECEMBER 16

The Pageant will be on **December 17th at 7pm** with a reception following. All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join.

CHRISTMAS AT SACRED HEART

Christmas Flower envelopes are available in the back of the Church to donate for the poinsettias on the Altar during the Christmas Season in loving memory of a loved one. Envelopes for a Christmas gift to the parish are also available. Thank you for your goodness to our Parish.

ANUNCIOS

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

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 9 de diciembre 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Merrie Alfieri, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Kelly Collins, 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, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Roy Harris, Carrin Holborn, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kiernan, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joe Mondello, Fr. Estella Morales, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Bill Peden, Philomena Pelzer, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, William R. Sichol, Jr., Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Marcus Theoc, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Fr. Wing.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

ABELLA V. SANTOS



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 1
Debbie Knortz**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Nancy & Leonardo Di Re

SUNDAY, December 10

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Special Intention Fiona Frank

11:30am – Frances Marconi

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Armando Bulaon & Juan Oplencia, Sr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am – Stephen & Paula Gangone

Tony & Pat Chiulli

9:00am – Arnfinn Bergstol

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00am – Bernard Peris

9:00am – Special Intentions Eric Hendrickson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00am – Barbara Boyle

9:00am – James McCombs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00am – Carol Spina

9:00am – Margaret (Peggy) Costa

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00am – Special Intention Anita Kalathara

9:00am – Robert Rossmann

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00am – David & Jim Reece

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – The Deceased Members of the

Curtin & Goodfellow Families

10:00am – The Iozzi Family

11:30am – Dick Doran

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Kathleen Fairclough

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