

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

We had a beautiful Christmas Season here at Sacred Heart, which comes to an end tomorrow with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. How beautiful our Church looks for Christmas because of your generous donations for flowers, and the hard work of Henry along with Christine Schnabel and some other volunteers who spent all afternoon on the Sunday of Christmas Eve displaying the Poinsettias so beautifully in the Sanctuary. I also want to thank you from my heart for your wonderful generosity to our parish once again this Christmas and all year long. Please know how important the special collections for Christmas and Easter are to our Parish in keeping us in the black at the end of year. May we continue in this New Year to work together to make our parish stronger in every way as a community rich in faith, hope and charity.

Today we celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word *Epiphany* is a Greek word which means “*revelation*” or “*manifestation*.” Today, with the arrival of the Magi from the East, the infant Jesus lying in the manger in Bethlehem is *revealed* or *manifested* as the *Savoir*, not just for the chosen people of Israel, but for the whole world. As we sing in today’s Responsorial Psalm: “*All Nations on Earth will Adore Him.*”

The Magi are also known as the three Kings or the three “Wise Men.” They were men of great wealth, learning and sophistication. But what made them truly *Wise* was that, even with all their wealth and intelligence, they knew there was something more they needed that the world could not give – they were searching for Truth, they were searching for God. And their search, guided by the light of a star, led them to the Christ-child in Bethlehem. The journey of the Magi represents the journey we are all on through the darkness of this world guided by the light of Faith leading us toward Heaven. And Heaven has come down to Earth at the birth of Jesus, and continues to come down to Earth in the Eucharist where Jesus is just as truly present to us today as He was to the Magi in Bethlehem.

There should be a star shining like the star of Bethlehem above every Catholic Church leading people to where Jesus can be found – His Real Presence in the Eucharist in all the Tabernacles throughout the world. That is why the Sanctuary

candle is lit like a star at every moment near the Tabernacle. The word *Bethlehem* in Hebrew means literally “*House of Bread.*” That is what every Catholic Church is, a House where the Bread of Life, our Lord Jesus Himself, dwells. How blessed we are to have Him right here every day in the Tabernacle of our own beautiful Church. “*O come, let us adore Him.*” May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 6th & 7th

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America (and Catholic Communications). Please be as generous as possible.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS’S NAME

Feast of the Holy Family—\$13,773.
Last Year’s Collection - \$12,571.

Christmas Collection to date – \$71,942.
Last Year’s Collection - \$80,306.

Flower Collection – \$6,060.
Last Year’s Collection – \$5,463.

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st - \$2,912.
Last Year’s Collection - \$6,456.

Christmas Donation Tree - \$1,546.
Last Year’s - \$2,655.

THANK YOU!

2017 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2017 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2017 for envelopes on which parishioners’ numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

Monday, January 8

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

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm Rectory

Tuesday, January 9

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, January 10

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

Children's Choir – 5:00pm Church

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Choir Practice – 7:00pm Church

HSA Meeting – 7:00pm school

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, January 11

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

RCIA -7:00pm in the Rectory

Friday, January 12

SH School- early dismissal 11:00am

Prayer Shawl – 1:00pm in the Rectory

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Saturday, January 13

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

Rel. Ed – Grades 1 & 2 9:30am

Sunday, January 14

UPCOMING

150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

We are now beginning preparations for what will be an amazing event here at Sacred Heart Church. On Good **Friday, March 30th, 2018** we hope to present a live Passion Play along with the Stations of the Cross. This will all begin with a procession of the Cross up Lafayette Ave to the parish grounds. If you are interested in being a part of the event we ask that you please call the parish after the new year. We need many hands to bring this event to life. Please consider being a part of this moment in our parish history. Please call 845-357-0035. God Bless and Happy New Year!

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS

JUNE 8, 2018 7:30PM

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
MAIN CELEBRANT

ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO
(Graduate of Sacred Heart School)

150TH GALA DINNER DANCE
JUNE 9, 2018 CROWN PLAZA 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the Rectory Office.

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

The Archdiocese of New York is hosting a prayer vigil here in New York for all parishes of the archdiocese to come together to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. St. Pope John Paul II has said that **“prayer is the most powerful force in human history!”** The prayer vigil will be at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, January 21, 2018, beginning with Holy Mass at 5:30pm., followed by Adoration with music by the Sisters of Life. For those who could not be present at the March for Life in Washington D.C., this event offers a local pilgrimage for the building up of the culture of life in our nation. The event is open to all parishioners, families, parish groups, the young and the young at heart.

WASHINGTON D.C.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018



On the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 19, 2018.

For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or 425-1322 (para español). For more info, visit

www.RocklandRTL.org

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart for An End To Abortion and a Greater Respect for Human Life

In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.

Marking the 45th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 9:30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction beginning at 3:00pm.

**SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC
BEGINS JANUARY 7, 2018**

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Clinic runs for eight weeks beginning January 7th and runs thru February 25, 2018. 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**

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

“The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

DEBT AND DEFICIT REDUCTION COLLECTION

JANUARY 20 & 21, 2018

The Parish Debt and Deficit Reduction second collection will take place on January 21 & 22. The monies collected will be evenly divided between our parish and the Archdiocese of New York. Please be as generous as possible. Thank You.

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 13 de enero 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, Joh Carlough, 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, 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. Sichel, 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 31, 2017**



**Altar Candles In Memory of
GIORDANO SORGO
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
ROBERT O. COLBATH**

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 5 – Anne & Frank Franciosa**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00am – Special Intentions Raul Jacob

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Robert O. Colbath

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Eileen Field

10:00am – Lily Kiely

11:30am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

1:00pm – Loretta Fanning

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00am - Annie Brady

9:00am – Jim & Mary Ann Byrne

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00am – John V. Towers

9:00am – Florence & Charles Marsalisi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00am – Special Intention of Alexander Thomas

9:00am – Joan Gisondi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00am –Bernard J. Wysocki

9:00am –Thomas & Catherine Byrne

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00am –Luc Celestin

9:00am – Edward & Mary Conklin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00am – Ramona Zuño

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Roger Mason

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Palma M. Heck

11:30am – Margaret M. Murphy

1:00pm – Joseph Dugandzic

5:30pm – Parish Memorial



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

Especially: Charles Hill Jr.
Judith Dohmann
Mary A. Marini