

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 6, 2015

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

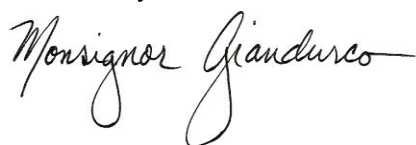
Even though the Year of Consecrated Life lasts until February 2, 2016, Pope Francis has declared another special observance which will overlap a bit. Beginning on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and lasting until November 20, 2016, His Holiness has decreed that the Church will celebrate an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

A Jubilee Year is a time for the whole Church to focus on an aspect of God's plan for our salvation. It is meant to help us strengthen our faith. The Pope has sought to stress God's love and mercy since he began his papacy in March 2013. In this Jubilee Year, the Pope wants every Catholic to rediscover the core of the Gospel message of God's merciful love. Jesus gave His life to forgive our sins and share His life with us. Pope Francis hopes that each of us will strive to follow the example of Jesus in all that we say and do. He asks that we practice the traditional Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as best we can. (See the next column for the works of Mercy.)

In explaining why he chose to dedicate an entire year at this time, the Pope simply states that we should basically seize the moment and make it a priority to live the Gospel every day of every year. He said, "It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation."

In this Advent season, we are already asked to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ once again at Christmas and in every way when He comes to us, especially in the sacraments and the way we treat others. In this season, we should try to help those in need and open our hearts to them. In our parish, we have opportunities to provide gifts and food for those who have nothing. We are called to remember that Christ told us that whatever we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do for Him. Let us show our love for Jesus by loving one another and practicing the Works of Mercy in the Jubilee Year.

Sincerely in Christ,



### 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.)**

**JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015-November 20, 2016**

### ***Corporal Works of Mercy***

To Feed the Hungry  
To Give Drink to the Thirsty  
To Clothe the Naked  
To Shelter the Homeless  
To Care for the Sick  
To Visit the Imprisoned  
To Bury the Dead

### ***Spiritual Works of Mercy***

To Convert Sinners  
To Instruct the Ignorant  
To Advise the Doubtful  
To Comfort the Sorrowful  
To Bear Wrongs Patiently  
To Forgive Injuries  
To Pray for the Living and Dead

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
(Always a Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Confessions 4:30pm Monday**

**Monday, Vigil Mass**

5:30pm

**Tuesday, Masses**

7:00am

9:00am

12:10pm

7:30pm

### PRAY FOR PEACE

Please pray for an end to violence and terror in our world and especially for the victims of the recent terrorist attacks, and for the men and women who protect our freedom.

## THE GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree is an Advent fixture here at Sacred Heart and many other parishes. This effort highlights the generosity of our parishioners towards those who can use some help. Please take one (or more) of the *colored tags* and give them a gift from your heart. Your thoughtfulness will bring great joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, homeless and others in need. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 6

CYO – 2 to 4pm in the gym

### Monday, December 7

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

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

Confessions – 4:30pm

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

MASS – 5:30pm

Novena –Cancelled

### Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

Masses -7am, 9am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm

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

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

### Wednesday, December 9

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Choir – 7:00pm in the Church

RCIA –7:30pm in the rectory

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

### Thursday, December 10

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

### Friday, December 11

### Saturday, December 12

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – church 11am

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

### Sunday, December 13

CYO – 2 to 4pm in the gym

## SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Collection – \$16,352.

Last Year's Collection - \$14,121.

November 29<sup>th</sup> Collection - \$17,523.

Last Year's Collection – \$14,058.

Human Development – \$4,857.

Last Year's Collection - \$5,174.

## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Pastor's Annual report was distributed on Nov. 22nd. Copies of the report can be found in the back of the Church and can also be viewed online at [www.sacredheartparish.org](http://www.sacredheartparish.org).

## INCREASED OFFERING CAMPAIGN

As you know, our parish has undertaken an Increased Offering Campaign. I asked that every family prayerfully consider increasing their weekly gift to our parish. So far, **we have increased our offertory by a total of \$18,599. over 9 weeks to help our parish.** (Week 8 by \$2,231. and week 9 by \$3,465.) That is fantastic! What an important difference even a small increase can make! If anyone would like to make their contributions online, please go to [www.sacredheartparish.org](http://www.sacredheartparish.org) to the Parish Pay symbol and sign up.



Christmas  
Pageant

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

The next pageant rehearsal will be held on December 12, 2015 at 11am in the Church. If you would like to be a part of this year's Christmas Pageant there is still time to join. Please come to the rehearsal on Saturday at 11am in the Church to sign up or you can call the Rectory Office at 357-0035. **The Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 20 at 7pm.**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are requesting canned hams and non-perishable food for Christmas Baskets for the needy. Please drop your donations off at the rectory. Hams requiring refrigeration can be placed in bin outside in the parking lot (there is sign on the garage). Baskets will be distributed on Monday, December 21. **Deadline for donations: Sunday, December 20.** Thank you.

## CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB OF ROCKLAND COUNTY

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County next meeting will be on, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Dotty at 845-623-1739. There are no meetings in December, January or February. See you in March 2016.

## CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:

1-800-723-8331 [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

## 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 19 de diciembre 2015 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:

### BIBIANA ARANTZA DEGATE-LUCERO

Daughter of Adolfo and Yolanda

### GIA MARIE PERRONE

Daughter of Joseph and Dolores



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, Christine Arehart, Andrew Biondo, Boano Family, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Teresa Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Nickie Douglas, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Gio Vannia Gasparre, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna & Susan Jarkiewicz, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Nick Liso, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Christine Mengan, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Susan Saladino, Erica Scully, Fred Schwally, Frank Schwarz, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spano, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, and Millie Vazquez.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests and religious and especially, **William Savage, Carolyn Hartfield, Ann McKenna, Madeline Tesseyman, Dorothy McIntyre and Margaret T. Costello.**

### ALTAR MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2015

Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles  
And the Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of

**MAURA MANNION**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00am – Henry J. & Palma M. Heck

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Elvira Gagliano

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Eileen Nunes

10:00am – Michael & Caroline Plewak

11:30am – Andrew Statham

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – William Halloran

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 –

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00am – Special Intentions Cynthia Huffine

9:00am – Daniel Greeley

5:30pm – Deacon Joseph Witt

7:15pm – **Novena Canceled**

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### The Immaculate Conception

7:00am – Dianne Messina

9:00am – Special Intention

12:10pm – Stella Bova

7:30pm – John Bukowski III

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00am – Michael Hetherington

9:00am – Robert Ellsworth

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00am – Edith Fernandez

9:00am – Robert Ellsworth

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am – Paula & Stephen Gangone

9:00am – Andrew & Johanna Seman

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am – Armando Bulaon & Juan Opulencia

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Carrie & Anthony Napoli

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Ann Calfa

10:00am – Melissa Ross

11:30am – David & Theresa Nalpadan

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Catherine Halloran

**BOOSTER CLUB WINNER**

**WEEK 20 - JEAN POWER**