

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2015**



Mass Intentions for the Week
December 13 – December 20

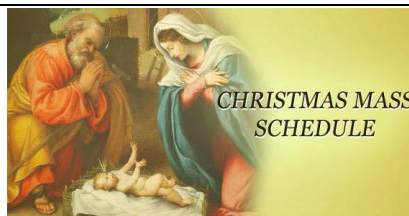
- SAT: 5:30pm Dominick Parrella
- Sun: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Araoye Ibitoye (living)
Elvira Corrigan
- 11:30am Citriniti Family
- 1:00pm Felipe Roman Lima
Phodi Han (Living)
- MON: 7:30am Michael J. Mingolla, Jr.
- 12:10am Antonio & Filomena Levato
- TUE 7:30am Consuelo Marcelo
- 12:10pm Giovanni Amelio
- WED: 7:30am Teopista F. Fungo
- 12:10pm Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stanford
- THUR: 7:30am Mary Panaro
- 12:10pm Thomas J. Phelan
- FRI: 7:30am Agnes Foley
- 12:10pm Giovanni Luciano Amelio
- SAT: 8:00am Valentine Sorrentino
- 5:30pm Frances Mignano
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Andrew C. Lamberti
Michael F. Amodio, Sr.
- 11:30am John Frisenda



PRAY FOR

Thomas Grecco
Joseph Purta
Marion Mc Lean
Ximena Herrera

Note: Monday through Friday, 12:10 mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested



CHRISTMAS MASSES AND CONFESSION

VIGIL MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS, Thursday, December 24

- 4:00PM - Children's Mass
- 6:30pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
- 12:00pm – Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, December 25

We will follow the regular Sunday schedule: 7:00am, 9:00am, 9:00am (Latin Mass), and 11:30am, and 1:00pm Spanish Mass.

CONFESSIONS will be heard on Monday, December 14th from 4pm – 8pm.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

- December 13 Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD
- December 14 Rev. Augustine Grapp, O. Carm
Rev. Joseph Komonchak
- December 15 Rev. Christopher Byrnes, O.Carm
Deacon Leonard Farmer
- December 16 Rev. Msgr. Bayani Valenzuela
Rev. Robert Sweeney
- December 17 Rev. Robert Tokarczyk
Deacon Anthony Ferraiuolo
- December 18 Rev. Thomas Byrnes
Rev. Donald Timone
- December 19 Vocations
Seminarians

ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese will be held today. An envelope for the collection is included in the packet of offertory envelopes you received for the month of December. Please be as generous as your means permit.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Jubilee Year of Mercy has begun. St. Pope John Paul II, the Mercy Pope, gives us something to ponder today. **“The best, the surest and most effective way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.”**

What an awesome gift we have of Perpetual Adoration here at St. Joseph parish. Start the Year of Mercy by becoming a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament. One hour of your time each week is all that it takes to help establish everlasting peace in the world! Call Marty/Clarice 692-4510.

Every hour is available for you to adore. The following hours are those with the greatest need:

Monday 3-4AM
Tuesday 1-2AM
Tuesday 3-4AM
Tuesday 4-5AM
Wednesday 3-4AM
Wednesday 4-5AM

FOR WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS OF THE CHAPEL YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING 341-0587

THE YEAR OF MERCY HAS BEGUN

Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Mercy, starting on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. In Addition to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently, we invite all to participate in a special bilingual Holy Hour every Friday night at 8:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

To all who desire peace, join us in this special Holy Hour every Friday at St. Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Let us pray the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for God's Peace and Mercy.

We invite all to make frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray for peace in silence- Our Lord is present in the Blessed Eucharist 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Consider also, signing up as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament for only 1 hour a week.

OUR PARISH CELEBRATES OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SUNDAY, December 13th

12:00pm Procession through the streets.

1:00pm Solemn Bilingual Mass with Bishop Dominick J.Lagonegro. Father Sandro Leyton will be the homilist.

A cultural celebration will follow after the Mass in the Parish Center with food and traditional song and dance.

We welcome the entire parish and the community to any of these events.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reminder to all students: Calendar monies are due this week. Thank you to all those who supported this project.

Reminder: to all the children that are able to participate in the Nativity scene: some of our first grade students and Ms. Williams fourth grade classes are preparing to participate in the Nativity scene play that takes place on December 24th during the 4:00 pm Mass. Permission slips were sent home; if your child is able to participate please send it in as soon as possible. Thank you

ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

Why not take advantage of the fabulous gifts in our Religious Gift Shop to keep Christ not only in Christmas but in mind throughout the year. Come in and browse around. The Gift Shop will be closed on December 26th and January 3rd.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

There is still time to make a donation for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are at the doors of the church. On the envelope you can put the name of a deceased relative/friend that you wish to have remembered at the Christmas Masses this year.

The envelopes can be put in the regular collection basket or in the container at Our Lady's Altar.

“COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS” RECONCILIATION MONDAY

We probably all know relatives or friends who, for whatever reason, have not been to Sunday Mass in a while. Advent is a perfect time to invite fellow Catholics to return to the practice of their faith. This time is especially appropriate as it is the Year of Mercy.

This year again, every Catholic Church will be open for Reconciliation on **Monday December 14th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm**. It might be a good idea to encourage all Catholics to make a good confession during this Advent season and to join us at Mass for Christmas.

This Advent, prepare your heart for the Peace of Christ.

SHORTER NOTICES

● **ST. JOSEPH’S LAY APOSTLES** will meet Sunday, December 13th at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 1-914-443-1435.

† **“JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM”** A Joyous Christmas Concert & Festive Holiday Dinner will be on Sunday, December 20th at 3pm at St. Casimir Church, 239 Nepperhan Ave., Yonkers, NY. Concert tickets only - \$10 per person; Concert & Dinner - \$35 per adult and \$17.50 for children 5-15 years old. For more information please call: 914-963-1254.

† **CAMP FATIMA FOR BOYS AND CAMP BERNADETTE FOR GIRLS** are now accepting registrations for the 2016 summer session. The camps are located in the Lakes Region of NH; offer 2 week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or visit us on the web at www.campsfatimabernadette.org.

THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of NY are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life-long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another. We invite you to call us at 845-343-8836 to schedule a tour and learn more about our faith-based, Pre-K, Kindergarten and elementary school program.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

The Columbian Squires is a Knights of Columbus youth group for young men ages 12-18.

The Squires participate in charitable projects that help the Knights of Columbus and the local community. Being a Squire will give a young man the opportunity to build lifelong friendships with other Catholics throughout New York State and beyond. There are many optional activities planned in the year ahead such as trips, a dodgeball tournament, a day of recollection, and the annual NY State Squires Convention.

The Squires will be holding an information meeting next Sunday, December 20th. All those interested in becoming Squires or curious about it are invited to the 11:30am Mass, followed by a brief introduction meeting with lunch and open gym to follow.

All young men of our parish are encouraged to come and see what the Squires are all about.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE CURRENTLY UNDER
CONSTRUCTION:
www.sjchurch.com



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."