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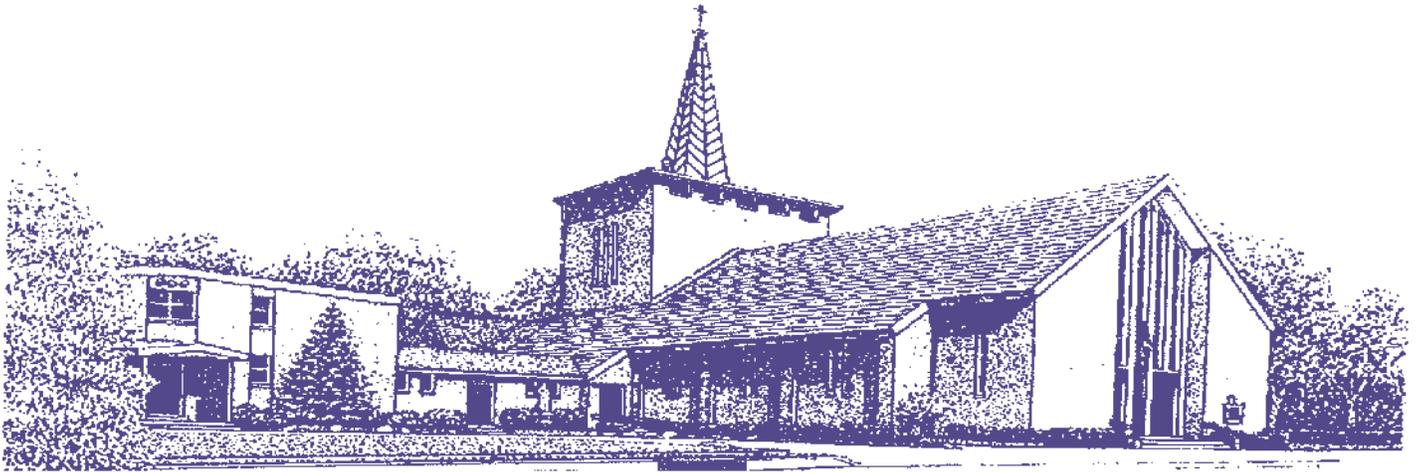
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SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00PM

SUNDAY MORNING: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, AND 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, 4:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY, 9:00AM AND 12:10PM

SATURDAY:

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00PM TO 4:45PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT IN THE RECTORY.

BAPTISM:

ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING A PRIEST OF THE PARISH. AN INSTRUCTION CLASS IS HELD BEFORE THE SACRAMENT. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND ENCOURAGED TO BECOME PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE BAPTISM.

MARRIAGE:

ARRANGED SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY FOR NON-PARISHIONERS. PRE-CANA REQUIRED.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

CALL THE RECTORY ANYTIME.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

MS. TINA DeLAURENTIS-GARCIA, DIRECTOR, 965-5535
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GRADES 1-7, SUNDAYS 8:30AM-11:00AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

EVERY FAMILY AND SINGLE ADULT SHOULD BE PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND RECEIVING A MONTHLY SET OF ENVELOPES. NEW PARISHIONERS, WHO WISH TO REGISTER, CAN DO SO AT THE RECTORY.

HOMEBOUND:

PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY REGARDING COMMUNION FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS.

Mr. George Eacobacci, Principal

School: 476-8489

School Fax: 965-7939

Mr. Kenneth Corneille, Director of Music and Organist



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



**"Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation."**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30 *Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*

5:00pm Leone & Rossi Families

Sunday, December 1 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00am People of St. Anthony

10:00am Bishop Patrick Sheridan

12:00noon Joseph P. Kelly—1st Anniversary

Monday, December 2 *Advent Weekday*

9:00am Galante Family

Tuesday, December 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

9:00am Dominick Victor Pereira

Wednesday, December 4 *Advent Weekday*

4:00pm John Pasciullo

Thursday, December 5 *Advent Weekday*

9:00am Pjeter Vuksani

Friday, December 6 *St. Nicholas*

9:00am Joachim D'Suuza

12:10pm Stephen Kubasck

Saturday, December 7 *St. Ambrose*

9:00am Antony Ampatt

Saturday, December 7 *Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent*

5:00pm Mary & John Sasin

Sunday, December 8 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00am William Meehan & Louise Iannone

10:00am Julius & Mary DeCarlo

12:00noon Maureen Agnes Unterman



**The Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Kathleen & Joseph Bordas**

*** STEWARDSHIP ***

Last Weekend's Collection Next Week

Catholic Charities Campaign

for Charity and Justice

Next Week

Your continuous support and generosity to the Parish both financially and spiritually and all that it does for others is greatly appreciated.

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

December 1—December 7

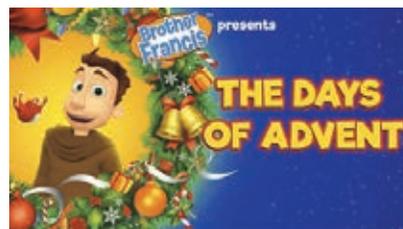
**In Memory of
The Ciufo Family**



Call the rectory (965-2733) to reserve a specific week for a loved one or special occasion.

FORMED

"*Pick of the Week*" that you and your family can use by accessing your FREE subscription to



Join Brother Francis this Advent as he leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas. Parents and Teachers: Register for daily emails at <https://formed.org/advent>.

**DATES TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON!!!
ALL EVENTS IN OUR SCHOOL HALL!!!**

- **St. Anthony School Christmas Concert: December 5 & 6**
- **Breakfast with Santa: December 7**
- **Parish Christmas Tree Lighting & Creche Blessing: December 20**
- **ROSCA de REYES Spaghetti Dinner: January 5**

OUTREACH TO THE POOR

Next weekend is
Loaves and Fishes Sunday.
Please be generous.



An Ornament that cannot be missed in every Catholic home: THE ADVENT WREATH

The **Advent Wreath** is at the same time a **Christmas ornament that embellishes your home** and an object of great sacred value for believers. **As a matter of fact, the Advent Wreath accompanies the devotees for four weeks until Christmas.** It is made of many strong symbolic elements: the green branches and berries recall winter season; the wreath is a symbol for unity, communion and eternity and recalls the sun and the Earth, while the four candles are a symbol for the saving light offered to all people on Christmas.



A candle is lit for every Advent Sunday, and each one of the four has a precise meaning.

The first one is the "Prophet's candle": it recalls the prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.

The second one is the "Bethlehem's candle", in memory of the place where Jesus was brought to life.

The third one is the "Shepherds' candle", the humbles among the humbles, the first ones to see and worship the Messiah.

The fourth one is the "Angels' candle", who announced the miraculous birth of Our Lord to the whole world.

The four candles also represent the progressive victory of Light against Darkness, which culminates with Jesus' birth. Hence, the candles symbolize Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, the message brought by the Baby to the world. Still today, giving an Advent Wreath is a gesture of affection and devotion.

Advent Wreaths are beautiful, decorated with green branches as well as with berries, ribbons, golden and silver Christmas decorations. They can be used as elegant centerpieces for Holidays as well as liturgical objects, and bring light, warmth and beauty to the whole house.

OUR PARISH GIFTING TREE

Our **Giftng Tree** will be set up and ready on **November 30th**. Ornaments on the tree represent a child from St. Joseph's Church on Asburton Avenue. Suggested gift amount is **\$20.00**. **DO NOT GIFT WRAP** and return it to the Church on the weekend of **December 14th-15th**.



Let's make this another successful holiday project!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The first meeting of the newly-forming bereavement Support Group will be held on Tuesday evening December 3 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. If you have not notified us of your intention to be in attendance, please do so by calling the Rectory Office (965-2733). Here is what we desire to provide for those coming for bereavement support:

After the loss of a loved one, we experience a wide variety of feelings and emotions. The ever-changing emotions we experience with grief can catch us off guard, causing us to act out of character, or differently than our typical personality and demeanor. We all need a support system to help us as we move through our grief journey. While family and friends are vital, unless they have experienced a close personal loss, they most likely don't fully "get it." That is where support groups can become a valuable resource.



In a support group, you will find a group of new comrades also living life after loss. Bereavement support groups offer companionship and understanding from others who have experienced a similar loss, and are experiencing the similar challenges that living with grief brings. In a culture that often avoids talking about loss, support groups give you the opportunity to share your story openly and guilt-free. You also have the opportunity to hear the stories of others and talk about coping day-to-day, as well as on the most difficult days of our grief journeys.

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

World Marriage Day, February 9, 2020

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of NY. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 9, 2020.

For further info, contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or Joan.brisson@archny.org. Email entries can be sent directly to Joan.brisson@archny.org. **The deadline for entries is 5:00pm on Sunday, January 19, 2020.**

**THE GOSPEL ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2019**

Matthew 24:37-44

Therefore, stay awake! ...

So too, you also must be prepared.

Come, Lord Jesus, make us ready for your kingdom.
Let us find you in the crimson colored dusk,
in the crescent moon and flying geese,
Let us see you in laughing children,
in our brothers and sisters everywhere.
Make us always awake, watching for you, prepared,
with our hearts open wide.
Teach us how to "greet you the days we meet you
and bless when we understand."

Quotation from "The Wreck of the Deutschland"
by G.M. Hopkins

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

They will beat their swords into plowshares.

No more war! War never again!
Let us drop our weapons;
turn our missile cruisers into lifeboats.
We yearn to walk in your light, washed in your peace.
Let us rise from every village and city on earth,
and climb your holy mountain together.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

*Let us throw off the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.*

Now is the hour to rouse from our sleep and take up
the work of the day. Jesus, be our light this day.
Throw darkness out.
Anne Osdieck

MITTEN AND SCARF TREE

Our Annual Mitten and Scarf Tree will be set up at the front of the church from **December 7th—December 22nd**. We are asking for donations of **mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats** for men/women, girls/boys, infants and toddlers. You are most welcome to hang your gift on the tree yourself—carefully! These **gifts will be given to St. Joseph's Church on Ashburton Avenue**.



Thank you for your generosity.

**MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER FOR OUR
ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINARIANS**

St. Joseph's Seminary right here in Yonkers is providing parishes an opportunity to show Christmas love and support to the men there preparing for the Priesthood. It is a gift-card giving program. The idea is as follows:

- Only retail gift cards are to be given, (NO CASH). Since seminarians are all over the state, we recommend national chains as opposed to a local business. Some suggestions for good places to give a gift card to include Wal-Mart or Target, gas cards, CVS, Walgreens, Duane Reade or Rite Aid, or a pre-paid credit card from Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.
- You will need one Christmas card with an envelope.
- Personalize the Christmas card with the Seminarian's name. Sign the Christmas card with your name(s) and the name of the parish.
- Put the retail gift card inside the Christmas card and seal the envelope.
- Put the name of the Seminarian on the front of the Christmas card envelope.
- Return the Christmas envelope to the weekly collection basket or to the parish office.
- Returns are due by Sunday, December 15, 2019.
- If you have questions contact Christopher Wilson Stearns at 917-803-8669.

The gifts will be presented to our Seminarians at their annual Christmas dinner over the holiday break. A small gift card tree will be in place in the Church on the First Sunday of Advent for you to choose (randomly) a Seminarian whom you would like to gift this Christmas.

Thank you for your great generosity and prayerful support!

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:

- Drew Aaron · Gianna Colao · Maggie Coleman ·
- James Collins · Bridget Conlon · Kevin Corneille ·
- Bessie Cortes · Laura DeSantis ·
- Mark DeSantis · Kathleen Doherty · Bette Frattali ·
- Mary Hasbrouck · Maria Iacotini · Marge Kleinlercher ·
- Brian Larkin · Daniel Lauricella · Brian Magner ·
- Vinny Marchionni · Monica Martinez · Michael Manuele ·
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- Barbara Popovic · Ulla Rattenni ·
- Baby Aaron John Rivera · Carmelita Santos ·
- Susan Schiavone · Michael Treacy ·

We want to use this column to give ourselves a much needed review of our religious knowledge. It will be an 'on-going' column and will follow the three year cycle of readings at Mass.

Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Reading II: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



A Wake Up Call

The Church seems to have a liturgical strategy in Advent's Sunday readings. Each week, the First Reading is positive, a promise of good, the "carrot." Then the Gospel and the Second Reading seem to whack us with the "stick."*

The First Reading this Sunday reminds us of the promise God made to his people: rightness and justice will come to the earth. Security. The day of the Lord will arrive, though long delayed. Peace in our day.

The Second Reading urges us to put God's promise of peace into action, even if we are only starting to grasp what it means. Love others and be loved! What a great promise at such a time as ours. Too good to be true? Just pious thought? Read the First Reading now and ask yourself such questions. Spend time with them. Pray to God for help. The Responsorial Psalm will help. It asks God to make known his ways to us, to guide us and to teach us.

Let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day,
 not in orgies and drunkenness,
 not in promiscuity and lust,
 not in rivalry and jealousy.

It talks as if we were tempted to such things. Yet, why did Paul warn people if there were no reason? Don't you and I need to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" as this reading urges?

[This] is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

The Gospel is the "stick" that tries to help us wake up, especially if the above has not helped. Jesus says,

Two men will be out in the field;
 one will be taken, and one will be left.
 Two women will be grinding at the mill;
 one will be taken, and one will be left.
 Therefore, stay awake!

Go ahead and spend time on this. Are you ready for the warning? Let yourself imagine what this planet might be like if no one paid attention except to their own wants. Picture it and don't worry about being exact. Experience it.

Will such a shakeup happen literally? Maybe much worse is to come, judging from our world. Do you live without fear of terrorist acts, of proliferating nuclear weapons, of the crash of an entire world economy, of the greed that fills so many hearts to overflowing in your city, in your state, your world?

If you can say, "I am afraid of these," then you can go back to the Responsorial Psalm and pray heartily. Beg that Christ be given birth in your soul and in so many others in this world that need it so badly.

John Foley, SJ

* Why celebrate Advent?

"I don't know why, it always just comes along"; or, "I don't know, no one ever told me why." Or especially, "if Christ has already been born, what is this Advent 'waiting' for? Have we forgotten what happened so many centuries ago and need to remind ourselves?"

Strangely that is part of the answer. His birth is into our hearts every year, not just once, thousands of years ago.

Wake up!



First Friday, December 6th
Come and Visit the Lord

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:10pm Mass on First Fridays. Benediction at 1:45pm.

Scouts Troop 12 Yonkers will be outside after all the Masses on the weekend of December 7th/8th selling Wreaths: cost \$15 each. Please support our Scouts of Troop 12.



ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS PRESIDERS

December 7th/8th

5pm Father Mastroli
 8am Capuchin Father
 10am Father Mastroli
 12 noon Msgr. LaMorte

CHURCH CLEANING			
Team	Captain	Phone #	Date & Time
1	Gail O'Rourke	715-6035	Th, Dec 5, 11:30am
2	Angela Marranzino	457-0303	Fri, Dec 13, 10am
3	Nina Miller	965-0498	Fri, Dec 20, 10am
4	Doris Ciufo	963-1991	Fri, Dec 27, 10am
5	Anita Dharmay	646-938-8151	Th, Jan 2, 5pm
6	Agnes Hernandez	476-8583	Th, Jan 9, 10am

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#WHATSMYNAME
 In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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