

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017



Saturday, December 2

5:30 John and Gloria Rizzi

Sunday, December 3

8:00 Joseph P. O'Conner, Special Intentions
For Michael Mele

10:00 Deborah Schrepel, Edward and
Robert Coco

12:00 Robert Rizzi

2:00 Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

6:00 Patricia Mulligan
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, December 4

9:00 Special Intentions for the Health of
Martin and Karl, Rose Marie Bass'
Family and Friends

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 Sick and Deceased of Sacred Heart
Parish Outreach

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 Teresita Pablo, Sacred Heart Holy
Souls Society especially Helen Stallard,
Maria DeMarco, Benjamin Barrgan,
David Sager

Thursday, December 7

9:00 Special Intentions for Sr. Josita's
Birthday

7:30 Paul J. Piekara

Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

7:00 Special Intentions for Sr. Rose

9:00 Anthony and Vivian Meschino, Carlo
And Cynthia Pizzoni

12:00 Special Intentions for Marycrest Sisters

7:00 Sr. Mary Albina Catalano CSAC

8:00 Para todos los miembros de nuestra iglesia
Sagrado Corazon - Bilingual Mass

Saturday, December 9

9:00 Jerry Applebaum

5:30 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

7:00 Para todos los miembros de nuestra iglesia
Sagrado Corazon - Bilingual Mass

Sunday, December 10

8:00 Marianna and Vincent Correale, Regina
King

10:00 Edward and Robert Coco, Otylia and Wlodyslaw
Przybylek

12:00 Alicja Szpunar, Annie and Thomas McHale
And Family

6:00 Maria Aguilar, Rosemary McCarthy

Pope Francis' Intention for December

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Religious Education Program

Hall Monitors are still needed for our Program on Monday afternoon from 4:30 - 6 pm and on the first Monday of the month from 7 - 8:30 pm. Call Sr. rose if you can help at 782-7420

Our **English as a 2nd Language Program**. We are in need of instructors to help in an informal setting. No need to speak another language. Classes are held on Thursday evening from 7 - 8:30 pm and Saturday morning from 9:30 - 11 am at the school. Please consider joining us. Call Sr. Rose at 782-7420.

Fund a Religious Education Student

Not every family in our parish is able to afford the registration fees which cover the expense of books and supplies. If you would like to "adopt" a child/family this year it would be most appreciated!!

Opportunity

Would you like to provide a \$5,000 scholarship to provide one year of Catholic Education for a child at Sacred Heart School? A partial scholarship of any amount is of course most welcome as well to help defray the unavoidable costs of providing a daily Catholic Education for the future of our Church. Please see Fr. Tom or Mrs. Muenkel, the principal of Sacred Heart School. Thank you!

Immaculate Conception Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)



Thursday, December 7
7:30 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8
7:00 am
9:00 am
12:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm (Bi-lingual)

Sacred Heart Youth Group

GAP (God and Pizza) Program

GAP (God and Pizza) program for 7th & 8th graders meets at 4:30 pm on Sundays at the Parish Center and for high school students at 7:00 pm. Teens interested in music ministry at the 6:00 pm Mass are invited to come to practices at 5:30 pm in the main Church on Sundays as well. For more information about Youth Ministry contact the parish office and ask for either Ivy Marrero or Fr. Tom. Information is updated and posted on our parish website regularly.

Christmas Flowers



Beautiful Christmas flowers and wreaths will fill our church's sanctuary during this holy season, which are donated by parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of deceased loved ones. The names of those remembered will be printed in the January 7th bulletin. Envelopes are now available in the vestibule of the church. Please PRINT clearly up to three names on the envelope with your offering. A suggested offering is \$10. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office. The deadline for submission is December 17th.

Christmas Novena of Masses



Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church for the Christmas Novena of Masses. This is a wonderful way to remember our deceased loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the Christmas Masses and those listed will be remembered at each Mass. The names of those remembered will be printed the January 7th bulletin. Please PRINT clearly up to three names on the envelope with your offering. A suggested offering is \$10. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office. The deadline for submission is December 17th.

Hear Our Prayers O Lord



The Deceased

Paul J. Piekara, Carlos Carrusco, Marie Jones, Sister Mary Albina Catalano, CSAC, Jerry Applebaum, Det. Sean Suiter (MD), Off. Brian Shaw (PA), Border Control Agent Rogelio Martinez, Trooper Damon Allen (TX), Dep. Sheriff Eric Overall (MI), Victims of the Terrorist Attack in Egypt, Victims of Floods in Greece

Military

We have placed our military roll honoring the men and women of our parish family currently serving our country in the Church's military shrine. If you would like to add someone to the roll, please call the parish office.

The Sick

Rachael Snitofsky, Erica Jane Burns, Heiner Lakas, Barbara Stilo, Francine Stilo, Jennifer Kanzler Miller, Blossom Johnson, Talia Phelan, Lisa Shina, Pat Stanton, Mary Ferrigno, Melody Gerakaris, Dorothy Neuwirth, Stanley Englert, Teddy Bonner, Michael Koperski, Norma Diaz Perez, Michael, Marti Brannick, John Turner, Michael Reed, Lawrence Grosso, Michael Mele. Carol Licata, Christine Moore, Phyllis DiLucca, Virginia DiLorenzo, Veronica Maria Donoghue, Rev. Terrance McCarthy, Gloria Montalvo

In Loving Remembrance

The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of **December** is in memory of Edward and Robert Coco. Lovingly requested by the Coco Family.

Anyone wishing to memorialize the sanctuary candle, the flowers or bread and wine is asked to contact the parish office.

Adoration

At Sacred Heart we have two weekly opportunities to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition with Benediction will take place on Wednesday mornings from 8 am to 9 am followed by the morning Mass and on Fridays from 8 pm to 9 pm. Please note as well that on First Fridays of the month, All Night Adoration takes places from 8 pm Friday evening until 9 am Saturday morning.



TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

**Sacred Heart
Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser**



**RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults**

(Teens and Children 3rd grade and above)

On November 19th we celebrated two Rites of initiation for inquirers in the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for those preparing for their Baptism and the Rite of Welcoming for those already baptized and are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church or completing their Sacraments of Initiation.

The following catechumens celebrated the Rite of Acceptance:

Amanda Briody, Christopher Capps, Peter Flores, Steven Henderson, Jonah Jaramillo, Julian Jaramillo, Eliana Martinez-Mendoza, Ashley and Joshua Taveras.

The following candidates celebrated the Rite of Welcoming:

Catherine Caro, Danielle Fahy, Kevin Gordiano Garista, Miguel Gordiano Garista, Erika Gordiano, Vanessa Gordiano, Hector Hernandez Sanchez, Ricardo Hernandez Sanchez Anthony Salzano

A very special thanks to all who helped in any way with the celebration - especially to catechists Pam McAssey, Fr. Tom Byrnes and Fr. Tom Kreiser and parish sponsors: Elizabeth Basilico, Maureen Kussard and Bill Tuthill. Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they now enter a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

Friday, February 9, 2018

Inclement Weather Date February 16

No Ticket Refunds.

Please give or sell your ticket to someone else.

**Sacred Heart School Gym
26 Still Rd., Monroe, NY**

Doors Open at 6:00, Bingo Starts at 7:00

Cost: \$40 per person which includes one bingo card set

**Bring your Own Food and Beverages
Door Prizes, Raffles, 50/50**

**Winners will receive a new designer handbag.
Coach, Kate Spade, Anna for Anushka, Michael Kors,
Dooney and Bourke, G.I.L.I., Vera Bradley**

Reserve Your Table Today!

**Cash or checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church.
Please include your name, phone number and a list of
all guests at your table with your payment.**

Contact Bernadette at

**bernadette.marasco@sacredheartchurch.org or 845-
238-5630**

“Recognizing the Coming of Jesus Today”

An Advent Day of Prayer & Reflection

sponsored by the Pallottine Sisters

Sat., Dec. 9, 2017, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Mass at 4pm)

**Queen of Apostles Center, 98 Harriman Heights Rd.,
Monroe, NY 10950**

Donation: \$30.00 (includes hot lunch)

For information and registration please call 845-492-5076

New Missals



**The missals for the new church year are now available
in the vestibule of the church. The cost is \$5 per book.**

Saint of the Week



St. Bibiana Virgin, Martyr December 2

Bibiana, a Roman virgin, was born of noble parents but was of still nobler race by reason of her Christian faith. Her parents, Flavian and Dafrosa, suffered martyrdom under Julian the Apostate. Then Bibiana and her sister, Demetria, were deprived of all their possessions; and Apronianus, praetor of the city, attempted, both by promises and by threats, to make them abandon the true faith. But they resisted him and his wickedness with great constancy. In this struggle, Demetria suddenly collapsed before Bibiana's eyes, and died in the Lord. Next Bibiana herself was handed over to a very crafty woman called Rufina, who was to have her seduced. But Bibiana was victorious over all her wiles, and thwarted the praetor's evil designs. Then he commanded that she be beaten with leaded whips, and at length she breathed out her soul. Her sacred body, left exposed to the dogs for two days, was preserved unharmed by divine power. John the priest buried it by night next to the grave of her sister and mother, near the palace of Licinius, where now stands a church dedicated to God and named after St. Bibiana.

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Lord God,
only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busy-ness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love
and my mind searches for your Light
in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent
and to give special love to those
who disagree with me.
Give me the strength and courage
to forgive those who have hurt me.
Help me to free my heart
from the prison of my anger and hurt.

Sacred Heart Basketball Tournament

Fundraiser for Our Father's Kitchen



Admission: Five non-perishable food items or \$5 per player

\$20 if you bring your own team of five

The tournament will be held on **Saturday, December 9th in the Sacred Heart School gym**

12 pm for grades 1-3

2 pm for grades 4-6

4 pm for grades 7-8

6 pm for all high school students

To sign up please call the Parish Office at 845-782-8510 or email tournament@sacredheartchurch.org

Candlelight Christmas Concert

Friday, December 15
7:00 pm

Church of the Assumption
131 Union Avenue
Peekskill, NY 10566

Cost: \$17 for Adults; \$15 for Seniors; \$7 for children under 17

Please join us Friday, December 15, 2017 at 7 pm for our annual concert of joyful Christmas music at the Church of the Assumption in Peekskill, NY. Performers include Internationally Acclaimed Soprano Mary Mancini, World Renowned Accordion Virtuoso Mario Tacca and The Victor Lioni String Quartet. They'll be performing your favorite Christmas Hymns and Carols, as well as stunning pieces from Bach, Vivaldi, Handel and Mozart.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert in the Fr. Wilson Hall beneath the church. For more information contact the Assumption Rectory at 914-737-2071 or Gioia Productions at 914-737-8872.

Parish Organizations

Catholic Daughters of America
782-8709
Christian Service Committee
781-0856
783-3389
Holy Name Society
845-325-9425
Junior Catholic Daughters of America
637-0435
Knights of Columbus
782-4681
Legion of Mary
590-1355
Mom's Group
783-7821
Parish Outreach
783-7840
Respect Life Society
783-2964
Sacred Heart School Alumni
SHSalumni@sacredheartmonroe.net
Sacred Heart Crusaders Youth Group
Contact Fr. Tom at 782-8510
Sacred Heart Leisure Club
774-4351
Sacred Heart Men's Group
782-9445
Sacred Heart Quilters and Crafters
783-3252
Sacred Heart Ushers Society
845-325-9425

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous holds meetings in the Sacred Heart Chapel hall on Sundays from 3:00-4:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm, on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, on Fridays from 9:00-10:00 pm and on Saturdays at 7:00 pm.

Items for the bulletin must be submitted The Sunday before the date of publication of the bulletin.

All special event flyers will be printed in the pages on the bulletin.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL - HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - POINSETTIA SALE

Sacred Heart School will be selling Poinsettia Plants for the Christmas Season! The plants make a lovely gift and will brighten up your Christmas Holiday.

The poinsettias sold through Wessels Farms are extraordinarily beautiful plants. They are florist quality and greenhouse fresh. The plant is in an 8" pot with 4 or more large flowers on each plant.

If you are interested in purchasing these exceptional plants, please fill out the tear-off below with your order information. Please return the slip with your payment in an envelope marked "Poinsettia Sale" no later than **Monday, December 11, 2016** to the SH Parish Office or SH School. Plant pick-up will be **Friday, December 15**, between the hours of 3:00-6:00 pm at Sacred Heart School. Pick up will also follow all Masses the weekend of December 16 and 17. If you need to make alternative arrangements contact Anne Schiller: schillera122@yahoo.com.

Please make checks payable to SHS-HSA. Plant price: \$20 for one beautiful poinsettia.

Thank you for supporting the children of Sacred Heart School!

Sacred Heart School – Home School Association – Poinsettia Sale

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Red Poinsettias _____

Marble Poinsettias _____

White Poinsettias _____

Pink Poinsettias _____

Total # of Plants: _____ Total Amount
Enclosed (Payable SHS-HSA): \$ _____

Plant Price: \$20 for one plant Return by: Monday, December 11, 2016

For additional information, contact: Anne Schiller 845-248-7880 or e-mail at schillera122@yahoo.com