

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



Saturday, December 1

5:30 Marjorie Welsh

7:00 Bilingual Mass

Sunday, December 2

8:00 Michael Mele (L)

10:00 Deborah Schrepel, Cosimo and Theresa Schirripa

12:00 Loretta Nokland, Matthew Tarnowski

2:00 Intention Available*

6:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, December 3

9:00 Intention Available*

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 Karl and Martin, Rose Marie Bass' Family and Friends

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 Members of the Sacred Heart Holy Souls Society

Thursday, December 6

9:00 Bridget Miller

Friday, December 7

9:00 Loretta Nokland, Sr. Josita

Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

9:00 Sr. Margaret Smith, In Honor of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception

5:30 Amy Cameron and Family (L)

7:00 Bilingual Mass

Sunday, December 9

8:00 Intention Available*

10:00 Loretta Nokland

12:00 Robert Brenan

6:00 Lori Tasca
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

* If you are interested in selecting one of these Masses, please call the parish office. Because of the bulletin's printing schedule these Masses will not appear in the following week's bulletin. The intention will be announced by the celebrant of the Mass.

Pope Francis' Intention for December

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Word among Us Bible Study for Young Adults!

All young adults (college age on up) are invited to participate in a Bible Study on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7 pm in the St. Theresa Room right after the 6 pm Mass. High School Seniors are welcome to participate as well. Please contact our Young Adult Coordinator, Raquel Battista, at the Parish Office or see our parish website for more details and information

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!!

Folk Group Choir



If anyone is interested in joining the Folk Group Choir that sings at the Sunday Mass at 12:00 pm, please contact Sr. Josita or the parish office. There are a couple of openings



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Sacred Heart Lucky Draw Raffle



Winners for the Last Two Weeks Are:

127 – Carol Castellano (2nd Time Winner)
228 – Ed Postolowski

REMEMBER – the last drawing in December is for \$1,000! There's still time to buy tickets.

Tickets are still be available for \$52 and there are 78 tickets left.

If you are interested in buying one, please call or stop into the office.



**Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24**

4:00 pm
6:00 pm
8:00 pm
9:30 pm Bilingual Mass
10:00 pm – Polish Mass (Chapel)
12:00 am

**Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25**

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm



Hear Our Prayers O Lord



The Deceased

Mary M. White, Missionary John Allen Chau, Carmen A Ortiz, Off. Samuel Jimenez (IL), Off. David Romrell (UT)

The 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, Rev. Terrance McCarthy, Susan McCarthy, Blossom Johnson, Talia Phelan, Lisa Shina, Pat Stanton, Mary Ferrigno, Christine Barry Furlano, Anthony S. Ruscito, Paul Kosara, Keyla Mercado Diaz, James Fordham Purcell, Marianella Liga, Patricia MacInnes, John O'Hare Jr., John Gore, Mike Mele, Frank Leskauskus, Nicholas McShea, Art Byrons, Veronica "Ronnie" Mahoney, John Carey, Michael "Mike" Mele, Michael Kowalski, Jeff Davidson, Elaine Gabel, Suzanne Perry, Lawrence Grasso, Dennis Barry, Uncle Bill Barry, Eileen Gallagher, John O'Clair

In Loving Remembrance

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



Advent Day of Reconciliation

All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will be offering confession in preparation for Christmas on Monday, December 17th. Confessions will be heard from 4:00 – 8:00 pm that day.

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 6th bulletin. Envelopes are 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 16th

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 3rd 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 16th.

Loose Change Collection *Your Change Can Make a Change*



For the repair and reupholstering of pews and kneelers and new carpeting

Goal - \$78,000
November Collection - \$778
Total to Date - \$2,005.98



The Winner of the Brunch with Santa

Elizabeth Basilico

The Winner of the Child's Mercedes Car

Lynn Cote

St. Francis Ministry



The St. Francis Ministry is in need of a barn manager. This person need not work independently. Assistants to help feed the animals can be used, but the manager needs to oversee the running of the barn.

Also, a volunteer carpenter is needed to do a little carpentry work in the barn.

Please contact the parish office at 782-8510 if you are interested. Thank you.

LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER – What's On Your Christmas List This Year?

Come away for the day to contemplate the gifts we long for this Christmas, the priceless gift God desires to share with us, and the extraordinary gift we are invited to give away this Christmas season.

Monday, December 10, 2018

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$40 Includes Breakfast and Lunch, Reconciliation and Mass

Led by: Rev. George Collins, S.J.

Register at www.loyola.org

Christian Service Committee Meeting

The Christian Service Committee will be holding their December meeting on Monday, December 10th at 10:00 am in the St. Theresa room in the parish center. New members are always welcome. Come join them to find out their plans for 2019. For more information call the chairperson Aileen at 781-0856 or Renie at 783-2078



Girl Scout Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Please support Monroe Troops 640 and 301 as they save for their trip to Greece in 2020! Wreathes measuring 26" in diameter are available to order.

Orders taken until December 10th.
Contact Anne Schiller at 845-248-7880 or schillera122@yahoo.com.

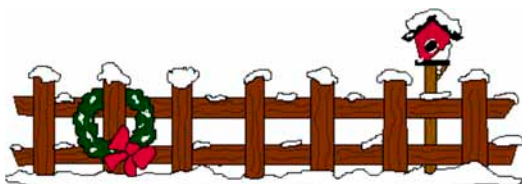
Girl Scout Troop Wreath Fundraiser

Name _____
Email _____
Cell No. _____

Plain _____ \$15 each
Religious _____ \$30 each
Frozen/Snowflakes _____ \$30 each
Red Bow _____ \$20 each
Winter & Pine Cones _____ \$30 each
Pet Friendly Dog/Cat _____ \$30 each
Delivery Date _____

Make checks payable to GSHH and drop off at Sacred Heart School.

Apostolate



Fundraising for Belle Glade Mission Trip, Florida

By Don Bosco Prep students

Don Bosco Prep has a deep commitment to educating our boys to the truths of our Catholic Faith. One of the most important Gospel values we advance is service to the poor in Christ's Name. For this reason, we have established a yearly mission trip to Belle Glade, Florida. A group of our students- grade 11- are joining this mission trip during their Christmas vacation.

This community is one of the poorest in the United States. Our focus is to run a winter camp during Christmas break for over 100 underprivileged children at our Salesian parish of St. Philip Benizi.

We are grateful to assist these poor youth toward a deep encounter with Jesus in a spirit of faith, family and fun.

To facilitate this trip, the students are doing fundraising at your church by selling hand-carved items from the Holy Land. The students will be present at the **Saturday vigil** mass and at the **Sunday Masses** in the **1st weekend of December (1st and 2nd)**. The producers of these products are the Giacaman Family in Bethlehem. These Palestinian Catholics are proud of their heritage and desire to remain in the Land of our Lord. To help them remain, we import these items providing a means of gainful employment. At the same time, these sales directly help us to provide for the poor in Belle Glade. We ask, first and foremost, for your prayers. Following your spiritual assistance, we welcome any purchases or donations which will be made toward our mission to the poor. We are grateful to Fr. Tom for welcoming us. And we thank you, parishioners of the Sacred Heart Church, for any kindness that you might choose to offer.

Checks may be written to "Salesians of Don Bosco". Please be assured of our prayers. Thank you and God bless.
Salesians of Don Bosco
Ramsey, NJ



Support Sacred Heart School on Tuesday, December 4th from 4 – 8 pm by treating the family to dinner at Panera's on Larkin Drive in Monroe. Bring the bulletin to Panera's, place your order and a

part of the proceeds will go to Sacred Heart School. You may order online for rapid pick-up or delivery. Just enter the code PRFUND when ordering.

THEN go to the Scholastic Book Fair at Sacred Heart School Library and shop during their special hours from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

On Thursday, December 6th make sure you go to the Secret Santa Early Morning Shop for Grownups Only in the school library from 8:00 – 9:15 am. Give the gift of reading this year! Complimentary gift wrap on orders of \$15 or more.

Letter from the Archdiocese

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On December 8 and 9, the archdiocese will conduct the *Retirement Fund for Religious* special collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and His Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds”. This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies – allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* special collection provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

This is, I recognize, but one of numerous worthy causes in need to assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection and in praying for the Lord’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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.

Respect Life

Baby Bottles

Thank you to everybody who took home the baby bottles to support Good Counsel Home, Our Mother’s Cupboard and My Choice Pregnancy Center. Thank you to everybody that have returned the bottles up to now. You have contributed \$3,717.79 to support the most vulnerable of all. We would like to close out this baby bottle campaign and distribute the monies before Christmas. So I am asking all those who still have the bottles to please return them in the next 2 weeks if possible.

Thank you and God Bless,
Rich Strobel

Rosary for Life

Sacred Heart -2nd Saturday of the month
Dec. 8th after the 9:00am Mass
In front of the church weather permitting.
St. Anastasia -4th Saturday of the month
Dec. 22nd after the 9:00am Mass
In front of the main church weather permitting.

Save the date

March for Life in Washington D.C.
On January 18, 2019.
Details to follow.

Longest Married Couple Search



The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

The longest married couple 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 10, 2019.

For further information, 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 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 24, 2019.