

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Second Sunday of
ADVENT



**Saturday December 7**

4:00 Kevin J. Kehoe - Family
 Michael Mangione - Joe & Joan Tatarczuk
 Dawn Wood - Ray & Diane Lammon
 Rose McKeever - Patrick & Nancy Hogan
 Linda Casale - Sal & Maria Dambrowski
 For All Those Killed in Pearl Harbor on this Date
 In 1941

Sunday December 8

8:30 Martin Hoyt, Sr. (BdayRem) - Family
 Joyce Mamone (4th Anniv) - Charles & Barbara
 Mamone
 Anna Bruno Milanese & Lou Milanese - Al &
 Connie Bieg
 Michael Miller - Peter Kehoe
CONTEMPORARY MASS
 10:30 David Putman - Tony & Carrie Milanese & Family
 Elaine Scharfenberger - Priests of Sacred Heart
 Eric Schofield (BdayRem) - Family
 Sarah A. Pierce - Sandra Agars

Monday December 9**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

9:00 For the Intentions of Donna Williams - Ladies of
 Charity of Troy

Tuesday December 10

9:00 Brian Curtin - Marie Mangione
 James Noonan - Mark & Lacey Neiswender

Wednesday December 11

9:00 Michael Cook (56th Anniv) - Daughter, Donna

Thursday December 12

9:00 Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard - Ed Carey

Friday December 13

9:00 Robert Mammen - Kuhlmeier Family
 Marilyn Cary Shinnars - Marianne Haldeman

Saturday December 14

4:00 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Y. Bayly - Patti Bayly
 John H. Sulzman, Jr. (15th Anniv) - Family
 Dec. Members of Morano Family - Ben Morano
 Adele McCarthy Rubey (1st Anniv) - Patti Bayly
 Dec. Members of Cassidy & Rosenberger Families
 Mike Mangione - Ed & Kathleen Carey
 Ronald Quinn, Jr. (1st Anniv) - Family

Sunday December 8

8:30 Michael Miller - David & Cindy Spellman
 Alan Morrill - Kathleen Dwyer
 Dermot J. McCarthy - Jim & Nancy Kelley
 Sandra Riel - Niece, Karen Schofield
 Frances Duffy - Family
CONTEMPORARY MASS
 10:30 Patrick Casey - Peter Kehoe
 Dec. Members Sacred Heart Prayer Group - Ed Carey
 Greta Radley - Tony & Carrie Milanese & Family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Vincent Ciraulo, Erik Reiser, John Kaniff, Kurt Reiser, John O'Bryan, Josie Bidwell, Mary Lourdes Betzenger, Tom Purcell and Richard Clements.

NEW TO THE PARISH – WELCOME! We are happy to have you in our community and hope that you will enjoy a truly Christian experience with us. Please call or stop by the rectory to register (518) 274-1363. This helps us for sacraments, sick calls or any other assistance you may need. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTION

On this second Sunday of Advent, how many times have we heard the prophecy of Isaiah of today's first reading: "...the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den...etc. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Is this merely poetic extravagance? Or is it a prophecy yet to be fulfilled? If the latter, why has it not yet been fulfilled? Has not the root of Jesse (Jesus) arrived among us? St. Paul tells the Romans: "Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." What is our hope in 2019? John the Baptist was no ordinary man. So out of the ordinary was he (e.g. dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts) that even the sophisticated from Jerusalem went out to the desert to check him out. And what did they hear? Do not presume you are on the right track! Rather, repent! Change! By your fruits you will be judged. The fact that there is not yet universal peace in this world rests entirely on the mentality of human beings, who refuse to listen to God's repeated attempt to speak to them. Peace begins in the heart of each one of us. Think about it as we prepare for the prince of peace.



Don't forget to use the **Christmas Flower** envelope in your mailing packet. Additional envelopes may be found in the back of church. They are provided to remember or honor your special loved ones this Christmas Season. Donations collected are used to help offset decorating expenses for Christmas. **Please print CLEARLY.** Flower donation list will be in the back of church after Christmas. **DEADLINE for flower donations is Monday, December 16th.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Colonie Center Concert and FIVE GUY’S Fundraiser:

The children will be performing on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 pm on the first floor of Colonie Center outside of the Boscov’s store. Five Guy’s is also hosting a fundraiser for us from 4-8 pm on that date. Please submit a flyer (available from the school office) when ordering so that SHS gets the credit. Please join us in this holiday cheer!

Santa Shop:

The children will be shopping at our annual Santa Shop on December 10 & 11. Volunteers will be assisting our children with their purchases and wrapping.

Christmas Concert:

Please consider joining us for either or both of our Christmas concerts: Wednesday, December 11th – Grades K-6 and Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 pm. The sixth graders will continue the tradition of enacting the Nativity at both of these concerts. May the voices of our children fill the church with joy and glad tidings!

Movie Night:

Our movie night is scheduled for Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. All are welcome!



A traditional part of the season is the parish Giving Tree that provides some assistance to families at Christmas. You’re invited to take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item requested and **attach the ornament** to the gift. Gifts are to be placed **unwrapped** under the tree by **DEADLINE of Tuesday, December 17.**

Our **Altar Bread and Wine for the month of December** has been gifted in memory of **James & Elizabeth Murphy** by **Daughter, Barbara Mastroianni.**

Please note that there is an area designated in the choir loft for young children to play so their parents can view the Mass. Also there is a TV monitor on the table in the entrance hallway of the Church if for any reason such as a coughing fit etc. that you need to leave inside the Church you can view the Mass on this monitor.

Thank you for your contributions for the weekends of November 23 and 24

Regular Offertory \$ 4547.00
Parish Upkeep \$ 190.00

weekends of November 30 - December 1

Regular Offertory \$ 5400.00
Parish Upkeep \$ 707.00

Have you ever thought of remembering the parish in your will? A bequest in your will, no matter what the amount, will help the parish continue to care for and service God’s people through vital programs and preserve family life.

THE TIME HAS COME!

Our Parish Community is about to engage in the Diocesan-wide “Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign”

Over the coming weeks and months we will be sharing the complete details of this campaign via the weekly Bulletin, pulpit presentations, small receptions as well as individual contacts.

As parishioners of Sacred Heart Church and School, please become informed of this campaign and prayerfully consider participating in this historic effort to strengthen the mission of not only our parish, but the diocese of Albany.

For more information please feel free to reach out directly to
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518-274-1363



Don’t forget about this great way to engage your kids in the Mass. Parents, we know how hard it is to get the young ones engaged. This is just one way you can talk to

your kids about the readings and help them understand what you both heard. If you would like a copy of this mailed to your home ahead of the Mass just let us know and we’ll be happy to do that. This would give you a chance to talk to them before Mass and then they could hear the word of God in a new way. Let us know if there is any other ideas you have that will help you engage your family.

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