

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

*Third Sunday of*  
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**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 15**  
 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

**Monday December 16**  
 9:00 Rev. Ted Gerken - Priests of Sacred Heart

**Tuesday December 17**  
 9:00 For the Intentions of Fr. Vaughan - Cathy Curtin

**Wednesday December 18**  
 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Haldeman, Sr. - Family  
 Mildred McDermott (3rd Anniv) - Family

**Thursday December 19**  
 9:00 Rocco Ianncone - Tony & Carrie Milanese & Family

**Friday December 20**  
 9:00 For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart both Living  
 and Deceased

**Saturday December 21**  
 4:00 Doug Alvey (37th Anniv) - Family  
 Leo Francis O'Connor - Mary Darian  
 Sam & Fanny Chiappone - Family  
 Ed & John McMahan - Family  
 Elizabeth Mangione - Children & Grandchildren  
 Ronald Quell - Rose LaChance & Family

**Sunday December 22**  
 8:30 Tom & Alice Mahoney - Kathleen Dwyer  
 John VanDenburgh, Sr. - Family  
 Mike Mangione - Rose VanDenburgh & Family  
 Michael Miller - Chris & Cassandra Spellman  
**CONTEMPORARY MASS**  
 10:30 Alma Ross (1st Anniv) - Family  
 Matthew J. Ryan - Mom, Dad & John  
 Angelina Anastasio - Mother, Giovanna  
 Mona Shannon - Peter Kehoe  
 Greta Radley - Mark & Lacey Neiswender  
 Marsha Dimke (9th Anniv) - Paula & Kevin  
 LaFerriere

**ETERNAL LIGHT:**  
 Josseph (Con) Posniewski - Sister, Mary P. Riley

**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**  
*As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Our Saviour into our world, we know from history that among the Jewish people of His time, there were many different expectations, including many political. Today's first reading gives us the inspired prophet Isaiah's version as one who comes to cure the world's various concrete evils. Sure enough, Jesus seems to quote this Isaiah passage when asked to identify who He is. But note carefully in the Gospel: He adds still another Beatitude (Blessed be...) "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." In the original Greek, the word here translated offense is scandalisthe, i.e. who is not scandalized. The modern understanding of scandalized is: being offended because what one sees does not match one's moral sensibilities. We need to ask ourselves: Does Jesus predilection for the poor, the wretched, the infirm etc. match our sensibilities, our expectations? E.g. do we rather look to political solutions to solve the problem of evil in the world? Or do we simply cop out and pass the buck to others? If we truly love Jesus, we soon see that curing evils is a person to person affair inspired by loving the Jesus we find in others, i.e. sharing the joy of the coming of Jesus into our hearts.*



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****Holiday Shopping:**

While planning your holiday shopping please consider visiting the unique offerings in the shops in **Colonie Center**. THEN be sure to submit your receipts to the customer service desk noting Sacred Heart School as the school earning points from your purchases. Deposit those receipts in the school office and we will deposit them for you.

Please register your **Price Chopper/Market 32 Advantage card** using our **code #15859** and shop for your holiday meals and goodies. Points earned will be used to purchase equipment and supplies in early 2020.

**School Closed:**

There is an early dismissal on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> followed by two weeks of Christmas vacation (December 23-January 3<sup>rd</sup>). The school resumes Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

**Did You Know:**

Our school's Children's Choir visited several local nursing homes on December 6<sup>th</sup>? They sang several songs from their concert and even invited residents to sing along.



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.**

**Sacred Heart Memorial Fund has a Good Purpose**

Some of you may be aware of the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund. For those who are not aware, Father Yanas, along with the members of the Liturgy and Finance Committees are pleased to tell you that as of this year, all bequests made in memory of a relative or friend will be placed in the Memorial Fund Account and will be earmarked for refurbishing our pews. As many of you have stated, this project is long overdue and is now a top priority. For your convenience, Memorial Fund Envelopes are available on the bulletin table, or at the rectory, with the program at a funeral, and most times during the wake service.

**Thank you for your contributions for the weekend of December 7 and 8**  
Regular Offertory \$ 5734.00  
Parish Upkeep \$227.00

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU**

**If you were some of those who braved the cold and snow to set up for the Christkindlmarket or the many hands such as workers, vendors etc. that helped to put this amazing event together we thank you so much. Such a crowd of people who were here and had such a great time!!**

**THANK YOU to Linda Rinella and the Daniel D. Purcell Funeral Home for providing us with the new Calendars for 2020.**

There is a "Poor Box" to receive your donations for those who are less fortunate. Even your spare change is very important. There are two in our church, one by the school office door and the other by the organ/piano near the front Pawling Avenue entrance. Jesus said, "the poor you will always have with you". In another scripture "it is better to give than receive".



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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