

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Of course, we are still on the Advent journey towards Christmas. This third Sunday (Rose candle for Gaudete Sunday) means that we are a little more than halfway there. There is more time to prepare our hearts to celebrate with joy and devotion to God, especially by participating in the Mass and Confession (see the schedules in this bulletin).

For the rest of these notes, I wish to return to the topic of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy which began on December 8th and will continue until November 20, 2016. As I wrote last week, a Holy Year is meant to strengthen our faith and help us to live out the Gospel message. For this Jubilee, Pope Francis desires to stress God's love and mercy, of which Jesus is the face. God is all merciful and we want to live after the word and example of Jesus. We are all in need of God's mercy and we are called to witness to God's mercy by showing mercy.

Briefly, I mention the highlights of the Pope's Declaration of the Holy Year:

- Holy Doors are designated around the world which are meant to be (symbolic) portals of Mercy.
- Pilgrimage to any of these Holy Doors will be a sign that mercy is a goal to reach. (There will be five Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of New York.)
- The Pope encourages the traditional Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy as Holy Year actions.
- Jubilee Years also entail Indulgences which free the penitent from every residue of sin, since the sacrament of Penance takes away sin but leaves a negative effect of sin with us.
- With simple prayers and specific works and the intention to detach completely from sin, Indulgences can be received for oneself and also for the deceased.

To provide the locations of Holy Doors in the Archdiocese and the prayers and works called for, I am inserting in this bulletin Cardinal Dolan's Decree about the Holy Year which complements the Holy Father's Declaration.

May this Jubilee Year of Mercy help each one of us to experience God's love and mercy and inspire others to do the same.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION TODAY, DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2015

There will be a second collection for Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese of New York **Today**. This annual collection helps to support the Religious who have given their entire lives in service to the Church. It is through your generous support that the Archdiocese is able to care for them during their retirement years. May God bless them!



PRAYER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and enlighten the darkness of our minds and hearts by your coming on earth; you who live and reign with God the

Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God forever and ever. (Someone lights **the rose candle** & two purple candles)

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2015

Monday, December 14 – 4:00 to 8:00pm
Reconciliation Monday
(Penance Service at 7:30pm)

Saturday, December 19– 3:00 to 5:00pm

Tuesday, December 22 – 12:00 Noon

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY December 8th, 2015-November 20, 2016

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

THE GIVING TREE
GIFTS ARE DUE TODAY, SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH



Your thoughtfulness will bring great joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, homeless and others in need. Thank you all for your generosity.

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 20ST, 2015 7:00PM

The children of Sacred Heart Parish will lead us in word and song to recount the story of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please come and join the children and re-discover the real joy of Christmas! All are Welcome!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13

CYO – 2 to 4pm in the gym

Monday, December 14

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Novena – Canceled

Reconciliation Monday – Confessions 4 to 8pm

Penance Service – 7:30pm in the Church

Tuesday, December 15

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 16

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Choir – 7:00pm in the Church

RCIA – 7:30pm in the Rectory

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, December 17

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Friday, December 18

Our Lady's Guild – Christmas Party 6pm in the cafeteria

Saturday, December 19

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal – Church 11am

Confessions – 3 to 5pm

Hispanic Christmas Party – 6pm in the gym

Sunday, December 20

CYO – 2 to 4pm in the gym

Christmas Pageant – 7pm in the Church

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild invites all the ladies of the Parish to join them at "Our Lady's Guild Christmas Party", Friday December 18th at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$15 per person. For information please call Rosemary McCormick at 357-1485. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift and cleaning supplies for Birth Right. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are requesting turkeys and canned hams and non-perishable food for Christmas Baskets for the needy. Please drop your donations off at the rectory. Hams requiring refrigeration can be placed in bin outside in the parking lot (there is sign on the garage). Baskets will be distributed on Monday, December 21. **Deadline for food donations: Sunday, December 20.** Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2015

Christmas Eve

(December 24th 9am Only Morning Mass)

Thursday, December 24 for Christmas

4:00pm in the Church and School

6:00pm in the Church Only

11:00pm Mass-in place of Midnight

(Choir sings at 10:30pm)

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

7:00am

8:30am

10:00am

11:30am

1:00pm

(All Masses Church)

THERE WILL BE NO 5:30PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

(December 26, 9am Morning Mass)

Normal Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00pm

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:

1-800-723-8331 www.goodcounselhomes.org

INCREASED OFFERING CAMPAIGN

As you know, our parish has undertaken an Increased Offering Campaign. I asked that every family prayerfully consider increasing their weekly gift to our parish. So far, **we have increased our offertory by a total of \$20,771. over 10 weeks to help our parish.** (Week 10 by \$2,172). That is fantastic! What an important difference even a small increase can make! If anyone would like to make their contributions online, please go to www.sacredheartparish.org to the Parish Pay symbol and sign up.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

December 6 Collection – \$16,458.

Last Year's Collection - \$14,286.

Immaculate Conception Collection - \$4,074.

Last Year's Collection - \$3,870.

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 19 de diciembre 2015 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

ALEXANDER JOSEPH TIBURCIO, JR.
Son of Alexander and Angela



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have

asked us to pray for them: **Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Jenna Applebaum, Christine Arehart, Andrew Biondo, Boano Family, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Teresa Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Nickie Douglas, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Gio Vannia Gasparre, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna & Susan Jarkiewicz, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Nick Liso, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Christine Mengan, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Jennifer O'Hara, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Susan Saladino, Erica Scully, Frank Schwarz, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spano, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, and Millie Vazquez.**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests and religious and especially, **Maureen T. Dodds, Ed McIntosh, Fred Schwally, Teresa M. Morris and Virginia Griffith.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2015

Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles

In Memory of
ANTHONY COSTA

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
ROBERT COLBATH



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12—Our Lady Of Guadalupe

9:00am – Armando Bulaon & Juan Opulencia

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Carrie & Anthony Napoli

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Ann Calfa

10:00am – Melissa Ross

11:30am – David & Theresa Nalpadan

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Catherine Halloran

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Reconciliation

7:00am – Irene Bartel

9:00am – Special Intentions Eric Hendrickson

7:15pm – **Novena Canceled**

7:30pm - Penance Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00am – Special Intentions Anita Kalathara

9:00am – Filomena & Eugenio Ferraguto

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00am – Austin Moraes

9:00am – Robert Ellsworth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00am – Kathleen M. Persichetti

9:00am – Iozzi Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00am – Kathleen M. Persichetti

9:00am – Leo & Larry, Jr. Michelotti

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00am – Paula & Stephen Gangone

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Robert Colbath

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Richard Lynch, Jr.

10:00am – Mary Dolan

11:30am – Richard Doran

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Anthony Costa

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER
WEEK 21- ANDREW KRAVIC