

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I hope everyone is having a blessed Advent. I would like to apologize first of all for the difficulty caused to many of you who tried to attend the 6:00pm Mass last Saturday in the midst of the Village Christmas Parade. It was a wonderful event in which our Children's Choir and our children of the Christmas Pageant participated, but in the future, we will have to work with the Village in minimizing the inconvenience caused to our parishioners trying to faithfully attend Mass. Also, speaking of the Saturday 6:00pm Mass, **after hearing from so many of you and consulting with the Parish Council, we will be moving the time of the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday evenings to 5:30pm beginning January 8th, the Feast of the Epiphany.**

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." These words of St. Paul from the opening antiphon to today's Mass strike the tone for this Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday," which means Rejoice! With all the trials and anxieties that come with living, there are many times we feel like anything but rejoicing. But, Saint Paul is not talking about rejoicing in the world, but rejoicing *in the Lord*. Our hope is not anchored in the things of this world, but in the things of Heaven as we patiently wait on the Lord.

The cause of our joy on this Third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday") is that Jesus, the true source of our Joy and the fulfillment of our hope, is close at hand. True and lasting joy does not depend on anything of this world, but on His presence among us and within us. He is *Emmanuel*, which means *"God is with us."* His Divine Life actually dwells within us through Sanctifying Grace beginning at our Baptism, and is deepened within us in the Eucharist. If we really grasped this reality, how could we be anything but joyful? Saint Padre Pio used to say, *"Pray and don't worry."* A person of prayer is one who is constantly aware of God's presence. Such a person will experience a strength and a joy deep within even in the midst of all his or her troubles, an

inner peace that nothing in this world could ever give or take away.

May nothing hinder us from experiencing the Peace and Joy of our Lord's birth this Christmas. Sin is a destroyer of peace and robs us of the joy our Lord wants us to have. That is why making a good Confession is so essential to our Advent preparation. If you haven't had the chance yet this Advent to get to Confession, or if it has been a very long time since you've been to Confession, there are still plenty of opportunities (See the schedule for Advent Confessions in the bulletin). May all of us experience this Christmas in the depths of our hearts the Power of God's Life within us, and the inner Peace and Joy that flow from His Presence and living in His Grace. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2016

Saturday, December 17– 3:00 to 5:00pm

Monday, December 19 – 4:00 to 8:00pm

Reconciliation Monday

(Blessed Sacrament will be exposed)

Friday, December 23 – 12:00 Noon to 1pm



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**)

OUR LADY'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Lady's Guild invites all the ladies of the Parish to join them at "Our Lady's Guild Christmas Party", Friday **December 16th** at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 per person. For information please call Rosemary McCormick at 357-1485. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift and/or cleaning supplies for Birth Right. Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Ann Weisenhutter	Cesar Santana
Doris Winter	Augustus W. Dymes
Eustace Morgese	J. O'Neil Kelly
Henedina P. Eliazo	Steven Kavalla
Mary Mauro	Thomas Kop
Elisabetta Alpegiani	Joseph Scenlon
Lillian Angel	Antonio Russo
Dolores Fiskaa	Joseph Cestone
Mary M. Brogan	
Veronica Simpson	
Patricia Beaver	

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

December 4TH Collection – \$15,007.

Last Year's Collection - \$16,458.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11

CYO – 2 to 4pm in the gym

Monday, December 12

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

CYO Basketball - 5pm in the gym

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

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Novena –7:15pm

Tuesday, December 13

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

CYO Basketball - 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 14

CYO Basketball - 5pm in the gym

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, December 15

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

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

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 11am church

Sunday, December 18

CYO Basketball – 2pm in the gym

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 18ST, 2016 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!



THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, homeless and other

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:
1-800-723-8331 www.goodcounselhomes.org

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2016

Christmas Eve

Saturday, 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

Sunday, December 25

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am,

11:30am , 1:00pm (Church and School)

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

(December 26, 9am Morning Mass Only)

ANNOUNCEMENT

As of January 8th, 2017 the current 6:00pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will now take place at **5:30pm**. **All those who have attained a Mass for 6:00pm will be notified.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are requesting canned hams and non-perishable food for Christmas Baskets for the needy. Please leave your donations in the rear of the church in the boxes provided. 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 19. **Deadline for donations: Wednesday, December 14.** Thank you.

SACRED HEART PARISH'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Saturday, December 17, 2016 beginning at 11am please come join us to stroll down Main Street for our annual Christmas caroling. If you would like to join us please RSVP by Friday, December 16th to the Sacred Heart rectory office at 357-0035.

ST. ANTHONY'S CEMETERY

St. Anthony's Cemetery is pleased to announce that our cemetery expansion is completed. We will begin selling pre-need graves on Monday, Dec. 5th, by Appointment Only. No Walk-Ins Please. Contact the Office to schedule your appointment (845-623-2138) Ext.7 Mon.-Fri. 9am to 3:30pm. Or visit the website at www.stanthonyscatholiccemetery.com

ANUNCIOS

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

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 10 de enero 2017 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:

EVERETT TUCKER ELLSWORTH

Son of Matthew and Elizabeth



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, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Jack Molinelli, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Maura Reynolds, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Irene Wanamaker.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS DECEMBER 11, 2016



Wines and Altar Breads in Memory of

ARMANDO BULAON

Altar Candles in Memory of

JUAN OPULENCIA

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of

HENRY & PALMA HECK

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 7- JOHN. J. BARKER

Sacred Heart 0423



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00am – Special Intention Fiona Frank

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Anthony Sulesky

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 2ND Sunday of Advent

7:00am – Nora & Richard McKiever

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Aloysius Witt

11:30am – David & Theresa Nalpadan

1:00pm – Juan Opuencia & Armando Bulaon

5:30pm – All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00am – Bernard Peris

9:00am – George A. Szermer

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00am – “Grateful” Intentions of Rose Cassagnol

9:00am – Rose Battista

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00am – William Curtin

9:00am – Rita Badenchini

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00am – Special Intentions Anita Kalathara

9:00am – Aloysius Witt

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00am – Susan Marie Saladino

9:00am – David Reece

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00am – Rosemarie & Gloria Iozzi

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Robert Colbath

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 3RD Sunday of Advent

7:00am – Frances Rappel

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Christopher Nigro

11:30am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

1:00pm – Frank Doyle

5:30pm – All Parishioners



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially **Ruth Miller, Eugene Fallon and Kathleen Ann Turziano.**