

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

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### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope and pray that your Christmas with family and friends was blessed in every way. I want to thank all of you for making our Christmas celebration here at Sacred Heart so beautiful and joyful.

While the Church began her New Year on the First Sunday of Advent, today we join the rest of the world in celebrating New Year's Day. But today is a Solemnity for us not because it is New Year's Day, but because it is the Octave Day of Christmas when we honor Mary in a special way as the Mother of God. Today is also World Day of Prayer for Peace. And both of these themes for today, Mary the Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace, focus our attention on where it should be - on Jesus, on the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger surrounded by Mary and Joseph.

First, to call Mary the Mother of God turns our attention to Jesus because it expresses our belief in the Incarnation of the Son of God. That baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger is fully God and fully man - the Eternal Word of the Father, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. God and man have become one in the Person of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in giving birth to Jesus, Mary truly gave birth to God. And second, World Day of Prayer for Peace also puts our attention on Jesus because He is the answer to our prayer for Peace. Only Jesus can bring us that Peace which comes from being reconciled to God by the forgiveness of our sins. There will be Peace in our world when there is peace in every human heart, when every heart is filled with the Grace of God and becomes more like the Heart of Jesus, beginning with my own heart.

May 2017 be a year filled with an abundance of Grace and Blessings for every one of you and your families. And may the Peace of our new born Savior be in your hearts throughout the New Year and remain with you forever. *Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

## *Happy New Year!*



### MANY, MANY THANKS

Thank you to all of you for making Christmas so beautiful here and for all you do for our Parish all year long. Special thank you to Mary Peden and the members of our Choir, to all of our cantors and musicians, and to our fabulous children's choir, for making the music at our Christmas Masses so uplifting. Much appreciation goes to all of our Lectors, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Sacristans, and Altar Servers who contribute so much to the beauty and reverence of our Liturgies.

A special thanks to Henry Antonucci for always being there to prepare our Church so beautifully for our Liturgies and to tend to so many details behind the scenes. And thank you to all the volunteers who clean our Church regularly, to the women who tend to the Altar Linens, and to all the volunteers who help make this parish the beautiful and vibrant place that it is. I also want to thank in a special way Christine Schnabel for putting together the children's Christmas Pageant for the 20th year in a row and all of her volunteers. It was an absolutely adorable event, and the children sang their hearts out reminding us all of the beauty and joy of Christmas. And to our wonderful Rectory Staff who work so hard for our Parishioners every day.

And on behalf of Fr. Innocent and Fr. Brian, I want to thank **all of you** for the kindness, love, and support you have shown to us this Christmas with your many gifts, goodies, and cards of good wishes. I also want to thank you for your generous donations to our Parish this Christmas and to the poor, and for your love for God and for our Parish. Thank you for making this Parish such a beautiful place to be.

-Fr. Matthew

## CHANGE IN SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME

As of **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Confession will be from 4:00 to 5:00pm.**

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS Thank You!

We wish to express our gratitude to all who contributed to the Flower decorations for our Church during Christmas. The Altars are beautiful!

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

Closed

**Monday, January 2**

**School Closed**

**Office Closed**

**Novena –Canceled**

**Tuesday, January 3**

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

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

**Wednesday, January 4**

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

**Thursday, January 5**

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

**Friday, January 6 First Friday**

Exposition – 1:00pm

Holy Hour – 7:00pm

**Saturday, January 7**

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

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school

CYO -11am – to 4pm in the gym

**Sunday, January 8**

## **SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS NAME**

**Due to early printing of the bulletin Collection totals will be reported in the upcoming bulletins.**

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TODAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup>

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Today is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America (and Catholic Communications). Please be as generous as possible.



**WASHINGTON D.C.  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**

On the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 27, 2017. Buses will leave from St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at 6 am. We will depart from Washington, D.C., around 6 pm.

**Adults \$30**

**Students \$15**

**For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or 425-1322 (para español). For more info, visit**

**[www.RocklandRTL.org](http://www.RocklandRTL.org)**

## 2016 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2016 from the envelope company if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2016 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. Those who use Parish Pay for giving of donations, statements can be obtained on the website. **Thank you for your generous support!**

## SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC BEGINS JANUARY 8, 2017

### BASKETBALL CLINIC

**The Clinic runs for eight weeks beginning January 8th and runs thru March 1, 2017. Please come 15 minutes prior to first clinic session to register. Cost per child is \$125.00.**

**Grades - K and 1st - 1:30pm to 2:30pm**

**Grade 2 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

## 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. 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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.

## PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Antonio Russo  
Rose L. Capo  
Reda G. Aquilino  
Antonio Stelacci  
Sharon Fisher  
Lisa Marie Johnson  
Joseph Wydia

Joseph Cestone  
Isabella Nicolosi  
Elizabeth Greco  
James Valentino  
Ann Johnson  
Valerie Kalberer-Pryor



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, Luciano Antonucci, 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, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Louis Molinelli, Estella Morales, 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 Peter Veraldo.

### ALTAR MEMORIALS JANUARY 1, 2017

Altar Wines In Memory of

JACK TOWERS

Altar Breads In Memory of

DANIEL GREELEY  
& ANDREW STATHAM

Altar Candles in Memory of

DEACON JOSEPH WITT

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of

ALINE HENDRICKSON

**BOOSTER CLUB WINNER  
WEEK 10- MARGE JONGBLOED**

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am – John Lewandowski

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Deacon Joseph & Thomas Witt

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – John Bukowski, II

10:00am – Mary Chrzanowski

11:30am – Giovanni Iosue

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – **Canceled**

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00am – **Canceled**

9:00am – John & Mary Geelan

7:15pm – **Novena - Canceled**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00am – Lucy Fernandez

9:00am – Tyrone Poole

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00am – Dorothy Peris

9:00am – Special Intentions of the Schnabel & Towers Families

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00am – Vincent Rupolo

9:00am – Elvira Sica

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 First Friday

7:00am – Special Intentions for Rahul Jacob

9:00am – Bernard J. Wysocki

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00am – Rosemary Parisi

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:30pm – Robert O. Colbath

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00am – Parish Memorial

8:30am – Elizabeth Matteotti-Mendolia

10:00am – Serafino Piraneo

11:30am – Deceased Members of the Parisi Family

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Ramona Zuño



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, and religious.