

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 3, 2017

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### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

We look forward to having many of the children and families of our C.Y.O. Basketball Program with us at the 10:00am Mass this Sunday to pray together as a Parish Family at the beginning of a new season. It is a good reminder that there is an intrinsic connection between our Church and the Gym, that everything that happens here under the name of Sacred Heart is rooted in and flows from our union with the Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist. After Mass all are invited to come over to the Gym as we bless the new wood floor and dedicate our newly refurbished Gymnasium to our children and families.

We begin today the beautiful and holy season of Advent, the beginning of a brand-new year in the life of the Church, a new year of Grace, a new opportunity to begin again to live our faith even more fervently and sincerely than we did last year. These weeks of Advent are such a busy time for everyone getting ready for Christmas. However, let us not let all the *exterior* preparations that need to be done cause us to miss the more important *interior* preparation that we are called to in Advent in order to celebrate well and with renewed hearts the birth of our Savior.

The word Advent means, "*coming.*" Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord, Jesus. We know that Jesus came over two thousand years ago as a little baby in Bethlehem. We know, too, that He will come again at the end of time or at the hour of our own death, whichever comes first. But, He has not left us alone until His Second Coming. For He promised, "*I am with you always even until the end of time.*" Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to us in so many ways right here and now, most powerfully in the Sacraments, culminating in the Eucharist, His Real Presence. Jesus also reminded us in last week's Gospel that He comes to us in our fellow human beings who are in need of our love: "*Whatever you did for the least of my people, you did it for me.*"

Jesus' first coming at His Birth in Bethlehem happened very quietly and humbly, and went largely unnoticed by the world. His coming to us right here and now also goes unnoticed by many. But, when He

comes again in Glory to judge the living and the dead no one will miss it, everyone will see Him. It will be a time of great fear or a time of great joy, depending on whether we are prepared for His coming now, and live in His Love every day. We are given this sacred and precious time of Advent to begin again to set things right in our relationship with God, to recommit ourselves to living our faith with all our might, living in the presence of the Lord every day of our lives. May we pray for the Grace to live this Advent Season really well so that we can celebrate Christmas this year better than we ever have before. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

### A SPECIAL ADVENT PROGRAM LESSONS AND CAROLS TODAY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>  
HERE AT SACRED HEART  
AT 6:45PM  
(in the Church after the 5:30pm Mass)**

Come join us in ushering in the Advent season with a special evening of Sacred Scripture, Prayer, and Sacred Music.



### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Season is a time to look forward to Christ's coming. The Advent Wreath is a circle of four candles, each candle representing a week of Advent. The family may gather around the wreath, recite a short prayer and light the appropriate number of candles. As each week passes, one more candle is lit to remind the family that Christ's birthday is getting closer. The purple candles remind us of our need for penance. The Rose candle (third week) reminds us Christmas joy is truly near.

### Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Lord God, Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (Light the 1<sup>st</sup> Purple Candle)

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Thursday, Vigil Mass 5:30pm**  
**Friday, Masses:**  
7:00am, 9:00am, 12:10pm & 7:30pm

**THANK YOU!**

**VINCENT CROTTY FOUNDATION**

We wish to Thank the Vincent Crotty Foundation for the amazing food drive donation to Sacred Heart and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Along with the parishioners of Sacred Heart over 85 families were given Thanksgiving meals and food for a week. We are forever grateful.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent**

**CYO Basketball – 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Monday, December 4**

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

CYO Basketball – 5 to 9pm gym

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

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the Rectory

Novena- 7:15pm

**Tuesday, December 5**

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5- 4:30pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

**Wednesday, December 6**

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's Choir – 5:00pm Church

Choir Practice – 7:00pm Church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

**Thursday, December 7**

Vigil Mass – 5:30pm

**Our Lady's Guild Christmas Party – 6:30pm in the cafeteria**

RCIA -7:00pm in the Rectory

**Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception**

**Masses: 7am 9am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm**

**SHS early dismissal – 11am**

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1:00pm Rectory

**Saturday, December 9**

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

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 11:00am church

**Christmas Tree Lighting – 5:15pm in front of Church**

**Sunday, December 10**

CYO Basketball – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
REHEARSAL  
11AM TO 12:15PM**

**NEXT REHEARSAL DECEMBER 9**

The Pageant will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with a reception following. All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please join us for our Christmas party with former residents of Letchworth Village on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm at the Council Hall (20 Washington Ave.). There will be plenty of food, fun and a visit from Santa. Contact Jerry Reilly 845-709-7423 for more details.



**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", Thursday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception party will follow in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 per person. For information please call Pat Brady at 357-2890. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift and/or cleaning supplies for Birth Right. Thank you for your generosity!

**THE GIVING TREE**



The Giving Tree is an Advent fixture here at Sacred Heart and many other parishes. This effort highlights the generosity of our parishioners towards those who can use some help. Please take one (or more) of the *ornaments* (Tags) and give them a gift from your heart. Your thoughtfulness will bring great joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, needy children, homeless and others in need. Please look for the Giving Tree set up in the back of the Church beginning Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**SACRED HEART PARISH'S  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

On Saturday, December 9, 2017 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 Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to the Sacred Heart rectory office at 357-0035. Meeting place is the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot.

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

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – \$13,883.**

**Last Year's collection-\$13,803.**

**Christ The King-\$14,784.**

**Last Year's Collection- \$14,152.**

**Catholic Charities Campaign -\$4,718.**

**Human Development Last Year -\$4,457**

## 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 9 de diciembre 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:

**BRIANA KIMBERLY BELTRAN**  
Daughter of Ulices and Nery



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Merrie Alfieri, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Helen Bauer, Michael Brady, 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, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Roy Harris, Carrin Holborn, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kiernan, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joe Mondello, Fr. Estella Morales, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Bill Peden, Philomena Pelzer, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, William R. Sichel, Jr., Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Marcus Theoc, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Fr. Wing.**

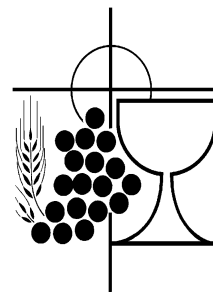
## ALTAR MEMORIALS DECEMBER 3, 2017

Altar Candles  
In Memory of

**FRANK DOYLE**

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

**EILEEN NUNES**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Antonio Russo

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Eileen Nunes

10:00am – Joseph Cestone

11:30am – David & Theresa Nalpadan

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Catherine Halloran

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00am – Margaret Murphy

9:00am – William Halloran

7:15pm – **Novena**

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00am – Roger Mason

9:00am – Jimmy Halloran

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00am – Luke T. Brennan

9:00am – John Renner

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00am – The Soul of Joseph Charles

9:00am – Malvina Taurisano

5:30pm – Vigil Mass- The Deceased Members of the  
Fisher Family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00am – Special Intention Cynthia Huffine

9:00am – Henry Keane

12:10pm – Deacon Joe and Thomas Witt

7:30pm – John Bukowski II

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00am – Daniel J. Meehan

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Nancy & Leonardo Di Re

### SUNDAY, December 10

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Special Intention Fiona Frank

11:30am – Frances Marconi

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Armando Bulaon & Juan Oplencia, Sr.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners,  
family members and loved ones.

**Especially: Judith Wanamaker**