

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year to everyone! We begin today the beautiful and holy season of Advent, the beginning of a brand-new year in the life of the Church, an 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 in order to celebrate well and with renewed hearts the Birth of our Savior.

Advent is a time for us to rekindle in our hearts a burning desire for the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is what the word *Advent* means, the *Coming* of the Lord. Actually, we are called to prepare for what theologians call the *Three Comings of Christ*. *First* is His Coming in *History* over 2000 years ago when He was born of the Virgin Mary as a little baby in Bethlehem which we celebrate with great joy and gratitude at Christmas. *Second* is His Coming in *Majesty* when He will come again in glory at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. And *Third* is His Coming in *Mystery* right here and now in so many ways, most powerfully in the Sacraments, culminating in the supreme gift of the Eucharist.

Jesus' first *Coming* happened very quietly and humbly. His birth in the middle of the night in a tiny town called Bethlehem went largely unnoticed by the world. His second *Coming* is what Jesus speaks of in the Gospel today, when He will come on the clouds in great power and glory to judge the living and the dead. On that day everyone will notice Him, everyone will see Him.

The best way to be prepared for His Coming in Majesty at the end of time is to be prepared every day for His Coming in Mystery right here and now. We are given this sacred and precious time of Advent to begin again to set things right in our relationship with God and to recommit ourselves to living according to His ways every day of our lives. As the Saints put it: to live each day as if it were our last.

Then we will know the Peace for which our world and our hearts are longing, the Peace the Angels announced to the Shepherds on that Holy Night of our dear Savior's Birth. A blessed Advent to everyone! May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

A SPECIAL ADVENT PROGRAM

LESSONS AND CAROLS

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th
HERE AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
AT 6:45PM
(Immediately after the 5:30pm Mass)

Come join us for this prayerful service of Readings from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Music to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior.



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 that 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 1st Purple Candle)

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2018
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, Vigil Mass 5:30pm
(Holy Hour with the Sisters of Life 7-8pm)
Saturday Masses:
7:00am, 9:00am, 12:10pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us this Friday, December 7th, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1:00pm and Holy Hour with the Sisters of Life from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2

Monday, December 3

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, December 4

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, December 5

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

CYO Basketball – 5:00 to 9:00pm gym

Children's Choir Practice – 5:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm

Thursday, December 6

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

HSA- Set up for Marketplace

Friday, December 7 First Friday

School Mass – 9:45am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- 1:00pm

CYO -5:00pm to 9:00pm

Vigil Mass – 5:30pm

Holy Hour and Benediction – 7:00 to 8:00pm

Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

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

CYO Basketball – 9:00am – 2:00 gym

Rel. Ed. – Grades 1 & 2 9:30am

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 11:00am

Sunday, December 9

CYO Basketball – 2pm to 4pm

Lessons & Carols – 6:45pm



THE GIVING TREE IS HERE

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, Franciscan Friars (Youth), Ramapo (The Willows) Manor, Sisters of Life, (mothers and babies) homeless and others in need. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 16th.**

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 14th** at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$25 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!

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 68+ families were given Thanksgiving meals and food for a week. We are forever grateful.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL 11AM TO 12:00PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

The pageant will take place on December 16th at 7pm with a reception following.

RENEW & REBUILD

Every pledge makes a difference. We ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a pledge. Even with the active phase of the campaign coming to an end pledges can still be made at any time. We are 79% of the way to our goal with only 17% of our parishioners having made a pledge so far. If we can greatly increase that percentage of participation, we have great hope of raising the remaining \$395,00 dollars to reach our goal and accomplish some wonderful things for our Church.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

33rd Sunday – \$13,617.
Last Year's collection-\$13,883.

Christ The King-\$13,258.
Last Year's Collection- \$14,784.

Catholic Charities Campaign -\$4,446.
Last Year -\$4,718.

ALBERTUS MAGNUS ON THE MOVE!

Come See The New **AM**
TAKE A TOUR THURSDAYS

Take-a-Tour Thursdays Program provides a great opportunity for parents to learn what sets Albertus apart from all other high schools. December 6th, December 13th, January 3rd, January 10th.

This program will include a 15-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute guided tour. Visit www.albertusmagnus.net for details.

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 21 de diciembre 2018 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:

LANDON WELLES ELLSWORTH
Son of Matthew and Elizabeth



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Baby Ty, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Kelly Collins, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene and Fred Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Carrin Holborn, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Shace Paljusevic, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Fr. Wing, Marie Witt, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS DECEMBER 2, 2018

Altar Breads In Memory of

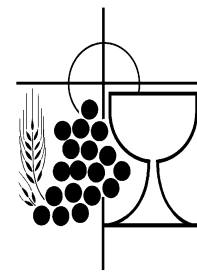
ANGELO PERRONE

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

JAMES & SHEILA MCDERMOTT

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 23- ANN CASTELLANO



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00am – Dennis Decker

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Margaret & Anthony Lippiello

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Mary Patricia McNamara

10:00am – Lester Bernstein

11:30am – Jim McDermott

1:00pm – Pauline & Tom Callahan

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00am – Marian Dale

9:00am – Rit Tanner

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00am – Frank Doyle

9:00am – Catherine Halloran

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00am – Jean N. Lamoriciere Rene

9:00am – Margaret Murphy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00am – Joseph Balducci

9:00am – John Renner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 First Friday

7:00am – Adelaida Santiago & Sandra Torres

9:00am – Craig Handwerker

9:45 – Sacred Heart School Mass

1:00pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30pm – Vigil Mass – Jozefa Sobilo

7:00pm – Holy Hour and Benediction

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception

7:00am – All Parishioners

9:00am – Special Intentions Cynthia Huffine

12:10pm – Marion Lauterborn

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30pm -Salvatore Candela

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – John Bukowski, II

11:30am – Mary Jane Newman

1:00pm – Victor & Angela Musso

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: Especially: **Geraldine Del Mastro, Robert Andrew Bubser, Cruz Gonzalez.**