

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Advent got off to a great start last weekend. The tree lighting on Saturday night and the parade in the village on Sunday night was so much fun, and Sacred Heart was well represented with a beautifully decorated float and our children singing songs that proclaimed the true meaning of Christmas. I need to thank Christine Schnabel for all the work she did putting this together, as she does for everything, and all the volunteers who stepped up to help.

Now we come to the Second Sunday of Advent when each year the Gospel takes us back to the Jordan River and the preaching of John the Baptist. The people of Israel patiently waited for centuries for the promised Messiah to come. All the prophets spoke of His coming up until John the Baptist, who pointed Him out when at last He came. John appeared in the desert proclaiming a "*baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*" John is the Voice crying out in the wilderness: "*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*" At the heart of our Advent preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas is to make straight the path of His coming into our hearts by clearing away those things in our lives that get in the way.

John's message is *repentance* and *conversion*. Real conversion begins with the desire to turn toward the Lord and come closer to Him. This requires turning away from sin by cultivating a sincere sorrow for our sins, and then turning toward Jesus by coming to Him to receive His Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where He takes those sins away and comes straight into our hearts, filling us with Sanctifying Grace as on the day of our Baptism. How many people deprive themselves of this gift of inner peace and joy that nothing in this world could ever give. In his first general audience in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis said: "*Jesus has this message for us: Mercy. I think – and I say it with humility – that this is the Lord's most powerful message: Mercy. It was He, Himself, who said: 'I did not come for the righteous...I came for sinners.'* The Lord never tires of forgiving: never! It is we who tire of asking His forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving."

Mary is another great Advent figure who has so much to teach us. We just celebrated the Solemnity of Her *Immaculate Conception* yesterday. From the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Mary was free from sin and filled with Grace. One hundred and one years ago at Fatima, Mary told us that her Immaculate Heart would triumph in the end over all

the evil in the world. For a heart like Mary's - pure, humble, undefiled, free from sin and filled with Grace - is more powerful than all the evil in the world and the only way to true and lasting Peace. May we live Advent well and make a good Confession so that we can arrive at Christmas with a heart a little more like the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, her Son, and experience in our hearts that Peace the Angels proclaimed to the Shepherds on the Night of our Dear Savior's Birth. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

A SPECIAL ADVENT PROGRAM

LESSONS AND CAROLS

TONIGHT 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.



Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord stir up our hearts to prepare the way of your beloved Son, so that, through His coming on earth, we may serve you always with pure intentions. We ask this though Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son.

(Someone lights two purple candles.)

THE GIVING TREE

This effort highlights the generosity of our parishioners towards those who can use some help. The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, needy children, homeless and others in need. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 16th.**

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2018

Monday, December 17– 4:00 to 8:00pm

Reconciliation Monday
(Blessed Sacrament will be exposed)

Friday, December 21st – 12:00 noon to 1:00pm

Saturday, December 22– 3:00 to 5:00pm

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Emily Cifichiello	Peter Patrick O'Buck, Jr.
Mike Cirafici	Martinho de Jesus Pereira
Mildred J. Vero	Grace Manuele
Peter Patrick O'Buck, Jr.	William Lazerus
Maria Michelotti-Costa	Joan B. Maloney
William Lazerus	Ruth M. Kelly
Doris Codispoti	

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9

Lessons & Carols – 6:45pm

Monday, December 10

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, December 11

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, December 12

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 13

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

SHS Christmas Concert – 7:00pm

Friday, December 14

SH School Early dismissal – 11:00am

CYO -5:00pm to 9:00pm

Our Lady's Guild Christmas Party – 5:30pm

Saturday, December 15

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 16

CYO Basketball – 2pm to 4pm

Christmas Pageant – 7:00pm

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 5:30pm 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!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL

11AM TO 12:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

DRESS REHEARSAL

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2017

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24 for Christmas

4:00pm in the Church and School

5:30pm in the Church Only

12:00pm Midnight Mass

(Choir sings at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

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

11:30am, 1:00pm

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

(December 26, 9am Morning Mass Only)

SISTERS OF LIFE

38 Montebello Rd., Suffern

December 21, 2018

7:00pm to 8:30pm

The Sister of Life here in Suffern Cordially invite all the parishioners of Sacred Heart to a Christmas Caroling Open House. Come enjoy some hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas Cheer.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

1st Sunday of Advent - \$14,721.

Last Year's Collection - \$15,849.

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the following people for their help in preparing the float, allowing us to be a part of the Suffern Christmas Parade on Sunday. Scott Bisig, Mr. Provenza, Jerry Riley, Steve McNally, Barry Tesseyman, The Del Duca's The Campagna's Buckwild towing and Chief Osborn and all the volunteers who helped decorate.

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 Thursday, December 20. **Deadline for donations: Sunday, December 16.** Thank you.

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 children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

DAMIEN GABRIEL GOLDSTEIN

Son of Scott and Patricia

AUBREE NICOLE BURGER

Daughter of Richard and Jessica

MICHAEL K. UKWU

Son of Philip and Vivian

CHRISTINA ONYEWU

Daughter of Ebere and Cynthia

LIARA SOL PETERSON

Daughter of Anvers and Christine



*Remember
Our Sick*

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.

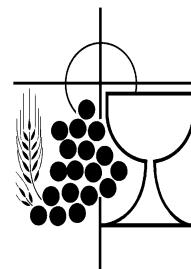


ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

LESTER BERNSTEIN



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00am – Special Intentions Fiona Frank

9:00am – Michael Hetherington

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am – Stephen & Paula Gangone & Pat & Tony Chiulli

9:00am – Osvaldo Maldonado

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00am – Robert Chamberlain

9:00am – William Halloran

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00am – Towers & Schnabel Families

9:00am – Nancy Collins

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00am – Robert Rossmann

9:00am – Lester Bernstein

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00am – Special Intentions Anita Kalathara

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Robert O. Colbath

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Deceased Members of the Curtin & Goodfellow families

10:00am – Ann Jefferson

11:30am – Nora Darcy

1:00pm – Richard Doran

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: Especially: **Frank Tarantino, John Patrick Miller.**