

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 16, 2018

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

*“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! The Rose-colored vestments the priest wears today and the lighting of the Rose-colored candle on the Advent Wreath (I prefer to call it Rose rather than pink) is a sign of Joy. And if you want to experience the joy of Christmas in a very beautiful way, come to the Christmas Pageant tonight here in the Church by the children of our parish as they tell the story of our dear Savior’s birth as only children can. It is such an adorable event, and I cannot thank Christine Schnabel enough for all the work she has put into this for the past 21 years.

We do have to admit, though, that with all the trials and anxieties that come with living, there are many times we feel like anything but joyful. However, true Christian Joy is not rooted in this world, but in God. It does not depend on what happens to us in this world, but on the presence of God among us and within us. The cause of our joy on this *“Gaudete Sunday”* is that Jesus is close at hand. 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. As the Saints often said, *“Joy is the infallible sign of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.”*

The Joy we are talking about is an inner peace that remains even in the midst of all the problems we are dealing with in our lives, that nothing in this world could ever give or take away. Sin is the great destroyer of this inner peace. 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 this week (please see the schedule of extended times for Confession in this bulletin).

On a final note, as Christmas is almost here, I want to take this moment to thank you for your generous support of our parish. As you can see

from the bulletin each week, our weekly collections are trending down. Like every parish we rely heavily on the special gifts made to the parish at Christmas and Easter to continue to meet our demanding financial obligations. Whatever you are able to do this Christmas, please know how needed and appreciated it is. Above all, please know I am sincere when I say that the best contribution of all is your faith, your prayers, your love and your presence here with us at Sunday Mass all year long. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

### CHRISTMAS MASSES 2018

#### *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)**



### 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)

### SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2018

**Monday, December 17– 4:00 to 8:00pm**

**Reconciliation Monday**

**(Blessed Sacrament will be exposed)**

**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – 12:00 noon to 1:00pm**

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3:00 to 5:00pm**

## CHRISTMAS AT SACRED HEART

Christmas Flower envelopes are available in the back of the Church to donate for the poinsettias on the Altar during the Christmas Season in loving memory of a loved one. Envelopes for a Christmas gift to the parish are also available. Thank you for your goodness to our Parish.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



**TODAY**  
**7:00PM**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Come join the children of the parish as they tell the story of Our Lord's Jesus's Birth in word and song.

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, December 16**

Christmas Pageant – 7:00pm

#### **Monday, December 17**

##### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

**CONFESSIONS 4:00PM TO 8:00PM**

**(Blessed Sacrament exposed throughout)**

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

#### **Tuesday, December 18**

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

#### **Wednesday, December 19**

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 20**

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

#### **Friday, December 21**

SH School Early dismissal – 11:00am

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

#### **Saturday, December 22**

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

CYO Basketball – 9:00am – 2:00 gym

#### **Sunday, December 23**

CYO Basketball – 2pm to 4pm gym

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

**Deadline for donations: Today, December 16.**

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. Thank you.

### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**2nd Sunday of Advent - \$13,329.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$14,546.**

**2nd Collection Retired Religious- \$5,072.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$4,916.**

**Immaculate Conception Collection – \$4,104.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$4,157.**

### 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.

### VINCENT LINGUANTI SONS OF ITALY

We thank the Sons of Italy here in Rockland County for their generous donation of food to feed the needy among us this Christmas! God Bless us one and all!

### THE GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE TODAY

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 TODAY.**

### CAMPS BERNADETTE & FATIMA

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer season. Camps are located in the Lakes Region of NH. For further information please contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email [brendan@bfcamp.com](mailto:brendan@bfcamp.com).

### PARAMUS CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL

***Congratulations to our Young parishioners!***

**GRACE MATTERN  
JASMINE THOMAS PETIT  
MICHAEL DEPAOLO  
KENYATTA LORVIL  
BRIANNA THOMAS**

### 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 19 de enero 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE  
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:  
1-800-723-8331 [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)



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, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenemy, 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.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: Especially: **Joan Sheridan, Victoria Cipollina and Jennie Jannicelli.**

**ALTAR MEMORIALS  
DECEMBER 16, 2018**

**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of  
DONNA & RICHARD HALLETT**

**BOOSTER CLUB**

**WEEK 25 – VINCENT ROMAGNOLI**



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

9:00am – Special Intentions Anita Kalathara

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Robert O. Colbath

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 RECONCILIATION**

7:00am – Alex Jeanty

9:00am – Rosemarie & Gloria & Iozzi Family

7:15pm – Novena

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

7:00am – Christopher Nigro

9:00am – James Halloran

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:00am – Mark Ivezay

9:00am – Paula Panico

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20**

7:00am – Margaret Billy

9:00am – Giordano Sorgo

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21**

7:00am – Florence & Charles Marsalisi

9:00am – Deceased Members of the Fisher Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:00am – Eileen & Arthur Fields

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:30pm – Grace Rozzi

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Stephen & Paula Gangone  
Pat & Tony Chiulli

10:00am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

11:30am – Foster Family

1:00pm – Joseph & Filomena & Antonio Russo

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society