

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Sacred Heart:

In beginning the Advent season today, we also begin a new Church year. 2020 is still a month away, and yet, for the Church, the year revolves not around a date—in this case, January 1—but rather around a person, that person being Jesus Christ, whose birth we await at Christmas, and whom each of us has accepted as Savior through our Baptism and especially through the personal commitment we make to Him through our lives of faith. The Advent season is, as we know, a four-week anticipation of the birth of the Savior represented by the four candles of our Advent wreath which we place close to the altar, candles which we will successively light as the weeks go by, signifying that Jesus is the light that shows us the way along the path of life, and leads us to the spiritual goal that we seek. Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, and yet it is marked by a certain restraint, perhaps conditioned by the words of the Advent readings to remain awake and vigilant. So, our liturgical vestments are a subdued violet or purple in color, and we omit the Gloria from our Sunday Masses so that it will sound fresh and new when we sing it once again on Christmas Day.

The great Biblical witnesses of the Advent season are the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament and John the Baptist in the New Testament. As the days go by, Isaiah will speak to us words of peace. We will be invited to climb the Lord's mountain and to enter his holy house. Isaiah goes on to predict that there will be unity and harmony among peoples and nations, that swords will be turned into plows and spears into pruning hooks—in other words that the works of our hands will no longer be used as weapons of war to injure and destroy, but as tools to cultivate the earth to procure food to satisfy those who are hungry. But, as Isaiah cautions, this wonderful transformation of the earth and of the human community will only take place if we allow God to instruct us in his ways so that we may walk in his paths, the only paths that lead to true peace. John the Baptist will take the stage next Sunday; for the Second Sunday of Advent is the day when the Baptist comes on the scene and reminds us forcefully that to walk securely in the ways of God and to reach that goal of peace we must change our behavior and especially change our attitudes: to experience conversion of mind and of heart. May we hear the voice of God, spoken through the prophets, and resolve during this Advent season to begin once

again that spiritual work of renewal within ourselves, so that Jesus may be born into our world once again through the testimony of our lives and the light of our good works.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

A SPECIAL ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
HERE AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
AT 7:00PM**

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
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2019
(NOT A Holy Day of Obligation)**

Monday Masses:

7:00am, 9:00am, 12:10pm & 7:30pm

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Louise Riviezzo	Kay Moore
Louis & Anne Albelman	Francis Blake
Kathryn Hetherington	Anne Ell
Carrin Holborn	Lucy Matrone
Loretta Harrington	Packie Caulfield
Shana Marie Thompson	Richard Pagliughi
Christine & Dick Corcillo	Shane Hyland
Thomas Mortiaty	James Robbins
Harold "Hack" Gravius	Ralph Cipriani
Hugo D'Andrea	

TODAY

CHRISTMAS WREATH & CENTERPIECE FUNDRAISER

Join us for our 2ND Christmas Wreath and Centerpiece Fundraiser. Wreaths come decorated and undecorated. We also have 2 types of centerpieces. We will have a range of wreaths to choose from and one of a kind Christmas cards which have all been created from stained glass windows in our church and of the church itself. Please help support our parish!

GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD HANDCRAFTED FROM THE HOLY LAND

The Christians from the Holy Land have been memorializing pilgrimages to the Holy Land through the use of olive wood and mother of pearl souvenirs for many years. As you may be aware Christians in the Holy Land are a very small percentage and your support through the purchase of these beautiful souvenirs will great support them. They also make fantastic Christmas Gifts.!

THE GIVING TREE

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 15^h.**



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 11AM TO 12:15PM SATURDAYS



Next rehearsal is December 7 at 11am in the Church. The Pageant will be on December 15th at 7pm with a reception following. All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1

Christmas Fundraiser

Monday, December 2

Rel Ed. – 6th Grade 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Rel Ed. – 7th Grade 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Novena – Advent evening of Prayer

Tuesday, December 3

CYO – 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Rel. Ed. Grades 3–5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Choir – 7:00pm – Church Loft

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, December 4

RCIA – Rectory 7:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, December 5

CYO Basketball – gym 5:30 to 9:00pm

Friday, December 6 First Friday

Exposition- 1:00pm

Holy Hour -7pm

Our Lady's Guild Christmas Party – cafeteria 6:00pm

Saturday, December 7

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

First Saturday Confessions and Rosary- 4:00pm

Village Christmas Parade – 6:30pm

OUR LADY'S GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join Our Lady's Guild on Friday, December 6 at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria for our annual Christmas party. The cost is \$25. Mail checks made out to "Our Lady's Guild" to Kathy Witt at 41 Milford Lane, Suffern, NY 10901. Please bring an unwrapped donation of baby clothing or cleaning supplies for donation to Birthright. For additional information please call Kathy Witt at 845-357-6460.

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 many families were given Thanksgiving meals and food for a week. Thank you!

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

Due to Early Printing of bulletin total will be reported in future bulletins.

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 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

AUSTIN ERIC PARISI

Son of Steven and Allison



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, 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.

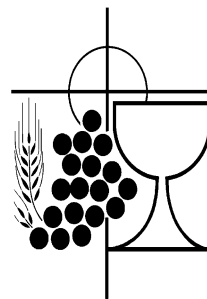
ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Altar Breads In Memory of
ANGELO PERRONE

Altar Candles In Memory of
SALVATORE CANDELA

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
PALMA M. & HENRY J. HECK



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Sofia & Luigi Gallo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 Advent

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Stanislavia Morone

10:00am – Joseph Balducci

11:30am – Ron Allen

1:00pm – Terrence Ryan

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00am – Joseph B. Varano

9:00am – Lucian Antonucci

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00am – Wilber & Marione Chardonette

9:00am – Joe Randazzo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00am – Frank Doyle

9:00am – Genevieve & Robert Gise

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00am – Fermin Diaz

9:00pm – Evelyn Rourke

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 First Friday

7:00am – Mario DiSiena

9:00am – John Renner

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00am – Adelaida Santiago

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Aniela & Stanislaw Sobilo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 2nd Advent

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Special Intention Alan Petukh

10:00am – Special Intention Cynthia Huffine

11:30am – Elizabeth Hurley

1:00pm – Armando Bulaon & Juan Opulencia, Sr.

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society



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

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 17- SYLVIA FAZIO**