

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

From the Desk of the Priests:

Dear brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

In beginning the Advent season today, we also begin a new Church year. 2021 is still almost 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 a four-week anticipation of the birth of the Savior represented by the four candles we traditionally place near our 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 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 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 Advent Season is one of God's ways of telling us that He wants us to be happy—that he is moved by our suffering and sadness, and that He wants to help us discover the thing we are really searching for—what will give us ultimate meaning, purpose, and fulfillment; what will really bring happiness to our all-too-brief lives. God's answer to our desire for happiness is the announcement of a new beginning, a beginning heralded by the Old Testament prophets and realized in the person of Jesus Christ, whom we honored last week under the image of a King, who rules not by authority but by service, and whom we will shortly embrace in the form of a child in whose birth we are called to see the answer to our desire for a life freed from the burdens of our human condition; in whose birth we are called to see a hope and a joy that can never be taken away; and in whose birth we are called to see the fulfillment of God's promise to overcome even death through an all-encompassing act of self-sacrificing and unconditional love for each one of us.

St. Augustine dares to say that we all have the potential of being not only a child of God but also a parent of God by allowing Jesus to be born into our lives, and through us, to be born into our world. How does this happen? We allow Jesus to be born into our lives every time we turn to the Father in prayer, asking for the strength to be truthful, to be generous,

and to be forgiving. We allow Jesus to be born into our lives whenever our thoughts go beyond our own immediate wants and needs to reach out and minister to the wants and needs of others, and we allow Jesus to be born into our lives when we can see even in the midst of our own very personal pain and trial—from the summit of our own Calvary—the God who loves us and invites us to believe in the power of His love for us, *enfleshed* in the child to be born at Christmas.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR



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)



FUNDRAISER

IN MEMORY OF TREE

We will be honoring all those lost this year with a remembrance ornament displayed on a beautiful Birch Tree, which will be placed in the Church in front of the Tabernacle throughout the Advent and Christmas season. If you wish to have a loved one represented on the tree, please look for a form in the back of the church and fill out the bottom portion of the form and return it to the rectory office. A donation of any kind would be gratefully accepted.



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER TODAY

CLASSIC WREATHS, GRAVE BLANKETS,
CROSSES, CENTERPEICES AND
GREETING CARDS

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

These will all add warmth and fragrance to your homes during the Christmas season. Let's make Christmas extra special this year especially due to the Corona Virus. These will be on sale November 29th the *First Sunday of Advent*. We will also pick our \$10,000 Raffle winner on the 29th.



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, Ramapo Manor, Sisters of Life and the homeless and others in need. **Gifts are due by Friday, December 18th.**

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Kenneth Howell
Alan Landgren
Ann Maria Van Dunk
Arthur Broadus
Barbara Hojhus
Richard H. Pinney
Robert Mancinelli
Susan E. Turgeon

A SPECIAL ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2020



(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 7th Vigil Mass:5:30pm
9:00am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 1

Mass at 9am

Tuesday, December 2

Mass at 9am

Wednesday, December 3

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, December 4

Mass at 9:00am

Friday, December 5

Mass at 9:00am

Saturday, December 6- 12:00pm Holy Rosary

THANK YOU!

VINCENT CROTTY FOUNDATION

We wish to Thank the Vincent Crotty Foundation for the amazing food drive donations to Sacred Heart and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Along with the parishioners of Sacred Heart and the Suffern Foundation many families were given Thanksgiving meals and food for a week. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

SUFFERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We wish to send out a big thank you to **The Suffern Community Foundation** along with the **Girl Scouts** for their help with our Thanksgiving Food Drive to assist the needy in our area. Blessings to All!

FORMED

FAITH AT HOME

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND
ONLINE

To register: Go to FORMED.org/signup - Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish, enter your name and email and you are ready to go.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

LUCIA AND FRANCESCA DE LALLA

Daughters of Joseph and Therese

ALLAN MATTHEW CONSTANZA

Son of Mirna



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna

Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Tyler Borenkoff, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Daryl Pack, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

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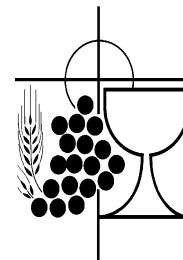
Altar Candles In Memory of
PALMA & HENRY HECK

Altar Breads In Memory of
JANET SCHWARTZ



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

Especially:



**9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
SUNDAYS**

**8:30AM, 11:30AM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Palma & Henry Heck /
Andrew Haggerty, Jr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30am – Stanley & Wanda Kowalski /
Renato Gentile

10:00am – Spanish Mass

11:30am – Jane Sama

1:00pm – Robert G. Holodak, Sr.

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00am – Special Intention Isabel Doris Towers

7:15pm – **NO Novena**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00am –

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00am –

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00am – Mary Catherine Peterson

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00am – Frank Doyle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30pm – Vigil Mass –

Neil Schouten / Evelyn Rourke

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30am – Deceased Members of the
Curtin & Goodfellow Families/
Edmond & Ann Marie Aviles

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – John Renner

1:00pm – Eileen Nunes

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

Booster Club

Week 11 –MARION ZAVORSKI

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

TOTALS REPORT IN FUTURE BULLETINS