

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Sacred Heart:

How is it possible it is already the fourth Sunday of Advent? We are still in the "waiting period." We are awaiting the birth of our Savior. We still have three days of letting His impending birth stir our souls.

Today's leading man in the Gospel is Joseph, the husband of Mary. The man does not utter a single word in Holy Scripture. He does not have to. Divine Revelation informed him via a dream of his remarkable role in salvation's history. Could anybody blame Joseph if he had chosen to shun Mary and divorce her? She was pregnant and the child is not his. God calmed Joseph in a dream and assured the importance of his role in taking Mary into his home. After the revelation, Joseph awoke and did as the angel told him. I wonder what the dialogue was between he and Mary since that revelation came into being? The two of them must have been saying things like: "What is happening?" They likely made statements also such as: "I am frightened." I totally understand those feelings!

It is unlikely that any of us will receive a dream as profoundly deep as Joseph's. However, when we read God's Word and ponder on it and let it truly sink in, we can respond like Joseph in obedience and in love for Almighty God and for one another!

Continuing our Advent prayer together,

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

Entrance Antiphon:

***Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
And let the clouds rain down the Just One;
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.***

Responsorial Psalm:

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promise of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: forever will confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.

Communion Antiphon:

***Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.***



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE ADVENT WREATH

O Lord stir up your might and come. Aid us with your powerful assistance so that, through your grace and merciful forgiveness, we may attain salvation which now is hindered by our sins; you who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God forever and ever. (Someone lights all the candles.)

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24 for Christmas

2:30pm in the Church

4:00pm in the Church

5:30pm in the Church Only

7:00pm in Spanish in the Church

12:00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am (in Spanish),

11:30am, 1:00pm

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

(December 26, 12:00pm – Holy Rosary)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Vigil Mass – 5:30pm

Friday, January 1st, 2021

8:30AM, 10:00AM (Spanish), 11:30AM

1:00PM

NO 5:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Merry

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Angels we have heard on high!

Dear Parish Family:

What an unprecedented year! We have been tried but Almighty God never leaves our side. Our heartfelt prayer and Mass offerings to all who died of complications of CoVid-19 and for those who continue to suffer. May our Savior's Birth be a constant reminder of our urgent need to be steadfast in prayer and of outreach to one another, especially the poor and the unborn. Still we remain blessed to share in the celebration of Christmas with you at Sacred Heart! May His Light shine upon you and yours during this holy and grace-filled season and may the New Year bring you health and joy!

In His Grace,

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY,

Rev. J. Michael Rafferty, Pastor
Rev. Eric Crelencia, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Gruben, Assistant

Village of Suffern

Office of the Mayor

May the Joy of the Holiday Season be with You and Your Family!

Sincerely,
Edward Markunas, Mayor

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 20

Monday, December 21 Reconciliation Monday
Confessions 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Tuesday, December 22 –

Wednesday, December 23 –

Thursday, December 26 – Office closes at 2pm

Friday, December 25- *MERRY CHRISTMAS*

Saturday, December 26

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

Sunday, December 27

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'
NAME

Due to early printing of bulletin collection totals
will be announced in future bulletins.

Christmas!

SACRED HEART
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

May the Christ Child Bless
our Parish Family with Peace and Joy
this Christmas Season and
throughout the New Year.

With Love & Prayers,
Sacred Heart
Religious Education Program

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Blessings to the many who so generously donated both time and food this year. The generosity in this most trying of times is truly inspiring. Our efforts reflect **your generosity** to the many less fortunate as we strive to help them in Christ's name. Blessings to you All and may your generosity be both an example to others and may you receive that generosity back two-fold. May the God Lord grant you peace and Joy.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Although we are not meeting in person this year, we want to send thoughts of good cheer, peace, and health to All.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

For the last Six years our parish has been blessed with the efforts of a group of parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart who have created and labored to make shawls for those in our midst who are suffering. To date 650 Shawls have been made, blessed and distributed to those who are suffering. If you know of anyone who would be comforted by a Prayer Shawl, please contact the rectory office. This beautiful, loving group send All at Sacred Heart prayers of Love, Peace, Joy and health.

SALESIAN COMMUNITY OF
DON BOSCO PREP

On behalf of all of us here at Don Bosco Prep, we wish you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas with health and happiness in the New Year.

Fr. Jim Heuser
Director/President



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, 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.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES
9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM – (SPANISH)

LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
 5:30pm – Vigil Mass –
 Paula Panico / Richard Doran

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
 8:30am – Anthony “Tony” Amalfitano/
 Lester Bernstein
 10:00am – Spanish
 11:30am – Jane Sama
 1:00pm – Ruth & Richard Miller
 5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 Reconciliation Monday
 9:00am – Joan Doyle
 4:00pm – Confessions to 8:00pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22
 9:00am – Charles & Florence Marsalisi

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23
 9:00am – Vincent Cangelose/
 Catherine, Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve
 9:00am – Frances & Peter Marconi /
 Mary & John McGovern
2:30pm – 4:00pm – 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Spanish)
12:00am -Midnight – All Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 Merry Christmas
7:00am - 8:30am – 10:00am (Spanish)
11:30am, 1:00pm – All Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
12:00pm – Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 VIGIL MASS
 5:30pm – Aline Hendrickson /
 Harold “Hack” Gravius

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
 8:30am – Michael Califano /
 Bukowski & Graff Families
 10:00am – Spanish Mass
 11:30am – Palma & Henry Heck
 1:00pm – Ruth & Richard Miller
 5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



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 20, 2020

Altar Wines in Memory of
HENRY & JEAN BUKOWSKI
 , Altar Breads IN Memory of
ANTHONY & THERESA GRAFF
 Altar Candles In Memory of
JOHN BUKOSWKI, II
 Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
PALMA & HENRY HECK



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

Booster Club
Week 14 – ELIZABETH FERGUSON