

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME.

-- Mark 13:33



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Vigil Mass for 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = deceased members of the O'Donnell and Coughlin families

Sunday, Nov. 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = Frank Brescia (*happy birthday in heaven*)

9:00 a.m. = Michael Poyntz

10:30 a.m. = All Souls Day intentions

12:00 Noon = Marie Feminella



Monday, Dec. 1 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Bernard A. Iamatteo (*happy birthday in heaven*)

Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Frank Davitt

Wednesday, Dec. 3 – St. Francis Xavier-Priest

8:30 a.m. = Juan Suizo (*1st anniversary in heaven*)

Thursday, Dec. 4 - St. John Damascene-Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. = Marie Gilmartin (*1st anniversary in heaven*)

Friday, Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday; First Friday

8:30 a.m. = Josefina R. Diaz

Saturday, Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas-Bishop; First Saturday

9:00 a.m. = Josephine & Raffael Palumbo and Yolanda Cippola

Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Anna Makar

Sunday, Dec. 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = Charles Smith

9:00 a.m. = Louise Milza

10:30 a.m. = Joan Krause (*1st anniversary in heaven*)

12:00 Noon = Edward Bauer

Weekly Collections

our Parish Family's support on
Nov. 22-23, 2014

Not available due to Thanksgiving holiday's early printing requirement

This week the **Bread and Wine** are offered at all the Masses in memory of

Joseph Cirincione

as requested by

Joseph and Gregoria Di Maria



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning before the tabernacle is given in memory of

Frederick Huston

as requested by

his wife Viola and the Knudsen children

Keep our troops—and the families at home who support them—in your prayers:



SR Francis S. Cummings - USN

SR Michael J. Cummings - USN

Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF

Francesca DiSimone-Reich - U.S. Army

Michael Di Simone Biggins - U.S. Army

Ryan Foley - USMC

Lt. Col. Jay La Pore - U. S. Air Force in Japan

Col. Patrick J. Mahaney - U.S. Army

Prescod Montgomery - U. S. Army in Iraq

Ensign II Steven Passignajen-Trimble—U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf

Darrin Sack

Major Michael Volpe - U.S. Army



Prayer for the sick is so important.—those anticipating a hospital stay, the homebound in our parish, and in our families. Please keep this list of the sick near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

Victor Andrea, Carol Barbaro, Mary Bhatia, Tito Borrero, Elaine Boyle, MaryAnne Christopher, Frances Cirincione, Joseph Corrigan, Kathleen Coughlin, Stephen Cucci, Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Charles Didonato, Connie Gorrasi, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Pat O'Connell, Amy O'Donnell, Mario Paralta, Joseph Palumbo, Cheryl Perniciaro, Carmela Rogan, Lauranne Scholing, Emil Sentfleben, Louise Stanley, Marian Tessa



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Winter's early cue caught us all a bit by surprise. It has reminded us, however, of the mixed

feelings we have about this fall season. All Hallow's Day itself gave us the kind of autumn weather we all enjoy. There is great beauty in this season as the crisp clean air from the ocean or out of the north refreshes us. At the same time we begin to notice the cost of gas or oil as we fire up our furnaces.

The change of seasons reminds us of the unstoppable course of our lives. There is great beauty in the wisdom and accomplishments of old age. Retirement brings freedom to do those things one doesn't have time for while working and raising children. (Grandchildren are a delight, but they do eventually go home to their parents and the task of dealing with the ways they have so recently been spoiled!) At the same time, we face our own mortality in ways we never reflected on before. We begin to lose friends, and even our dearest ones. Even those of us who are younger feel, especially in fall, a quiet and soft but real nagging that we are mortal and all life is limited.

Our liturgy at this time of year seeks to help us deal with this mixture of feelings and perceptions in a positive and faith-filled way. We just celebrated the victory of life for our beloved dead in All Saints and allowed ourselves to feel the sadness of their passing at All Souls. This Sunday the Readings remind us of the need to be prepared to encounter Christ when our own great moment comes. Next Sunday we will let ourselves think somberly about the last judgment, but the Sunday following we will celebrate our faith that the Christ who will come in judgment is the Christ who gave his own life in order that we might live in joy and love forever.

I like both the liturgies and the weather of this harvest season. They are sobering but hope-filled at the same time. Our faith assures us that like the autumn leaves we will eventually leave this world to those who come after us, but we will do so in a blaze of glory and in hope of an everlasting rebirth.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

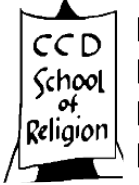
What's up with C.C.D.?

Sacrament of



Confirmation

Friday,
November 21, 2014



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| Brandon Auerbach | Anthony DeRobertis |
| Katelyn Patricia Carpenter | Luke Ferguson |
| Angela Chavez | Andrew Hionas |
| Cayla Cruz | Nicholas Rivera |
| Liana Sciara | |

Our young people have been led by the Lord Jesus to the place where the Spirit flourishes, and where the gifts of the Spirit are most easily detectable. St. Sylvester Parish Family celebrates their joy and prays they may use these gifts often and wisely.

We're off again for a day full of fun . . .

Sands Casino & Outlets in Bethlehem, PA

Tuesday, December 9th



Our chartered bus will leave at 10:00 AM

Cost: \$35 - Rebate: \$20 in chips & \$5 for food

Stop by the Parish House Office to make arrangements

**WAGNER COLLEGE CHOIRS
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

present

The Glories of the Season

A Very Special Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 7 at 4 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church

309 St. Paul's Avenue, S. I.

Concert is open to the public. Suggested donation: \$15.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles

has now moved to Holy Family Parish

Meetings of Saint Francis Catholic Singles', for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, are now held at our new location—Holy Family Parish, 366 Watchogue Rd., S.I., Join us for our **Christmas Party** on Fri. night,

Dec. 12 at **The Manor Restaurant**, 917 Manor Rd., S.I. Price is \$50 per person. Mail checks made out to 'CASH' by Dec. 6th with your name, phone # and e-mail to: Holy Family Parish. ATTN.: Singles Christmas Party, 366 Watchogue Rd., S.I., NY 10314. For more info. see our website: www.gsgpsi.org, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or e-mail sfcs@gmail.com.

Feast of the

Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec. 8th - Holy Day of Mass obligation

Mass Schedule on Monday:

9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: there will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday

