

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
5:00 MARY IANNUCCI 2ND ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
8:30 RAYMOND G. SYKES
10:00 MARGARET & GEORGE & THOMAS KOPF
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 JOHN R. KUBASEK
5:00 WILLIAM C. FRANZ 4TH ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SR. TERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIEDEL
9:00 SHEILA O'LEARY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00 FELICIANO BERNABE
9:00 WILLIAM GORMAN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:00 HELEN E. PIEROG
9:00 JOSEPH LAZICKI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:00 CORINNE A. O'BRIEN & DICK KENNEDY
9:00 DENNIS PETERSON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
7:00 MARGUERITE TARASOVIS
9:00 MSGR. ANDREW F. QUINN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
9:00 RAY & MILDRED VITACCO
5:00 PHILIP & MARGHERITA FRABOTTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:00 ANDRE ROC JUDY
8:30 THANKSGIVING OF THE APOE FAMILY
10:00 MICHAEL MUSTILLO, JR.
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 XUE QIANG ZHEN
5:00 VICTORIA EDERA

The Bread and Wine are for Special Intentions for the Mohrmann Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of William Franz requested by his Family.

Lectors December 21 and 22

Saturday, December 21

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, December 22

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis

8:30 Charles Romanelli

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Stephen Brown

5:00 Bob Mazzucco



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Robert Pepe, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Fred Maley

Wedding Banns

II Meghan Miller and Colin Vautirnot

Collection for December 8

Regular ..... \$7,341.50
Retired Religious ..... \$866.00

Due to early publication dates, the collections for December 15, 22 and 29 will be posted in January

Monday, December 16th is

Reconciliation Monday in the Archdiocese of New York.

Confessions will be heard from 3PM to 8PM in the church. If you have not been to confession in a while, why not come and receive the Lord's pardon and peace on Reconciliation Monday.



THE GIVING TREE If you have purchased a gift(s) for the Giving Tree, please place your wrapped gift(s) under the tree by today, Sun., December, 15th.

## FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT AND GO TO CONFESSION...

The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once spoke about a flight that he had made to the West Coast. As it happened, a man who was a lapsed Catholic was seated right next to the bishop. As they got to talking, the man admitted to Sheen that he had not gone to confession for over 20 years and that he would like to try to come back to the sacraments. At this point, the bishop said, "Fasten your seat belt you're going to confession!" So Sheen heard his confession at 30,000 feet.

When they got to their destination, the man met his wife who also expressed a desire for the Sacrament of Penance. The bishop took her to a quiet corner of the airport and conducted the sacrament there. The place is not really important, but receiving the sacrament is.

This coming Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we have a unique opportunity here at Sacred Heart and at every church across the Archdiocese of New York to receive the Sacrament of Penance. This Monday is called, "Reconciliation Monday." The priests will hear confessions from 3PM to 8PM in the church. This is a good chance for us who have been away from the sacrament to come back and receive the Lord's pardon and peace.

Last Sunday in a homily I mentioned some of the steps to making a good confession. First, we should pray for the grace to know our faults and failings. Secondly, we should examine our conscience. An examination of conscience is where we look inside and see where we might have "gone off the track" morally speaking.

Recall that there are two types of sins - Venial and Mortal. A Venial Sin is an offense against God that does not totally eliminate his grace in our souls. A Mortal Sin is a more serious matter. A Mortal Sin deliberately and

knowingly consented to ruptures our friendship with Christ and we could be damned for doing it - a good reason for avoiding Mortal Sin!

The third step involves the actual telling and confessing of our sins. I supposed this is the hard part, where some of us have to "fasten our seat belts" because it is never easy for us to admit our faults and failings outwardly to another human being, albeit a priest.

The priest will then assign us some type of a "penance." The penance more often than not, will be a prayer such as an "Our Father," or a "Hail Mary." Now the penance is to atone for our sins. Every sin we might say causes damage. The penance that we perform after confession is the "make up" for that damage!

Usually, we have to say the Act of Contrition in confession. Contrition means that we are sorry for our sins. We should say that prayer like we mean it. A little boy in confession once prayed the Act of Contrition this way, "O my God I am hardly sorry for my sins." Of course, he meant "heartily!" We should have heartfelt sorrow for the sins that we commit each day.

Finally, the priest extends his hand and we receive absolution, the prayer of forgiveness and we are liberated from our burdens! Recently Pope Francis mentioned that he goes to confession every two weeks. He probably doesn't need to! But the Pope was quoted as saying, "The confessional is not a torture chamber."

No - the confessional is not a torture chamber! Rather, it is a place of healing, peace and light. If it's been some time since your last confession, why not come to the church on Reconciliation Monday? Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2013**

**CONFESSIONS**

Monday, December 16 - 3:00-8:00PM  
Saturday, December 21 - 4:00-5:00PM  
Monday, December 23 - 4:00- 5:00 PM  
Tuesday, December 24 - 11:00AM - 12Noon

**MASSES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Tuesday, December 24  
5:00PM - Family Mass  
8:00PM  
11:30PM - Choir Prelude Mass at Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Wednesday, December 25  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1:00 PM  
**NO 5:00 PM Mass**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Tuesday, December 31  
7:00, 9:00 & 5:00 PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Wednesday, January 1, 2014  
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 & 12:30 PM  
**No 5:00 PM Mass**



Registration for Grades K-8 is ongoing. Please contact the school office to register: 718-442-0347.



CCD - December Classes - 18



On behalf of Fr. Jerome, Nora, and the Special events Committee we would like to say Thank You to our parishioners, the St. Monica's Mothers' Guild, the YAC, CCD, the Choir, the Youth Group, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Holy Name Society, the Rosary and Altar Society, and the vendors and businesses that donated to the Sacred Heart Christmas Fair. A Special Thank You goes out to all the volunteers for donating their time at the Christmas Fair.

Words fail to express our gratitude to all of you who supported us with your prayers and encouragement on our recent once in a lifetime choir tour to Fatima/Portugal!! We look forward to sharing our adventures in great detail over the coming months - if possible, we will produce a souvenir DVD, with pictures and our performance soundtrack!! We will keep you posted!!

For now, all our musical efforts shift to preparations for Advent Liturgies and our beloved Midnight Mass. Midnight Mass begins with a Christmas Carol sing-along at 11:30PM, led by Parish Choir /organ and strings! Our choir loft rivals any city church for Midnight Mass! Usually members from all our choirs gather in the loft to lead the congregation in singing our most loved carols!! If you have children over 9, there really is no better way for your family to experience the wonder, joy and awe of the Christmas Miracle than attending Midnight Mass together as a family. Better yet arrive by 11:15PM and come on up to the loft to sing melodies with us!!

Whether from the loft or from the congregation, do not miss the most glorious music liturgy of the season-see you at 11:30PM, Tuesday, December 24, 2013!!

“O Come Let Us Adore Him ...”

Pamela and the Choirs 442-0058 VM24  
Kids Praise/Family Choir sings Advent 3 -today, Dec. 15, 2013 11:30AM!! Parish Choir/Traveling Choir sings Advent 4 - Dec. 22, 2013 11:30AM!! All choirs sing Christmas Day 11:30AM Mass!!

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE DECEMBER 21 & 22**

**Saturday, December 21**

5:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

**Sunday, December 22**

7:00 Mary, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

8:30 David Albro, Andrew Fraunberg

10:00 Rudy Merlino, James Esco

11:30 Jonathan Montemayor, Matthew Miller, Peter LaPeruta

1:00 Ryan & Kelly O'Neil, Thomas Laub

5:00 Emma Newgarden, Nicholas Fortunato

## Come to Sacred Heart's



- Date:** Saturday, January 11, 2014  
**Time:** Buffet opens at 6:00  
Racing begins at 7:00  
**Cost:** \$25 pp  
**Included:** light buffet, tap beer, wine, soda, DJ  
and racing

Contact Kathy Evans (917.697.7911) or Kathy Hoey (917.855.8565) with any questions. All proceeds will benefit the St. Monica's Mothers' Guild Fashion Show.

Please send a check made payable to the S.M.M.G HSA to Kathy Evans c/o the office no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of People \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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