

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:00 MARGHERITA & PHILIP FRABOTTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 FAMILY THANKSGIVING BY THE APOE FAMILY  
 8:30 HELEN BILOTTO 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 10:00 MICHAEL MUSTILLO, JR.  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 JOSEPH BUDNICK & ANTHONY BUDNICK  
 5:00 SR. THERESE MARY, O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEAL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 ANDRE JEUDY  
 9:00 CORINNE A. O'BRIEN & JOSEPH KENNEDY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 HAYES FAMILY  
 9:00 GEORGE E. BRAIN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 DORIS & AUGIE SABELLA  
 9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY  
 5:00 FAMILY MASS  
 8:00  
 12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00  
 8:30 CHRISTMAS  
 10:00  
 11:30 DAY  
 1:00  
 NO 5PM MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
 9:00 MICHELINA SIGNORETTI

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 AGNES MARIE RUSSO  
 5:00 VIRGINIA CRANE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 WILLIAM FLEMING  
 8:30 GRACE SEAMAN  
 10:00 ANNE CURITORE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 RACHEL FLAGIELLO  
 5:00 JAMES DeMARCO

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of the Budnick, Bocignone and Macaluso Families requested by Nora, Richie and Anthony.

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Joseph Carucci requested by Louis Spinelli and Family.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 27

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, December 28

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis Charlie Blaich  
 8:30 Charles Romanelli Mary Romanelli  
 10:00 Roy Hansen Pat Jezycki  
 11:30 Ken Wisniewski Regina Torello  
 1:00 Stephen Brown John Mooney  
 5:00 Fred Maley Amal Hanna



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Meghan Clark, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo, Jim McGinley, Joe Arrigo, Joe Meagher, Thomas Coppola II

*Wedding Banns*

II/III Maryanne LaBarbera and Philip Minardo

Due to early publication dates the collections for December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup> will be in a later bulletin.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day



*Father Jerome and the staff of Sacred Heart Church wish all our parishioners a Blessed and Joyful Christmas*

## CHRIST, THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING...

We had a wonderful Christmas Fair here at Sacred Heart on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Many people came out on that day and there were a lot of great prizes to bid for. At the end of the afternoon, it fell to me as the Pastor of the parish, to pick the winning tickets for all those prizes. It took some time to do that!

Everybody seemed to be happy with the results, but as I was heading back over to the rectory for the 5PM Mass, I saw two little children with their mother heading to their car. The kids were visibly upset and I asked why. "Well," Mom replied, shaking her head, "they're crying because they didn't win a prize this year!" She concluded with the obvious lesson, "In life not everybody gets the prize!"

How true and I suppose that's not easy for any one of us, adults included, to understand. We all want to be winners and get a prize - whether that be a gift basket or a trophy! As we said, sometimes this eludes us. However, there is one realm in which all of us are winners and that is the realm of our faith.

All of us are winners in that league because each and every one of us has indeed received a great gift and that gift is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born on Christmas Day. This week, on December 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the great Feast of the Nativity. On this day or the night before, we will give gifts to our relatives and friends. We give gifts at Christmas to remind us of the greatest gift of all, Jesus, and the Infant Savior.

In referring to our Lord, the great Saint Paul wrote in the Letter to the Corinthians, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" But we have to recognize the gift that is Jesus. The people of Bethlehem on that first Christmas failed to recognize Him. Only the shepherds, simple men of the fields, and Wise

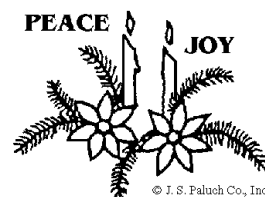
Men, were truly wise enough to come to Christ and to appreciate His power and His presence.

What gifts does the new born Christ bestow upon us? First, the gift of Peace. Jesus is the "Prince of Peace." Many people today are far from peace because they are looking for it in all the wrong places - in outward things or experiences. Jesus brings us "peace on the inside," peace with our neighbor, the peace that only God can give.

Secondly, Jesus brings us true Joy. There is not one of us that does not want to be happy in this journey that is known as "life." However, happiness does not come from stockpiling a lot of things which we probably don't need anyway. Happiness does not come out of a bottle or having a fling. True happiness comes from union with the Lord and a good conscience.

Finally, the greatest gift of Christmas is Love. Christmas is all about love. As Saint John wrote in his Gospel, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." This is the gift that can truly "keep on giving," because when we acknowledge that gift, the gift that is Jesus, then we too, can give the gift of His love to those all around us by our own kindness and charity.

This Christmas, let us "look beyond appearances" and recognize that we have all been gifted" in the person of that little child that is lying in the manger! God Bless you and Merry Christmas to you and your families! Sincerely, Father Jerome



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014

Choir News 

### CONFESSIONS: (Revised)

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00 PM  
Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00-5:00 PM  
Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00-5:00 PM  
Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM-12 Noon

### MASSES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM - Family Mass  
8:00 PM  
11:30 PM - Choir Prelude Mass at Midnight

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM  
**NO 5:00 PM Mass**

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
7:00, 9:00 & 5:00 PM

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2015  
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM  
**No 5:00 PM Mass**



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL Office Hours**  
Mon.-Fri. 7AM-3PM.

CCD Classes will resume Wednesday, January 7th.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE DECEMBER 27 & 28

#### Saturday, December 27

5:00 Victoria Bruno, Nicholas Fortunato

#### Sunday, December 28

7:00 Timothy & Eric Koleci  
8:30 Carly O'Brien, Marc Artuz  
10:00 Daniel Ramirez, Andrew Fraunberg  
11:30 Michele Chen, Albert Cardone  
1:00 Timothy Donnelly, Thomas Laub  
5:00 Daniel & Christopher Basile

The Perfect Christmas Gift! Looking for a once in a lifetime adventure/pilgrimage for your grandchild/spouse/ grandmother?? What better gift than a trip package to Great Cathedrals of France Choir Tour Feb. 16-23 2016?? Our International Choir Tours are such a fantastic way to shop/sightsee/worship - singing for Mass (if you like) in Notre Dame Cathedral; Chartre Cathedral and in Liseux!! We have excellent payment plans-with a small deposit, reserve your trip package today!! You will be the Christmas Hero!! Promise!! Questions?? Pamela Get your Advent Portugal CD's Today!!\$20!! CD's now available from our 2013 tour (including live recordings from 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent Mass in Fatima Basilica!!) A most blessed and cherished soundtrack-great for Advent meditations/Christmas preparations or as a gifts!! Pick up a few today from any Traveling Choir member/Pamela/Rectory office!!

#### Midnight Mass

Arguably one of the most beautiful and beloved Masses celebrated at Sacred Heart is Midnight Mass!! Led by 2 choirs (Parish Choir, France Traveling Choir) organ, strings a congregational sing along begins at 11:40PM filling our magnificent poinsettia filled church with cherished carols and anthems!! Imagine singing together with your teenagers/ parents, sharing Mass together with generations of family/friends/relatives - establishing an extraordinary tradition shared together for generations to come!! For truly, at Midnight on Christmas Eve, there is no more wondrous or glorious place to be than Sacred Heart Church Midnight Mass 2014!! See you at 11:30PM Christmas Eve!!

Pamela and the Choirs (VM24)

Sing choirs of Angels!! Sing in Exhultation!! Come to France 2016!! Buy a Portugal CD!!Join a choir! Come sing in Family Choir Jan. 4 - 11:30AM Mass!!



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