

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

5:00 EUGENE SPILLANE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE  
 8:30 BEN ZARRELLI  
 10:00 JOHN HUDIK  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 MARGARET WOODS  
 5:00 SR. THERESE MARY, O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEEL

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

7:00 MSGR. ANDREW QUINN  
 9:00 MAUREEN F. McDONOUGH  
 12:00 ROBERT COONEY  
 7:00 DAWN WALSH

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

7:00 DOROTHY RICCIARDI  
 9:00 NELSON MOREY & ANNE MULLIGAN

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

7:00 CHARLES, MARY & CHARLES DONOHUE  
 9:00 NED THOMPSON

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

7:00 PATRICK BRANDEFINE  
 9:00 LEO C. MASTERSON 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

7:00 CHARLEEN HAYDEN  
 9:00 MARY IANNUCCI

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

9:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS  
 5:00 JOHN R. KUBASEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY  
 8:30 AL & SUE AMORE  
 10:00 XUE QIAN ZHENG  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 NIALL JAMES SULLIVAN  
 5:00 BILL CURLEY 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Niall James Sullivan donated by his mother, Elizabeth Sullivan.

**LECTORS**

5:00 Mary Rosso  
 7:00 Joe Meagher  
 8:30 Don O'Shea  
 10:00 Frank DiSalvo  
 11:30 Ken Wisniewski  
 1:00 Charles Sullivan  
 5:00 Sacred Heart Youth Group

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, December 13**  
 Barbara Kelly  
**Sunday, December 14**  
 John Mooney  
 Evelyn Bilotto  
 Dorothy Tarafa  
 Regina Torello  
 Shirley Fennell  
 Wanda Ortiz



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**

III Francine Caccese and Ralph Rispoli

**Collection November 23**

Regular . . . . . \$7,470.50  
 Human Development . . . . . \$2,070.00

**Collection November 30**

Regular . . . . . \$8,300.50  
 50/50 . . . . . \$535.00  
 Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wisniewski on winning the November 50/50

Monday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are: 7:00 and 9:00AM, 12Noon and 7:00PM



The Sacred Heart Christmas Fair today, Dec. 7th from 10AM to 4PM in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you at the fair!

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Anthony and Joseph Budnick requested by Nora and Mary.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Leo C. Masterson and Patrick Brandefine requested by Lynn, Louie and Brianna and Family.

## MARY AND THE OPEN WINDOW...

There is a story told about Mary, Our Blessed Mother. It seems that the Lord was upset about the number of people who were getting into Heaven. So He went to Saint Peter, the custodian of the “pearly gates.” The Lord said, “Peter, how come so many people are coming up here?” Saint Peter just shrugged and said, “Lord, don’t blame me! Every time I close the door, your Mother opens a window!” Well, I say, thank God for the “windows” that Mary opens for us! She knows that we are poor, weak sinners and in need of mercy - she is after all, the “Mother of Mercy.”

This Monday we celebrate a wonderful feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The title deserves a little explanation. A few years ago, the whole panel of the hit show “Jeopardy” were stumped by the question, “What is the Immaculate Conception?” All those panelists, smart as they were, did not have the slightest idea of what it was.

The word “immaculate” means “not stained.” The Immaculate Conception refers to the fact that our Blessed Mother Mary was conceived without Original Sin. It was a singular privilege that was granted to Mary because she was to be the bearer of the Son of the Living God, Jesus Christ to this earth so she had to be very, very pure to assume this unbelievably important and significant role in salvation history.

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, committed the Original Sin of disobedience in the Garden of Eden. Mary is described as the “new Eve” by many saints and theologians. Because of Her humble obedience, salvation came to this world in the person of Christ.

What does the Immaculate Conception mean for us this day? Well, we know for certain that none of us in this life were

immaculately conceived! We are all affected by Original Sin. Even though Baptism removes the stain of that sin, the lingering effects remain with us through life. None of us are totally pure, although some people today deny the reality of personal sin.

The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once said that, “It is taught by the Church that there are only two persons without sin - Jesus Christ and His Mother Mary...today everybody thinks that they are immaculately conceived as well.” No sin!

You and I know better because we have “messed up” countless number of times. We need therefore, a model of perfection, of holiness and innocence that we can look up to in our struggles of this life and that is Our Lady. Mary is what one poet called, “our tainted nature’s solitary boast.”

There are so many so-called “stars” in our current society that are not shining by any means. Our actors, actresses, sports figures, politicians and even some of our clergy have “feet of clay.” They let us down many times. But Mary does not let us down! She always lifts us up higher to greater perfection.

I read recently about Saint John Paul II who was so tremendously devoted to Mary. In overseas trips, those who were in charge of organizing the various events were instructed not to let the Pontiff pass near a chapel or an image of the Blessed Mother. The Pope would linger there so long in prayer that the entire schedule for the day would be fouled up!

Sure, we’re not as holy as the saints, but on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, let us honor Our Lady by special prayer and devotion. “*O’ Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to You!*”  
Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

**ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM** an Advent Program in the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola is at Sacred Heart Church on Advent Mondays - Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22 after the 9AM Mass and at 7PM.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00 PM  
Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00-8:00 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



**SCHOOL NEWS**

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

**CCD** Class - December 10  
**Advent Pot Luck Dinner** - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 7PM in the school. Please see the flyer in this bulletin.



**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** The Sacred Heart Parish Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> following the 5:00 Mass.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE DECEMBER 13 & 14

#### Saturday, December 13

5:00 William Hollnsteiner, Jack Lottito

#### Sunday, December 14

7:00 Samantha Baniswal, Christopher Basile  
8:30 Patrick & Keifer Regan  
10:00 Timothy Donnelly, Gabrielle Garcia  
11:30 Matthew & Chris Riccardi  
1:00 Sean Hartnett, Patrick Buzzard  
5:00 Matthew Kalikas, Sarah Laureno

## Choir News

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Kids Praise/Family Choir/France Traveling Choir sings 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent today, Dec. 7, 2014 11:30AM!! Angelic!! Heavenly!! Don't miss it!! Aunt Sue, Uncle Bill, Baby Posie-Come on up and sing with us!! Prizes!!Treats!!Coffee!!  
Join a Choir Speaking of joining a choir, now is a perfect time to join Parish Choir!! Amazing music liturgies from Advent to the magic of Midnight Mass/Christmas Eve!! Hop on board!! Bring a friend, a spouse, a niece, a nephew - make this a holiday season to remember... better yet, create a new tradition for yourself and your families to savor every year for years to come!! Questions?? Pamela (VM24) 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 gift itself!!)Proceeds assist choir tour members France trip funds-pick up a few today form any Traveling Choir member/Pamela/Rectory office!!  
Wishing you a most Blessed and Peaceful Advent! See you in the loft!! Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F5VwD0SHzI>  
Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Buy a CD! Come on our next International Choir tour Feb. 16-23, 2016: Great Cathedrals France!!

**SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP** Next meeting Sun., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> -5PM Mass -meeting follows the Mass.



**THE GIVING TREE** Please place your wrapped gifts under the Giving Tree by next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We thank our Sacred Heart parishioners for always being so generous with your donations to the Giving Tree. The families and charities receiving your gifts will have a merrier Christmas because of you.