

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

981 Castleton Avenue Staten Island, NY 10310

Established 1875

The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2011

## Pastor

Rev. Louis R. Jerome

## Parochial Vicar

Rev. Deogracias Lingao

## Priest in Residence

Rev. Robert J. Navins

## Principal

Mrs. Evelyn M. Lacagnino

## Coordinator of Religious Education

Mrs. Francine Rizzuto

## Director of Music

Ms. Pamela Witri



Joyous Christmas

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### Masses

#### *The Lord's Day*

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM  
Sundays 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM  
(Choir), 1:00, 5:00 PM  
Eve of Holydays 7:00 PM  
Holy Days 7:00, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon  
& 7:00 PM  
Weekdays 7:00 & 9:00 AM (Mon-Fri)  
9:00 AM (Sat)

### Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM  
Any time upon request

### Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners.

### Handicapped Accessible

**Office Hours** - 9AM - 12 Noon and 1PM - 5PM  
**Church** open daily until 5PM

### Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at 442-0058.

### Baptism

Sundays at 2:15 PM. Previous appointment must be made. Parents are expected to attend Baptism instructions, which take place on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM in Church.

### Marriages

Couples should come to the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

**Novena Devotions** Mondays after the 9AM Mass

**Rosary for Pro-Life** Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every First Friday  
11AM - 5PM

### Websites:

**Church** - [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org)

**School** - [www.sacredheartschoolsi.org](http://www.sacredheartschoolsi.org)

### Church

718-442-0058

### Church Fax

718-816-8006

### School

718-442-0347

### School Fax

718-442-6978

### C.C.D. Office

718-448-1536

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

5:00 FAMILY MASS

8:00

12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

7:00 CHRISTMAS

8:30

10:00 DAY

11:30

1:00

NO 5PM MASS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 BELLONE & EASOP FAMILIES

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

7:00 LINDA MUSTO

9:00 HARRY ROCHE

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

7:00 ANNE CURITORE

9:00 CAROLYN INTORCIA ALBANO

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

7:00 LESLIE E. BLAINE

9:00 JOHN KERIN DALY & JOHN K. DALY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

7:00 GRACE & JOSEPH ABATE

9:00 JOSEPH BRADLEY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

9:00 ELIZABETH A. McCARTHY

5:00 ADELE WILSON & FAMILY

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, NEW YEAR'S DAY**

7:00 ROSE YAJCAJI

8:30 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

10:00 MSGR. ANDREW QUINN

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 GONZALEZ FAMILY SENIOR SISTER

5:00 FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Margaret Shay, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Aurora David, Ruth Irons, Gordon C. Gladden, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Tommy Baratta, Dawn Meade, Rev. Thomas Blessin SJ, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Rose Bradley, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Patsy Jackson, Gabrielle Plumy, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Daniel Gomes, Grace Ford Seamans, Christian Pepo, Joan Romano, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Spec. Michael Biggins, Marie Elaine Jerome, Tom Kopf, Bernard D. Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Jeffrey Schnorbus, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro

Due to an early publication date, the December 18<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> collections will be posted in a January bulletin.

*The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of New Year's Day.*

*Fr. Jerome, Fr. Deo, Fr. Navins and the staff of Sacred Heart Church wish all our parishioners a Joyful and Blessed Christmas.*

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Veronica, Anthony, Anna, Loretta, and Joseph Budnick and Anna Helewa** requested by Nora and Mary.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of **Anne Curitore 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** requested by her husband William and her family.



## ATTENTION ALL YOU CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS...

A few years back I was doing some last minute shopping in a store that no longer exists. The name of the store was "Caldor's." Well, I understand that Caldor's went into bankruptcy some time ago. However, it was a very busy store the night I was there picking up some Christmas gifts. Every so often, an announcer would blare out over the loudspeakers in the store about all the bargains available in the various departments. And he would always precede his announcement by saying "Attention shoppers...attention shoppers!" Certainly he got the people's attention as they made their way through the aisles of that store.

The thought came to my mind - what if God could get our attention the same way that this announcer did? Imagine if God could get over a P.A. system and address not only the shoppers, but the entire human race with a message of a supreme importance? God might say something like this: "Attention people, don't miss out on the greatest gift given to the human race - the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!"

This Christmas God wants to get our attention. The Church in her liturgical calendar celebrates Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>. However, the Christmas season extends for several weeks and concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The secular world ends their "holiday" celebration shortly after December 25<sup>th</sup>. The lights come down, the decorations disappear and the show is over.

The Church in her wisdom wants us to reflect for a time on the great event of the birth of Jesus Christ into our world.

We are all familiar with the story of Christmas; of how Mary and Joseph came to

Bethlehem to register in the census which was ordained by the Roman Emperor. Mary was with child and yet despite this fact, the couple was unable to find any adequate lodgings in the inn of the town which was crowded. So the Christ child was born in a stable amidst all the mud and animals. In one of the dirtiest places one could think of - a stable - He who is absolute purity is born. In one of the most obscure corners of the world, in an insignificant little village, the Master of the World comes and takes on our human nature. He who existed before all time is now born in time.

Why did God do this? Because of great love. In His compassion for our fallen humanity, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to this earth. As Saint John wrote in his Gospel, "For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son." God became man; He took on all the weakness and vulnerability of our human condition so that we might never lose hope and ever realize that God is one with us and can relate to every single aspect of our lives save that of sin!

The Incarnation teaches us how much God cares for us and what He thinks and feels about us. Christmas is truly God's "love letter" to the human race expressed in the person of His Son. This fact should get our attention not only on December 25<sup>th</sup> but each and every day of our lives.

My prayer is that the new born Christ child may bestow abundant peace and joy upon you and your families!

Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Father Jerome

REVISED  
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



MASSES

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00PM - Family Mass

8:00PM

11:30PM - Choir Prelude Mass at Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1:00PM

**NO 5:00PM Mass**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Sunday, January 1, 2010

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM, 1:00PM

&

5:00PM Mass

Calling All Choirs!!

On Christmas morning for 11:30AM Mass we love to have singers from all choirs come up and create a glorious Christmas Day musical liturgy!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!

New Year!! New You!!

Come on up aunts, uncles, cousins - calling all families to the choir loft for 11:30M Mass, Mary Mother of God. What a great way to start the New Year - singing together for Mass!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! See you in the loft!!

Blessings and Peace in 2012!!

Merry Christmas!!

Pamela

442-0058

Parish Choir sings January 8, 2012 11:30AM  
(arrive 11 AM)

Traveling Choir rehearses January 18, 2012  
7:30PM BCR

Join a Choir! Buy a CD! Put away a hymnbook! Fill your jars!!

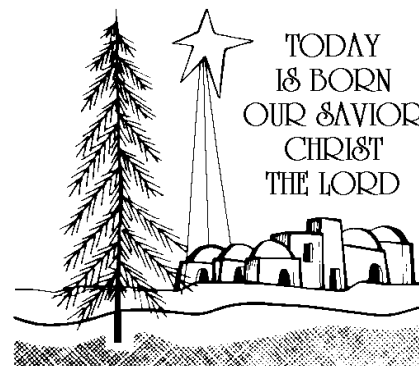


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Classes resume Jan. 4, 2012

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will gather for the 10 AM Mass Sunday, January 1, 2012. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further information.

**SACRED HEART TROOP/ PACK 74** - Dec. 26 -  
No Meeting



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