

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00 PHILIP & MARGHERITA FRABOTTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
 8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
 10:00 BEN ZARRELLI
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 NIALL SULLIVAN
 5:00 JUDITH YACCARINO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
 9:00 JOHN MCGOWAN 3RD ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 EUGENE SPILLANE
 9:00 LAURENT SEUBE, SR.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 KAY McMULLIN
 9:00 DORIS E. SULLIVAN 9TH ANNIVERSARY
 7:00 THOMAS J. CRANE 36TH ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 THOMAS M. MURPHY
 9:00 DAWN WALSH
 12:00 SABATINO RENZULLI
 7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MOHRMANN & McLAREN FAMILIES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 NED THOMPSON
 9:00 NELSON MOREY & ANNE MULLIGAN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 CHARLES & MARY DONOHUE
 5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 JENNIE SCALMATO 31ST ANNIVERSARY
 8:30 ANTHONY & ANNA VILLANI
 10:00 LEO C. MASTERSON 5TH ANNIVERSARY
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 ANTHONY BUDNICK
 5:00 VINCENT SADOWSKI

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of **Yolanda and Anthony Granito** requested by Rosetta and Tony Messina.

Flowers on the altar in loving memory of **the Deceased Members of the Rosary-Altar Society.**

Lectors and Eucharist Ministers

Weekend of December 10 - 11

Saturday, December 10


5:00 Mary Rosso Maureen Driscoll

Sunday, December 11

7:00 Joe Meagher
 8:30 Don O'Shea Mary Romanelli
 10:00 Frank DiSalvo Patricia Hoey
 11:30 Ken Wisniewski Ken Wisniewski
 1:00 Charles Sullivan Theresa Cunningham
 5:00 John Gurrieri

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellicchia, 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



Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass times are:
Wed., Dec. 7th - 7 PM Vigil
Thurs., Dec. 8th - 7 and 9 AM, 12 Noon and 7PM

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of:
 Margaret Daly
 Mary DiCostanzo

The Bread and Wine are in honor of **the Holy Family of Nazareth** requested by Sarah MacDermot.

Collection for November 20

Collection \$6,983.00
 Human Development \$1,558.00

Collection for November 27

Collection \$7,778.00
 50/50 \$505.00

Congratulations to Joanne DiPietro on winning the 50/50. There will be a special collection next weekend for the Retired Religious.

LOOK TO THE "STAR!"

I heard recently a cute story told of a little boy by the name of Tommy. Now Tommy's father was lecturing him one day. "Never do anything in life that you'd ever be ashamed of," Dad told him; "only do the things that you wouldn't mind the whole world watching." "In that case," Tommy smiled, "I guess I won't have to take any more baths!"

Now I wonder, why is it in life that we grownups often do things that we are ashamed of? Why do we do things that really we would mind the world watching? Is it not because of a thing called Original Sin?

The original sin, of course, was the sin of our first parents Adam and Eve. But of course each and everyone is born with that sin. Even though Baptism takes away the stain of original sin, the effects of it still remain with all of us. We are all subject to the weakness of the flesh, to error and to illusion.

However, there was one person in all of human history who was never tainted by that sin and never subject to it - and of course this was the Blessed Virgin Mary. This week, on December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The word "immaculate" means "not stained."

Our Lady was conceived without the stain of original sin. This was part of God's plan for her as she would have a very great mission in her life - she would bear within her womb the Son of the Living God. For that special privilege, she had to be very, very pure.

The artist Whistler was once complimented on the beautiful painting that he had executed - the famous portrait "Whistler's Mother." He responded, "Well, you know how it is - one makes one's mother as nice as she can be!" Well, in creating the Blessed Mother, God made her "as nice as she could be."

In the Bible, we read of how Eve was tempted by the devil and was ultimately disobedient to God. This is how sin entered our world. Mary

could be considered as the "new Eve." She totally corresponded with God's will for her; she said in the Gospel, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to Your will."

The faithful obedience of Mary undid the disobedience of our first parents and defeated the devil. That is why when we see statues of our Blessed Mother she is portrayed as standing with her foot crushing the head of a serpent who represents the evil one.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception calls us to imitate the fidelity and holiness of the Mother of God. We who are sinners look to the sinless Mother of God to be our helper amidst the troubles and trials of this life.

The other day, I was going through some old cards that children had sent me from a former parish. There was one good little boy in the parish school that I would always teasingly call a "saint." In the card that he sent to me when I was leaving that parish, the boy wrote, "Dear Father, you're the saint, I'm the sinner! Best wishes, Eric." Well, that is the innocence of kids. All of us, even the best of us, are weak and sinful people. But we have a great model in the sinless Virgin Mary. As we celebrate her feast this week, let us look to the Blessed Mother to be our refuge and our sure hope in this journey of life. May we always look to the "star" and invoke Mary!

Sincerely, Father Jerome

COME TO THE FAIR!

SACRED HEART PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held today, Dec. 4 from 10AM to 4PM.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



CCD Class -December 7 and 14.



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

ABOUT being baptized in the Catholic faith or you need to receive the sacraments of Communion or Confirmation contact Fr. Deo at the rectory at 718-442-0058 for information on RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes here at Sacred Heart.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Sunday, December 11th at the 8:30 AM mass with a breakfast immediately following in the school cafeteria. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend and become a member of the Holy Name Society and help in continuing and expanding one of the oldest and most traditional parish societies in Sacred Heart.

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THE GIVING TREE - 'Tis the season to be thankful for what we have and mindful for the needs of others. The Special Events Committee invites all our parishioners to take a gift ornament off the **Giving Tree**

in the church and purchase the item listed on the ornament for someone in need this Christmas Season. Once you have purchased your gift, please return it wrapped with the ornament tag from the Giving Tree on the outside of the package. You can place your gift under the tree on Sundays or during the week. The cut off date to return the gifts to the Giving Tree is December 11th. We wish to thank all the people of Sacred Heart for always being so generous with your donations to the Giving Tree. The families and charities receiving your gifts will have a merrier Christmas this year because of you.

Kids - Come Sing with Us!!

Kids Praise Choir (grades 1-5) rehearses Wed. Dec. 7th - 5-6pm Chapel.

Registration forms in the office. **See you there!! Calling All Families!!**

See you in the loft this Sunday, Dec. 4 to celebrate **2nd Sunday of Advent** with a wonderful family choir music liturgy!! Aunts, Uncles, Nieces and Nephews - come on up for 11:30AM Mass. **Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!** See you there!!

Come Sing with us for Christmas!!

Parish Choir rehearses Wed., Dec. 7th after **Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass** - Loft!

Please come sing with us for the Advent/Christmas Season - nothing says the holidays like **inspiring, beautiful** Christmas music!! See you in the loft!!

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

Join the Choir!! Buy a CD!! Put away a hymnbook!

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is in need of funds to provide food for the needy and poor of our parish and parish community at this time of the year. A collection will be taken up on the weekend of December 17 - 18. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

SACRED HEART TROOP/ PACK 74 - Dec. 5 - Pinewood Derby

