

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00 ERIN FITZPATRICK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 ALLEN TERJESEN
 8:30 FRANCO DeGENNARO
 10:00 HELEN MULLEN
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 JOHN HARTMANN, SR.
 5:00 SR. THERESE MARY, O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 PHILIP OSMAK
 9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MAURIELLO FAMILY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 THOMAS & MARGARET WALSH
 9:00 GLORIA KISTO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 VINCENT & MARION DeROSA
 9:00 RITA O'CONNOR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 JACK SMITH
 9:00 MIKE HYLAND

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 SEAN JOHNSON
 9:00 HARRY BULATOWICZ

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 LAURENT T. SEUBE, SR.
 5:00 EUGENE SPILLANE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Esther Egan requested by Louis Spinelli and Family.

LECTORS

5:00 Frank Ponterio
 7:00 Sr. Iraida
 8:30 Charles Romanelli
 10:00 Frank DiSalvo
 11:30 Stephen Brown
 1:00 Charles Sullivan
 5:00 Jane Coyle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 6

Bill Jones

Sunday, December 7

Mary Romanelli
 Theresa Cunningham
 Ken Wisniewski



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

Wedding Banns

II Francine Caccese and Ralph Respole

Due to an early publication date the Collection for November 23 will be posted in a later bulletin.

Friday, December 5, is First Friday. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 11 AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.



Next Monday, December 8 is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass times for

Monday, December 8 will be:

7:00 and 9:00AM, 12Noon and 7:00PM



O' COME ALL YOU CHRISTIAN SHOPPERS

It was the day after Halloween and I just happened to be up on Forest Avenue at the drug store when I noticed the holiday lights suspended from all the poles along the street. For a moment, I could not believe my eyes, as it was over sixty degrees outside and Christmas seemed rather far away. Each year, the merchants anticipate the holiday season sooner and sooner!

Well, merchants and business owners want to make a profit and that is a legitimate thing! They have to take advantage of the time and season that is upon them. But what about all of us Christians? This Sunday, we enter upon the Season of Advent. Advent is a Latin word that means "coming." In this four week Liturgical Season, we are anticipating the coming of the Lord Jesus on Christmas Day.

Unlike the secular society, the Church does not string up holiday lights so early. We will, on this First Sunday of Advent light one small candle on the Advent Wreath in the Sanctuary of the church. The light of that candle is a reminder to us that Jesus Christ is "the Light of the World" and that we as His followers today are meant to bring His light to an often darkened world. How can we achieve this?

Well, Advent is a good time for us to reflect a little bit on the state of our souls. Many people count so many "shopping days to Christmas." Our Advent Season that we have now entered upon is a time for us to count the days in a spiritual sense so as to give more time to the things of God. We are most of us, so absorbed during the pre-Christmas season with shopping, putting up lights, buying and trimming the tree and attending parties that we have little or no time to prepare in a religious sense.

Not that all those things don't have their

place and are fun, but we should also try to make ready our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ on December 25th! How can we achieve this? Well, here are some suggestions. How about attending Mass during the week in the Advent Season? Many people find great consolation in the Mass. Really, it is the "Mass that matters" because in the Eucharist, we receive the real presence of Jesus. What can be a greater thing than that?

If daily Mass is not possible, a visit to the Church is recommended. On the First Friday of December (December 5th) we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 11AM to 5PM. What a great opportunity to quiet down and to spend time with Christ.

During this season, Bob Giugliano and Rick D'Aversa from the Jesuit Collaborative Society will present an Advent Mission "On the Way to Bethlehem." It will be a four week program composed of prayer, music and reflections on the Scripture of the Season in the spirit of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Bob and Rick will offer their talks on Mondays during Advent, after the 9AM Mass and in the evening at 7PM. Why not come out for this special "mini-Retreat?"

Finally, "The Giving Tree" is positioned as usual in the Sanctuary of the church with all special "ornaments" offering gifts to purchase for those in need. The tree is a good reminder that it's much better to "give than to receive" and to think more about others.

Let's not waste the Advent days that are upon us. May we use them well so as to really appreciate the greatest gift given to us on Christmas Day - the Infant Savior!
Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 7AM-3PM.

Choir News ♪

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CCD -December Classes 3-10

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR The Sacred Heart Christmas Fair is next Sunday, December 7th from 10AM to 4PM in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you at the fair and we thank you for your support of our annual parish fundraiser.



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(s) 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. Please place all gifts under the Giving Tree by December 14th. We wish to 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 this year because of you.

ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM An Advent Program in the Spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola will be at Sacred Heart Church on Advent Mondays - Dec. 1,8,15 and 22 after the 9AM Mass and at 7PM in the evening. The program will be comprised of prayer, music and reflection on scripture of the season. For further details please see the flyer in this bulletin.

Join a Choir Speaking of joining a choir, now is a perfect time to join Parish Choir!! Singing with PC for the next two months will guarantee you/your family the awe, joy and wonder of singing together during this holiday season!! 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 (VM24) PS CD's from Portugal Tour Advent 2013 ready for Advent...great stocking stuffers!!See Pamela or any Traveling Choir member!!

Kids Praise/Family Choir/France Traveling Choir sings 2nd Advent Dec. 7, 2014 11:30AM!!

Angelic!! Heavenly!! Don't miss it!!

Join a choir today! Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F5VwD0SHzI!](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!!

FLOWER DONATIONS Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.