

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CAREY FAMILY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 GEORGE MANTANI
 8:30 MARGARET (PEG) WALSH
 10:00 IN HONOR OF THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 OF DEBBIE & KEN LEIGH
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 ALBERT & ALICE PERRY
 5:00 EVELYN & RAYMOND WITTEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
 9:00 MARY GALVIN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00 MICHELE VACHON
 9:00 ERIN FITZPATRICK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 JUNE DILODOVICO
 9:00 THOMAS EASOP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
 9:00 HELEN MULLEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 ETHEL VACHON
 9:00 JOSEPH KIERNAN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 ALL MEMBERS OF THE DECKER FAMILY
 LIVING & DECEASED
 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

The Bread and Wine are in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**.

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Troy Davis**.

Flowers on the altar in loving memory of **Thomas Haeger** donated by his family.

Lectors

Weekend of December 3-4

Saturday, December 3

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, December 4

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

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, Mary DiCostanzo, 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

Banns

III Kerry Thompson and Anthony Varvaro

The collections for November 20 and 27 will be posted in the next bulletin as we had an early publication date due to Thanksgiving.

This Friday, December 2, 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 during this Advent season.

SHOPPING FOR THE KINGDOM...

The day after Thanksgiving has been called "Black Friday" by the media. It is the day that many people begin their Christmas shopping in earnest. Stores open up extra early on that day so that eager bargain hunters can "shop till they drop."

A couple of years ago, Black Friday turned deadly for one man out in Valley Stream, Long Island. As it turned out, aggressive shoppers trampled him underfoot at Walmart at the Green Acres Shopping Mall. The poor man died of asphyxiation.

This story is really a sad commentary on what Christmas and the holiday season have become - a frenzied rush to buy more and more gifts instead of focusing on the greatest gift that was given to us - Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are now in the Advent Season - it is not the Christmas season yet despite what the merchants tell us.

The word Advent means "coming." How are we preparing for Jesus' coming on Christmas Day? Are we just shopping, partying, and playing instead of making a serious spiritual preparation? The Church is not like Walmart, nobody is breaking the doors to get in here at 5AM in the morning! And yet, the Church houses greater treasures and gifts than all the malls in the world.

The greatest treasure that we have as Catholics is the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. It is a gift that has no price tag and literally is priceless. We can come to Church anytime and visit Christ and pour out our hearts in praise and Thanksgiving. This Advent season would be a good time for us to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The church here at Sacred Heart is open every day until 5pm. Why not come and do a little "spiritual shopping" and receive a cart full of grace! Jesus is waiting for us in this sacrament of love.

Secondly, this Advent season is a great time to make a good confession if it has been some

time since we have done that. It has been said that "Confession is good for the soul." How true that is.

Penance is a sacrament of pardon and peace. Many people today are looking for peace on the outside in different pleasures and experiences. However, happiness is an "inside job." When we are morally right then we are at peace with ourselves and others.

Jesus Christ whose birthday we celebrate on December 25th has been called the "Prince of Peace." One of His gifts to us is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us use that gift so that we may advance in virtue and holiness.

Finally, this Advent let us give of our time and resources to others. The lights on the Advent Wreath remind us that as Christians we are meant to be a light to others in the world by our charity and goodness. Instead of always being on the receiving end all the time why not try giving? We might visit a sick person in a nursing home or hospital. Of course, we could also select an item from the "Giving Tree" in the church and make someone happy. Whatever we do we will be making a difference this year.

This Advent can be a time of shopping for the things of the kingdom; virtues such as humility, joy and concern for others. Those are priceless things and bring us closer to Jesus who is the *Reason for the Season!*

Sincerely in the Lord, Father Jerome

SACRED HEART PARISH ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4th from 10AM to 4PM. **We are looking for any parishioners or vendors who would like to rent a table** and for all our crafters and afghan makers who can make items or donate to our raffle baskets. Please call Nora at the rectory 718-442-0058 or Joe Meagher at 917-829-1201.



CCD Class -November 30



Kids - Come Sing with Us!!

Kids Praise Choir (grades 1-5) rehearses Wed. Nov. 30th- 5-6pm Chapel.

Registration forms in the office. **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!



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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY - Due to the Annual Christmas Fair, the Rosary-Altar Society will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday morning, December 3rd (exact time to be announced). On Sunday, December 4th, the members will gather as usual for the 10am Mass and be free to attend the Christmas Fair after Mass. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

Next weekend 18 students will be headed to Ellenville, NY to the Pallotine Teenage Federation Conference.

It is a wonderful weekend filled with faith, fun, and friendship.

Please keep them in your prayers during this special time. Thank you.

SACRED HEART TROOP/ PACK 74 - Nov. 28 - General Meeting

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S - Start the Christmas season the old fashion way! St. Peter's HS Glee Club/Seton Chorale Alumni present the 2nd Annual Christmas Concert at St. Peter's Church, December 11 at 3:00. Enjoy your favorites such as O Holy Night and Sleigh Ride. For tickets (\$20) mail check payable to St. Peter's GIRLS Alumni Assoc. to 421 Davis Ave., 10310. For ads or more information call 816-5075.

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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.



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