

The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)



MERRY CHRISTMAS! Today we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus into our lives and into our world. Christmas is



Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
5:00 PM Family Mass
8:00 PM
12 Midnight Mass (11:30 Choir Prelude)

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
7 AM
9 AM
11 AM
1 PM
NO 5 PM Mass on Christmas Day.

Monday, December 26:
7:00 No Mass
9:00 Brendan J. Hoey

Tuesday, December 27:
7:00 Thomas Walsh
9:00 Anne Curitore

Wednesday, December 28:
7:00 Albert F. Tarasovis
9:00 Grace Seaman

Thursday, December 29:
7:00 Ashraf Neagazy
9:00 Jane & Jack Gordon

Friday, December 30:
7:00 Andre Roc Jeudy
9:00 Joseph Bradley

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)
9:00 Guido Volante
5:00 Edward Ferrar

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
7:00 Eileen Sullivan
9:00 Souls in Purgatory
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Billy Hayes
5:00 Vocations from the Parish

December 31 (New Year's Eve)
Frank Ponterio Pat Foley
Sunday, January 1st (New Year's Day)
7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney
5:00 Jack Gordon Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Terrence Gibbons, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Richard O'Shea, Crystal Helewa

Collections:
December 18th..... \$6,799.00
Budget Deficit..... \$758.00
Christmas Flowers..... \$2,240.00
Building Fund..... \$710.00
Thanks to all our parishioners who contributed to the Christmas Flowers.

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in memory of Anne E. Curitore on the 10th anniversary of her passing by her husband William.

Wedding Bands

III Kimberly Kelly & Christopher DeGregorio

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of all the staff here at Sacred Heart I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a splendid 2017. Thank you for your prayers and for your many acts of kindness. It has been a great gift to be your pastor. At Christmas it appropriate to be thankful for all that you have. I am thankful for the parishioners at Sacred Heart. They are very faithful, kind and supportive. I am thankful for my fellow priests here at Sacred Heart. They help me immensely in ministering to the good people of our faith family. I am grateful to the Sisters of Schoenstatt on Cary Avenue who bring a supernatural presence and power to our community. I am thankful to the staff here at Sacred Heart. I challenge you to find a better one. I am grateful for the volunteers of our church. So much goodness here happens because of them. I am grateful for my family and friends (in Heaven and on Earth). What a blessing! Lastly and not least, I am grateful for Jesus who is my life. May he bless you and may our Lady and St. Joseph protect and comfort you always!

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

## Sacred Heart Pilgrimage to Fatima

May 14 –May 20, 2017, \$2,150 a person

Spiritual Directors: Fr. Eric Rapaglia, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Staten Island and Fr. Brendan A. Fitzgerald, Pastor of St. Barnabas Church, Bronx NY.

May 14: Overnight flight to Lisbon

May 15: Arrival to Lisbon, meet up with an English speaking tour guide and leave for Fatima. On the way stop at Santarem for a visit to The Church of the Holy Miracle. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Cinquentenario

May 16: Breakfast at hotel, followed by a visit to Fatima.

May 17: Full day tour to Batalha/Nazare and Alcobaca which includes a visit to a monasteries and Churches of Batalha and Alcobaca.

May 18: Day of Leisure with Dinner and overnight at Hotel Cinquentenario.

May 19: Transfer from Fatima back to Lisbon with an afternoon tour of Lisbon. Dinner and overnight at Holiday Inn Express Liberdade Hotel, Lisbon.

May 20: Transport to Airport for departure flight home.

If you are interested please contact Fr. Eric at either (718) 442-0058 or [frrapaglia@yahoo.com](mailto:frrapaglia@yahoo.com) as the date approaches.

### **Sacred Heart School Kindergarten**

**Registration:** The “Good News” of Sacred Heart School is that its Catholic traditions and academic excellence are the foundation of the continued success and great future of our students. Give your child this wonderful beginning to spiritual growth and educational success. You can apply online at [www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org) and also inquire about financial assistance. Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to visit our campus and become part of our Sacred Heart Family.

**Sacred Heart Bible Study:** Sacred Heart Bible Study Group meets on the first and the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the rectory. Please contact the office at (718) 442-0058 if you are interested in coming as all are welcome.

**Legion of Mary:** The Sacred Heart Legion of Mary Group meets every Wednesday (if possible) at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. They recite the rosary and offer assistance to the pastor. The meetings usually last an hour and if you are interested in coming please contact Patti Foley at (917) 983-5416.

**Sacred Heart Altar Servers:** Sacred Heart is always looking for new altar servers. Boys and Girls in the fifth grade and over who are practicing Catholics may join. If you are interested contact Father Eric at the rectory.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 31, (New Year's Eve)

5:00 Eric & Timothy Koleci

Sunday, January 1, (New Year's Day):

7:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

9:00 Austin Maida & Matthew Riccardi

11:00 Elizabeth Eadicicco & Gabriel Garcia

1:00 Wayne Wenzel & Thomas Smith

5:00 Angela Buscemi & Julia Ahern

**Staten Island Grandmother's Club:** The Staten Island Grandmother's Club Chapter 899 is a local Non Profit Social Club that raises money for sick children on the Island. The club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at The Staaten on Forest Avenue at 11:45 AM for a luncheon. If you are interested in joining or coming to the next luncheon please contact Alana Chanod at (347) 423-1190

### **Choir News**

Welcome to the Sacred Heart Choir News. I would like to invite you to join our choirs, The Adult and The Children's Choir. If you can carry a tune and are willing to sing, you are in!

Remember the one who sings prays twice. Our Children's Choir sings the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and the Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11 AM Mass. Rehearsals are held at 10:15 AM the same Sunday before Mass. Come let's praise the Lord together.

Tom,

Music Director

**Sacred Heart:** The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday December 26th and again on Monday January 2, 2017. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday December 27th and Tuesday January 3, 2017. We wish all of you and your families a very Happy and joyous Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy 2017.