

The Epiphany of the Lord



Saturday, January 7:

9:00 Robert Morris  
5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, January 8:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families  
9:00 Mr. & Mrs. John Perry  
11:00 Terry Walsh  
1:00 Francine Bieder  
5:00 Tom DeRosa

Monday, January 9:

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Robert T. Morris

Tuesday, January 10:

7:00 Charles Donohue  
9:00 William Schmidt

Wednesday, January 11:

7:00 Vincenza & Michael Nicolais  
9:00 John Tighe ( 10th Anniversary )

Thursday, January 12:

7:00 Antonia Peigne  
9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Friday, January 13:

7:00 Helen Buckley  
9:00 Robert Morris

Saturday, January 14:

9:00 Grace Aili Jetter  
5:00 John R. Kubasek

Sunday, January 15:

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Albert Perry  
11:00 Gaetano Bunosante  
1:00 John Buzzard  
5:00 Thomas Murray

Saturday, January 14th :

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

Sunday, January 15th :

7:00 Teresa Zulch  
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuonno  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa  
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney  
5:00 Bob Mazzucco 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 25th..... \$7,017.00  
Christmas.....\$38,061.00  
January 1st.....\$7,524.00  
Solemnity of Mary.....\$2,604.00  
Congratulations to Mr. Henry Murphy on winning the December 2016 Fifty Fifty.

The Flowers on The Altar are donated by Sarah McDermott in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and for rain in the southeast.

Wedding Bands

III John Mooney & Virginia Cosentino  
III Frank Santanastaso & Lora Spinella

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

As we celebrate Epiphany, the feast of “Little Christmas,” we recall that with the birth and manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world forgiveness is made available to people of good will. Forgiveness is what Jesus very much wants from us and for us.

Marina Cantacuzino writes about twins Eva and Miriam Mozes, who were taken to Auschwitz at the age of ten where Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele, used them for medical experiments. (*The Forgiveness Project: Stories for a Vengeful Age*, 2015). Eva said:

“Miriam and I were part of a group of children who were alive for one reason only – to be used as human guinea pigs. During our time in Auschwitz we talked very little. Starved for food and human kindness, it took every ounce of strength just to stay alive. Because we were twins, we were used in a variety of experiments. Three times a week we’d be placed naked in a room, for 6– 8 hours, to be measured and studied. It was unbelievably demeaning. In another type of experiment they took blood from one arm and gave us injections in the other. After one such injection I became very ill and was taken to the hospital. Dr. Mengele came in the next day, looked at my fever chart and declared that I had only two weeks to live. For two weeks I was between life and death but I refused to die. If I had died, Mengele would have given Miriam a lethal injection in order to do a double autopsy. When I didn’t die, he carried on experimenting with us and as a result Miriam’s kidneys stopped growing. They remained the size of a child’s all her life.”

“On 27 January 1945, four days before my 11th birthday, Auschwitz was liberated by the Soviet army. After nine months in refugee camps I returned to my village in Romania to find that no one from my family had survived. In 1993 I was invited to lecture to some doctors in Boston and was asked if I could bring a Nazi

doctor with me. I thought it was a mad request until I remembered that I’d once been in a documentary which had also featured a Dr. Hans Munch from Auschwitz. I contacted him in Germany and he said he would meet with me for a videotaped interview to take to the conference. In July 1993 I was on my way to meet this Nazi doctor. I asked him if he’d seen the gas chambers. He said this was a nightmare he dealt with every day of his life. I was surprised that Nazis had nightmares too and asked him if he would come with me to Auschwitz to sign a document at the ruins of the gas chambers. He said that he would love to do it.”

“On 27 January 1995, at the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, I stood by the ruins of the gas chambers with my children – Dr. Alex Kor and Rina Kor – and with Dr. Munch and his children and grandchild. Dr. Munch signed his document about the operation of the gas chambers while I read my document of forgiveness and signed it. As I did that, I felt a burden of pain was lifted from me. I was no longer in the grip of hate; I was finally free. The day I forgave the Nazis, privately I forgave my parents whom I hated all my life for not having saved me from Auschwitz. Children expect their parents to protect them; mine couldn’t. And then I forgave myself for hating my parents. Forgiveness is really nothing more than an act of self-healing and self-empowerment. I call it a miracle medicine. It is free, it works and has no side effects.”

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

**Discovering Christ:** Discovering Christ is a seven week experience where all are invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ.. The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Sundays at 6:30 with a retreat day on April 1st. The weekly sessions include four components: a meal, prayer time, a video teaching and a small group discussion. We are very excited to bring Discovering Christ to our parish and if your are interested sign up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church.

### **Catholic Schools “Touring Tuesday”:**

Considering a Catholic School for your child? Interested in learning more about Staten Island Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre K 3, Pre K 4, Free UPK and Kindergarten through Grade 8? Register to visit a Catholic school on Touring Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 31st from 9-11 A.M. Our online admission application is now open. For more information, to schedule a tour, apply for admissions or to find out more our financial assistance programs visit [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org) or call our bilingual phone at (646) 794-2885. Private tours are available.

**Staten Island Centering Prayer Group:** The Staten Island Centering Prayer Group meets once a month on the second Wednesday at St. Joseph’s Retreat House at 850 Hylan Blvd. The next meeting is on January 11th from 7:30-9 P.M. and all are invited to come and rest in the presence of the Lord. For more information contact Anne-Louise DePalo at (718) 351-3748.

**Troubled Marriages:** The diocese of Metuchen is running a program called Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) in the hope of saving troubled or failing marriages. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held at a hotel in Somerset N.J. and if you or someone you know are having a difficult time in their marriage, please consider attending. For more information please call The Family Life Office at (732) 243-4573.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday January 14, 2017:

5:00 E. Koleci, T. Koleci, J. Diaz

Sunday, January 15, 2017:

7:00 K. McCafferty, S. McCafferty, M. McCafferty

9:00 S. Laurenno, C. Basile, A. Collado

11:00 W. Hollnsteiner, A. Cardone, N. Randass

1:00 J. Esco, S. Baniswal, G. Garcia

5:00 E. Eadiccio, J. Lotito, M. Riccardi

**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

**Archdiocesan Catechetical Office:** The Archdiocese of New York is inviting all Catholics who currently teach in Public Schools for a special Lunch/Retreat with Fr. Brian McWeeney the Director of Ecclesial Ministries and Ethnic Apostolates. The event will take place on Saturday January 28, 2017 from 9 AM - 1:30 PM at a cost of \$25 a person. It will be held at The Maryknoll Society Center in Ossining and for more details call Sr. Zelide at 914-965-0490 or email Christine Barretta at [artisanmuscian80@msn.com](mailto:artisanmuscian80@msn.com)

### **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