

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
 5:00 ADELE WILSON & FAMILY

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**  
 7:00 ROSE YAJCAJ  
 8:30 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
 10:00 MSGR. ANDREW QUINN  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 GONZALEZ FAMILY SENIOR SISTER  
 5:00 FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**  
 7:00 MARINO MARANIAN  
 9:00 HOWARD WALDENSTROM

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**  
 7:00 WILLIAM & MARY DOHERTY  
 9:00 CHRISSY IMHOFF

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**  
 7:00 ROSEMARY BORGERSEN  
 9:00 MARC CORSO

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**  
 7:00 EDWARD V. EGAN  
 9:00 JAMES KELLY

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**  
 7:00 GONZALEZ FAMILY SENIOR SISTER  
 9:00 JOSEPH BRADLEY

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**  
 9:00 SHANNON TOBIN  
 5:00 KAY McMULLIN

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**  
 7:00 MARY D. CARNEGIE  
 8:30 BEN ZARRELLI  
 10:00 FRED & JOHN BUZZARD  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 MARY SULLIVAN  
 5:00 TERRY WALSH

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**  
**Weekend of January 7-8**

**Saturday, January 7**  
 5:00 Mary Rosso John Gurrieri

**Sunday, January 8**  
 7:00 Joe Meagher  
 8:30 Don O'Shea Barbara Kelly  
 10:00 Frank DiSalvo Teresa Hudik  
 11:30 Ken Wisniewski Ken Wisniewski  
 1:00 Charles Sullivan Angela Medina  
 5:00 Theresa Cunningham

**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, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord

Collection for December 18  
 Collection ..... \$12,362.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul ..... \$1,635.00  
 Due to early publication the Christmas Collection will ne in next weeks Bulletin.

*Fr. Jerome, Fr. Deo, Fr. Navins and the staff of Sacred Heart Church wish all our parishioners a very happy and blessed New Year.*



This Friday, January 6, 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.



## CHRISTMAS SAINTS...

To most people in the world, the Christmas Season really ends on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup>. Not so for the Catholic Church! Christmas is in fact, a liturgical season which goes well into January and concludes with the Baptism of The Lord. The week following Christmas Day in church language is known as "The Octave" of Christmas. "Octave" means "eight". The eight days after the Nativity of Jesus are special feast days and each are celebrated with appropriate solemnity.

There are several saints that we honor during Christmas time that can assist us in strengthening our faith and following Christ. The day after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Stephen. Stephen was one of the first followers of the Lord and was a Deacon of The Church. His devotion to Jesus was very strong indeed.

The Jewish Religious Leaders, the Pharisees, were angered by Stephen's uncompromising witness to Christ. So They took him outside the city of Jerusalem and they stoned him to death. He was the first martyr, the first to witness to Christ by shedding his blood.

Stephen, we are told, died forgiving his persecutors. His last words were, "Lord do not hold this sin against them," From Saint Stephen we learn the importance of forgiveness for the wrongs we have suffered. Forgiveness of injuries and injustices is one of the hallmarks of Christianity.

On December 27<sup>th</sup>, The Apostle and Evangelist Saint John is commemorated in the church calendar. John was known as Jesus's "Beloved Apostle." One of the reasons for that designation lay in the fact that Saint John had such sincerity and strong love for the Lord Jesus. It was a love that proved itself as he stood underneath the Cross on Good Friday. Out of all the twelve, only John was there on that day and it was to John that Jesus entrusted the care of the Blessed Mother before he expired.

John was the Author of The Fourth Gospel. Three of the Epistles and the Book of Revelation. From this great saint we can appreciate the value of fellowship with Jesus Christ and deeper love for him. It was John who leaned upon the Sacred Heart of Christ at The Last Supper. John invites us to a greater depth of spiritual intimacy with Our Lord in personal prayer and devotion.

The Feast of The Holy Innocents is celebrated three days after Christmas. These little babies were slaughtered by King Herod who was jealous of the new born infant savior. So he ordered the death of all the baby boys in Bethlehem two years old and younger. Of course, The Lord was protected from this evil threat as The Holy Family fled to Egypt.

The Martyrdom, of The Holy Innocents makes us think about the prevalence of abortion in our country and how the millions of infants who have perished in the name of "Choice." These innocent children impress upon us the value of the importance of each single human life from the womb to the tomb!

Finally, there are two saints that are perhaps a little more obscure to us. On December 29<sup>th</sup>, we honor Saint Thomas of Becket who lived in Twelfth Century England. There was a play written about this saint by T.S. Eliot, entitled, "Murder in The Cathedral."

Thomas was the Chancellor of The King and later on was Consecrated a Bishop. He had a deep conversion however and changed his life around and was eventually murdered by agents of The King in The Cathedral. From Thomas we can understand more fully the value of standing up for what is right in the face of opposition.

On the very last day of the year, we honor a Pope by the name of Saint Sylvester. There is a church named after this saint on Staten Island. Although Saint Sylvester is not a household name, he was a Pope who served the church in a very difficult period of history-The Fourth Century.

After the faith was recognized by the Emperor Constantine, it was Sylvester who helped the church grow throughout the Roman world. This holy man teaches us by his example to love the faith and to spread it by all possible means.

During these days after Christmas where we might have some extra time, let us reflect upon these wonderful Christmas Saints so as to more fully appreciate the greatest gift given to us-The Infant Savior Jesus Christ!

Sincerely, Father Jerome

## MASS SCHEDULE



### MASSES

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:00PM

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Sunday, January 1, 2010  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM, 1:00PM  
&  
5:00PM Mass



**CCD -**  
Classes January 4, 11, 18, 25

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will meet on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM Donald & Andrea Regan, Steve & Nick Bivona

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM Margaret Donovan & Ryan O'Neil

8:30 AM Bianaca Roman & Peter LePeruta

10:00 AM Alyssa Debrose, Shea Murphy, Elizabeth Althoff

11:30 AM Alaina Santiago, Dustin Soliven, Caitlyn Gould. Giovanni Ercolano

1:00 PM Gabrielle Garcia, John Paul Hoey, Kyle Watson, Vicky Bruno

5:00 PM Tullis Gardner, Jonathan Montemayor

Calling All Choirs!!

New Year!! New You!!

Come on up aunts, uncles, cousins - calling all families to the choir loft for 11:30M Mass, Mary Mother of God. What a great way to start the New Year - singing together for Mass!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! See you in the loft!!

Blessings and Peace in 2012!!

Merry Christmas!!

Pamela

442-0058

Parish Choir sings January 8, 2012 11:30AM  
(arrive 11 AM)

Traveling Choir rehearses January 18, 2012  
7:30PM BCR

Join a Choir! Buy a CD! Put away a hymnbook! Fill your jars!!

### Found - Mans Hat

If you lost a "Greek Fisherman's Cap" some time in the past six months, please contact the rectory office at 718-442-0058. Thinking it was his, a parishioner took it from one of the pews. Only recently did he realize that the hat, though similar to one he owns, is not actually his.

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