

Third Sunday in Advent



Saturday, December 10:

5:00 Mary Iannucci

Sunday, December 11:

7:00 Thomas Coppola
9:00 Sue & Al Amore
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Sal & Charles Paramito
5:00 John Hartmann Sr.

Monday, December 12:

7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 John R. Kubasek

Tuesday, December 13:

7:00 Marc Costello
9:00 Ned Thompson & Felix Gilroy

Wednesday, December 14:

7:00 Sr. Therese Mary O’Carm
9:00 Raymond & Rita Skyes

Thursday, December 15:

7:00 Patricia Silvestri
9:00 Joseph Kempf

Friday, December 16:

7:00 Marguerite Tarasovis
9:00 Jane & Jack Gordon

Saturday, December 17:

9:00 Robert Morris
5:00 Gregorio Paone 4th Anniversary

Sunday, December 18:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Nancy McVey
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Joseph Lazicki
5:00 Michael Mustillo Jr.

Saturday, December 17:

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

Sunday, December 18:

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, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Richard O’Shea

Collections:

December 4th.....\$6,660.50
December 2016 Monthly.....\$3,293

The Bread and Wine this week are donated by June Lee in honor of The Little Flower Saint.

Bread and Wine donations are available for 2017, the cost is \$25 and those interested may contact the Rectory.

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes giving quick and easy. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, www.sacredheartsi.org, click on the online giving option at the top of the site and then follow the link.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Patti Armstrong wrote about self-esteem, humility and Mother Teresa. [“Mother Teresa’s 15 Tips to Help You Become More Humble.” *National Catholic Register* (November 21, 2016)]. She mentions that good self-esteem is confidence in one’s worth or abilities. Think about Mother Teresa, the little nun who had good self-esteem. All the saints understood that humility is the way to achieve good self-esteem by depending on God rather than oneself. Humility involves the understanding that all good things come from God. Mother Teresa called humility the mother of all virtues. She said: “If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal.” While she was head of the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa kept a list of ways to cultivate humility for the sisters in her care.

1. Speak as little as possible about yourself.
2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.
3. Avoid curiosity (she is referring to wanting to know things that should not concern you.)
4. Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
5. Accept small irritations with good humor.
6. Do not dwell on the faults of others.
7. Accept censures even if unmerited.
8. Give in to the will of others.
9. Accept insults and injuries.
10. Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
11. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.
12. Do not seek to be admired and loved.
13. Do not protect yourself behind your own

dignity.

14. Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.

15. Choose always the more difficult task.

Advent is largely about humility.

Though He was in the form of God Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at, rather, He humbled Himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. (Phil 2:6-7). Humility is very powerful. It fosters true and Christian self-esteem. Humility lays a powerful foundation for the spiritual life because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. St. James asks, “*Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom.*” (Jas 3:13). Through the humility of Jesus, which He shares with us, the kingdom of Satan is defeated. St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, who was often harassed by demons, spoke of a conversation with the Prince of Darkness. The Devil said: “I can do everything you do, I can also do your penances, I can imitate you in everything. There is one thing, however, that I cannot do, I cannot imitate you in humility.” “That is why I defeat you,” said the Saint.

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

Confessions: In preparing for Christmas, during this Advent season Confessions will be available on the following dates and times:

Monday, December 19th from 4-8 PM

Friday, December 23rd from 4 –5, PM

Saturday, December 24th from 11 AM-12

Noon and

4-4:45

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 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 School Christmas Show: The Annual Sacred Heart School Christmas Show will take place on Wednesday, December 21st at 7 PM in the school auditorium. Please come see our students perform in this festive, holiday tradition. Admission is \$3 a person.

Christmas Giving Tree: The annual giving tree is up in the Church and will remain up until this weekend. If you take something off the tree please remember to wrap it and attach the tag so that The Special Events Committee are able to identify each gift.

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 17:

5:00 Rae Lynn Delamasa & Angela Buscemi

Sunday, December 18:

7:00 John & Michael Manning

9:00 Austin Maida & Timothy Koleci

11:00 Anthony Basile & Georgia Seaborg

1:00 Veronica Kaleta & Jeremiah Diaz

5:00 Benjamin Freund & Wayne Wenzel

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

Saint Francis Catholic Singles: The Saint Francis Catholic Singles is a singles group for Catholic single people in their 30s, 40s and 50s that meets once a month. The 16th annual Christmas Dinner will take place at The West Shore Inn on Sunday December 18, 2016 from 6:30-9:30 PM. All attendees are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy for a child ages 3-14. The cost is \$35 per person which includes dinner, dessert and wine. All payments are to be made out to cash and sent by December 15th to Holy Family Family Parish, 366 Watchouge Rd, Staten Island NY, 10314. Remember to include your name, telephone number and email in the memo box on the check payment.

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