

Second Sunday in Advent



Saturday, December 3:

5:00 Catherine O'Toole

Sunday, December 4:

7:00 Aracelis Abreu Leung
9:00 L. Benjamin Zarrelli
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Niall Sullivan
5:00 Patricia Keane

Monday, December 5:

7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Mary Romanelli

Tuesday, December 6:

7:00 Eugene Spillane
9:00 Ruth Wolf

Wednesday, December 7:

7:00 Marie D. Carnegie
9:00 Robert Morris
7:00 People of the Parish

Thursday, December 8:

7:00 Vocations from the Parish
9:00 Kathryn Tighe
7:00 Dawn Walsh

Friday, December 9:

7:00 Michael G. Kenneke
9:00 Robert Morris

Saturday, December 10:

9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue
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.

Saturday, December 10:

5:00 Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, December 11:

7:00 Vincent O'Grady
9:00 Don O'Shea Evelyn Bilotto
11:00 Maria Montouri Regina Torello
1:00 Philip Khan Pat Jezycki
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, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Richard O'Shea

Collections:

November 20th.....\$7,896.50
Human Development..... \$2,090.00
November 27th.....\$6,398.50
50/50 Collection..... \$440
Building Fund Nov 2016..... \$1,229

Congratulations to Mr. Louis Mangiapia on winning the November Fifty Fifty.

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

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception is Thursday December 8th and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass Schedule is as follows: Wednesday 7 PM. Thursday 7 AM, 9 AM and 7 PM.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

This week the Universal Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception. From the first moment of her conception our Lady was completely free from original sin so as to be worthy to be the Mother of our Savior. Mary is the ultimate counter-cultural witness to the virtue of purity. Today, in our nation, we see an onslaught against purity by means of pornography.

Pornography is highly addictive, perhaps even more addictive than hard core drugs. The studies manifest that pornography has some miserable effects upon the human person and upon society. According to the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, prolonged exposure to pornography leads to:

- An exaggerated preoccupation with sex in society
- Diminished trust between intimate couples
- The abandonment of the hope of monogamy
- Belief that promiscuity is the natural state
- Belief that abstinence and sexual inactivity are unhealthy
- Cynicism about love or the need for affection between sexual partners
- Belief that marriage is sexually confining
- Lack of attraction to family and child-raising

*According to numerous sociologists pornography consumption is associated with the following:

- Increased marital distress, and risk of separation and divorce
- Decreased marital intimacy and sexual satisfaction
- Infidelity
- Increased appetite for more graphic types of pornography and sexual activity associated with abusive, illegal or unsafe practices
- Devaluation of monogamy, marriage and child rearing
- An increasing number of people struggling with compulsive and addictive sexual behavior

According to research from Family Safe Media, the largest group of viewers of internet porn

is children between ages 12 and 17. Is this a problem? Yes. A study of youth between the ages of 10 and 17 concluded that there is a significant relationship between frequent porn use and feelings of loneliness and major depression. When a child or adolescent is directly exposed to pornography the following effects have been documented:

- Lasting negative or traumatic emotional responses.
- Earlier onset of first sexual intercourse, thereby increasing the risk of STD's over the lifespan.
- The belief that superior sexual satisfaction is attainable without having affection for one's partner, thereby reinforcing the commoditization of sex and the objectification of humans.
- The belief that being married or having a family are unattractive prospects.
- Increased risk for developing sexual compulsions and addictive behavior.
- Increased risk of exposure to incorrect information about human sexuality long before a minor is able to contextualize this information in ways an adult could.

Let us ask our Lady for the end to pornography in our land. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you!

God bless you!

Father Eric

[For further reading see, "The Science Of Porn – What Happens To Your Brain, Body, & Relationships." http://www.aggiecatholicblog.org/201609/the-science-of-porn-what-happens-to-your-brain-body/September_1,2016]

Fr. Eric

Sacred Heart School Christmas Show: The Annual Sacred Heart School Christmas Fair will take place on Wednesday, December 21st at 7 PM in the school auditorium.

Christmas Tree Lighting: On Saturday December 10th after the 5 PM mass the annual Christmas Tree lighting will take place. Please fill out a flyer and return it to the rectory if you wish to purchase a memorial tree. A commemorative plaque will then be placed on the tree prior to the lighting. This is an excellent way to remember a deceased family member, friend or loved one. Light refreshments will be served and Christmas Carols will be sung.

Christmas Wreaths: The scouts of Pack 74 will be selling Christmas Wreaths after all the masses this weekend. The cost of each Wreath is \$20 and all proceeds go towards the 10 Mile River summer scout trip. This is an excellent way to support our scouts and show some Holiday Spirit.

Christmas Giving Tree: The annual giving tree is up in The Church and will remain up until December 11th. 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.

Thanksgiving Mass: We would like to thank our friends at Rosemary's Bakery, located at 155 Port Richmond Ave for generously supplying the rolls that were distributed during the Mass.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10:

5:00 Margaret Donovan & Noelle Ehresman

Sunday, December 11:

7:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

9:00 Kasey & Kelly Shashaty

11:00 Rae Lynn Delamasa & Naomi Randass

1:00 Benjamin Freund & Georgia Seaborg

5:00 Sarah Laurenno & Kevin Postler

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

Goretti Group: The next meeting of The Goretti Group will be held here at Sacred Heart on Friday, December 2nd. Adoration & Praise will begin at 5 PM, Reconciliation will be available at 6:30 with Mass starting at 7 PM. Guest speaker Colin Nykazza will then speak about Desire, Purpose, Destiny and The Ache of the Heart. Dinner will take place in a local/restaurant bar after the talk.

Ignatian Spirituality: The next session of Ignatian Spirituality will be held on Saturday December 10th at Holy Family Church in Willowbrook. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM in the meeting room in the basement of the church after the 8:30 Mass (optional). We look forward to seeing you there

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 Wachtouge Rd, Staten Island NY, 10314. Remember to include your name, telephone number and email in the memo box on the check payment.