

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30TH, 2014



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH:

5:00 pm Frank and Jennie Monforte

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH:

7:30 am Anne Miqueli

9:00 am Lucille Gargana

10:30 am Guistina and Louis Facciolo

NOON Rev. John E. Mercer

MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Christopher Tobon

TUESDAY DECEMBER 2ND:

7:15 am Deceased Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary

8:30 am Angelo and Josephine Marmo

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3RD:

7:15 am Anthony and Rose Ballarino

8:30 am Josephine Rocca

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4TH:

7:15 am Orlando Marrazzo

8:30 am Intentions of Diane Jacobson Family

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH:

7:15 am Giuseppe Abate

8:30 am For all the Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH:

8:00 am Patrick J. Tuzzio

5:00 pm Jason Ravelo

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH:

7:30 am Millie Annunziato

9:00 am Salvatore Traina

10:30 am John J. Beale

NOON Maria and Vincent Zanfardino

BEREAVEMENT

"Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted."
-Matthew 5:4.

Our Bereavement Minister, Deacon Michael Venditto, is available to assist anyone who has experienced a loss. Call the rectory (718-761-5421) weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm to set up an appointment with Deacon Michael.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Anyone desiring a Certificate to serve as a sponsor for a Sacrament must be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. They must be registered in the parish for at least 3 months or known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**

RCIA PROGRAM

Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps you need to be confirmed. The RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wed. at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary.



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 30TH:



The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINES** are in memory of:
ANNA CONTE
requested by Frank and Louise Felicetta.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of:
JASON DISPINZIERE
requested by Members of the Legion of Mary.

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:
JASON RAVELO
requested lovingly by your mom Victoria Ravelo.

The **BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:
JOSEPHINE SCOTTO
requested by Angela Diaz and Family.

JOIN THE CHOIRS



The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**



Children's Choir: Do you like to sing? Children (from second grade or older) practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Join the Choir and make new friends.

CCD PROGRAM

CCD children from grades 3 to 7 will have their Advent Confessions heard on Dec. 2nd, 9th and 10th during their normal class times.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will be held Mon. through Fri. from 12 to 4:30 pm in St. Christopher's Church, Midland Ave. Each Wednesday from 3 to 4 pm is dedicated to praying for vocations. For further information call 718-351-2452.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society of our parish is holding its Christmas Brunch on Sunday December 7th at Z-Two's Diner (2955 Veterans Rd. West). Price: \$35.00 per person, children ages 7 to 12 - \$15.00, 7 years old or under free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses, or by calling Steve at 347-861-0316 or Gene at 718-979-6919.

RICHMOND DIVISION

The annual retreat for the Holy Name Societies on Staten Island will be held this year on Jan. 17, 2015 (snow date January 31) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Rev. Thomas Devery will be the spiritual leader. Day starts with Mass at 9 am, continental breakfast at 10:15 am, discussion at 11 am, lunch at 12:30 pm, final discussion at 1:30 pm. Cost: \$25 per person. Reservations will be accepted for all of November. Call Steve at 347-861-0316.

HIS WORD TODAY

“Jesus said to His disciples: ‘Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye.’”

A new season of grace begins, Advent, when we remember the first coming of Christ, anticipate His future coming and discern His presence among us today. The image of the traveler found in the person of Jesus is so appropriate.

We have been given our personal, as well as collective tasks. He has placed certain responsibilities in our hands. As disciples we are called to be faithful followers, stellar examples as parents, responsible members of His flock and enthusiastic in the practice of our faith.

A person on watch is there to provide safety from danger, but also to seize opportunities to serve. How many needs can be answered, how many wounds can be healed, how many chances for growth in the life of the Church are offered to us, but we fail to take advantage.

The Church needs ministers at worship, teachers as catechists, sponsors for RCIA candidates. The Church needs models for our youth, and support for our aging and homebound. Who is ready to respond to these needs?

Advent offers a new beginning. Are you ready? His coming today is what is all important.



GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

VOYCES CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT “A CAPPELLA”

The concert will be held on Sunday Dec. 14th at 3 pm in our Church. All are welcome to attend.



MORNING DEVOTIONS

Following the 8:30 am weekday Mass is the Recitation of the Rosary and spiritual devotions. On Fridays there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On First Fridays there is Benediction. On Sat. following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

BIBLE STUDY

Sister Marcia will be running the Bible Study beginning on Mon. Jan. 12th and Wed. Jan. 14th for eight (8) weeks. The theme will be **“Mary in the Bible”**, a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother which is a Catholic Bible Study that reveals Mary’s unique role in God’s Kingdom and in our lives. Sessions will be held on Mon. evenings at 7:30 pm and

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH:

5:00 pm A. Davis – J. Coraci

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH:

7:30 am J. Coraci – M. Salcedo

9:00 am K. Carpenito – V. Laperuta

10:30 am M/M R. Geronimo

NOON M. Mendez – J. Almero

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH:

5:00 pm M. Donadic

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH:

7:30 am M. Salcedo

9:00 am L. Buttacavoli

10:30 am R. Rose

NOON P. Magliocco

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH:

5:00 pm J. Venditto – J. Gonzalez – C. Baria

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH:

7:30 am D. Pangilinan – J. Inigo

9:00 am J. Flood – J. Tangco – C. Rodriguez

10:30 am R. Eckman – C. Garzon – M. Tubay

M. Santa

NOON N. Lopez – A. Rivas – J. Clyne

J. Carristo

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ON SATURDAY DEC. 6TH AT 1:00 PM IN CHURCH.

BUS TRIP TO SANDS CASINO

Bus departs from the front of our Church on Dec. 5th at 9 am. Their Christmas Show features Tony Orlando. For information and/or reservations call Agnes 718-494-5475.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rosarians Christmas Party is set for December 5th at 6 pm. Restaurant is being decided. For information call Lena at 718-816-8216.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD: Eric Naylor and Amanda Venturi

ST. PAULS PUBLISHING

The Society of St. Paul at the Alba House on Victory Blvd. has a vacancy for a part-time sales assistant in its marketing department. Fluency in both English and Spanish, good computing skills and a pleasant phone manner are required. For a job application form, call Dora at 800-343-2522 from 1 pm to 5 pm, weekdays or email dora@stpauls.US.

ST. FRANCIS SINGLES CLUB (30’s,40’s & 50’s)

Their Christmas Party will be on Fri. Dec. 12th at the Manor Restaurant, 917 Manor Rd. Price: \$50 per person. Checks are to be made out to CASH and mailed to Holy Family Parish, Attn: Singles Christmas Party, 366 Watchogue Rd., SI NY 10314.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During this Advent Season as we celebrate the new relationship between God and His people, may that be mirrored in our renewed relationships with spouses, children, family and those near and dear to us.

May we speak tenderly to each other amidst all the rush of the season and transform shopping days till Christmas into the true "Advent of Christ."

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

Thank you for your contributions to this collection. Your generosity will help CCHD end poverty in this US through better education, improved housing and economic development. Through this collection and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to *"Bring glad tidings to the poor... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."* (LK 4:18)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sun. Dec. 7th 10 am - 5 pm at Msgr. Farrell HS, Amboy Rd. Admission fee \$3.00 per person \$5 per family. A visit from Santa. Over 80 Vendors. Door prizes every hour. Homemade baked goods and raffle baskets.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Start the Christmas Season the old fashioned way! St. Peter's HS Seton Chorale/Glee Club Alumni present the 5th Annual Christmas Concert at St. Peter's Church on Dec. 7th at 4 pm. Enjoy the much beloved "I Believe/Ave Maria" and many more. Tickets are \$10/\$15/\$20. For information call Wayne at 738-971-3267. For program ads call Theresa at 738-981-8047.

Electronic Giving (Parish Pay Program) is an alternate means of supporting your parish instead of using the envelope system. This program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. There is **NO COST** to you, the parishioner, to participate in this program. Log onto www.paritypay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday Dec. 8th we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. The **Masses on Dec. 8th are at: 7:15 am, 8:30 am and 7:30 pm (there is NO Vigil Mass on Sunday Dec. 7th).** This doctrine was revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful that "the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception in her mother's womb was, by an unique grace and privilege of Almighty God in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." In other words, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is in actuality the Conception of by St. Anne of the Blessed Virgin. **For many Catholics the expression Conception of Mary was taken to mean the conception of our incarnate Lord within Mary's womb by the power**

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be celebrating the 5 pm Mass on Dec. 13th and will be lighting our Christmas Trees after that Mass. What an honor once again for our parish. Let's be sure to be present at this very important occasion of our parish and to be honored by the Cardinal's presence. After the lighting of the trees we invite all to the Parish Center for refreshments.

PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree that stands in the vestibule of our Church, is a reminder to us all that many families are in need this year. Our volunteers spend numerous hours writing tags with "Wish-lists" from many organizations on Staten Island and for our own parishioners who we know are in need. You are invited to remove a tag, purchase the gift item written on the tag, wrap the gift and place the original tag on the package. Return it to the Giving Tree on the date listed on tag. **Gifts are to be returned no later than Dec. 14-15th.** Thank you for your generosity.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Today is the First Sunday of **Advent**, a Latin word meaning **"Coming"**, the four week season beginning this weekend and ending with the First Evening Prayer of Christmas. This season of joyful expectation has a two fold character:

It prepares for the commemoration of the Incarnation celebrated during the Christmas Season, and it looks forward to Christ's second Coming at the end of time.

PREPARING THE WREATH

Start with 3 purple candles and 1 Rose (pink) candle. Place them in a circle of greenery. One candle is lit weekly, beginning this Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is when the Rose or Pink candle is lit signifying the coming of Christmas.

THE SICK

Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshipping community is called to pray for the sick or elderly in their parish. It is a privilege to ask Our Lord to heal and strengthen the sick. ***The Prayer List for the Sick*** is our way of reaching out to our parishioners, young and elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life:

Maryann Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Nora Bonilla, Sally Caputo, Rosalie Carroll, Vera Cerullo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Michael Delfino, Carol Devine, Nicole Giambrone, Donna Hazen, John Hudson, Vanessa McIntosh, Ralph Moceo, Maria Scaglione and Ann Volpe. The listed names above for those asking for prayers has been updated according to months on the list. Those remaining have been reinstated by parishioners calling after the six month period. If anyone wishes to put a name back or to add a new name of a parishioner who is sick please contact the rectory Mon.-Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

SHUT-INS

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, notify the girls at the rectory and if you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring you the Eucharist on the first Friday of the month.

