



**2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2015**

**Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 John Arthur Sullivan req. by The Colao Family
- 5:30 Robert Gerlow req. by Blake Family

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Rose Mary Mulholland req. by Peggy & Bob Corrao
- 10:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family
- Noon Mary Sherlach (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 August Bohn req. by The Rienecker Family

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Kenneth Conklin req. by Eileen & Stephen Savas
- 9:00 For all members of the Supreme Court req. by Respect Life
- 7:00 (Vigil) Eduardo Diaz req. by the Leal & Santas Families

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Ralph Wilson req. by Paul & Elizabeth Sander
- 9:00 John & Eleanore Duportdu Tetre req. by The Elliott Family
- 7:00 Patricia Tynan req. by Family

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 George Fargis req. by Alice & Ed Hand
- 9:00 Marita Josephine Cacciato req. by Family

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Timothy Pirola req. by Lynda Halsey
- 9:00 John Young req. by Mary Ann & Bill Riley

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Joseph Maisto req. by Family
- 9:00 Marilyn Jenkuski req. by Betty Goodman

**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Aileen Schaefer req. by A Friend
- 5:30 Rita Rizzotti req. by Jeanne Ryan & Family

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Sean Doherty req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 10:30 Raymond F. Hickey req. by Family
- Noon Josephine & Joseph Dearie req. by Family
- 5:30 Rose Marie Mulholland req. by Peggy & Bob Corrao

**Recent Collections**

- Sunday, November 22nd – \$9,742
- Campaign for Human Development – \$3,015
- Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – \$9,909
- ParishPay November 16<sup>th</sup> – 30th: \$1,505

**Retired Religious Collection**

There will be a second collection next week for the Retired Religious sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.



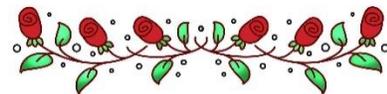
**Pray for the Sick**

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Virginia Barrett, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Connor Curran, Betty D'Alton, Maggie Dellorso, Michael Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Francine Holley, Jennifer Gardner, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Larry Kaslow, Patricia Levine, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Gary Montanus, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Robert Schimpf, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, William Vitro, Raymond Webster, Sylvia Webster, Betsy Weiner and all who request our prayers.

*It is a privilege and a duty for us to pray for those commended to our prayers. From time to time we start a new list to make sure that it is up-to-date. If we have removed someone who should remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 234-3344.*

**Partner-in-Faith Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings and protection on the people of Sacred Heart Parish. We, your children at St. Patrick's, invoke your name on their behalf. We are grateful for all you have given us and in return we are mindful of those who have less than we do. Bless us all and keep us close to you. May the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, be the strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**Weekend Flower Donations**

**Weekend of 11/22/2015**

*Flowers Donated by The Ventura Family  
In Loving Memory of Lucy Buchan*

**Weekend of 12/05/2015**

*Flowers Donated by The Lecusay Family  
In Loving Memory of Dario A. Lecusay, Sr.*



The following weekend is available for a flower donation in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (234-3344).

December 12/13

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## A Holy Year of Mercy

Our Holy Father Francis has proclaimed a Holy Year devoted to mercy commencing on Tuesday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and ending on November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King, next year. What is a Holy Year? It is a time of special graces with its roots in the Old Testament. Every 50 years there would be a "jubilee" year, a time for rest and celebration. In many ways it was like a year-long Sabbath. Often, debts were forgiven and prisoners were released. Pope Francis selected December 8, 2015 as the beginning of this Holy Year because it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the solemn closing of Vatican Council II in 1965. Why a year dedicated to mercy? Because now, more than ever, we need it.

Pope Francis wants each parish, indeed each Catholic, to be "an island of mercy in a sea of indifference." It seems to me that this must happen in two ways, actively and passively. In other words, we need to both give mercy and to receive it. We all need mercy. The best way to receive it is to give it away to others. Receiving mercy is not as easy as it sounds. Sometimes we can be afraid that if we allow others to help us it will show us to be weak and in need. Of course, if everybody acted like this, mercy would be impossible. So we have to allow others to minister to us, to show us mercy. We especially have to allow God to be merciful to us. Saying yes to the Mercy of God is exactly what we do when we receive the great sacrament of the Lord's mercy – the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Holy Father expressly mentioned the need to experience this sacrament during the Holy Year of Mercy. Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm will provide us with just that opportunity. It's called Reconciliation Monday, and God's mercy and forgiveness will be there for the taking for each of us!

As far as giving mercy is concerned, do you remember the spiritual and corporal works of mercy? Here they are, to refresh your memory.

### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counseling the doubtful;
2. Instructing the ignorant;
3. Admonishing the sinner;
4. Comforting the sorrowful;
5. Forgiving injuries;
6. Bearing wrongs patiently;
7. Praying for the living and the dead.

### The Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feeding the hungry;
2. Giving drink to the thirsty;
3. Sheltering the homeless;
4. Clothing the naked;
5. Visiting the sick;
6. Visiting the imprisoned;
7. Burying the dead.

These fourteen "works" are the very essence of what it means to be merciful to another. Since they are spiritual as well as corporal they treat the whole person. Inserted into this edition of the Bulletin is a brochure entitled, "A Year of Mercy." Next weekend there will be another insert, a "Catholic Update" edition for December. Even as we prepare for Christmas with the season of Advent, we are called to consider the role of mercy in our lives, giving it and getting it. We need both.

## Words of Pope Francis

### A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

"I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016). We want to live this year in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). May the whole church find in this jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful God's mercy, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time."



### Immaculate Conception Masses

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and a holy day. There are four masses for the feast: 7pm on Monday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup>; and 7am, 9am and 7pm on December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### High School Youth Group

**The High School Youth Group will meet tonight, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.**



### COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

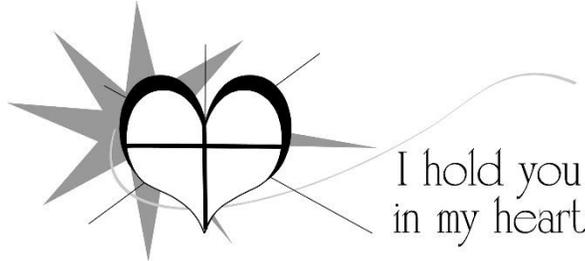
The Center provides extra assistance throughout the Holiday period of November and December. There is a list of suggested items you can donate posted on the Church bulletin board. Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in this holiday season.



### **National Night of Prayer**

Following the 7pm Mass on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we shall have an hour of adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament as part of the National Night of Prayer for a change of hearts regarding abortion, euthanasia and other attacks on the right to human life.

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Reconciliation Monday** is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Confessions will be available from 4pm – 8pm  
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This is also happening in all of the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York.



### **Spiritual Adoption**

Our spiritually adopted babies have been quite active over the past month and are already 10,000 times bigger than at conception. They are about ½-inch long, weigh less than 1 oz. and by Day 10 have developed the foundations of their brains, spinal cords and nervous systems. Simple kidneys, liver and digestive tract are taking shape. Their hearts began to beat on Day 21 and are pumping blood - which can be a different type than the mother's - through their own circulatory systems.



### **Service Personnel Prayer List**

The names listed below are service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Darren Adler/Marines
- Robert F. Benedettini/Army
- Ryan Bludau/Air Force
- Kristin Chapman/Army
- Casey Dale Climis/Air Force
- Christopher Cruz/Army
- Daniel Cruz/Army
- Thomas Dever/Marines
- Matthew Diterichs/Army
- Terrence Higgins/Navy
- Christopher Homon/Marines
- Richie Hughes/Marines
- Christopher G. Johnson/Coast Guard
- Paddy McManus/Army
- Stephen Musick/Marines
- Matthew Nevious/Air Force
- Cristin Pulise/Marines
- Charles Retter/Marines
- Peter Riley/Army
- Kate Rosenschein/Navy
- Christian Roth/Coast Guard
- Craig Scott/Army
- Andrew Solt/Marines
- Thomas McAllister Stevenson/Army
- Michael Tynan/Marines
- Howard Wulforst/Army



### **Career Network**

The St. Patrick's Career Network is available to provide assistance to those parishioners who are in a career transition and covers such topics as: career evaluation, resume writing, interview preparation, developing networks, job skills search and targeting the job market. For those interested, please call Deacon Lou at (914) 393-1900.