

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 21, 2014

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Hopefully, by the time the Fourth Sunday of Advent comes around, we have spent some time preparing ourselves to celebrate Christmas. I am sure we have seen Christmas decorations and have heard Christmas music, but have we tried to imitate the goodness of Jesus in what we say and do? Have we allowed His word and the grace of His sacraments to change our minds and hearts?

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent there is still time to prepare. We can think of what so many generations hoped for before Christ was born. They did not know exactly what to expect but they knew that God promised to come to them in a powerful way.

After His birth, Jesus made God's presence in the world felt like never before and He continued to be with His Church after His Ascension.

Here at Sacred Heart, we always seek to experience the presence of Jesus. We believe He is with us in His word, His sacraments and His family, the people of the Church. This same family, in turn, tries to follow His example. When we are together in prayer nothing can separate us from His love.

Whether it is Advent or Christmas or any time of the year, we should always take the time to remember God's love and mercy and seek to live in His ways.

I'm sure we will see each other in Church in the next few days and we would do well to pray for one another also. There are special times of the year and there are ordinary times, but it is important for us to remember that God is with us to help us and guide us all the time.

God bless you all as we welcome Christ into our hearts.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Monignor Giandurco*



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE ADVENT WREATH

#### Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Lord, stir up your might and come. Aid us with your powerful assistance so that, through your grace and merciful forgiveness, we may attain salvation which now is hindered by our sins; you who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God forever and ever.

(Someone lights all the candles.)

### CHRISTMAS MASSES 2014

#### *Christmas Eve*

*(December 24<sup>th</sup> 9am Only Morning Mass)*

*Wednesday, December 24 for Christmas*

4:00pm in the Church and School

5:30pm in the Church and School

7:30pm

Midnight Mass

(Choir sings at 11:30pm)

#### *Christmas Day*

*Thursday, December 25*

7:00am

8:30am

10:00am

11:30am

1:00pm

(All in Church)

**THERE WILL BE NO 5:30PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

*(December 26, 9am Mass only)*

*Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Morning Masses*

*7am & 9am*

#### *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*

*Schedule of Masses*

*Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:30pm Vigil Mass*

*Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015*

**NO 7:00AM MASS**

**8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM & 1:00PM**

**(in the Church)**

**NO 5:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**(Friday, January 2, 2015 9am Mass only)**

# Merry



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On Christmas Day, we gather together to celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior with great joy in our hearts. The tiny child born in the manger at Bethlehem two thousand years ago has forever changed our world. In Jesus, God's love is with us forever.

Once again this year, I thank the Lord for His many blessings to each of us individually and as a parish family.

Beginning with our priests and all of the clergy who serve in this parish, and our wonderful parish staff and volunteers, I extend those thanks to all who worship in this parish and call Sacred Heart home. Your presence and support of this parish is a gift of God.

May God continue to watch over us and give us His peace and joy this Christmas. May He bless our loved ones as well, all the year long.

Joyfully in Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*

**SALESIAN COMMUNITY OF DON BOSCO PREP**

On behalf of all of us here at Don Bosco Prep, we wish you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas with health and happiness in the New Year.

Fr. Jim Heuser  
Director/President

**AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS**

The Community of Tagaste Monastery wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Peace, Joy and Hope to you and to your loved ones  
this Christmas Season!**

**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

Dear Monsignor Joseph Giandurco,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern, the Official Village Family, and myself, we wish to extend to you and the members of your church a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. As we join with you in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, may this season be a blessed one for all. As always, please extend our best wishes to your congregation.

Sincerely,  
Patricia J. Abato, Mayor

# Christmas!

**SACRED HEART  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

May our Parish Family be filled with Peace and Joy  
this Christmas Season and  
Blessings throughout the New Year.  
With Love & Prayers,

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

The Faculty, staff and administration of the school wish to extend their best wishes during this Christmas season. May all members of the Sacred Heart School and Parish community have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

We wish to thank the many parishioners who contributed food, money or effort during the year to help us in our mission. Our efforts reflect **your generosity** to the many less fortunate as we strive to help them in Christ's name.

**OUR LADY'S GUILD**

Our Lady's Guild wishes to thank all our friends and parishioners who donated gifts for the Birthright. We would like to wish them and all of our parish family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE YOUTH  
GROUP**

There is NO Youth Group Meeting this week!  
NEXT MEETING, January 4, 2015  
AT 6:30PM IN THE CAFETERIA

For Information or with any questions please contact  
[Josephchabot@optonline.net](mailto:Josephchabot@optonline.net)

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Monday, December 22**

Religious Education CCD – Grade 6 - 4:30-6pm  
Religious Education CCD – Grade 7 - 7 to 8:30pm  
CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

**Novena – 7:15pm**

**Tuesday, December 23**

**Confessions – 12 noon**

Religious Education – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school  
CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Religious Education – Grade 8 – 7:00pm in the school

**Wednesday, December 24**

Rectory Office Closes at 2pm

See Christmas Schedule

**December 25 & 26 – Office Closed**

**Saturday, December 27**

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

**Sunday, December 28**

Teen Group – No Meeting tonight

**SPECIAL THANKS TO  
THE VINCENT CROTTY FOUNDATION**

For the third year in a row the Vincent Crotty Foundation has generously donated food and money to the parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to feed and care for the less fortunate in our parish and community.



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS NAME**  
Due to early printing of the bulletin Collection totals will be reported in the upcoming bulletins.

**ANUNCIOS**

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 17 de enero, 2015 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests and religious.



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have

asked us to pray for them: **Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Gloria Ammerata, Jenna Applebaum, Christine Arehart, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Craig & Marjorie Buckles, Yvon Buckles, Annette Burbridge, Mary Bush, Frank and Angelica Calfa, Mary Jo Christensen, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Kathy DeMaria, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Florence Downy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anna Grosselfinger, Anne Hart, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna Jarkiewicz, Mary Ann Kelly, Jay Leone, Laura Mack, Barbara Mazza, Rose Mazzei, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken & John Meyer, Marie Meliota, Patricia Eckert Meunier, Jennifer O'Hara, Tina Osika, Philly Pelzer, Tara Piccone, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spalanzani, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Virginia Tryon, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, Maria Velez, Millie Vazquez, and Michael Wilson.**

**ALTAR MEMORIALS  
FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2014**

**Altar Wines, Breads,  
Candles and Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of**

**MAURA E. MANNION**

Sacred Heart 0423



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

9:00am – Betty Sinclair

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY**

5:30pm – Robert Colbath

7:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

7:00am – Margaret Mitsch

8:30am – All Parishioners

10:00am –Special Intentions Veronique Hazell - Church

10:00am – Special Intention Staff at Rockland Orthopedics - School

11:30am – Eileen T. Foster

1:00pm – Special Intention for Vincent Cangelose

5:30pm – Hipolito Villegas, Sr.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**

7:00am – Joseph Holahan

9:00am – Florence & Charles Marsalisi

**7:15pm – NOVENA**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

7:00am – Aleyamma Mathew

9:00am – Rose McNally

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

7:00am –**Canceled**

9:00am – Paula & Stephen Gangone

4:30pm – Church & School

5:30pm – Church & School

7:30pm – Church

12:00pm – Midnight Mass -Church

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**Church: 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am & 1:00pm**

**There will be No 5:30pm Mass Christmas Day**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26**

7:00am – **Canceled**

9:00am – Aline Hendrickson

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**

9:00am – Budgin, Cummings & McCourt

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY**

5:30pm –John Renner

7:30pm –Parish Memorial Society

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

7:00am –John Collura

8:30am –All Parishioners

10:00am – Joseph Santoro-Church

10:00am – Mary Cuddy - School

11:30am –Luis Patino

1:00pm –Delio Dimas

5:30pm –Special Intentions Kenneth & Althea Frank