

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 20, 2015

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

For many adults, Advent is a time of trying to make sure things are ready for Christmas. We have to think about gifts, meals, cards and charitable giving and then spend more time on all of the above as well as different events that take place at this time of the year. It is a joyful time but it can also be stressful. Hopefully, we have been able to focus somewhat on what is truly important during Advent. Often the weeks go by quickly and Christmas is upon us before we know it.

With a few days until Christmas eve, maybe we can all simply take a few minutes each day to call to mind God's goodness and His love for us. Some time spent in prayer thinking about God's plan for the whole world will help us approach Christmas with grateful hearts. As Catholic Christians, we are blessed to believe in the Blessed Trinity who wants to be so close to us that the second Person of the Trinity came into the world to teach us the truth about life and show us the way to heaven.

With all of the things going on in our lives and in the world around us, it is no wonder we sometimes focus more on the messages of this world and not on the things of God. The challenge for everyone is to do what needs to be done for everyday life and also to think about the promise of eternal life.

Let the occasional Christmas hymn or nativity display or evergreen Christmas trees or wreaths remind us of the coming of Jesus. If we try even a little bit, something inside of us will connect with God's abiding presence in our lives. The truth of God with us and His love for us can move our hearts to love God in return.

Sincerely in Christ,



**P.S. Can I remind you how grateful I am for your usual generosity for the Christmas Collection!**



### 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 2015

#### *Christmas Eve*

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

#### **Thursday, December 24 for Christmas**

4:00pm in the Church and School

6:00pm in the Church Only

11:00pm Mass-in place of Midnight  
(Choir sings at 10:30pm)

#### **Christmas Day**

Friday, December 25

7:00am

8:30am

10:00am

11:30am

1:00pm

(All Masses in Church)

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

(December 26, 9am Morning Mass)

Normal Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00pm

### REMAINING

#### ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2015

Tuesday, December 22 – 12:00 Noon

### A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



**TODAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**7:00PM IN CHURCH**

The children of Sacred Heart Parish will lead us in word and song to recount the story of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please come and join the children and re-discover the real joy of Christmas! All are Welcome!

# Merry



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Now is the time, on Christmas Day, to rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior! Life can be heavy at times but on special days, Jesus can lift up our hearts beyond our expectations! May this day be such a day for us all!

As always, on Christmas, I thank the Lord for His closeness to us and the way He guides us. I thank God for our wonderful parish and all of the good people who make up this family in Christ. Beginning with Fr. Michael Moon and the clergy who assist here and our parish staff and volunteers, I give thanks to be a part of such a blessed family. It is the presence of Jesus that draws us close to Himself and one another. My gratitude goes to every member of the parish for your goodness and tremendous support.

May God continue to bring us His peace and joy at Christmas and always. May He bless all of our loved ones and our weary world as well.

There is always cause for rejoicing in the love of God shown so powerfully in the Birth of Christ. Blessed Christmas!

Joyfully yours in Christ,

**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!**

## 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.

# Christmas!

## VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

Dear Monsignor Joseph Giandurco,

I is with great pleasure that I extend to you and the members of your church best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself, the Board of Trustees and the entire official family of the Village of Suffern. As we join with you in celebrating this blessed occasion, may it be a healthy, happy and peaceful one for all. As always, please extend our best wishes to your Congregation. Sincerely,

Edward T. Markunas, Mayor

## 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.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, December 21

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

Novena – Canceled

### Tuesday, December 22

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 23

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym  
RCIA – 7:30pm in the Rectory  
Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

### Thursday, December 24

Rectory Office Closes at 2pm  
See Christmas Schedule

December 25– Office Closed - Christmas

Saturday, December 26 – Office Opened

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

No Religious Education CCD

Sunday, December 27 / Holy Family

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Baskets will be distributed on Monday, December 21.  
**Deadline for donations: Today, December 20.**

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME**  
Due to early printing Collection Totals will be reported in the coming weeks.

### 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 16 de enero 2016 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



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, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Jenna Applebaum, Christine Arehart, Andrew Biondo, Boano Family, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Teresa Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Nickie Douglas, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Margaret Gallo, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Gio Vannia Gasparre, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna & Susan Jarkiewicz, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Nick Liso, Laura Mack, Lynette Martin, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Christine Mengan, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Susan Saladino, Erica Scully, Frank Schwarz, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spano, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, and Millie Vazquez.



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

### ALTAR MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2015

**Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles  
And the Sanctuary Lamp**  
In Memory of

**MAURA MANNION**



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00am – Paula & Stephen Gangone

#### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Robert Colbath

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 / 4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Richard Lynch, Jr.

10:00am – Mary Dolan

11:30am – Richard Doran

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Anthony Costa

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00am – Brent Edward Cassotta

9:00am – Charles & Florence Marsalisi

7:15pm – **Novena Canceled**

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00am – Joseph Holahan

9:00am – Gratius Scerri

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00am – Ralph Sepulveda

9:00am – Vincent Cangelose

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00am – **Canceled**

9:00am – The Cumming, Bugdin & McCourt Family

#### **MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS**

**4:00pm** – Church – Intentions for All Parishioners

**4:00pm** – School – Intentions for All Parishioners

**6:00pm** – Church – Intentions for All Parishioners

**11:00pm** – Church – Intentions for All Parishioners

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS

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

#### INTENTIONS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00am – Aline Hendrickson

#### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Roseanne Moscato

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 – Holy Family

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Deacon Joseph Witt & Thomas Witt

10:00am – Charles J. Lynch

11:30am – Robert Rossmann

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Jimmy Halloran

#### BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

**WEEK 22- ANN & ANTHONY AMALFITANO**

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