

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 27, 2015

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Feast of the Holy Family brings with it several important reminders.

First and foremost, we are reminded that the God of Heaven and Earth not only came to become one of us, but He was born into a human family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph had become the perfect family at the birth of Christ. Mary and Joseph trusted in God's plan so much that even when confronted with what seemed impossible or unbelievable, they placed their lives in God's hands and went forward together.

Although they are the perfect family, that does not mean life was perfect for them. From the moment Mary and Joseph accepted God's plan, life began to take twists and turns they could not have foreseen. The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem must have been extremely difficult. The fact that they could find no ordinary lodging for travelers must have been terribly disappointing. As we know, they ended up staying in a stable and the baby Jesus was born in a manger (a feeding trough for animals). Soon after that, they had to flee to Egypt because Herod began to kill all babies under the age of two. They were exiles for some time. Through all the trials and tribulations, they kept their faith and guarded their precious child. They did not know what the future held exactly, but they knew that God was with them.

For families today, we look to Jesus and the Holy Family for our strength and inspiration. Our families are not perfect but we are called to follow the example of the Holy Family by trusting in God, seeking to live our Faith, loving and protecting one another and our neighbor, including those in need.

Hopefully, Christmas has been and will always be a time for all of us to thank God for His presence and His gifts, the greatest being the love revealed in the birth of His Son. May this Christmas season bring many blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco

Happy New Year!



**Thursday, December 31st Morning Mass
9am Only**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of
God**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 31st

Confessions – 4:30pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1st, 2016

NO 7:00AM MASS

8:30AM

10:00AM

11:30AM

1:00PM

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

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 2nd AND 3rd**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America (and Catholic Communications). Please be as generous as possible.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory will close at 2pm New Year's Eve and be closed all day Friday, January 1ST Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God and reopen Saturday, January 2nd. See the schedule for Jan. 1st. There will be No 7:00am Mass, No Exposition or Holy Hour on January 1, 2016.

2015 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2015 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2015 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 27

CYO – 2 to 5pm

Monday, December 28

No Religious Education Classes

Novena – Canceled

Tuesday, December 29

No Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31

9am Mass Only

4:30pm - Confessions

5:30 Vigil Mass

Rectory Office Closes at 2pm

See The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Schedule

January 1st – Office Closed

Masses – 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, & 1:00pm

Saturday, January 2nd – Office open

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

No Religious Education Classes

Sunday, January 3

CYO – 2pm to 5pm

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 2015 Collection- \$14,989.

Last Year's Collection -\$13,522.

Retired Religious Collection– \$5,429.

Last Year's Collection -\$6,123.

(Subsequent collections will be reported in coming bulletins)

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

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MARCH FOR LIFE
Education & Defense Fund

MARCH FOR LIFE
WASHINGTON D.C.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

On the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 22, 2016.

Buses will leave from Sacred Heart in Suffern at 5:30am. We will depart from Washington, D.C., around 6 pm. **Adults \$30** **Students \$15**

For more information, call Marie at 845-596-6138 or visit our website Rockland RTL. Org.

Can't go? Donations to sponsor a marcher are gratefully appreciated. Want to go but need a sponsorship? Call us. **All payments must be received by January 13, 2016.**

Mailing address: Rockland Right to Life, PO Box 9348, Bardonia, NY 10954.

SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC
BEGINS JANUARY 3, 2016

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Clinic runs for eight weeks beginning January 3rd and runs thru February 21, 2016. Please come 15 minutes prior to first clinic session to register. Cost per child is \$125.00

Grades - K and 1st - 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Grade 2 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm

THE RACHEL MINISTRY
JANUARY 19, 2016

The 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point.

Please call us if you have any questions: Eileen Peterson at 845-492-6709 or Betty Golemba at 845-271-3344 (updated #). Thank you

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

www.goodcounselhomes.org

COLD AND FLU SEASON

Just a reminder that at this time of year, it is better to remain at home if you have cold or flu symptoms. Also, there is no necessity to shake hands at the sign of peace. A wave of the hand is proper. Eucharistic Ministers use hand sanitizer at communion time.

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.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests and religious and especially **Maureen Dodds, Alexander Galvez** and **Antoinette Tanner**.



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, 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, 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.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2015

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

MAURA E. MANNION

Sacred Heart 0423



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00am – Aline Hendrickson

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Roseanne Moscato

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00am – Parishioners of Sacred Heart

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00am – Special Intentions Kenneth & Althea Frank

9:00am – Robert Ellsworth

7:15pm – NOVENA -Canceled

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00am – Joseph & Frances Cisowski

9:00am – Donna & Richard Hallett

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00am – Eugene & Rose Magurno

9:00am – Special Intentions Eric Hendrickson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00am – Canceled

9:00am – Special Intentions Bobby & Nina Frank

5:30pm – Vigil Mass – Robert Byrne

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 Mother of God

NO 7:00AM MASS

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

Intentions for All Parishioners

There will be No 5:30pm Mass New Year's Day

No Exposition / Holy Hour

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00am – All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – John & Mary Geelan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am – Marie DeLaughter

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – John Bukowski, Jr.

11:30am – Henry J. & Palma M. Heck

1:00pm – Marie Renner

5:30pm – All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 23-

MARY MCDONOUGH & JOSEPH CRISCI