

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray everyone had a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Let us give thanks for this New Year of Grace which begins today with this First Sunday of Advent – a new start, a new opportunity to grow deeper in our faith and to live it even more fervently and sincerely than we did last year.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus at Christmas, this Holy Season of Advent is a time for us to rekindle in our hearts a burning desire for the coming of our Lord. Theologians speak of three comings of Christ: First, in *History* over 2000 years ago when He was born as a little baby in Bethlehem; Second, in *Majesty* when He will come again in glory at the end of time to judge the living and the dead; and Third, in *Mystery* as comes to us right here and now in so many ways, most powerfully in the Sacraments, and culminating in the supreme gift of the Eucharist.

Jesus' first coming happened very quietly and humbly. His birth in the middle of the Night in a tiny town called Bethlehem went largely unnoticed by the world. His second coming is what Jesus speaks of in the Gospel today, when He will come on the clouds in great power and glory to judge the living and the dead. On that day everyone will notice Him, everyone will see Him, those who believed in Him and those who did not, those who loved Him and those who hated Him. It will be a time of great fear or a time of great joy, depending on whether we know Him now and live in His Love every day.

Then there is the third coming of Christ, His coming in mystery right here and now. Jesus implores us to be vigilant in preparing for his coming every day. We are given this sacred and precious time of Advent to begin again to set things right in our relationship with God, to recommit ourselves to living our faith with all our might, living in the presence of the Lord every day of our lives. Then we will know the Peace for which our hearts are longing, a Peace that the world cannot give or take away.

Saint Augustine put it: *"You have made for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."* May we experience the Love and Mercy of God in a more profound way than we ever have before this Advent, and may His Peace descend upon our world and remain in our hearts now and forever. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Season is a time to look forward to Christ's coming. The Advent Wreath is a circle of four candles, each candle representing a week of Advent. The family may gather around the wreath, recite a short prayer and light the appropriate number of candles. As each week passes, one more candle is lit to remind the family that Christ's birthday is getting closer. The purple candles remind us of our need for penance. The Rose candle (third week) reminds us Christmas joy is truly near.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Lord God,
Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

(Someone lights the first purple candle)

OUR LADY'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Lady's Guild invites all the ladies of the Parish to join them at "Our Lady's Guild Christmas Party", Friday **December 16th** at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 per person. For information please call Rosemary McCormick at 357-1485. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift and/or cleaning supplies for Birth Right. Thank you for your generosity!

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

Due to early printing of this bulletin totals will be reported in the upcoming bulletin.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27

CYO – 2 to 4pm in the gym

Monday, November 28

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Novena –7:15pm

Tuesday, November 29

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 30

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Youth Choir Practice – 5:00pm

Choir – 7:30pm in the Church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, December 1

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

RCIA-7pm in the rectory

Friday, December 2 First Friday

Exposition – 1pm

Holy Hour – 7pm

Saturday, December 3

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

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 11am church

Sunday, December 4

CYO Basketball – 2pm in the gym

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PRE-K 3

Sacred Heart School offers a warm, loving 3 year old program with limited space available. We focus on the well-being of the whole child with an emphasis on learning, socialization and play. Please contact Mrs. Grande, Principal of Sacred Heart School, at 845-357-1684.

THE GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree is an Advent fixture here at Sacred Heart and many other parishes. This effort highlights the generosity of our parishioners towards those who can use some help. Please take one (or more) of the *ornaments* (Tags) and give them a gift from your heart. Your thoughtfulness will bring great joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, homeless and others in need. Please look for the Giving Tree set up in the back of the Church beginning Today, Sunday, November 20th. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 11th.**

SACRED HEART PARISH'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Saturday, December 17, 2016 beginning at 11am please come join us to stroll down Main Street for our annual Christmas caroling. If you would like to join us please RSVP by Friday, December 16th to the Sacred Heart rectory office at 357-0035.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHAPEL ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE Eagle Valley Road, Tuxedo, NY Poinsettia & Wreath Sale

Thursday and Friday Dec. 1 & 2 -12pm to 6pm
Saturday, Dec. 3 – 10am to 4pm
For Information: 914-420-8271 or 845-753-5338

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas Craft Show: On Sunday, December 4th, St. Joseph H.S. in Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10am to 4pm, showcasing the talents of over 125 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2. Children and Seniors Free.

ANUNCIOS

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

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 10 de diciembre 2016 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are requesting canned hams and non-perishable food for Christmas Baskets for the needy. Please leave your donations in the rear of the church in the boxes provided. Hams requiring refrigeration can be placed in bin outside in the parking lot (there is sign on the garage). Baskets will be distributed on Monday, December 18. **Deadline for donations: Wednesday, December 21.** Thank you.



Christmas Pageant

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

The next rehearsal will be held on December 10, at 11am in the Church. To sign up call the Rectory Office at 357-0035.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:
1-800-723-8331 www.goodcounselhomes.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

AYDEN PARKER ROSE

Son of Brian and Lisa

CHASE JONATHAN CUOMO

Son of Joseph and Jacqueline

BRAYDEN RUBEN AMAYA

Son of Santos and Ana

VANESSA ALVAREZ MERCADO

Daughter of Abel and Irma

LOGAN CASTILLO SILVA

Son of Blanca



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, Janet Bentley, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Louis Molinelli, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Maura Reynolds, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Irene Wanamaker.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Altar Breads and Altar Candles In Memory of
ANDREW HAGGERTY, JR

Sanctuary Candle In Memory of
JOHN BUKOWSKI II

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 6- MARGARET BILLY

Sacred Heart 0423



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00am – Dolores Mendolia

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Margaret Zimmermann

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 First Sunday of Advent

7:00am – Henry J. Heck

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Anthony Graff

11:30am – Gallo Family

1:00pm – Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

5:30pm – All Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00am – Henry J. Heck

9:00am – Andrew Haggerty, Jr.

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00am – Ryan Vosler

9:00am – Diane Rohan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00am – Ryan Vosler

9:00am – Gratius Scerri

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00am – Ryan Vosler

9:00am – James Halloran

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00am – Joseph Mulligan

9:00am – Helen McKellin

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00am – Martha Becker

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Avie DiPasquale

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00am – Eileen Nunes

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Joey Dunado

11:30am – Andrew Statham

1:00pm – Frank Doyle

5:30pm – All Parishioners

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially **Dennis Douglas, Leonard Guido** and **Elisabetta (Lisa) Alpegiani**.

