

Sacred Heart Church

December 20, 2009

Week of December 20th - December 27th

Saturday, December 19th

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

- 8:30 Decd Mbrs Ball & O'Lear Families
- 4:00 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
- 5:00 Decd Geraldine Nappi

Sunday, December 20th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

- 8:00 am Decd Irene Romano
- 9:45 Decd Fernando Monteiro
- 11:30 Decd Neil Buckley

Monday, December 21st

Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

- 6:45 Decd Sisto
- 8:30 Decd Donald Travers

Tuesday, December 22nd

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

- 6:45 Decd Lucia Rampa
- 8:30 Decd Winifred & Denis McCarthy

Wednesday, December 23rd

Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66

- 6:45 Sp Int Sacred Heart Friars
- 8:30 Decd Winifred & John Cunningham & John Persise
- 7:30 Decd Donald Travers

Thursday, December 24th

2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Lk 1:67-79

- 6:45 Decd Fitzpatrick & Meade Families
- 8:30 Decd Claire & Bill McSpedon
- Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,16-17,29/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/Mt 1:1-25
- 4:00(Manor) Sp Int Christmas Novena
- 5:00 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
- 10:00 Decd Carolyn Ong Brimes & Florencio Ong

Friday, December 25th – Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

- 8:00 Decd Fr. Armand Dasseville, OFM Cap.
- 9:45 Decd Thomas Milo
- 11:30 Decd Florencio Ong & Carolyn Ong Brimes

Saturday, December 26th - St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

- 8:30 Sp Int Christmas Novena
- 4:00 Sp Int Christmas Novena & Our Parish Family
- 5:00 Decd Cynthia La Sota

Sunday, December 27th – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28/Ps 84:2-3,5-6,9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/Lk 2:41-52

- 8:00 am Decd Antonio Vitullo
- 9:45 Decd Joaquim Figueiredo (7th Anni)
- 11:30 Decd James Barnett, Sr. (Anni)

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING	
Dec 13, 2009.....	\$7,661.00
Last year.....	\$8,158.65
Religious Retirement.....	\$1,961.65
<i>Thank you for your continued support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Sacred Heart!</i>	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to express my heart felt thanks to Lois & Joseph Duggan who have served in various ministries including as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for thirty years. Lois has asked that her name be removed from the schedule. Lois and Joseph will be moving out of the parish. We as a parish are grateful to Lois and Joe for their many years of service to the church. As you already realize, the parish's ministerial services are dependent upon volunteers like Lois and Joe. They are examples to follow; they have willingly given of their time through service. There are numerous others who have done the same. You know who you are. Thank you for your service to us. May God, who sees all things, reward you!

Over the past several months, we have had several ministers step aside due to family moves or health related issues. In early January, we will be approaching several parishioners to fill these roles of service as lectors, ushers and Eucharistic ministers. I ask that you use this time as a time of discernment when you are called to ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Moe

 Irene Mlynar, Michelle Canzio, Joanne Uzzi, Joseph Peloso, Elizabeth Avallone, Anne Gebbia, Amelia D'Eletto, Matthew Mokrycki, Edward Jones, Susse Carroll, Ellen Boyle, Sr. Gloria Sullivan OSU, Mary Leavey, Dorothy Aurisy, Marion Travers, Irene Bybel, Mary Galle, Ada Russak, Margaret Castle, Winifred Persise, Judy Persise, Kathleen Liberati, Constantine Castiglione, Ronald Milne, Faye Siami, Marietta Rasulo, Mary Hanczor

LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEAS

The Parish Office has a small gift shop with statues and medals appropriate for gift giving. Perhaps that last thing on the list is right here for you. Stop into the office and take a look.



MEMORIALS: Week of December 20th

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Decd John Cianciulli

BREAD & WINE:

Decd Arnold Schulman, Gertrude Kelly & Scott Grimshaw

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Many have said that there isn't a more beautiful church at Christmas than Sacred Heart. Now you can share that beauty with friends and relatives. We have Christmas cards with two pictures of Sacred Heart as the cover photo. The cards are sold in sets of 20 for \$8.00. Cards are available in the Parish Office.



COLD & FLU SEASON

Many people have asked about the practice of receiving the Precious Blood from a communal cup now that cold and flu season is upon us. We would like to remind everyone that the Church's teachings encourage everyone to receive from the cup. It also recommends that, if someone is not well, or has been exposed to someone who is not well, that they should refrain from receiving from the cup. Therefore, we ask that if you or someone in your immediate vicinity is ill, please forego the cup and resume when you are feeling better.

Another concern that has been brought up is shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. Again, if you are not well, a simple nod of acknowledgment is perfectly acceptable. We wish to keep everyone as healthy as possible.



Sunday, December 20th

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:45 am
Religious Education 10:45 am
Secular Franciscan Holiday Luncheon 12:30 pm

Wednesday, December 23rd

O. L.P.H. Novena 7:00 pm; Mass - 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 26th

Scripture Study 9:15 am

CLOTHING DRIVE



Slightly used warm clothing and other items will be collected for the needy who are now dealing with the cold weather which has arrived. Items needed are warm winter clothing such as coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, scarves and socks. Also items that are important are blankets and sleeping bags. Various toiletries such as shampoo, soap, deodorants, shaving items, skin cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes are greatly appreciated. Please drop these items off at the parish office during regular office hours. Let us care for our brothers and sisters dealing with the cold months ahead.

FAMILY CLOSET

The Family Closet will be open on Wednesday, December 23rd from 11:00 to 3:00. It will close for the Christmas holiday and reopen on Wednesday, January 6th.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA CARD

An attractive Christmas Novena Card is available in the pews this weekend. This is an excellent way for us to remember our relatives and friends, living and deceased in a special novena of Masses beginning on Christmas Day. The cards are also available in the parish office. The stipend envelope can be placed either in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

We have been asked to remind all who have made, or are planning on making a payment to the Bicentennial Campaign, that receipts for annual contributions of \$250 or more will be delivered to all donors in January. All payments must be postmarked by December 31, 2009 to be included in the tax receipt. If you have any concerns about your Bicentennial pledge or contribution, please speak to Fr. Moe or call the Archdiocesan Bicentennial Office at 212-371-1011 x 2008.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 7:15 pm on Dec 21st, in the auditorium of Christ the King School, 740 North Broadway. New members are welcome. Coffee and cake will follow the meeting. For further information, please call 914-476-4436.

NORTH YONKERS PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP.

DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Monday	Dec 21	Stew Leonard's
Tuesday	Dec 22	Groceries South
Wednesday	Dec 23	Groceries North



BLOOD DRIVE

The NYPDC will sponsor a Blood Drive for the Hudson Valley Blood Bank on Tuesday, December 29 from 2:30 to 8:00 pm. For information, contact Angela Ascolillo at 423-9754. Walk-ins are welcome but please bring identification.

STILL SHOPPING?

The NYPDC is offering the 2010 Entertainment Book for \$20.00. The book is packed with discount coupons and offers for Westchester. Books may be picked up at the center Monday through Friday between 9:30 and 4:00. For all information and reservations: call 423-9754 between 9:30 and 4:00



BRAGGING RIGHTS!!!!

5TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES EXAM

100% of our 5th Grade Students scored a 3 or 4 on the State Social Studies Exam. A score of 3 means the student has met the state requirements, a score of 4 means the student has exceeded the requirements set forth by the state. Great job!

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Twenty-five of our High School students volunteered at the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall when it was on display here in Yonkers at Fleming Field. The students worked in various positions helping visitors find their way around the field. Education and service working together!

SAVE THE DATE

The Schools of the Sacred Heart will be hosting a Card Party on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm. If anyone is interested in donating prizes of any value for our sweepstakes, please contact the Grade School office at 963-5318 and leave a message for Louisa Riley. Tickets will go on sale after the Christmas break.



OUR MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for peace and the safe return of our men and women serving in the armed forces everywhere,
Matt Stough - Marines, Brendan Mayer - Army, Michael Jones - Navy, Walter Urtz III - Navy, Thomas Sabol - Marines, James Allen - Navy, Robert M. Wilson - Air Force, Louis Valentin - Marines, Daniel Bronner - Navy, Adrienne Serbaroli-Bronner - Marines, Calvin Minozzi - Marines

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Please remember to drop off at the friary or place in the box in the vestibule any goodies you would like to donate to the troops. Toiletries, NO BAR SOAPS, chap stick, hand sanitizers, baby wipes. Food and snacks: powdered drink mixes, Pringles, peanuts, dried fruits, fruit in pop top cans or plastic containers, nuts, beef jerky, power bars, breakfast bars, M&Ms, chocolate bars. To help keep them 'busy': DVDs, CDs, AT&T telephone cards - international use, magazines, word puzzle books, Sudoku puzzles, current magazines. Things to keep them more comfortable: socks, towels, flashlights/with batteries, fly paper, insect repellent, deodorant, jockey shorts underwear (all sizes), more socks!! Checks made out to OSOT (tax deductible) are most welcome to help with the cost of the mailings.



Christmas Schedule 2009

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confessions)

Saturday, December 19th 3:30-4:30 pm
Monday, December 21st, 7:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 22nd, 9:00-9:30 am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Monastery Manor
4:00 pm

Church
5:00 & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses

8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 am

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Vigil
Church: 5:00pm

New Year's Day
8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be on an adjusted schedule for the Holiday weeks. Please refer to the following schedule for ordinary parish business.



Sundays, December 20 th and 27 th	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mondays, December 21 st and 28 th	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesdays, December 22 nd and 29 th	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesdays, December 23 rd and 30 th	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursdays, December 24 th and 31 st	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fridays, December 25 th and January 1 st	Closed
Saturdays, December 26 th /January 2 nd	9:00 am - 1:00 pm



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