

Week of December 27th – January 3rd

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)

Monday, December 28th - The Holy Innocents

I Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

6:45 Sp Int Christmas Novena
 8:30 Decd Mary Knapp

Tuesday, December 29th - Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

6:45 Sp Int Christmas Novena
 8:30 Decd Ines & Angelo Pascucci

Wednesday, December 30th - Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:38-40

6:45 Sp Int Christmas Novena
 8:30 Decd Doristilla Francesco DeFillipo
 7:30 Decd Irene Hickey

Thursday, December 31st - Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

6:45 Sp Int Christmas Novena
 8:30 Decd Anthony Milohnic
 5:00 Sp Int For Our Parish Family

Friday, January 1st – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Num 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

8:00 Decd Albert DeMarco (Anni) & Pat J. Zappia
 9:45 Decd Bert Corbalis & Wagner & Corbalis Families
 11:30 Decd John G. Sander

Saturday, January 2nd – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

8:30 Decd Albino Correia
 4:00 Sp Int Special Intention
 5:00 Decd Harold "Hap" Powers

Sunday, January 3rd – Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00 am Decd Michael Donovan
 9:45 Sp Int Special Intention - Fr. Solanus Casey
 Angelucci Family
 11:30 Decd Esther Squillante

MEMORIALS: Week of December 27th

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Decd Grace J. Conroy

BREAD & WINE:

Decd Grace J. Conroy



STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING

Due to an early print deadline, contribution reports are not available. All reports will be in next weekend's bulletin. We thank you for your generosity.

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish and its many needs.
 May God bless your generosity to Sacred Heart!*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

I would like to offer a word of thanks on behalf of the entire parish to all of those who helped make our celebration of Advent and Christmas so prayerful and joyous: our liturgical ministers – ushers/greeters, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, choirs and musicians, sacristans, and church decorators. Finally, a word of thanks to our faithful parishioners whose generosity to the Christmas flower memorials enable us to decorate the church so beautifully.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Fr. Moe

NEW YEAR - Once again, this week, we move quickly to the celebration of another major feast – the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on the first day of the new year. It marks the close of the octave, the week-long celebration of Christmas, the Day of Prayer for World Peace and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Since it falls on a Friday this year, it is **a holy day of obligation!** This follows the norm that except when a Holy Day falls on a Saturday or Monday, with the exception of Christmas and the Immaculate Conception, attendance at Mass is required. There will be Mass at 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 31, the Vigil of the Feast and at 8:00, 9:45 and 11:30am on January 1, New Years Day – Mary the Mother of God. We wish everyone a new year filled with all God's blessings



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



The Week Ahead

Wednesday, December 30th

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

Saturday, January 2nd

Scripture Study 9:15 am

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.



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 is closed for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Wednesday, January 6th.

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.

BE THE MATCH.....BONE MARROW REGISTRY

Sacred Heart will be hosting a Marrow Registry Day in conjunction with Westchester Medical Center. We have been asked to host this drive in honor of Roy Chelsen, a NYC firefighter who has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. There are many people who would benefit by others taking part in this simple registry. We are all called to help our brothers and sisters, now is another chance. The Marrow Registry Drive will be held on Sunday, January 17, 8:30 am-1:00 pm in the Church Hall. More information will follow over the weeks.

NORTH YONKERS PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP.

DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

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| Tuesday | Dec 29 | Groceries South |
| Wednesday | Dec 31 | 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!!!!

FULLBRIGHT ASSOCIATION

Three students, Amanda Alegria, Nicholas Berrios and Joshua Steinberg, were honored by the Fullbright Association at Sarah Lawrence College on November 16th for their participation in the Summer writer's Workshop for high school students.

POLAR PLUNGE

Twenty-seven students (The Freezin Irish) under the leadership of Mr. Matt Barca, participated in the New York State Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Rye Playland. They raised \$3,600 for this worthy cause.

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.



*Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

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.



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.



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| Sundays, December 27 th | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Mondays, December 28 th | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Tuesdays, December 29 th | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Wednesdays, December 30 th | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Thursdays, December 31 st | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Fridays, January 1 st | Closed |
| Saturdays, January 2 nd | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |

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