

Sacred Heart Church

December 7, 2008

Week of December 7th – December 14th

Saturday, December 6th

Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
 8:30 Decd Sal & Edna Ardivino & Deacon Gerard & Alvene Uzzi
 4:00 (T) Decd Helen Kalata
 5:00 pm Decd Albino Correia

Sunday, December 7th - Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 7:00 am Decd Florence & Everett Jones
 8:30 Decd Irene Romano
 10:00 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
 11:30 Decd Dennis Carroll & Norbert Sander

Monday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception of Mary

Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-4/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 6:45 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
 8:30 Decd John Hanrahan, Sr. & Deborah Condon
 7:30 Decd Francis X. Byrnes

Tuesday, December 9th

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3,10-13/Mt 18:12-14
 6:45 Decd Daniel Persise, Sr.
 8:30 Decd Mmbrs Scully Family

Wednesday, December 10th

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4,8,10/Mt 11:28-30
 6:45 Decd Diane Kamp
 8:30 Decd Kathleen & Michael Dohan
 7:30 Decd Emidio Parente

Thursday, December 11th

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1,9-13b/Mt 11:11-15
 6:45 Decd Elenore Masticova
 8:30 Decd Lucia Persichilli Tejani

Friday, December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bc,19/Lk1:26-38
 6:45 Decd John Roche & Eileen Roche Clarke
 8:30 Decd John Anderson & Eric Fitzgerald

Saturday, December 13th – St Lucy

Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Mt 17:9a,10-13
 8:30 Decd Charles Wilson
 4:00 (M) Decd Mary Kruck
 5:00 pm Decd Geraldine Nappi

Sunday, December 14th - Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a,10-11/Lk 1:46-50,53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8,19-28
 7:00 am Decd Matthew A. Burns, Jr.
 8:30 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
 10:00 Decd Stanislas & Alice Deguire
 11:30 Decd Margarida Vaz Pocas



MEMORIALS: Week of December 7th

SANCTUARY LAMP:
 Decd Irene Romano
BREAD & WINE:
 Decd Irene Romano

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING

November 29-30, 2008\$7,113.63
 Last year\$5,642.53

Cash Appeal 2008 (Final).....\$24,763.97
 Cash Appeal 2007 (Final).....\$24,461.46

We are grateful for your continued support of the parish and various appeals. May God bless your generosity to Sacred Heart!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

In an attempt to save energy, beginning December 15th, we will celebrate the 6:45am daily Mass in the intimate setting of the Friars' Chapel. The Friars' Chapel is located to the left of the Sanctuary directly behind the Marian Altar. Entrance to the Chapel is through the Sanctuary. The practice of opening the church doors by 6:30 will remain in effect and everyone is welcome to use the church for quiet reflection and prayer.

There are approximately fifteen to twenty people who gather regularly for the early morning Mass. The Friars' Chapel can accommodate thirty-five people comfortably. As a result of moving the Mass to the Chapel four, not fourteen, hanging light fixtures will need to be turned on. In addition, during the winter months the chapel is warmer and in the summer months, cooler due to the ventilation from five windows.

Moving this early Mass to the Chapel will also allow us to celebrate Mass with a better sense of community. At times, because of the vast expanse of the church, the liturgical responses of the congregation are sometimes lost or simply inaudible to the celebrant. The smaller setting will eliminate this issue. The smaller room will allow us to sit in closer proximity to one another, thus enhancing the communal aspect of liturgy.

This move will take some adjustment but as a result we will save on energy and have a better liturgical experience.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Fr. Moe



Prayer Requests
 Jane Zevola, Dominic Villara, Ellen Boyle, Al Femia, Sr. Gloria Sullivan OSU, Mary Leavey, Dorothy Aurisy, Marion Travers, Lucia Rampa, Rose Panessa, Louis Mehrtens, Irene Bybel, Mary Galle, Ada Russak, Margaret Castle, Winifred Persise, Judy Persise, Kathleen Liberati, Constantine Castiglione, Ronald Milne, Faye Siami, Irene Hickey, Marietta Rasulo, Mary Hanczor

Funerals

December 1 Daniel Abbatiello
 December 1 Therese Magee



Sunday, December 7th

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00 am
Religious Education 11:00 am

Monday, December 8th

7th/8th Religious Education 7:00 pm
RCIA 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 9th

Year of St Paul 7:30 pm
Respect Life Committee 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 10th

O.L.P.H. Novena 7:00 pm; Mass - 7:30pm
Pastoral Council 7:30 pm
Boy Scouts 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 13th

Scripture Study 9:15 am

Sunday, December 14th

Holy Name Mass 8:30 am, Breakfast following.
Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00 am
Religious Education 11:00 am
Scholarship Luncheon 11:30 Mass, 12:30 Luncheon

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.

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

"You, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day." As the darkest days of the year approach, join Fr. Charles for an Advent look at St. Paul and the earliest document of the bright hope of our Christian faith, the First Letter to the Thessalonians. December 9th from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Church Hall. Bring your Bible!

JESSE TREE GIFT GIVING PROGRAM

The Jesse Tree has been set up in the vestibule of the church. This year we will once again collect **TOYS for children 1-10 years of age.** If you should choose to include mittens, gloves, scarf or sweatshirt, please feel free to do so. Please return the gift to the parish office by **December 10th.** **Remember to attach the tag to the outside of your wrapped gift.** Thank you for your continued generous response to this program.

THE FAMILY CLOSET

Now has a full inventory of fall and winter clothing, as well as shoes and accessories for women and children. Also on our shelves you will find a variety of knick-knacks to help you decorate your home for Christmas.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The Annual Collection for the retired Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese will be taken up next weekend. Though older and fewer in number, the Religious continue their ministries among us. They continue today to be involved in the fields of education and health. They are still with the poor and the marginalized whether these be new immigrants, homeless, people living with Aids or those rejected by society. The purpose of the annual collection is to help defray the costs of providing expert and dignified care for men and women who have given their entire lives for others. We thank you for your generosity in this collection.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall: There will be music, dancing, a buffet dinner, coffee and dessert. A King Cake and champagne will usher in the New Year. Cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for children 6 – 12 years. For more information call: Helena Confeiteiro (914) 965-6028; Mário Correia (914) 886-2561; Firmino Nunes (914) 375-1951; Agostinho Silva (914) 751-7037.



SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Grade School Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. All are invited. Tickets are \$10.00 per family. \$5.00 for Senior Citizens.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The High School and Grade School Choirs were asked to perform by the City of Yonkers for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Untermyer Park on Friday, December 5th. Everyone enjoyed our young people. Hear them at our Christmas Concert on December 20th.

Sacred Heart High School

ESSAY WINNERS

Twelve of our students were honored by the Yonkers City Council and the Guardian Angels on November 25th for their essays on *Individuals who have made a difference in stopping violence in the community.* Certificates were presented to Megan Mattil, Anthony Kongo, Dylan Weill, Gabriela Narango, Michelle Muzzio, Patrick Murphy, John Paul George, Ashley Robles, Amanda Iacopelli, Carolann Price, Kristen Peterson and Louis Escobar. We congratulate them all!

CHEERLEADING COACH OPENING

The High School is looking for a Cheerleading Coach for the current school year. If interested, please contact Tracy Smith, Athletic Director at 965-3114.

BASKETBALL SEASON

The Catholic High School Basketball Season, JV and Varsity, went into full swing on December 1st. For schedules, please check the High School website www.sacredhearths.net.



NORTH YONKERS PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP.

DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Tuesday Dec 9 Groceries South
Wednesday Dec 11 Groceries North
Monday Dec 15 Stew Leonard's

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

The NYPDC is offering the 2009 Entertainment Book. The cost this year is \$25.00. Books may be picked up at the center Monday through Friday between 9:00 and 3:00.

ATLANTIC CITY

The NYPDG will sponsor a trip to the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, December 17. The bus will leave the Community Center at 7:45 am sharp. Cost is \$28.00 per person- receive \$22.00 in coin and \$5.00 food voucher. Reservations are required for this outing. For information or reservations, please call 423-9754.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT

Christ the King invites you to an Author's Night on December 9th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the gym. Authors will be available to sign any books that are purchased during the evening. Authors on hand include: Kathryn Burke, Marianne Winstanley, Robert Grippo, Sue Smith, Janet Murphy and Ed Dee. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

A Defensive Driving Course will be offered at the North Yonkers Boys and Girls Club, Ridge Ave, on Saturday, December 13th from 8:30 to 2:30. Co-sponsor of the event is Sacred Heart's Holy Name Society. Upon completion of the course, certificates will be issued to save 10% on car insurance and 4 point reduction on your license. Cost of course is \$40.00. For info, contact Bill Troy 423-3919.

WINTER CONCERT

The Male Glee Club of Yonkers invites everyone to their Winter Concert on Sunday, December 14TH, at Saunders Trades & Technical High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers at 3:00 PM. Admission is free.



Our Men and Women in the Service

OUR MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for peace and the safe return of our men and women serving in the armed forces everywhere, especially those listed below:

Joseph Norcini- Army, Matt Stough - Marines, Brendan Mayer-Army, Joseph Uzzi- Marines, Michael Jones- Navy, Walter Urtz III - Navy, Thomas Sabol-Marines.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Our new office hours are now in effect. Please make note of the changes. Our new phone system allows you to leave messages 24/7. If you need to reach someone in the office, please leave a message. If it is an emergency, we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Office Hours

Monday- Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**MVP Scholarship Luncheon
In Honor of Margarida Vaz Pocas
Sunday, December 14, 2008
11:30 Mass**

**Lunch immediately following
Sacred Heart Dining Hall
Reservations required- By December 9th**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Number Attending

___ \$20.00 Adults

___ \$15.00 Seniors/High School Age Students

___ \$10.00 Grade School Age Students

___ \$50.00 Family (___ Adults, ___ Children)

Children 4 and under- no charge

Envelopes may be dropped in basket, tickets will be mailed.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendar! Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Saturday, December 20th, at 7:30 PM in the Church. Don't miss this wonderful Advent event as we mark our waiting for the Savior's birth in song. The Choirs of Sacred Heart will be accompanied by the Sacred Heart Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$10.00. You may complete this form and drop it in the offertory basket at any weekend Mass or pick up tickets in the parish office. Forms for sponsorships can be found in the vestibule of the church.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

of tickets _____ x \$10.00 _____ Amount enclosed