

Sacred Heart Church

December 14, 2008

Week of December 14th - December 21st

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

Monday, December 15th

Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27
 6:45 Decd Timothy P. Burns (Anni)
 8:30 Decd Theresa Rom

Tuesday, December 16th

Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23/Mt 21:28-32
 6:45 Decd Marilyn Novotny
 8:30 Decd Anthony Wolfe

Wednesday, December 17th

Gn 49:2,8-10/Ps 72:3-4,7-8,17/Mt 1:11-17
 6:45 Decd Nicholas & Florence Rondinone
 8:30 Decd Joseph Centofanti
 7:30 Decd James Neary

Thursday, December 18th

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1,12-13,18-19/Mt 1:18-25
 6:45 Decd Charles & Mary Theresa Szivos
 8:30 Decd Edward Strobel Jr.

Friday, December 19th

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Ps 71:3-6,16-17/Lk 1:5-25
 6:45 Decd Joan Carroll Greco
 8:30 Decd Paulina Flores Mestanza

Saturday, December 20th

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38
 8:30 Decd Anne Higgins
 4:00 (T) Decd Kay Slattery
 5:00 pm Decd Sylvia & John Maricevic

Sunday, December 21st - Fourth 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 Irene Romano
 8:30 Decd Sophie Portanova
 10:00 Decd Antonio Dos Reis
 11:30 Sp Int For Our Parish Family

MEMORIALS: Week of December 14th

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Decd Silvio & Tito Sacchetta

BREAD & WINE:

Decd Charles & Mary Theresa Szivos



STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING

December 6-7, 2008.....	\$7,904.64
Last year	\$9,318.80
Grade School.....	\$1,852.75

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....

You might have noticed that in the last few weeks the Prayer of the Faithful has been proclaimed from the lectern located on the Marian shrine side of the church, typically called the pulpit. The reason behind this liturgical revision was to bring our liturgical practices in closer line with the norms established by the American Bishops Conference. There are two lecterns in the church. The one on the Marian shrine side of the church, the pulpit, is to be reserved for the speaking of sacred text. At a Mass this would be the scriptures, the preaching and the prayers of petition. The lectern on the St Joseph's shrine side of the church is to be used when leading song, giving liturgical directions or when speaking non-sacred text such as a eulogy at a funeral. The purpose for designating one location for the speaking of the sacred text is to draw out the connectedness between the Scriptures, preaching and Prayer of the Faithful. The prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus Christ the Word made flesh. The Epistles tell of the actions of the early Christian community. Preaching rooted in the scriptures of the day challenge the faithful to put the Gospel message into practice. The Prayer of the Faithful asks God for the grace to enact the challenges put forth by the reading of the sacred text and the preaching. All parts of the Mass have their importance and each should be given their right and proper respect.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Moe

Betty Orgera, 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 6 Farrell Allison
 December 9 Sr. Mary Berchmans Mulligan OSS
 December 9 Cecelia Fitzpatrick
 December 12 Jane Zevola
 December 13 Fr. Rufin Kuveikis OFM Cap.



SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday, December 14th

Holy Name 8:30 Mass, breakfast following.
Religious Education 11:00 am

Monday, December 15th

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

Wednesday, December 17th

O.L.P.H. Novena 7:00 pm; Mass - 7:30pm
Grade School Christmas Concert - 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 18th

Rosary altar Society 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 20th

Scripture Study 9:15 am
Christmas Concert 7:30 pm
Coffee and Dessert following in Church Hall

Sunday, December 21st

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00 am
Religious Education 11:00 am
Sacred Heart Fraternity 12:30 pm Luncheon

CHRISTMAS NOVENA CARD

An attractive Christmas Novena Card is available in parish Office. 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 stipend envelope can be placed either in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.

SHARING COMMUNITY COOKS

We will be preparing lunch for The Sharing Community a week early on Friday, December 19th. Please pick up your pans on Wed, December 17th between 5:30 and 8:00 pm at Irene Hickey's house.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The Annual Collection for the retired Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese will be taken up this 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

HOMEWORK HERO

We are now linked to the Homework Hero website. At Homework Hero, teachers post homework assignments online for students and parents to view. The Sacred Heart Grade School Website is www.shgsyonkers.org and the link will be on directory.

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.

SEVENTH GRADE NOTES

Seventh graders in their science class just complete their study of the first animals on earth - sponges. They examined samples of various sponges from Tappan Springs Florida which supports a large grouping of these creatures. Next on our list of investigations are the life cycles of amphibians and fish.

Seventh graders spent time learning about the causes and events during the American Revolution. They also considered the importance of the American Constitution, how it is the source of rights of all Americans, how it has been able to withstand the test of time and to be considered a living document.

Sacred Heart High School

POLAR PLUNGE

Mr Barca was joined by five students Daniel Devlin, John Ocskafy, Matthew Reed, Gabriella Naranjo, Devin O'Rourke to participate in the Polar Plunge on Saturday, December 6th at Rye Playland. The water temperature was in the mid 40's. The Polar Plunge was held to benefit the Special Olympics. Mr. Barca and the students raised over \$1,200, and the event raised over \$41,000.

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

NORTH YONKERS PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP.

DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Monday	Dec 15	Stew Leonard's
Tuesday	Dec 16	Groceries South
Wednesday	Dec 17	K-Mart Shopping Center
Thursday	Dec 18	Groceries North

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.

LOOK GOOD.....FEEL BETTER PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society, The National Cosmetology Association and the CTFA Foundation will sponsor the Look Good...Feel Better Program on Monday, December 15 hosted by St. John's Riverside Hospital in the Women's Health Center. This program is designed to help women with cancer enhance their appearance during treatments. Trained experts demonstrate beauty techniques including: skin care, make-up, wig care and styling. Wigs are provided free of charge by St. John's Riverside Hospital. Program begins at 4:30 pm with wig selection. Registration is required. Please call 914-964-4805 to register or for further information.

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.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, December 17th, 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 476-4436.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Church of the Good Shepherd cordially invites you to join them for Lessons and Carols on Friday, December 19th at 7:30 pm. The service will include Scripture, Song and Reflection. Everyone is invited to bring a Nativity figure with them for a special blessing. The Church is located at 608 Isham Street in Inwood, Manhattan. For information, please call 212-567-1300.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

St John's Riverside Hospital is hosting their Education and Support to Help Cope with Cancer on Wednesday, December 17th, 7:00 pm in the Garden Room, S-2 Level. Hosted by Donna Berry, Rita Gerstle and Mame O'Toole. Call 964-4441 for information.



Our Men and Women in the Service

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, but not chocolate bars- the weather isn't cool enough yet. 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. Thanks to all for helping the morale raising for our troops.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Last Call!!! 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 pick up tickets in the parish office. Forms for sponsorships can be found in the vestibule of the church.

Coffee and Dessert will follow in the Church Hall.

This is a wonderful evening out in the final days before Christmas. Once you have been here, you don't want to miss it ever again. Come and enjoy the beautiful music and voices that we have here at Sacred Heart.