

Sacred Heart Church

December 21, 2008

Week of December 21st - December 28th

Saturday, December 20th

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-28
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

Monday, December 22nd

1 Sm 1:24-28/Sm 2:1,4-7,8a-d/Lk 1:46-56
6:45 Decd William Mannix
8:30 Decd Lynda Ciuffetelli

Tuesday, December 23rd

Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14/Lk 1:57-66
6:45 Decd McCarthy Families
8:30 Decd Irene Romano

Wednesday, December 24th

2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12/Ps 89:2-5,27,29/Lk 1:67-79
6:45 Decd Daniel Broderick
8:30 Decd Edith Savastano

Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM(M) Sp Int Residents of Manor and Tower
5:00 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
10:00 Sp Int Living & Deceased Members
Milo & McSpedon Families

Thursday, December 25th - Nativity of the Lord

Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1,6,11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
7:00 Decd Fr. Armand Dasseville OFM Cap
8:30 Sp Int Christmas Novena
10:00 Decd Winifred & John Cunnningham & John Persise
11:30 Decd John Roche & Eileen Roche Clarke

Friday, December 26th

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17-21/Mt 10:17-22
8:30 Decd Antonio Vitullo
Sp Int Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 27th - St. John, Apostle

1 Jn 1;1-4/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12/Jn 20:2-8
8:30 Sp Int Christmas Novena
4:00 (M) Decd Helen & Matthew Burns
5:00 pm Decd Barnett & Eichel Families

Sunday, December 28th - Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-7,12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40
7:00 am Sp Int Christmas Novena
8:30 Decd Mary Knapp
10:00 Decd Maria Confeiteiro Moleano
11:30 Sp Int For Our Parish Family

MEMORIALS: Week of December 21st

SANCTUARY LAMP: Decd Irene Romano

BREAD & WINE: Decd Irene Romano



STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING

December 13-14, 2008\$8,158.65
Last year\$5,982.22
Retired Religious.....\$2,531.57

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....

Christmas is a special season. "For unto us a Child is born," tells us that Jesus was born as God's gift to each one of us. Like the Wise Men, who sought truth and found Jesus, we are pilgrims on a journey toward Christ. We seek the wisdom, the peace, and joy that only the spirit of Christ can provide.

May this Christmas season find you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace. May God's richest blessing continue with you through the coming year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Moe

Christmas Schedule 2008

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday, December 20th 3:30-4:30 pm
Monday, December 22nd, 7:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 23rd 9:15-9:45 am



Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses
Senior Residence: 4:00 pm
Monastery Manor
Church: 5:00 & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Vigil
Church: 5:00pm

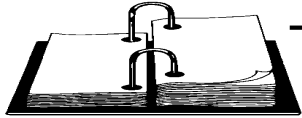
New Year's Day
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

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 18 Mary Chiarappa



The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 21st

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00 am
 Religious Education 11:00 am
 Secular Franciscans 12:30 pm

Monday, December 22nd

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

Saturday, December 27th

Scripture Study 9:15 am

Sunday, December 28th

No Children's Liturgy of the Word
 No Religious Education



OFFICE HOURS AND MASS SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 9:00 am until Noon. The Office will be open for regular office hours 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on Fridays, December 26th and January 2nd. There will be one Mass on Friday, December 26th at 8:30.

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.

JESSE TREE GIFT GIVING PROGRAM

A warm thank you to all who contributed to our Jesse Tree Gift Program. The hall was again filled with gifts to bring joy to others. The groups that received the gifts were all overwhelmed with the generosity of our parishioners. Again, thank you for making their days brighter.

FAMILY CLOSET

The Family Closet will be closed for the Holiday Vacation starting at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 21st. it will reopen on Wednesday, January 7th.

LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEAS

As we all run around looking for our last minute gifts, we would like to remind you that we have a small selection of medals in the Parish Office. There are several styles of crosses and saint's medals including the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St Florian (patron saint of Firefighters), St. Michael and Fr. Solanus, among others.



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.

VOLUNTEER PARTY

On **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH**, we will be gathering in the Church Hall immediately following the 5:00 PM evening Mass to show appreciation to our many volunteers who constantly give of their time. An invitation is extended to the following:



The Parish Council and members of all its committees; Adult Choir, Contemporary Music Groups, Church Decorators, Bereavement Group, Cafeteria Staff, Maintenance Staff, Friary Household Staff, Eucharistic Ministers, Family Closet, Adults in Grade School Sports Program, High School and Grade School Faculty & Staff, Hospital Apostolate (escorts), Holy Name, Adults in School Sports Program, Adults in CYO Basketball Program, Lectors, Mass Tellers, Parish Activities, Rosary/Altar Society, R.C.I.A., Religious Education, Respect Life, Scout Leaders, Sharing Community, Cancer Sewing Group, Collection Counters, Ushers, Friends of Fr. Solanus Casey, Sacred Heart and Third Order Fraternities.. If a group that you are associated with has not been mentioned, please advise the parish office as soon as possible. Please call the parish office **before January 5th**, if you plan on attending.

MEN'S RETREAT

Calling all Men! The Annual Men's Retreat will be held on the weekend of January 10th at the Passionist Spiritual Center in Riverdale. The retreat begins on Friday evening and finishes on Sunday morning after Mass. Come join us for a weekend of retreat and renewal. For more information call: Al Fitzpatrick (914) 969-3992 or Bob Flath (914) 965-4682 Hope to see you there

SCHOOL NEWS

SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

Sacred Heart Grade School is one of the many schools that take part in the opportunities offered by different corporate programs. These include: Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education and My Coke Rewards. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the church for any of these items. For each Box Top for Education, the school receives 10 cents. That might not seem like much, but let's do the math. If each family in the parish had 10 labels a month that were put in the box, that would come to close to \$1,000 a month or \$12,000 per year. Every little bit helps!

NEWS FROM THE KINDERGARTEN

We are beginning to decode words in reading. Our word wall is growing every day! We are busy thanking God for all of His gifts in Religion. We made beautiful papier mache mobiles of the sun, moon and stars. You can see some of them hanging in the hallway outside of our classroom. This month, we especially thanked God for the gift of light. We have all been given our parts for the Christmas pageant and are practicing every day.

Sacred Heart High School

ALUMNI CAREER DAY

We welcomed back many Alumni for our Annual Career Day on Wednesday, December 17th. This year's guests included: Brian Baldwin '65, Pat Edmiston '63, Edmund Higgins '65, Ed Corbett '71, John Doherty '65, Frank Messar '65, Judith Juback Griffin '58, Brian Thomas '99, Sean Doyle '99, Alex Sajdak '70 and Joseph Simiarowski '04. The speakers addressed our Seniors with information on a wide range of opportunities that they may have in their futures.

PASS IT FORWARD

We all like to hear stories of good deeds that turn into other good deeds....known as Pass It Forward. As you all may know, the High School has a tradition of collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. This year, the collection was 327 baskets distributed directly from Sacred Heart. We also passed on 20 turkeys to another parish in need to help them with filling their baskets for the less fortunate.

One of the baskets was delivered to a family so grateful for the meals they would be able to have that they invited a homeless person off the street to share their Thanksgiving Dinner with them. You never know how one good turn can help so many people if we all Pass It Forward.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NORTH YONKERS PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP.

DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Monday Dec 22 Groceries South
Tuesday Dec 23 Groceries North
No Shuttle Service December 25th & 26th.

MORE 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.

For information or reservations, please call 423-9754.



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, 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. Thanks to all for helping the morale raising for our troops.

THANK YOU FROM AFGHANISTAN

I would like to thank you for the packages that you sent for the Marines of Kilo Company. It is a rare opportunity for us, as Marines, to say thank you for what you and your family has done to boost our morale. Many of my Marines have never served in a combat environment, and doubts creep into their minds in regards the level of support that our mission receives from the American people. Your actions let them know that our nation cares. May God bless you during this season and year round. Respectfully, Captain S. G, Delaram, Afghanistan

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, James Allen- Navy.