



OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

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The angels
sang a
message
of JOY!

Luke 2:7-15

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Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015

Masses of the Week

Saturday , December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:00 PM Soto Family
5:00 PM (Chapel) Thomas and Linda Kilgannon
Sunday, December 13: Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Jeffrey Joseph (living)
10:30 AM Kris Nelson/Joseph A. Meschino
12 Noon Josie and Sal Lacalamita
Monday, December 14: Feast of St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM John and Tim Joyce
12:30 PM Gallagher and Gill Families
7:30 PM Healing Mass: People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 15:
8:00 AM Gerry Phelan
12:30 PM Francis Donnelly/John Barrett Sr.
Wednesday, December 16
8:00 AM Keaveney and Barrett Families
12:30 PM Zelko Grbic
Thursday, December 17
8:00 AM Mary and Adam Koleduk
12:30 PM Maria Annunziata/Billy Travers
Friday, December 18
8:00 AM Catherine and Neil Jones
12:30 PM Anna and Natale Nuovo
Saturday, December 19:
9:00 AM Gloria D'Urso/Miguel Pardo, Sr. and Jr.
5:00 PM Marucci and Carvino Family
Sunday, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Brian McGuire
10:30 AM Heidi Tocco
12 Noon Rose Porcelli

From the Pastor:

In 1980, St. John Paul II wrote:

The present day mentality, more perhaps than that of the people of the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy.

How much more is it true these days! The Jubilee year of mercy Pope Francis opened on Tuesday is so needed.

In a new book on *God's Healing Mercy*, Kathleen Beckman writes:

The rebellious world situation makes the plea for divine mercy urgent. The Church beckons us to cry out full throated to God to open the floodgates of mercy upon aching humanity. Our hope lies in divine mercy for healing global festering wounds. His mercy is intimately personal and universally transformative.

Perhaps the most important thing you can do in response to the violence in the world today is to encounter God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Every act of forgiveness," Beckman writes, "is life giving and leads to the discovery of another ray of God's mercy. When we accept God's forgiveness, we magnify the healing mercy of God. A merciful heart reflects the beauty of God in the world."

There is no doubt the world needs that beauty. Be a ray of divine mercy this Christmas by going to Confession this Advent.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Francis

Please join us in prayer for :

Marie Brady, Mary Burns, Agnes Cacciola, Richard Carney, James Cody, Theresa Colorel, Francis Conka Sr., Maria Conka, Austin DeGiorgio, Agnes DeJoaia, Derek Delima, Fran Dicostanza, Baby Edward Dolan, Dennis Downing, John Duffy, Anna Evangelist, John Ferri, Sr., Sharon Foley, Shaun Green, Donald Higgins, Guen Incigeri, Robert Incognito, Daniel Keywork, Matthew Kozak, Eileen Kunkel, Grace Leon, Rachel Lerch, Bernadette Lopez, Teresa Lynch, Catherine MacKenzie, Isabella Malick, Brother Robert McGovern, William McGuire, Liam McGuire, Patrick McKenna, Gerry McKeon, Kevin McSweeney, Dawn Mennillo, Daniella Murphy, Susan Niero, Iluminada Pagayunan, Toddler Christian Perez, Marie Piazza, Gloria Santiago, Joseph Scanlon, Theresa Schrettner, Joseph Smith, Dawn Taggart, Bill Tobin, William Urban, Mildred Vero.



Upcoming Events

- ◇ **Lottery calendars** : Lottery calendars for 2016 will be available in the church vestibule after all Masses 12/5-6; 12/12-13; 12/19-20. The donation is \$25. Questions? Call Fran Dillon 845-359-3984
- ◇ **Rosary Altar Society Christmas Raffle**: Chances will be sold after all Masses on Dec. 12/13
- ◇ **Rosary Altar Society**: Meeting/ Christmas Party Dec. 14 following 7:30 PM Mass.
- ◇ **Mass Book is Open for January, February and March 2016**: If you would like a Mass on a specific date, please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Community:

- ◇ **The Rockland County Catholic Choir Annual Christmas Concert** : "To Bethlehem and Beyond", on **Saturday, December 19th** at 7:00 PM at St. John's Church, Piermont Road, Piermont NY. The concert will feature Advent and Christmas selections as well as a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. Admission is free and a freewill offering will be taken. Come to listen and sing as well! For further information contact Scott Walters at [845-558-1225](tel:845-558-1225) or scottthetenor@yahoo.com
- ◇ **Advent Sunday Solemn Evening Prayer**: The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill invite you to join them for evening prayer in the Chapel at the Dominican Convent (175 Rte. 340) at 4:45 PM on each Sunday of Advent.
- ◇ **Christmas with the National Catholic Choir & Orchestra** Tues., Dec 15. See pg. 4 of the Bulletin for details.
- ◇ **Bobby Byrnes Christmas Show**: Sponsored by St. Dominic's K of C, **Fri. Dec. 18, 7:30 PM**, \$55./pp. K of C Hall, 150 Erie St. All profits to benefit Wounded Warriors Project. FMI and tickets: John Clancy (845) 359-4896 or John Edwards (845) 419-2252
- ◇ **The Rachel Ministry**: Provides help to those who have lost a baby prior to or at birth. This Ministry takes place at the Marian Shrine (Lomagno Hall- adjacent to Shrine Church) at 7 PM on the third Monday of every month. The next meeting is **Mon., Dec. 21**. If you have any questions: Eileen Peterson at [845-492-6709](tel:845-492-6709) or Betty Golemba at 845-271-3344

CONGRATULATIONS 300 CLUB WINNERS!!!

\$10,000: Debbie Payne
 \$1000: Joe McKiernan, Kathy Lavery, Lisa Connelly
 \$500: Sue Ryan, Jane Slavin, Robert Chiapperino ,
 Don Foiles

Christmas Gifts for the Retired Sisters of Blauvelt

Small tokens of remembrance and affection are so meaningful to these dedicated women who have served the Church for many, many years. Please take a gift request from the tree in the vestibule of the church and return it no later than noon on Sunday, December 20.



OLSH Weekly Collection

November 29, 2015: \$7071.

November 30, 2014: \$6493.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Envelopes provide an easy way to keep track of your annual charitable contributions. If you do not use weekly envelopes and would like to begin, please contact the rectory.



Will You Have the Best Advent Ever???

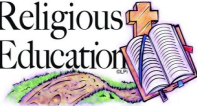
It is entirely up to you! Advent, at its heart, is about getting ready to encounter Jesus at Christmas. Opening your heart to Him. Getting to know Him. Becoming a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, etc. **Best Advent Ever** is a tool to help you do that.

Although Advent is already underway you can begin today. Continuing every day through December 23, Dynamic Catholic will email you simple yet powerful messages from Matthew Kelly, America's bestselling Catholic author, and other leading Catholic voices of our time that will help you encounter God's incredible mercy. An ideal response to Pope Francis' invitation to celebrate the **Year of Mercy**, Best Advent Ever: *Rediscover Mercy* can transform your life, relationships, work, and ability to genuinely embrace and experience life.

Visit this website to enroll:

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/best-advent-ever/>

—And have the best Advent ever!

Religious Education  ◇ The Monthly Teaching Masses for December will be this weekend, Dec. 12/13

◇ **THANK YOU!** We have filled all three of our teaching vacancies in the Religious Ed. Program!

◇ No Religious Ed. Classes: Dec. 22—Dec. 30. Classes resume Sunday, Jan 3, 2016

◇ **NOTE:** The Religious Education Office is now located in the Rectory. Office hours : 12 Noon-3, M-F

Christmas/New Years Schedule 2015

Confessions: Mon. Dec. 14 (Reconciliation Monday):
 4 PM-8PM followed by Healing Mass 7:30 PM
 Sat. Dec. 19: 4 PM—5PM
 Thurs. Dec. 24: 3 PM—4PM

Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve Thurs. Dec. 24
 Family Mass: 4 PM
 Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM
 Midnight Mass: 12 AM

Christmas Day Fri. Dec. 25
 8 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon

Confessions: Thurs. Dec. 31: 4:30—5:00 PM

New Year's Masses:
New Year's Eve Thurs. Dec. 31: 5 PM
New Year's Day Fri. Jan. 1:
 10:30 AM; 12 Noon and 7:30 PM (First Friday)

Celebrate the Christmas Season With The National Catholic Choir!


Join Saint Peter's University of Jersey City, NJ on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015, 7:30 PM at the Jersey City Fine Arts Center for their holiday spectacular concert, **Christmas with the National Catholic Choir & Orchestra.** Led by critically acclaimed conductor Frederick Golz, the performance will feature excerpts from the Baroque Masterpiece *Handel's Messiah*, alongside awe-inspiring acapella choral selections and thrilling Gospel arrangements. Ticket holders will be immersed in the magical sounds of Christmas and filled with the joyful wonder of the season's miracle. To reserve tickets, visit www.JCFineArts.org. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit OLSH. Enter code "**SACREDHEART**" at checkout for our parish's discounted ticket price of \$25. instead of the regular \$30.

Weekly quote from St. Philip Neri:

"Penitents ought not to go to confession for temporal ends, to get alms and the like. We must continually pray to God for the conversion of sinners, thinking of the joy there is in heaven both to God and the angels in the conversion of each separate sinner."

Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 19th & 20th			
TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 PM	H. Riccardo	C. Riccardo, K. and S. Zebiak	S. Stanley, B. & C. Stolarski
8:00 AM	J. Milsovic	J. Biernacki, G. Hughes, A. Thalappillil	L. Kiely, J. & M. Lovelace
10:30 AM	K. Buterbaugh	M. Dominguez, A. Vero, F. Zuvich	I. & J. Santander, A. & M. Clapp
NOON	M. Recchia	A. Capozzi, S. Hunt, A. Young	C. Pniewski, L. Hunt, R. Noury

Tabernacle Memorial

 *Candles*

Church: Dec. 12-13
 Mickey DeTemple
 Chapel: Dec. 14-18
 Francis Donnelly