

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

Mass Intentions



Scheduled Masses for the week of Dec. 3, 2017

- Sat. 5:00pm Peter Looser
Sun. 7:30am Anne Paese (1st Anniv.)
9:00am Paul Cordola
10:30am Drs. Francis & Thomas V. Kaicher
12:00pm Gertrude Craven (30th Anniv.)
5:00pm James Mulvey
- Mon. 8:00am Domenica & Charles Scaringella
9:00am Daniel J. Rago
- Tues. 8:00am Sylvia Acri
9:00am McMahan & Tracy Family
- Wed. 8:00am Phillip Chiappe
9:00am Dorothy Marchewka (11th Anniv.)
- Thurs 8:00am Sylvia Acri
9:00am Sr. Antonia McGuire
7:30pm Ryan Walsh (1st Anniv.)
- Fri. 8:00am James & Kay Corcoran
9:00am Dolores McLoughlin
12:05pm Fannie Vitiello & Family
- Sat. 9:00am Tess Carthy

Scheduled Masses for Sunday, December 10, 2017

- Sat. 5:00pm Jean Amodio
Sun. 7:30am Jeannie Smith
9:00am Rafael Figueroa
10:30am Pantanelli Family
12:00pm Rose & John Doherty
5:00pm Phyllis, Stephen & Stephanie Mahon

Christmas Wreath Sale This Weekend

The Boy Scouts from Troop 73 in White Plains will be selling Christmas wreaths after the 5pm Mass this Saturday, December 2nd and after all Masses on Sunday, December 3rd. The wreaths are the same large size as last year and come decorated at a price of \$18. A limited supply of cemetery boxes will also be available at a cost of \$24.

A Note from Fr. Quealy

This fall we have plowed through, raked and pushed a zillion leaves, yet have we taken a moment to pick one up and really look at it. Right there is the wonder of God! No two are alike.

In the same way, we pass each other entering and exiting church or on the communion line, yet have we taken a moment to really look at our neighbor, husband, wife, child, mother, father, uncle, aunt, friend, fellow parishioner, priest? They all are the wonder of God! No two are alike.

On this First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our new liturgical year, and as we prepare for the coming of the Son of God, let us take the time to praise God for His wondrous gift of creation and get to know each other as one blessed family.

Remember, next Saturday December 9th after the 5pm Mass is our Parish Christmas Tree Lighting (weather permitting).

Today is IN-PEW pledge Sunday for our "Renew & Rebuild" Campaign. I hope you will help us.

God Bless,
Fr. Quealy

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America) - Dec. 8

This Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. A Vigil Mass will be held on Wednesday evening, December 7th at 7:30pm and on Thursday, December 8th at 8am, 9am and 12:05pm.

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**Don't Miss the Annual O.L.S Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony outside near the front doors of the church after the 5pm Mass next Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Pray for the Sick and Deceased

Lord our God, you give us strength and support in our frailty; turn with kindness toward:

*Pamela Ann Stackpole, Ann Grazioli, Paul Dunning, Joy Stingone, Larry Corum, Yolanda Perez, Jacqueline Gallagher, Sophia Napoli, James Cody, Susan Fugarino, Roselle Williams, Lorraine Collins, Robert Robine, Michelle Delamonico, Jane Cotone, Lt. Col. Beau Riely, Robert M. Woods, Patricia Gallagher, Dr. Fred Kriegel, Nick Bilangino, Vincent Soccodato, Damon Amadio, Daren Letterman, Anna Coppola, Americo Coppola, Frankie Delosso, Joseph Goldman, Maria R. Leite, Isabella Borga, Elaine Calcagni, Gianna Colao, Frances Cappello, Marie Robine, Dean Otto, Richard A. Grace, Mary Barile, Alex Jones, Betsy Myers, Ann Baker, Frank Tarone, Tony Cestone, Nancy DeCrescenzo, Rachel Coffey, Diane Kitson, Jon Podell, Anna Arias, Stephen Losi, Jane Peyton, Don Short and Norbeth York.*

We pray for all who have died, may they rest in peace.

Pray for our Military

Please fill out this form for anyone in your family presently serving in the armed forces and return it to the rectory.

Name/Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, protect: *Spec. Shayne Cipolla, Lt. Nicholas Selk, USN, SSG Anthony DiStefano, Lt. Col. James F. Corrigan, Jr., Lt. Col. Isaac Rademacher, Lt. Scott Childers, Col. James Frawley, LTC. Jim Riely, LTC. Beau Riely, PFC Zachery Basso, USMC, Col. Joseph A. Tirone, Cpt. Matt Woods, Pvt. Barry Marquez, Sgt. Travis Cipolla, Lt. Patrick Casey, Brian D. Martinez, USMC, Cpt. Daniel Wallet, Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class David Aponte, Lt. Col. C. Brian Valentino, Pvt. Woody Stogel, Cpl. Christian Magnacca, Major David J. Zallo, Capt. Frank A. Rhodes, USN, AR Robert M. Martinez, Specialist Mark R. Martino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael Racicot, USMC, SSG Derrick Castleberry, Pvt. Victoria Janaskie, Lt. Kevin J. Barry, Jr. & Lt. Austin M. Rivera, ANG*

Please notify the rectory when any of the above names should be removed from this list.

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Guild will hold their **Christmas Social/Get-Together** – including lunch and mystery bag auction (value of gift bag \$15) on **Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, Clock Tower Building, Rosedale Room/2nd Floor.** The event is free for members; non-member cost is \$20. Please make your reservation by December 7th and mail check to Mrs. Eunice Pinto, 300 Martine Ave., White Plains, NY 10601. Call 914-761-4912 with questions. Note: Due to limited parking, car pooling is encouraged.

This Week's Events:

▲ **Wednesday, 12/6:**

-Centering Prayer meets in the cry room after the 9am Mass

▲ **Thursday, 12/7:**

-Knitters meet in the community room at 9:30am
Hat count: 6,693

-Centering Prayer meets in the cry room at 3pm

-Children's choir in the community room at 4pm

-**7:30pm Vigil Mass** for the Holy Day

▲ **Friday, 12/8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8am, 9am and 12:05pm**

▲ **Saturday, 12/9:** Confession available from 3:30-4:30pm. Parish Christmas Tree Lighting after the 5pm Mass.

The first collection on Sunday, November 19, 2017 was \$8,967. The second collection for Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice (formerly known as Thanksgiving/Human Development) was \$2,459. The first collection for Sunday, November 26, 2017 was \$9,889. Thank you for your support of our parish

Recently Parish Pay (electronic giving) was purchased by WeShare. All Parish Pay donors must verify their account in order to make changes to their donations. Please use the link below to the donor transition site to verify your information. Once complete, you will receive an email with a link to set your password. You may then use the WeShare site link to login to your account.

<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=bsq2ww20>

Liturgical Assignments for December 9/10

Sat. 5:00pm	L: John Noonan
	EM: R. Martins, J. Tomechko
Sun. 7:30am	L: J. Coppola
	EM: M. Hughes, M. Panzarella
9:00am	L: J. Trier
	EM: M. Leone, F. Rose
10:30am	L: D. Vaccaro
	EM: N. Strada, B. Flooks, M. Bellantoni
12:00pm	L: R. Amadio
	EM: C. Ryan, Volunteer
5:00pm	L: A. Falcetta
	EM: Jim Noonan, N. DeMasi

"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart."

~St. Padre Pio~

Once again **O.L.S.' Our Lady's Guild** will be helping Sr. Alice Conrad, RDC, **play SANTA** to children of struggling families in our area. These children live in homes where the parents live paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford many of the luxuries we take for granted. Sr. Alice knows each of the families and has provided a wish list of items. Your contributions will really help to make their Christmas special. Please find it in your heart to help Sr. Alice spread Christmas joy through Our **SHEPHERD'S FLOCK**, an organization which provides assistance to these very proud people who do not receive public assistance. Also needed are gift cards which work well for teenagers and adults. The cards should be at least \$25.00, preferably to Target, Wal-Mart, CVS, Stop&Shop and ShopRite. Items must be delivered to the rectory office no later than Thursday, Dec. 14. If you would like to be assigned a child from the wish list, contact Maryann Martin via phone 914-310-5164 or email: mcmartin2@cbs.com

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**Scripture Readings for the Week**

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
 Mk 13:33-37  
 Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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The TreasureHouse Chorale and Chamber Orchestra and Soloists will perform their 28th Annual **Advent-Concert Christmas "From the Realms of Glory"** featuring Repertory by master composers through the centuries, including Palestrina, Handel, Gounod, Thomason, Warlock and Wood at 2 performances this season: **Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 2:30pm at Saint James Church**, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel NY 10512 and on **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**, 1377 East Main St., Shrub Oak, NY 10588. Tickets/information for both concerts, please email: treasurehousemusic@gmail.com. All tickets (\$10-\$20) are available at the doors at the time of the concert.

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The Music Ministries of St. Joseph's Church (95 Plum Brook Rd, Somers, NY 10589) will present **"The Sounds of Christmas at St. Joseph's" an Advent-Christmas Concert** featuring the works of Handel, Mendelssohn and more on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Tickets \$25; Reception follows in the Parish Center. Visit [stjosephsomers.org](http://stjosephsomers.org) or email [sjcsmusic95@gmail.com](mailto:sjcsmusic95@gmail.com)

**A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by *Rev. William J. Reilly*  
 First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'Be constantly on watch, stay awake. You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge each with his own task, and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you.'"

We begin a new season of grace, the wonderful time of preparing the way of the Lord, recalling His coming in history, His abiding presence among us now, and looking to discover the way He enters our lives. This year we have four full weeks to live advent.

Like the person in Mark's gospel, the Lord has entrusted each of us with distinct, yet important tasks. My work is different from others, and if I fail to do it, it will remain undone. How am I going to begin this time of prayer?

I can make a resolution not to get caught up only with the material things in our consumer oriented society. My prayer with my family, my reflection on the scriptures, will certainly point me in the right direction. As I consider what I am going to do, I want to include others, the elderly, the sick and the poor, those alone or lonely, to make their lives better. They are part of God's gift for me to take care of.

May the closing words of the Bible become my mantra each day, simply repeating three words prayerfully 'Come Lord Jesus.'

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It's not too late to make a "FUNDS" contribution toward shipping **Boodle Brigade Soldier packages**. The shipping costs rose this year to \$18.85 per flat rate box and it is the only way to get the items donated during the "Boodle Brigade" collection to the soldiers. Send your check payable to Diane Martino/Boodle Brigade (or cash) to Diane Martino, 19 Colonial Road, White Plains, NY 10605. Questions: email Diane at: miskibums5@aol.com

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**HUMAN RELATIONS**

The most important 6 words: "I admit I made a mistake."  
 The most important 5 words: "I am proud of you."  
 The most important 4 words: "What is your opinion?"  
 The most important 3 words: "If you please."  
 The most important 2 words: "Thank you."  
 The most important word: "We."  
 And the LEAST important word: "I."