

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 6, 2015**



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the main Church.

On Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Masses will be at 6:30 and 7:30am; 12:10pm and 7:00pm (bi-lingual).

**YEAR OF MERCY**

Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Mercy, starting on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. In Addition to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently, we invite all to participate in a special **bilingual Holy Hour** every **Friday night at 8:00pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

We invite all to make frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray for peace in silence- Our Lord is present in the Blessed Eucharist 24hours a day / 7 days a week. Consider also, signing up as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament for only 1 hour a week.

Consider taking advantage of special times for confession during this Year of Mercy: every Catholic Church will be open for **Reconciliation on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm – 8:00pm.**

**MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE**

The Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be held today, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are invited to come to the holy hour that includes special Prayers for the Unborn, the Rosary of Our Lady, and the Divine Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*  
*December 6 – December 13*

- SAT: 5:30pm Alice Le Clair
- Sun: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Teresa De Maria  
Connie & William Vogt
- 11:30am Antonio Loguerico
- 1:00pm Marie de la Cruz Tavaras  
Angelina M. Contreras
- MON: 7:30am Marion C, Coscette (living)
- 5:30pm Barden Family
- TUE: 6:30am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 7:30am Kathleen O'Callaghan
- 12:10pm Mary, Harry & Donnie Kerker
- 7:00pm Altar Rosary Members Living & Deceased (bilingual)
- WED: 7:30am Annette St. Hilaire (living)
- 12:10pm Frances Ann Mirra
- 7:00pm Stella Sapio
- THUR: 7:30am Teopista F. Fungo
- 12:10pm Maria Congetta, Pietro Scumaci
- FRI: 7:30am Teopista F. Fungo
- 12:10pm Firminio Amitrano
- SAT: 8:00am Franz Kris & Charles W. Reich
- 5:30pm Dominick Parrella
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Araoye Ibitoye (living)  
Elvira Corrigan
- 11:30am Citriniti Family



**PRAY FOR**  
Ramlakhan Seecharran  
Andres Farkas  
Sean Michael Rivera

*Note: Monday through Friday, 12:10 mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested*



## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday begins the Jubilee Year of Mercy. St. Pope John Paul II, the Mercy Pope, gives us something to ponder today. **“The best, the surest and most effective way of stabling everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.”**

What an awesome gift we have of Perpetual Adoration here at St. Joseph parish. Start the Year of Mercy by becoming a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament. One hour of your time each week is all that it takes to help establish everlasting peace in the world! Call Martyr/Clarice 692-4510.

Every hour is available for you to adore. The following hours are those with the greatest need:

- Monday 3-4AM**
- Tuesday 1-2AM**
- Tuesday 3-4AM**
- Tuesday 4-5AM**
- Wednesday 3-4AM**
- Wednesday 4-5AM**

**FOR WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS OF THE CHAPEL YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING 341-0587**



## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

- December 6 Cardinal Dolan  
Auxiliary Bishops
- December 7 Very Rev. Mario Esposito, O.Carm  
Rev. Thomas Zalewski, O.Carm
- December 8 Rev. John Vondras  
Deacon Frank Rose
- December 9 Rev. Paul Denault, O.Carm  
Rev. Robert Traudt, O.Carm
- December 10 Rev. Mark Connell  
Deacon William Alvarado
- December 11 Rev. Mark Nacarato  
Rev. Ngozi Osjui
- December 12 Ill and suffering priests and deacons

## OUR PARISH CELEBRATES OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

### SATURDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>

**4:00am** Holy Rosary, Mañanitas, and Solemn Mass in Spanish with Bishop Peter Byrne.  
**8:00am** Mass in English.

**8:00pm** Reception of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Wisner Avenue entrance to the Cemetery by Father Dennis Nikolić and Father Sandro Leyton, with a procession to the Parish Center.

Festivities in the Parish Center will continue all night into Sunday Morning.

### SUNDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**12:00pm** Procession through the streets.

**1:00pm** Solemn Bilingual Mass with Bishop Dominick J. Lagonegro. Father Sandro Leyton will be the homilist.

A cultural celebration will follow after the Mass in the Parish Center with food and traditional song and dance.

We welcome the entire parish and the community to any of these events.

*Those attending the 11:30am Mass on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> are reminded that there may be more congestion in the parking lot and on the streets due to the procession and the 1:00pm Bilingual Mass.*

## ST. JOSEPH'S GIFT & BOOK STORE SALE

Why not take advantage of the fabulous sale in our Religious Gift Shop. Come in and browse around. The Gift Shop will be open from 9am-1pm on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> for the sale. We are need of volunteers. If interested please call the rectory at 343-6013.

## ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese will be held next weekend, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. An envelope for the collection is included in the packet of offertory envelopes you received for the month of December. Please be as generous as your means permit.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Thank You** to all second grade and Special Sacrament 2 parents who attended the meeting regarding First Holy Communion this past Tuesday. If you were unable to attend the meeting please call the Religious Education office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to receive the important information that was discussed at the meeting.

**Reminder:** All students attending our Religious Education Program received a "Calendar" raffle ticket to sell. If you have not returned the bottom portion of the calendar (with the money), please do so as soon as possible.



### A VISIT FROM SANTA

A reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be held today, Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the meeting room/gym. Come and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate with Santa. Admission is free.

## SHORTER NOTICES

† **ST. THERESE LEARNING CENTER** will be selling Christmas wreaths after all the masses this weekend December 5 & 6.

† **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets after all the masses this weekend. The cost per magnet is \$5.00

† **ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is postponed until January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for more information call 1-845-239-4705.

† **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM** A Joyous Christmas Concert & Festive Holiday Dinner will be on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3PM T St. Casimir Church, 239 Nepperhan Ave.,Yonkers, NY. Concert & Dinner - \$35 per person. For more info call: 914-963-1254.

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE CURRENTLY UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION:  
[www.sjchurch.com](http://www.sjchurch.com)**

## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

The Columbian Squires is a Knights of Columbus youth group for young men ages 12-18. A group of Squires attended Mass at St. Joseph's Church on the feast of Christ the King.

The Squires will be holding an information meeting on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. All those interested in becoming squires or curious about it are invited to the 11:30am Mass, followed by a brief introduction meeting with lunch and open gym to follow.

All young men of our parish are encouraged to come and see what the Squires are all about.

### "COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

We probably all know relatives or friends who, for whatever reason, have not been to Sunday Mass in a while. Advent is a perfect time to invite fellow Catholics to return to the practice of their faith. This time is especially appropriate as it is the Year of Mercy.

This year again, every Catholic Church will be open for Reconciliation on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. It might be a good idea to encourage all Catholics to make a good confession during this Advent season and to join us at Mass for Christmas.

This Advent, prepare your heart for the Peace of Christ.

## MIDDLETOWN WARMING STATION

The Warming Station received so many donations of soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; we have enough to last us for quite a while. The only things we would ask to be donated at the present time would be boxers, t-shirts, heavy socks, heavy winter gloves, men's winter hats (like ski caps), and warm scarves. If you could help with any of these needs it would be much appreciated. You can email [pegazzari@yahoo.com](mailto:pegazzari@yahoo.com) for more information.

More than anything else we need overnight volunteers. If anyone hasn't had the training, we have 2 December sessions: on Thursday, December 3rd and Tuesday, December 15th. The following dates each need 1 more volunteer for overnight: 12/3, 12/12, 12/19, 12/22, 12/25, 12/26, 12/27, 12/30 and 12/31.