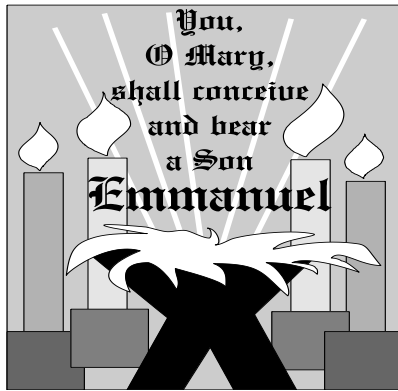


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2015**



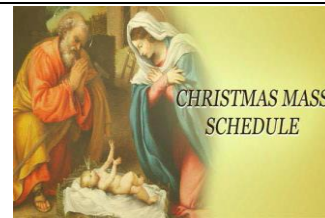
*Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week
December 20– December 27*

- SAT: 5:30pm Frances Mignano
Sun: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
9:00am Andrew C. Lamberti
Michael F. Amodio, Sr.
11:30am John Frisenda
MON: 7:30am Patrick Foley.
12:10am Conrad Vacirca
TUE 7:30am Giuseppe Caruso
12:10pm Rosario Fratto
WED: 7:30am Bernard Petak, Mary & Andrew Lippiello
12:10pm Maria Velez
THUR: 7:30am Estelle Bravo-Giles
**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY:
(SEE SCHEDULE)**
SAT: 8:00am Teopista F. Fungo
5:30pm Msgr. George Valastro
SUN: 7:00am Patricia Marie Monteforte
9:00am John & Rosa Biasi
Felice Sorice
11:30am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
1:00pm Catalino Ramirez



PRAY FOR
Francesca Torre
Madalin Maceira

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



VIGIL MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS, Thursday, December 24

- 4:00PM - Children's Mass
6:30pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
12:00pm – Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, December 25

We will follow the regular Sunday schedule:
7:00am, 9:00am, 9:00am (Latin Mass), and
11:30am, and 1:00pm Spanish Mass.

**MASSES FOR JANUARY 1,
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31at
5:30PM

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1
at 7:00am; 9:00am and 11:30am and 1:00pm
Spanish Mass

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The Christmas song "O Holy Night" includes the following words: "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease."

This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection, and are oppressed by the mythology of choice.

In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and to be more active than ever in the pro-life cause.

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE CURRENTLY UNDER
CONSTRUCTION:
www.sjchurch.com**

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF



May Our Savior whose birth we celebrate today, bless you and your loved ones with a very happy and grace-filled Christmas. As always we priests will be offering our Christmas masses for your intentions. Merry Christmas from all of us at St. Joseph's Parish.



ADOPT A CHILD TOY DRIVE

Our Adopt a Child Toy Drive was a huge success this year. Thank you to all the people who so generously donated toys this year to make our drive successful. We were able to help many people in our parish and community to have a Merry Christmas. Without your help this would not have been possible. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Sunday December 27, 2015 is Hospitality Sunday. After the 9:00am Mass please join us for a little reception in the Parish Center/Gymnasium. This is a great opportunity to socialize and get to meet new friends. Please come and join us.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Our monthly food drive for the poor will be held next weekend. Do bring some canned food when you come to mass. You can leave your food at the doors of the church. All canned foods are welcome, but there is always a special need for canned items such as: spaghetti or ravioli, fruits, soups, **tuna**, **spam**, or **other meats**, and **peanut butter** and jelly.

YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Mercy, starting on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015 until November 20, 2016. In proclaiming this extraordinary year, the Holy Father has called upon all people to **Heal, Help & Forgive his fellow man** and to practice the **Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy!**

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 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Consider also, signing up as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament for only 1 hour a week.

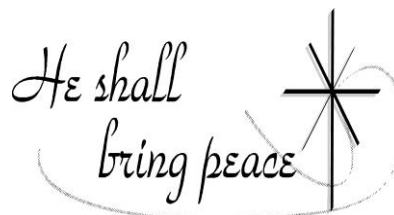
THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of NY are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life-long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another. We invite you to call us at 845-343-8836 to schedule a tour and learn more about our faith-based, Pre-K, Kindergarten and elementary school program.

SHORTER NOTICES

†"**JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**" A Joyous Christmas Concert & Festive Holiday Dinner will be today, Sunday, December 20th at 3pm at St. Casimir Church, 239 Nepperhan Ave., Yonkers, NY. Concert tickets only - \$10 per person; Concert & Dinner - \$35 per adult and \$17.50 for children 5-15 years old. For more information please call: 914-963-1254.

†**CAMP FATIMA FOR BOYS AND CAMP BERNADETTE FOR GIRLS** are now accepting registrations for the 2016 summer session. The camps are located in the Lakes Region of NH; offer 2 week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or visit us on the web at www.campsfatimabernadette.org.





PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Jubilee Year of Mercy has begun. St. Pope John Paul II, the Mercy Pope, gives us something to ponder today. **“The best, the surest and most effective way of establishing 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 Marty/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**

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

**Adoration will be suspended at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve and resume at 2:00pm Christmas Day. **

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Smalls' and Mrs. Glickman's first grade classes did a great performance acting out the Nativity scene for our Saturday 11:00am session. Thank you to all the parents that attended and everyone who helped us prepare the children.

On Thursday December 24, 2015 there will be a children's mass at 4:00 pm. Ms. Williams' fourth grade classes will be acting out the Nativity scene during mass. Please come and join us, everyone is invited. Thank you.

Reminder for the children that are participating in the Nativity scene:

Rehearsal will be held today Sunday December 20 at 3:30 pm in the Church .On December, 24th please have your child be here by 2:30 pm. Thank You.

Reminder no classes on: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 Thursday, December 24, 2015 and Saturday, December 26, 2015

The staff and students wish everyone a Blessed Christmas!

TITHING-GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING A QUARTERLY OVERVIEW

September thru November 2014.....\$148,719.50
September thru November 2015.....\$155,311.00

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 20 Pope Francis
- December 21 Rev. Michael Keane
Rev. Francisco Tejada
- December 22 Rev. John Lundberg
Deacon John Reilly
- December 23 Rev. Anthony Trung
Nguyen, O. Carm
Rev, Justin Cinnante
- December 24 Rev. John Bonnici
Deacon Warren Testa
- December 25 Christmas
All Priests
- December 26 Priests and deacons who
have served in the vicariate