

# The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017



## Saturday, December 16

5:30 Matthew Tarnowski

7:00 Para todos los miembros de nuestra iglesia  
Sagrado Corazon - Bilingual Mass

## Sunday, December 17

8:00 Mary Paul, Antonia Minier de Cruz

10:00 Ned Gehr, Vincenza "Vee" Camardella

12:00 Raymond Corsini

6:00 Rosemary and John Hagerty  
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

## Monday, December 18

9:00 Lombardi Family, Minafo Family

## Tuesday, December 19

9:00 Angela Gerasimski, Christopher Palmer

## Wednesday, December 20

9:00 Ellen Donohue, Sacred Heart Souls  
Society especially Biagia Leone Cerone,  
Tina Ferraro, Elwood P. Schuck, Leroy J.  
Farrell Sr.

## Thursday, December 21

9:00 Edward Mazzella, Michael Lubrano

## Friday, December 22

9:00 Helen Grace Murray, Rose Marie Bass'  
Family and Friends

## Saturday, December 23

9:00 Sophie Piekara

5:30 John Kennedy

7:00 Para todos los miembros de nuestra iglesia  
Sagrado Corazon - Bilingual Mass

## Sunday, December 24

8:00 Christmas Novena of Masses

10:00 Christmas Novena of Masses

12:00 Christmas Novena of Masses

6:00 William Streicher  
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

## Pope Francis' Intention for December

### The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## Religious Education Program

Hall Monitors are still needed for our Program on Monday afternoon from 4:30 - 6 pm and on the first Monday of the month from 7 - 8:30 pm. Call Sr. rose if you can help at 782-7420

Our **English as a 2nd Language Program**. We are in need of instructors to help in an informal setting. No need to speak another language. Classes are held on Thursday evening from 7 - 8:30 pm and Saturday morning from 9:30 - 11 am at the school. Please consider joining us. Call Sr. Rose at 782-7420.

## Fund a Religious Education Student

Not every family in our parish is able to afford the registration fees which cover the expense of books and supplies. If you would like to "adopt" a child/family this year it would be most appreciated!!

## Opportunity

Would you like to provide a \$5,000 scholarship to provide one year of Catholic Education for a child at Sacred Heart School? A partial scholarship of any amount is of course most welcome as well to help defray the unavoidable costs of providing a daily Catholic Education for the future of our Church. Please see Fr. Tom or Mrs. Muenkel, the principal of Sacred Heart School. Thank you!

## Prayer for the Third Week of Advent

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;  
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,  
let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,  
with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be honor and glory,  
world without end.

*Amen*



# Sacred Heart Youth Group

## GAP (God and Pizza) Program

GAP (God and Pizza) program for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders meets at 4:30 pm on Sundays at the Parish Center and for high school students at 7:00 pm. Teens interested in music ministry at the 6:00 pm Mass are invited to come to practices at 5:30 pm in the main Church on Sundays as well. For more information about Youth Ministry contact the parish office and ask for either Ivy Marrero or Fr. Tom. Information is updated and posted on our parish website regularly.

## Christmas Flowers



Beautiful Christmas flowers and wreaths will fill our church's sanctuary during this holy season, which are donated by parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of deceased loved ones. The names of those remembered will be printed in the January 7th bulletin. Envelopes are now available in the vestibule of the church. Please PRINT clearly up to three names on the envelope with your offering. A suggested offering is \$10. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office. The deadline for submission is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Novena of Masses



Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church for the Christmas Novena of Masses. This is a wonderful way to remember our deceased loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the Christmas Masses and those listed will be remembered at each Mass. The names of those remembered will be printed the January 7th bulletin. Please PRINT clearly up to three names on the envelope with your offering. A suggested offering is \$10. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office. The deadline for submission is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

# Hear Our Prayers O Lord



## The Baptized

River Shea McKersie

## The Deceased

Elwood, J. Schuck, Tina Ferraro, Sophie Piekara, Sr. Andrea Marie Sporry CSAC, Off. Kenneth Copeland (TX), Victims of Terrorist Attack in Somalia. Victims of the School Shootings in New Mexico

## Military

We have placed our military roll honoring the men and women of our parish family currently serving our country in the Church's military shrine. If you would like to add someone to the roll, please call the parish office.

## The Sick

Rachael Snitofsky, Erica Jane Burns, Heiner Lakas, Barbara Stilo, Francine Stilo, Jennifer Kanzler Miller, Blossom Johnson, Talia Phelan, Lisa Shina, Pat Stanton, Mary Ferrigno, Melody Gerakaris, Dorothy Neuwirth, Stanley Englert, Teddy Bonner, Michael Koperski, Norma Diaz Perez, Michael, Marti Brannick, John Turner, Michael Reed, Lawrence Grosso, Michael Mele. Carol Licata, Christine Moore, Phyllis DiLucca, Kelsey Berger, Virginia DiLorenzo, Veronica Maria Donoghue, Rev. Terrance McCarthy, Gloria Montalvo

## *In Loving Remembrance*

The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of **December** is in memory of Edward and Robert Coco. Lovingly requested by the Coco Family.

**Anyone wishing to memorialize the sanctuary candle, the flowers or bread and wine is asked to contact the parish office.**

## Adoration

At Sacred Heart we have two weekly opportunities to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition with Benediction will take place on Wednesday mornings from 8 am to 9 am followed by the morning Mass and on Fridays from 8 pm to 9 pm. Please note as well that on First Fridays of the month, All Night Adoration takes places from 8 pm Friday evening until 9 am Saturday morning.

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE!**

**Sacred Heart  
Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser**



**Friday, February 9, 2018  
Inclement Weather Date February 16  
No Ticket Refunds.  
Please give or sell your ticket to someone else.**

**Sacred Heart School Gym  
26 Still Rd., Monroe, NY**

**Doors Open at 6:00, Bingo Starts at 7:00  
Cost: \$40 per person which includes one bingo card set  
Bring your Own Food and Beverages  
Door Prizes, Raffles, 50/50**

**Winners will receive a new designer handbag.  
Coach, Kate Spade, Anna for Anushka, Michael Kors, Dooney and Bourke, G.I.L.I., Vera Bradley**

**Reserve Your Table Today!  
Cash or checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church.  
Please include your name, phone number and a list of all guests at your table with your payment.  
Must be 18 years of age to attend.**

**Contact Bernadette at  
[bernadette.marasco@sacredheartchurch.org](mailto:bernadette.marasco@sacredheartchurch.org) or 845-238-5630**

**New Missals**



**The missals for the new church year are now available in the vestibule of the church. The cost is \$5 per book.**



**Confessions  
Monday December 18  
4:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 23  
5:30 pm  
7:00 pm Bi-lingual Mass**

**Sunday, December 24  
8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm**

**4:00 pm Children's Mass  
6:00 pm  
8:00 pm  
9:30 pm Bilingual Mass  
10:00 pm Polish Mass in Chapel  
12:00 am Midnight Mass**

**Monday, December 25  
8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm  
There will be no 6:00 pm Mass**

**Sunday, December 31  
8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm**

**Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
6:00 pm**

**Monday, January 1  
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
9:00 am  
7:00 pm**

**Although Christmas this year is the day after the fourth Sunday of Advent, Catholics cannot count a Sunday evening Mass Dec. 24 for both that Sunday obligation and Monday's Christmas Mass obligation.**

**The U.S. bishops announced this at the beginning of the year and said Catholics have to attend separate Masses for the two days.**

## Christmas Confession

Once again this year the Archdiocese of New York has arranged for every parish in the diocese to offer confessions on Monday, December 18 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be priests available in every church during that time to hear confessions in preparation for Christmas.

## Saint of the Week



### St. Eusebius

*Bishop, Martyr  
December 16*

Eusebius, born in Sardinia, a lector at Rome, and later bishop of Vercelli, fought so bravely against Arianism that his unconquerable faith supplied encouragement and new life to Liberius, the Pope. Because of his profession of the Catholic Faith, Eusebius was sent to Scythopolis by the emperor Constantius, where he suffered hunger, thirst, beatings and many other kinds of torment. From there he was sent away into Cappadocia and endured the hardships of exile until Constantius' death.

When he was allowed to return to his own church, Italy put off her garments of mourning. Here he published his own expurgated Latin translation of the Greek commentaries of Origen and those of Eusebius of Caesarea on all the psalms. At Vercelli, during the reign of Valentinian and Valens, he went to the Lord to receive the unfading crown of glory earned by his great labors and hardships



## The Lord's Prayer

Pope Francis has suggested he wants to make a change to The Lord's Prayer, widely known among the faithful as the "Our Father."

Specifically, the Catholic leader said in an interview Wednesday he would prefer to adjust the phrase "lead us not into temptation," saying that it too strongly suggested that God leads people to sin.

"That is not a good translation," the pope said, according to [Reuters](#).

The phrase "do not let us fall into temptation," which the Catholic Church in France has previously decided to use, would be a more appropriate alternative, Francis said.

© Michele Spatari/NurPhoto via Getty Images Pope Francis visit in San Domenico Square, Bologna, Italy, 1st October 2017.

He added that the phrase used by the French, or similar wording, should then be implemented around the globe.

## Mom's Goup



We all have busy lives but consider our small group as a mini retreat to refresh, rest and receive graces that come from sharing scripture, prayers and friendship offered up to Him. We encourage discussion and reflection on Sunday's scriptures and provide a place to come together to feel connected to God and one another. Babies and children welcome to come with mom or grand mom. Future meetings Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 13 & 27, Mar. 13 & 27, Apr. 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, June 12. For more info, contact the parish office or Cindy at 845-662-6768.

## Sacrament of Marriage

We invite and encourage couples who are planning marriage to speak with one of the priests or deacons. It is the policy of Sacred Heart Parish that the couples begin marriage preparation at least six months prior to the planned date. Fr. Byrnes must approve any departures from the policy. This is in order to allow time for the necessary paperwork, meetings with the priest or deacon as well as for the Pre-Cana program. The date at the Church is the first priority. Sometimes parishioners are surprised to find that the date and time they want is not available.

## Parish Organizations

Catholic Daughters of America  
782-8709  
Christian Service Committee  
781-0856  
783-3389  
Holy Name Society  
845-325-9425  
Junior Catholic Daughters of America  
637-0435  
Knights of Columbus  
782-4681  
Legion of Mary  
590-1355  
Mom's Group  
783-7821  
Parish Outreach  
783-7840  
Respect Life Society  
783-2964  
Sacred Heart School Alumni  
SHSalumni@sacredheartmonroe.net  
Sacred Heart Crusaders Youth Group  
Contact Fr. Tom at 782-8510  
Sacred Heart Leisure Club  
774-4351  
Sacred Heart Men's Group  
782-9445  
Sacred Heart Quilters and Crafters  
783-3252  
Sacred Heart Ushers Society  
845-325-9425



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### **Exclusive Offer for Members & Supporters of SHP**

As a supporter of SHP you will receive:

- An Exclusive Energy Rate (Natural Gas and Electricity)
- Receive 5,000 Perk Points to redeem for gift cards
- Enrollments into Just Energy Perks
- Zero penalties or fees for residential enrollments
- Two free LED Light Bulbs

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### **Residential**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Promotion Code: **SHP** Website:

[www.JustEnergyDeals.com/SHP](http://www.JustEnergyDeals.com/SHP)

Public Utility Energy Provider:

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous holds meetings in the Sacred Heart Chapel hall on Sundays from 3:00-4:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm, on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, on Fridays from 9:00-10:00 pm and on Saturdays at 7:00 pm.

**Items for the bulletin must be submitted The Sunday before the date of publication of the bulletin.**

**All special event flyers will be printed in the pages on the bulletin**

**ENCOURAGE** is a Catholic Apostolate for those who have family members with same sex attraction. A new website has been created to help the faithful who are searching of information about Encourage, the Church's teachings on same sex attraction and spiritual support: [www.encyourageny.com](http://www.encyourageny.com).