

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT /CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 24, 2023

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

Flame of Divine Love. We have been lighting the Advent Wreath in the church for three weeks now. The first symbolized Light, the second, Peace, the third, Joy and now, Love. It is the Love that has come down from heaven to us, revealed in the person, in the humanity and divinity of Jesus of Nazareth. His Divine Love is revealed to us in human actions, illustrated in His life, manifested to us in the Seven Sacraments, and incarnated into His living presence now when we respond to that Divine Love in us. As St. Paul reminds us in one of his letters:

Letter to the Ephesians

Brothers, do not...

**Grow weary in the midst of tribulations,
But to be rooted and grounded in love,
So that they may know with all the saints
The breadth, the length, the height & the depth—
To know what is beyond knowledge
The love of Christ
So as to be filled
With all the fullness of God.**

Let us then respond to the offer of Divine Love, by returning Love for our human love. Let us forgive those who have hurt us, let us be patient with those who irritate us, let us be compassionate to those who need us, and let us show our love to those around us. It is not always easy to love, but it is the only way Jesus of Nazareth showed us in His flame of Divine Love, expressed in loving actions. **May we follow His lead. Amen.**

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE ADVENT WREATH

O Lord stir up your, might and come. Aid us with your powerful assistance so that, through your grace and merciful forgiveness, we may attain salvation which now is hindered by our sins; you who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God forever and ever.

Merry Christmas!



Dear beloved family of Sacred Heart!

Can't believe we're wishing one another a Merry Christmas already but here we are!! Our beautifully renovated church is ready for Christmastime cheer!! Thank you all SO much for your unending generosity! May your families celebrate joyfully and may 2024 offer peace and good health!!

Again, hope-filled Christmas blessings to you all!!

In His Grace,

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Responsorial Psalm:

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

**SACRED HEART
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

May our Parish Family be Blessed
With Peace and Joy
This Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.
With Love & Prayers,
Sacred Heart
Religious Education Program

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

At this very meaningful time of the year, THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Society wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our parishioners who have aided us by contributions of food, prayers and monetary gifts. Our service to those of our least brothers would not be possible without your continued generous support. May you all have a blessed Christmas!

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild wishes all the parish a Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry wishes everyone a blessed and joy-filled Christmas. We are pleased to share our recent milestone. In our eight years of existence, this small group has made and shared over 1,000 blessed shawls here and worldwide. We are grateful that through our work so many have been "Wrapped in God's Love". If you know of anyone who might benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the rectory.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

Dear Rev. Rafferty:

As this year closes and 2023 begins, the Village Board and I wish you and your congregation a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May you all enjoy good health and happiness from the entire Village family.

May God bring peace, love and joy in the hearts and homes of all people and peace on earth.

Sincerely,
Michael F. Curley, Mayor

SONS OF ITALY

"Buon Natale"

The Brothers and Sisters of the Vincent Linguanti Lodge, the sons and daughters of Italy wish Sacred Heart Community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lodge President, Joseph Gregory

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of
God**

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Vigil Mass – 5:30PM, 7:15PM Español

Monday, January 1st, 2024

9:00AM, 4:00PM – Español



NO 5:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24

Ultreya, 9am at Tagaste Monastery

Monday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

Tuesday, December 26

All closed

Wednesday, December 27

Grupo Bíblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Immaculate. Heart Group- 7:30pm

Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's group – Rectory pre-k

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**2nd Sunday Advent –\$12,895.
Last Year's -\$14,105.**

**Retired Religious - \$4,564.
Last Year's - \$3,681**

SISTERS OF LIFE



**Providing Life-affirming choices
for women:** If you know someone
who is struggling, please urge them
to contact:

www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

LOUKAS ALEXANDER DE JESUS

Child of Juan and Angelica

JAKE ALEXANDER GUARACA MEJIA

Child of Jose and Edilma



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Emil Boss,

Joe Bauer, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Fr. Frank Cregan, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, Joseph Duarte, John Duffy, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Kathleen Keane, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraidia Molina, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Louis Paturzo, Charles Picarelli, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Geri Savino, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Yolanda Yarleque and Michael Zavoski Jr.

ALTAR MEMORIALS DECEMBER 24, 2023

Altar Wines In Memory of
HENRY & JEANNE BUKOWSKI
Altar Breads In Memory of
ANTHONY & THERESA GRAFF
Altar Candles In Memory of
JOHN BUKOWSKI, II
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
PALMA & HENRY HECK



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially:



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

SATURDAY – 9AM

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)

AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00am – † Vincent Cangelose

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Aleyamma Mathew

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – Spec. Intention Niño Jesus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:30am – † Andrew & Johanna Seman /
Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki

10:00am – † Dr. Leo Greco

11:30am – † Ann Sweeney

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 Vigil Masses for Christmas

4:00pm – † 5:30pm – † -7:15pm – † 12:00 Midnight

**For All Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Living and Deceased**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

†8:30am – 10:00am -11:30am-4:00pm Spanish

ALL MASSES FOR PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00am – † Special Intentions Christine Schnabel

9:00am – † Aline & Henny Hendrickson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00am – † Special Intentions Timothy O'Shea

9:00am – † Hack & Aggie Gravius

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00am – † Michael Califano

9:00am – † Jaime Javier

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00am – † Errol A. Rodney

9:00am – † Jerry Peden

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am – † Hack Gravius

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Eugene & Rose Magurno

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Spec. Int. Luis Carmen
and Ismary Morin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30am – † Vincent Crotty

10:00am – † Al Panico

11:30am – † Gerard Sullivan

4:00pm – † Raquel Ramirez

5:30pm – Vigil - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial