

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

I know that in 2024's First Sunday Advent bulletin, I wrote somethin' like this- & I'm now a-repeatin': Seriously, Advent's here again!? ALREADY!?

Another rapidly movin' year zippin' along! Cliché (overused? Bit annoying?) comin': WHERE DOES THE TIME GO!? But, good golly, couldn't be any truer! Jesus declares today in Matthew's Gospel, a line I've been tossin' out at you repeatedly in recent months: FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW ON WHICH DAY THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL COME! Now, THERE'S a "couldn't be truer" statement if ever I've a-heard one! Yesterday, I had Mass at Friedwald Nursing in New City. Following it, I spent a few minutes with a lovely resident, "Brenda." We got on about "not knowing the day nor the hour." At one point, Brenda piped at me: "Good thing we don't know when, Father!" Soon after that, our little tête-à-tête drew to a close. Brenda touched my hand (and my heart) and warmly 'Happy Thanksgiving'd' an' 'Have a Merry Christmas'd' me and I said goodbye to Brenda with a hope-filled human-to-human encounter of Grace. And although, I KNOW NOT THE DAY NOR THE HOUR, I KNOW that that MOMENT I shared with Brenda will remain memorable...& a wide smile stayed on my mug for a good while. Thank you, Lord, for that "Brenda time" and the countless other opportunities we are given- DAILY!- to share blessed encounters with one another- In THIS hour- In THIS Moment- In This Very Second! Right here, right now! Increase in us, Almighty God, the desire to seek out MORE "Brenda-Michael" experiences. Open our eyes, Lord, to deeper gratitude of remembering that "Whenever two or three are gathered in Your Name"- JOY RESOUNDS AT US!

Blessed First Advent Sunday 2025, Friends of Sacred Heart! Thank you for your generously loving company!

In His Love and Peace,
Fr. JMR, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR
Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR
Fr. John Gruben, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord, in it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Season is a time to look forward to Christ's coming. The Advent Wreath is a circle of four candles, each candle representing a week of Advent. The purple candles remind us of our need for penance. The Rose candle (third week) reminds us that Christmas Joy is truly near.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Lord God let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (Light the 1st Purple Candle)

*Our Annual
Christmas Boutique Fundraiser*

TODAY – NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

(In The Gym)

And: A Special **COFFEE SUNDAY EVENT**
(with a visitor from the North Pole) AND
THE \$10,000 RAFFLE DRAWING AT 1PM
BLESSED ADVENT TO ALL!

OUR LADY'S GUILD

"Our Lady's Guild Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2:30 pm in the gym. There will be catered food; however, feel free to bring a special holiday dish. Prizes awarded for the ugliest holiday sweater and Christmas bingo winners. We ask that you please bring unwrapped baby gifts and or diapers for Birthright. And a contribution of food for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry if you are able. We look forward to sharing a special afternoon with our members."

**A SPECIAL ADVENT HOLY HOUR AND
EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONG**

with the SISTERS OF LIFE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 7:00PM

**COME JOIN US FOR THIS PRAYERFUL SERVICE!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30

Monday, December 1

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr 6 4:30 to 6

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Tuesday, December 2

Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-

CYO –5 to 9

Wednesday, December 3

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, December 4

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Friday, December 5 First Friday

Exposition 1pm – Holy Hour 7pm

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Saturday, December 6

Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'
NAME**

**WILL BE REPORTED IN FUTURE BULLETINS
DUE TO EARLY PRINTING OF BULLETIN**

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is an Advent fixture here at Sacred Heart and many other parishes. This effort highlights the generosity of our parishioners towards those who can use some help. Please take one (or more) of the *ornaments* (Tags) and give them a gift from your heart. Your thoughtfulness will bring great joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Sister of Life Homes, The Willows, Seminarians her in the Archdiocese of NY, needy and homeless in need in our community. Please look for the Giving Tree set up in the back of the Church beginning Sunday, November 30th. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 14th.** P.S. We are putting the tree out a week early.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

WITH THE

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

DECEMBER 6 AT 6:30PM

Once again, this year Sacred Heart will be a part of the parade with 2 floats. We are looking for Volunteers to get the floats up and making them beautiful. If you would like to help and or if you would like to march with the Sacred Heart Floats, please know you are welcome and give us a call at the rectory office at 845-357-0035 to let us know you would like to join us whether helping or marching.

**TODAY, NOVEMBER 30
WINNERS PICKED at 1PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH
\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

**TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)
PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A TICKET
WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION**

Available after Masses In the Gym

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

A SPECIAL ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

THE JESSE TREE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 7:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come join us for this prayerful service of Readings from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Music to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior. This is the same event joined with Our Lady's Guild Meeting.

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.

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 11
ANTOINETTE LABRUNA**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

LIAM JAVIER MARTIN SUNUC

Child of Aurelio and Maria



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helene Marie Biby, Andrew Bylec, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Crencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, , Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Danny Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr., Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Lissette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of DANIEL FRANCIS SAMMARONE



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 (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM
SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)
AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00am – † Wanda & Stanley Kowalski

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30pm – † John Clemente

7:15pm – Special Intent. Crecencio Lopez Criollo

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30am – † Carl Schembri

10:00am – † Marc Pierre Thevenot

11:30am – † Robert Holodak, Sr.

4:00pm – Spec. Intentions Cresencio Casas
† Gladis B. Amaya

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00am – † Arthur "Art" Mendolia

9:00am – † Marcy O'Brien

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Gladis B. Amaya

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Dennis O'Connell

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00am – † Bertram Creighton

9:00am – † Eileen Nunes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 1ST FRIDAY

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Diana Selleck

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00am - † Luke T. Brennan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:30pm – † John Renner

7:15pm – Nicolas Rendon Vaquero - Cumpleaños

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30am – † Eileen Nunes

10:00am – † Gina Gasparre

11:30am – Special Intentions Antoinette LaBruna

4:00pm –

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial