

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 7, 2025

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

With all of his talk about unquenchable fire, the wrath to come, and the brood of vipers, not to mention his diet of locusts and wild honey and his dress of camel's hair, John the Baptist presents us with a strange and rather frightening image, as severe and uncomfortable as walking without a jacket on a cold winter's night. The figure of the Baptist, who may appear as much madman as prophet, rises up like clockwork every year on the Second Sunday of Advent, blocking our path to Christmas and confronting us with hard questions which we probably would rather not face as we anticipate a season of joy, of gift-giving, of song, and of celebration. The Baptist proclaims himself to be "a herald's voice in the desert," and he sums up his message in a few choice and powerful words: "Reform your lives; the reign of God is at hand."

John the Baptist is the thorn that accompanies the rose of Christmas; he sticks us and makes us bleed, but the pain he produces is healthy pain, pain which is meant to heal since it encourages us to seek treatment, to search for a remedy for our spiritual illness from the only one who really possesses such a cure—the one whose birth we are about to celebrate, the one whose name is Jesus, whom we acknowledge in faith to be our Lord and Messiah. Santa Claus traditionally asks children whether they have been "naughty or nice?" John the Baptist asks each of us what obstacles we face on the road to Bethlehem and what changes we need to make with the help of God's grace to successfully complete our journey to join the shepherds, the wise men, the angels, and the faithful from every place and every time around the manger of the new-born Savior.

**Fr. John Gruben, OAR**

Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**MASSES**

**7AM, 9AM, 12PM, 5:30PM**  
**8PM IN SPANISH**



### Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord stir up our hearts to prepare the way of your beloved Son, so that, through His coming on earth, we may serve you always with pure intentions. We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son.

**(Someone lights two purple candles.)**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

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

**with the SISTERS OF LIFE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM**

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

### PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Michael D'Avanzo

Lydia Kenney

Robert Miller

Vincent Napolitano

Marco A. Bauco

Mary Kelleher

Catherine T. Cristie Franchini

### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**33<sup>RD</sup> Sunday – \$11,409.**

**Last Year's- \$11,243**

**Charity & Justice- \$3,444.**

**Last year's-\$3,962 (Catholic Charities)**

**SACRED HEART  
\$10,000.00 RAFFLE  
WINNERS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> – PRIZE – FRANK STILLO**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE – TIM FAY**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – JOHN RYAN**

**THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH GOD  
BLESS YOU!**

**THANK YOU!  
VINCENT CROTTY FOUNDATION**

We wish to Thank the Vincent Crotty Foundation for their amazing food drive donation to Sacred Heart and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Along with the parishioners of Sacred Heart and the Suffern Foundation over 65 families were given Thanksgiving meals and food for a week. Thank you!

**A SPECIAL ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER**

**THE JESSE TREE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 7- Coffee Sunday/ Lady's Guild Luncheon in the gym – 2:30PM**

**Monday, December 8**

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 9**

**Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm**

**Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-**

CYO –5 to 9

**Wednesday, December 10**

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church  
Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

**Thursday, December 11**

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Sons of Italy -5pm cafe

**Friday, December 12**

**Prayer Shawl – 1pm gym**

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

**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, 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 30<sup>th</sup>. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.** P.S. We are putting the tree out a week early.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE THANK YOUS!**

The parade was a wonderful event again this year. Great thanks go to Ken Lordy and Hallet Motors (Rick) for everything. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped getting the float decorated and undecorated all in one day. It takes tremendous effort, and Sacred Heart is grateful to everyone who lent a hand. This year again we were graced with the beautiful voices of the Sisters of Life on the float. **THANK YOU ALL AND BLESS YOU! MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

**MARCH for LIFE in Washington, D.C.**

Friday - January 23rd, 2026

~ more info will be shared in the near future ~

Questions: [email-rocklandrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:email-rocklandrighttolife@gmail.com)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

We are asking for donations of turkeys and Hams for the Christmas Baskets.

**We will have drive in donations of food on the following dates:**

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am to 2:00pm**

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm to 5:00pm**

The baskets will be distributed on Friday, **December 19<sup>th</sup> Friday, from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through). Please contribute if possible. This is

St. Vincent DePaul Society's Annual Christmas event to help the needy in our midst and this year with the help and support of the Suffern Community Foundation. Thank you for your help!

**SISTERS OF LIFE**

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://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](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.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:

**ZOE JEAN CROTTY**  
Child of Sean and Sarah



*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 Crelencia, 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, Lisette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

## ALTAR MEMORIALS DECEMBER 7, 2025



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

**BOOSTER CLUB  
WEEK 12  
NADINE FRANCE**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY –  
(MON. – 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, DECEMBER 6

9:00am - † Luke T. Brennan

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5:30pm – † John Renner

7:15pm – Nicolas Rendon Vaquero – Cumpleaños  
Almza del Purgatory

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30am – † Eileen Nunes

10:00am – † Gina Gasparre

11:30am – Special Intentions Antoinette LaBruna

4:00pm – Luiz Espinoza Zevallos / Hermelinda  
Ordenez Leon

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00am – † Mariamma Alexander

9:00am – † Dianne Messina

12:00pm – Spec. Intention Eucaristica La Placa

5:30pm – Spec. Intention Alan Petukh

7:15pm – Nicolas, Antonia y Fany Carabajal

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Donna Fatora

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00am – †

9:00am – † John Hendricksen

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am – † Frank Sansone

9:00am – † Olinda Medranda

6:00pm – Misa Virgen Peregrina

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00am – Spec. Inten. Alan & Margaret Petukh

9:00am – † Catherine T. Christie Franchini

8:00pm – Family Pacheco Ramirez Accion  
de Gracias

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00am – † Mary Moclair

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30pm – † Janet Tamburro

7:15pm – † Rogelia Baizabal

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30am – † Cornelius McGreevy Sr.

10:00am – † John Kelly

11:30am – † Richard & Eileen Doran

4:00pm – † Victor Falcon Cobus /  
Victoria Aquilar Flores

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial