

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 21, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers of our Sacred Heart:

Well, can you even believe that it's the fourth Sunday of Advent!? Could it be a dream!? No, no dreamin' here! Days away from another celebration of the Birth of births! Now, Saint Joseph had, we could say: The dream of dreams! Right!? He's a quiet, gentle man who MUST HAVE struggled greatly interiorly! It's simple: Has a fiancée- She's pregnant- They've never been intimate- Surely she's cheated on him! PUT YOURSELF IN HIS HEAD- IN HIS HEART- IN HIS HURT! But, wait...A dream came- A dream accepted, But How? Joseph had EVERY reason to be devastated! He had every reason to be crushed-Heartbroken to the core! Yet, in that dream, God's angel certainly calmed him with four familiar words-Four words years earlier uttered to his betrothed: "DO NOT BE AFRAID." Then came these whoppers: "TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE." Nother cliché comin' now: AND THE REST WAS HISTORY! Isn't it a wonder that not a single spoken word of Joseph is recorded in Holy Scripture! His faithfulness is not evident in mere speech, BUT in obedience! Unlike Mother Mary's audible, spoken "Yes", Joseph's "Yes" is soft, quiet and with that "Yes" his foster fatherhood began and his love of his son inspires us, every day, to find greater courage to utter our own "Yeses" of fidelity to The Lord. Almighty God The Father pops into each of our lives quietly and unexpectedly. Joseph allowed his own thoughts and plans to become God's. In these remaining days of Advent- Give a shoutout to Joseph! A call of prayer and joyful expectation to the Joy of the world!

Friends, we are tremendously blessed by your friendship among us here at Sacred Heart...Closing with another cliché- A most heartfelt one, tho': THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

Keep hugging and loving on one another while embracing the splendid gift of His Birth. Do it with the lights and the music and the holly and the fruitcake and the cream puffs (That's for you, Jim Mattern!-Hint!) and the eggnog and the candy canes! And keep up those shoutouts to our beloved family of Heaven dwellers!

A very Merry Christmas to you, Sacred Heart Family in The Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

In His Love & Peace,

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR



Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS 2025

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH

MASSES

4:00PM Church, 5:30PM

8:00PM – ESPAÑOL MASS

12:00AM- MIDNIGHT MASS

**CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 25TH**

8:30AM

10:00AM, 11:30AM,

4:00PM ESPAÑOL

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands. Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

**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 with 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 our Sacred Heart family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Merry Christmas and Happy & Holy New Year to all of our parishioners. We are here working for you throughout the year to provide you with blessed prayer shawls to those in need of a physical HUG from God. Just a simple call to the rectory is all you need to do and one will find its way to you. May the birth of the Christ Child bless us all every day of our lives!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 21

Monday, December 22

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Tuesday, December 23

CYO –5 to 9

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 25 Merry Christmas

All Closed

Friday, December 26 – Rectory Closed

Saturday, December 27

NO - 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**

2nd of Advent – \$16,760.

Last Year's - \$13,325.

Immaculate Conception - \$4,309.

Last Year's-\$3,122.

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of
God**

**Wednesday, December 31,
2025**

Vigil Mass – 5:30pm, 8:00 Español

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM -4:00PM – Español



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

**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

**THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

But she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."



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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SAVANNAH JENNIFER CURLEY
RILEY PATRICK CURLEY

Children of James and Ericka

THIAGO RICARDO MENENDEZ

Child of Paulo and Rosanna

KAYLA MACKENZIE ALAS ROMERO

Child of Basilio and Nancy



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, Lissette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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



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 20

9:00am – Special Intention Ellen Smith

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30pm – † Patricia & Louis Diamond

7:15pm – † Alejandro Carreño /
Bernaldina Lopez Utrera

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30am – † Greeley, Statham & McGovern Family

10:00am – † Jerry Peden

11:30am – † Charles Picarelli

4:00pm – † David Falcon Aquilar

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00am – † Annamma Paul

9:00am – † Charles & Florence Marsalisi

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00am – † Anne Sweeney

9:00am – † Vincent Cangelose

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Barbara Pellecchia

4:00pm – Masses are for All Parishioners

5:30pm, 8pm (Spanish) 12am Midnight

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 Merry Christmas

8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 4:00pm Spanish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00am – † Aline Hendricksen

9:00am – † Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki &
Andrew & Johanna Seman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00am – † Stephen Kruzik

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30pm – † Janet Tamburro

7:15pm – † Aurora Espinoza Zevallos

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30am – † Vincent De Paul

10:00am – † Agnes & Harold Gravius / Jerry Peden

11:30am – † Palma & Henry Heck

4:00pm – Familia Ramirez Recinos –
Accion de Gracias

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 14
JOANNE SAGALA