

First Sunday of Advent

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Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Not available at press time.

Each month, 63 parishioners make their contributions thru **PARISH PAY**. Parish Pay enables you to give electronically once a month. The total contributions for the month of September were \$5,038.00. Would YOU like to sign up for PARISH PAY...if so, call Christine or log onto www.parishpay.com

The second collection NEXT weekend is for The Poor.

Banns of Marriage

III - Tassent C. Anderson & Sandra Menard

Candle Dedications

The Tabernacle candle in the Church is lit this week:

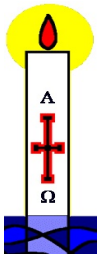
In Memory of
Marie Anna Rodriguez

The Tabernacle Candle in the Chapel is lit this week:

In Memory of
The Giordano Family

The Paschal Candle is lit at all baptisms and funerals throughout the year:

In Memory of
Henry Hannemann



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially those who have asked for our prayers: **MaryAnn Mathsen, Fr. Steven Clark, Sr. Rose Vermette, Francis Clark, Carmen Nemeth, Hyacinth Logan, Ron Ehrhardt, Landon Thomas Aitken, John Fiore** and for our recently deceased:



For those who are serving our country in the military both at home and in far away lands, especially: We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 30, 2014

Saturday November 29

5:30 Missa Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday November 30

7:30 Catherine (A) & Carl Eric Lundgren

9:00 Rose & Caroline Roth

11:30 Christine Franco Vericker

5:30 Lena Benedetti

Monday December 1

7:00 Dominic "Honey" Raso

8:00 Vincent DeBonnis

12:10 Nancy Dorsey Anderson

Tuesday December 2

7:00 Marie Anna Donatien (A)

8:00 Anne Barch

12:10 Robert Hollands (A)

Wednesday December 3

7:00 Natalino Pugliese

8:00 Mary P & Vincent Dillon

12:10 Aurore Romain

Thursday December 4

7:00 The Scully, Sullivan & Battel Family

8:00 Pat Tickey & Ronald Fitzgerald

12:10 Terry Malone (A)

Friday December 5

7:00 Joseph Derasmo

8:00 Deacon Alan Hudson (A)

12:10 James Barrett

Saturday December 6

8:00 Avelina A. Ayson (A)

12:10 Marie Anna Rodriguez

5:30 Joseph (A) & Maria Dattilo and
Betty Delfino

Sunday December 7

7:30 Missa Pro Populo (For the People)

9:00 The Scully, Sullivan & Battel Families

11:30 Frances Margaret Olivier

5:30 Marie Gebbia

Pope Francis: When do I meet Jesus?

On the First Sunday of Advent last year, Pope Francis spoke to the girls and boys he would confirm in the Holy Spirit through the sacrament. This Saturday, the young women and men of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Lagonegro.

The most important thing that can happen to a person is to meet Jesus: this encounter with Jesus who loves us, who has saved us, who has given his life for us. Encounter Jesus. And we are journeying in order to meet Jesus.

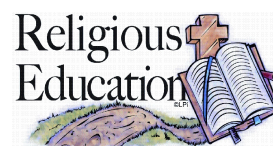
We could ask ourselves this question: But when do I meet Jesus? Only at the end? No, no! We meet him every day. How? In prayer, when you pray, you meet Jesus. When you receive Communion, you meet Jesus in the Sacraments. When you bring your child to be baptized, you meet Jesus, you find Jesus. And today, you who are receiving Confirmation, you too will encounter Jesus; then you will meet him in Communion. "And then, Father, after Confirmation, goodbye?", because they say that Confirmation is called "the sacrament of goodbye". Is this true or not? After Confirmation you never go back to Church: true or false? ... so, so! However, after Confirmation even, our whole life is an encounter with Jesus: in prayer, when we go to Mass, and when we do good works, when we visit the sick, when we help the poor, when we think of others, when we are not selfish, when we are loving... in these things we always meet Jesus. And the journey of life is precisely this: journeying in order to meet Jesus.

And today, it is also a joy for me to come and visit you, because today in the Mass we shall all meet Jesus, and we will walk a portion of the journey together.

Always remember this: life is a journey. It is a path, a journey to meet Jesus. At the end, and forever. A journey in which we do not encounter Jesus is not a Christian journey. It is for the Christian to continually encounter Jesus, to watch him, to let himself be watched over by Jesus, because Jesus watches us with love; he loves us so much, he loves us so much and he is always watching over us. To encounter Jesus also means allowing oneself to be gazed upon by him. "But, Father, you know," one of you might say to me, "you know that this journey is horrible for me, I am such a sinner, I have committed many sins... how can I encounter Jesus?". And you know that the people whom Jesus most sought out were the greatest sinners; and they reproached him for this, and the people — those who believed themselves righteous — would say: this is no true prophet, look what lovely company he keeps! He was with sinners... And he said: I came for those in need of salvation, in need of healing. Jesus heals our sins. And along the way Jesus comes and forgives us — all of us sinners, we are all sinners — even when we make a mistake, when we commit a sin, when we sin. And this forgiveness that we receive in Confession is an encounter with Jesus. We always encounter Jesus.

So let us go forward in life like this, as the Prophet says, to the mountain, until the day when we shall attain the final encounter, when we will be able to look upon the beautiful gaze of Jesus, it is so beautiful. This is the Christian life: to walk, to go forward, united as brothers and sisters, loving one another. Encounter Jesus. Do you agree? Do you want to meet Jesus in your lives? Yes? This is important in the Christian life. Today, with the seal of the Holy Spirit, you will have greater strength for the journey, for the encounter with Jesus. Take courage, do not be afraid! Life is this journey. And the most beautiful gift is to meet Jesus. Go forward, be brave!

PARISH HAPPENINGS



CLASS for the WEDNESDAY
program
continues
December 3 from

6:45 pm - 8:15 pm.

CLASS for the SUNDAY program
continues December 7 from 10:00 am -
11:20 am.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
program continues on Tuesday, December
2 at 6:30pm.



CONFIRMATION will be
celebrated by Bishop
Dominic Lagonegro on
Saturday, December 6th at
10:30am. All are welcome
to attend.



Introducing FLOCK NOTES

Get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in the parish. You can unsubscribe at any time.

**There are 2 easy ways to connect
(pick one)**

1. Visit our parish at:
www.flocknote.com/stannnyack
or
2. Text **SACC** to 84576

Text STOP to stop txt
notifications at any time.
Text HELP for help.
There is no charge for
this service, but your
carrier message and
data rates may apply.



Shades of Ireland - St. Ann Parish Trip



From April 10 - 22, 2015, our parish is presenting a 12-day tour of Ireland beginning in Dublin, visiting places along the coast and west of Ireland and featuring Northern Ireland.

For more information. Questions, contact Mary Ellen at 203-869-4000 x167 or email: metiernan@comcast.net



You Can Understand the Bible!

St. Ann's *The Bible Timeline* resumes this Thursday, December 4th at 7:00pm in the school.



Novena to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, Nov. 29 to Sunday, December 7th.

Join together in prayer to Our Lady as we prepare for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th with nine successive days of petition for Mary's intercession. Come to all or part.

Where: St. Ann Chapel

When: Saturday, Nov. 29 after 12:10pm Mass

Sunday, Nov. 30 at 5:00pm

Monday, Dec. 1 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 5:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 4 at 5:30pm

Friday, Dec 5 at 5:30pm (during Adoration)

Saturday, Dec. 6 after the 12:10pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5:00pm



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County is seeking volunteers to serve as mentors to children and youth. Those who have the time and desire to provide a child with friendship, guidance, encouragement and fun are invited to contact our agency. Volunteer mentors must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and be able to

make a one year commitment to spend at least four hours per month with a "Little Brother" or "Little Sister."

Young girls and boys ages 7 – 12, from a single parent home, who reside in Rockland, and wish to learn about how to enroll in our program, are welcome as well. For info: 845-634-2199 x 4, info@bbbsofrc.com, www.bbbsofrc.com

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5



8:30am until 8:30pm
12 Hours Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament in
the Chapel

8:30am - Exposition begins

8:45am - Morning Prayer

10:15am - Rosary

11:45am - Rosary

12:45pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:00pm - Evening Prayer

5:30pm - Novena to the Immaculate
Conception

7:30pm until 8:30 pm - Holy Hour
concluding with Benediction



The Giving Tree is once again in the Church. Please take a tag, purchase a **NEW** gift, suggested on the tag, and return the **un-wrapped** gift to the tree by December 19th.



DAILY MASS RETURNS TO THE CHURCH.

Effective Monday, December 1st, all daily masses will be held in the main Church until the end of the Christmas season.



