

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 due to early press deadline.*

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 November were \$5,038.00. Would YOU like to sign up for PARISH PAY...if so, call Christine or log onto [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com)



The second collection this weekend is for Christmas Flowers.

## Candle Dedications

The Tabernacle candle in the Church is lit this week:

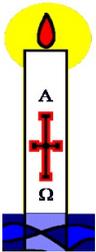
In Memory of  
Chalsen & Traverson Families

The Tabernacle Candle in the Chapel is lit this week:

In Memory of  
William & Assunta Czerce Sbordone

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, Landon Thomas Aitken, John Fiore** and for our recently deceased: **Margaret DeSimone,**



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 December 21, 2014

### Saturday December 20

5:30 Gertrude Knight

### Sunday December 21

7:30 Harry J. Asaro

9:00 Michael Petriello

11:30 Missa Pro Populo (For the People)

5:30 Hazel Coates

### Monday December 22

7:00 Frank & Catherine Raso

8:00 James F.X. Ryan (A)

12:10 John Mellozzo

### Tuesday December 23

7:00 Margaret & William Parcels

8:00 The Barone, Perreault & Cochrane Families

12:10 John Ruckert (A)

### Wednesday December 24

7:00 John W. Kane

8:00 Aloysius Sr, Aloysius Decker Jr. and Tony Laudiero

12:10 Esther Perico (A)

### Thursday December 25 (see schedule on pg 3)



### Friday December 26

7:00 Dominic "Honey" Raso

8:00 Santa Pugliese

12:10 The Clarke & Gallagher Families

### Saturday December 27

8:00 Dr. John J. Corbett (A)

12:10 Marie Gaspard (A)

5:30 Jackie Lee Babcock

### Sunday December 28

7:30 Helen Carullo

9:00 For Holy Innocents

11:30 Lillian Coneys & Roger Grahn

5:30 Missa Pro Populo (For the People)

*From the Pastor* Fear not, O worm... O maggot!



“Fear not, O worm Jacob, O maggot Israel...” reads the passage from for the Mass on Thursday of the Second Week of Advent (Isaiah 41:13-20). The prophecy was uttered by a prophet, perhaps a disciple of the actual Isaiah who authored the first

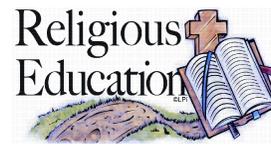
thirty-nine chapters of the book of oracles named for him, who lived some 150 years later. The disparagement was not actually that, a disparagement, but rather a description of the terrible crisis of confidence the people of Israel found themselves in after being deported by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC to the lands that are now Iraq and Iran. The temple destroyed, they despaired of God’s love and his providential care.

With what surprise they must have heard the words that followed! “I will make you a threshing sledge, sharp, new and double-edged, to thresh the mountains and crush them, to make the hills like chaff.” They have been utterly powerless and all too aware of their sins that brought them to the faith. Reinforcing the words that we heard on the Second Sunday of Advent from Isaiah 40 – “Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low” – speaking of a highway leading to Him, the Lord’s assurances of “glad tidings” must have seemed inconceivable to them: promising to turn the wasteland that was their home into a place with rivers and springs of water and forests of acacia, cedar, myrtle and olive trees. All that they may know “that the hand of the Lord has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.”

For the Jews in diaspora, the hope of returning to the promised land kept them from abandoning the faith of their fathers. For those who followed them, however, the promise begged a more perfect fulfillment, an entire world transformed and made new: a new creation, presaged in the miraculous conception and birth of a child by a virgin in Israel, and announced by a voice crying out in the wilderness in the spirit of all the prophets. Would they recognize the moment of fulfillment? Some would: a carpenter from Nazareth, a few shepherds, and strangers from a far away land. Would they understand that this seemingly mundane occasion was every bit and more momentous as when the Big Bang brought about the universe as we pretend to know it today?

And who among us will see it too, in a new way on the day we celebrate it, hoping that we may inherit the great promise in which we now dare to hope as our forebears in the faith did long ago (from Preface I of Advent)? For truly, “a new light of [God’s] glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize [in the Word made flesh] God made visible, we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible.” (From the first Preface prayer of the Nativity)

## PARISH HAPPENINGS



**CLASS for the WEDNESDAY** program is on Christmas break until January 7

**CLASS for the SUNDAY** program is on Christmas break until January 4

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** program continues on Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30pm.

**FIRST PENANCE PARENT & CHILD WORKSHOP** will be held on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria. This is **MANDATORY** for all children & parents preparing for First Penance.



### You Can Understand the Bible!

St. Ann’s *The Bible Timeline* will **NOT** meet on Thursday, December 25 or January 1. Sessions will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.



**LAST CALL** for gifts to be returned to the Giving Tree. **PLEASE** have all gifts returned by this Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.





**Christmas Eve Masses**  
**4:00pm - Children's Mass**  
**8:00pm - Choir Mass**  
**12 Midnight - Mass with Soloists**

**Christmas Day Masses**  
**7:30am, 9:00am, & 11:30am**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

to our young adults who received the sacrament of Confirmation this month:

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| Aleyah Aragon    | Charles Austin    |
| Julia Beckerich  | Gabrielle Kluck   |
| Gia Cano         | Shane Cano        |
| Jenna Dangler    | Tyler Fay         |
| Michaila Furchak | Sterling Grube    |
| Zachary Knecht   | Eoin McGill       |
| Amanda McNulty   | Gabriel Nevada    |
| Aidan Pagano     | Baylen Rodriguez  |
| Makayla Scully   | Christopher Walsh |
| Cassie Wishner   |                   |



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Visit our parish at:  
[www.flocknote.com/stannnyack](http://www.flocknote.com/stannnyack)  
 or  
 Text **SACC** to 84576



We have **MANY MASSES** available upcoming for next year, 2015, (including Sundays). Some of the upcoming dates available:

- 7am Mass**  
 January 12, 13, 14, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29
- 8am Mass**  
 January 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29
- 12:10pm Mass**  
 January 14, 15, 19, 23, 27, 28, 29, 31
- Sunday Masses:**  
 5:30pm - Saturday, January 17  
 7:30am - Sunday, February 1  
 7:30am, 9:00am - Sunday, March 1  
 5:30pm - Saturday, March 7  
 11:30am & 530pm - Sunday, March 15

**CALLING NEW 300 CLUB MEMBERS:**



**Would you like to win \$\$\$?**

Our 300 Club runs for 26 weeks. Two weekly prizes of \$50 & \$25. Grand prizes are \$1,000 & \$500. All for \$26 per ticket. Fill out the form below & return it to the rectory. Everyone is welcome to join. Questions, call Christine 358-4707.

***If you are a current member, and have not yet returned your 'green' letter, please return it to the rectory as soon as possible along with your payment (\$26 per ticket).***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$26 each Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Continues at **St. Anthony Church in Nanuet** this week. Everyone is invited to attend. Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics

in the Philippines in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas.

**Masses continue this week on:**

- Monday & Tuesday:**  
 December 22 - 23 at 8:00 pm
- Wednesday:**  
 December 24 - 5:00 am with breakfast

