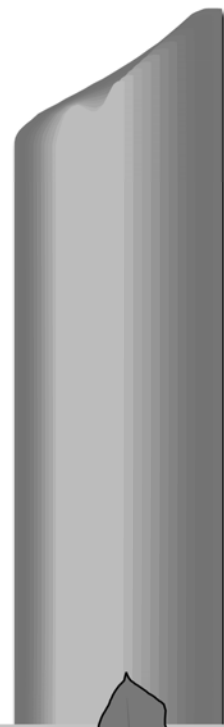
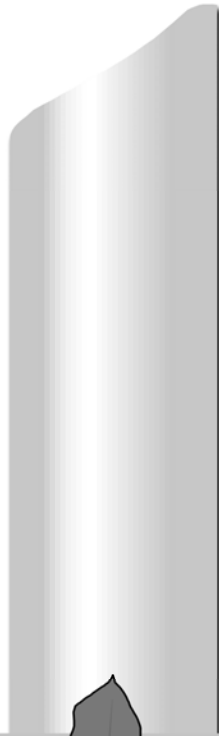
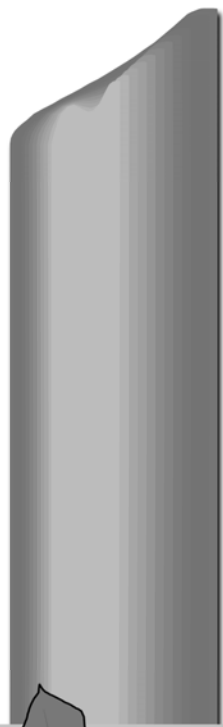
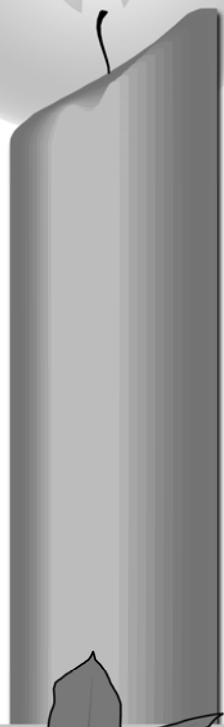




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HOLY MASS

Saturday November 26, 2016

4:00PM Anthony Pellicci by Family

Sunday November 27, 2016

8:30AM Sylvia Serafino by Helen Barrella

10:00AM Enrichetta, Teodoro, Tommaso, Raffaele & Isabella Uva
by M/M V. Uva

11:30AM Carolina & Generosa Coscarelli by Family

1:30PM All Souls in Purgatory by Vasquez Family

The Lamp, Hosts and Wine for the week of November 26 through December 3 is in memory of Charlie "Chuck" Burresci by Sister Barbara

Monday November 28, 2016

7:00AM Antonino Bivona by Marie Praino

Tuesday November 29, 2016

7:00AM Frank & Julia Napoli & Dec. Members of Family by Daughter

Wednesday November 30, 2016

7:00AM Nicholas Santarsiero by Family

Thursday December 1, 2016

7:00AM In Thanksgiving

Friday December 2, 2016

7:00AM Charles "Chuck" Burriesci By Barbara Cerulli

Saturday December 3, 2016

8:00AM Michele Guarna by Wife Rose

4:00PM Daniel DeVarti by Mr. & Mrs. J. Sabia

Sunday December 4, 2016

8:30AM Joseph & Rose Labella Pace by Family

10:00AM Antonio, Maria, Marcello & Gerardo Di Stasio by Angela D'Elia

11:30AM Domiinick & Carmella Uva by Family

1:30PM In Honor of Sra Eloisa Ministero by Son Carlos Tufino

SUNDAY COLLECTION – The Sunday Collection for the weekend of November 19 & 20 will be posted next week. As I am sure you are aware, our Offertory collections have been going down for some time and our revenue is not keeping up with the expenses of the Church. If you could please increase your giving each week by \$5.00 or \$10.00 or whatever you can do to help the Church meet its obligations, it would be very much appreciated. As Saint Mother Teresa said "I ask you one thing; do not tire of giving to God, but do not give your leftovers". If you are away from Church, please try to make up your envelopes. Thank you for your generosity

ADVENT MISSION: SACRED HEART'S ADVENT MISSION

DECEMBER 3rd TO December 7th 2016 as follows:

Saturday, December 3, 2016 and Sunday, December 4, 2016

Homily at all Masses.

Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:30PM following Novena.

Theme: "From Hopelessness to Hope" Service: Adoration, Night Prayer, and Benediction.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 7:30PM

Theme "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light".

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 5:30PM

Theme: "Praying or Saying Prayers"

Service: Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception

THE ILL OF THE PARISH - Please remember in your prayers Frances Morrell, , Michael Engenito, and our parishioners who are ill. Please keep the parish office (203-324-9544) informed of anyone who needs a priestly visit and the Sacrament of the Sick.

BAPTISM THERE ARE NEW GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE FIRST SATURDAY CLASSES IN ENGLISH AND THEN THE CHILD WILL BE BAPTIZED ON THE SECOND SATURDAY AT 1:00PM. THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN SPANISH AND THEN THE CHILD WILL BE BAPTIZED ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. THE NEXT CLASS IN ENGLISH WILL BE ON DECEMBER 3rd AND THE NEXT CLASS IN SPANISH IS December 17th

ADORATION I cordially invite you to the Annual Adorer's Mass to be held at **St. John Fisher Seminary** on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00PM. A pasta supper and raffle will follow in the Seminary Dining Room. Please RSVP to Judy by Wednesday, November 23. Call 203-322-5331 between 8:30am to 12:30PM or leave your response in the donation slot across from the Chapel. Father Bob Kinnally

FOR THE DECEASED: We ask the Lord to grant Eternal Rest to Giuseppe Mastroluca, Joey Comunale, and the deceased of our Parish.

VIRTUS PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS – As part of the Diocese's Safe Environment Compliance Policy, any person who chooses to volunteer at the Church in any capacity, must take a class regarding child sexual abuse prevention called Virtus. This class is mandatory for every volunteer, even if you volunteer once a year. There are no exceptions to this policy. For more information please call Nancy or Marie.

ROSARY SOCIETY will have their Christmas Party on December 12, 2016 at Zody's Restaurant. Please call "Princess" Sabia at 203 329-0434 or Carol ienner at 203-324-3849 for reservations. More information will follow.

SACRED HEART CHURCH'S ANNUAL ITALIAN CHRISTMAS

DINNER will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 5:30PM. Menu to include traditional Antipasto, Pasta with Bread Crumbs and Anchovies, Fried Baccala, Baccala Salad, Broccoli Rabe, Fresh Fusili, Chicken Cutlets, traditional Christmas Zeppoli (plain and with anchovies) Strufoli, Wine Cookies, Torrone, Chestnuts, Fennel, coffee, tea, wine and Italian Music (cost is \$45.00 per person and \$15.00 for children under 12. Reservations can be made by calling Rose Curtis, at 203-968-1234 after 5:00PM. Fran Bianco at 203-329-2126, Marie Loiseau at 203 355-3711. Please do not call the Rectory to place a reservation. Deadline for reservations is November 26.

RESULTS OF CHILDREN'S MASS POLL

A total of 303 responses came in. The results are as follows:
12 thought that a Children's Mass would not benefit the parish.
18 thought it would benefit but had no preference as to the Mass time.
99 thought it would benefit and should be at 8:30 Mass.
174 thought it would benefit and should be at 11:30 Mass.

GENEROSITA: Cortesemente cercate di aumentare sia la vostra offerta settimanale sia quella mensile. Un aumento di \$5, \$10, \$15 o piu` sara` molto apprezzato. Se andrete via per la vacanze o se vi e` impossibile partecipare alla messa nella Chiesa del Sacro Cuore, vi chiediamo di fare il meglio possibile per recuperare le settimane in cui siete mancati. Iniziate a utilizzare le buste settimanali della canonica. Grazie per il vostro supporto.

MESSA IN MEMORIA SETTIMANALI Se qualcuno vuole donare l'ostia, il vino per la messa o la lampada del santuario in memoria di una persona cara o come una donazione si prega di contattare l'ufficio 203-324-9544. L'offerta e` di \$25.00 per ciascuna.

INFERMI DELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA - Per favore ricordate nelle vostre preghiere i seguenti parrochiani che sono ammalati: Se avete in mente di mandare una cartolina o di telefonare ai familiari o direttamente a loro sarebbe un pensiero veramente apprezzato. Per favore informate l'ufficio parrocchiale, se qualcuno ha bisogno della visita di un sacerdote e del sacramento degli infermi. Telefonate ufficio 203-324-9544.

OFRENDAS POR LA SEMANA: Dedique la vela del Santisimo, el Vino y el Pan a un ser querido por una semana. Cada ofrenda es \$25.00.

GRUPO DE ORACION: Pongo en su conocimiento que el grupo de oración se realizara todos los Viernes. Nos reuniremos en la planta baja de la Iglesia de 7:00PM-9:00PM, Para lo cual quedan todos cordialmente invitados. Servidores de 6:30PM-9:30PM.

CLASES PRE-BAUSTISMALES: En Español se ofrecen el tercer sabado de cada mes, a la 1:00PM en la iglesia. Por favor llamar a la oficina para registrarse (203) 324-9544. Los Bautizos es Español se celebran el cuarto sabado del mes a la 1:00PM

GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD: por favor trate de incrementar su ofrenda semanal o mensual, un aumento de \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00 o más es apreciado. Gracias por su apoyo y participación en nuestra parroquia del Sagrado Corazón. Si se va de vacaciones o está enfermo no se olvide de enviar sus sobres. Nuevamente gracias por su generosidad.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Hope all is well with you and your families. Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent getting ready for Christmas.

“You know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith... Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.”

For twenty centuries, faithful Christians have listened to and read Saint Paul's exhortation. No one can deny that his inspired word is not true. Because of the long time span though, we may have fallen asleep.

We are encouraged to begin this new period of advent with an eager enthusiasm, seeking ways to discover the presence of the Christ of history, as well as the Christ who is and is coming. Advent summons us to look with a new set of eyes at what the coming of Christ means for us in 2016.

He comes in the gift of friends. He comes in the gift of prayer. He comes from those in need who ask us to be light to overcome their darkness. As daylight grows short, may we be light for others to see that the coming of the Lord is even more important now than Advent 2015. We pray the words of Revelation **“Come Lord Jesus”**.

I would like to thank Rose and Jeff Curtis and their volunteers for a successful Craft Fair.

God Bless You All!!!!
Father Alfonso Picone





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