

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

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REV. ALFONSO PICONE
PASTOR
REV. MARTIN deMAYO
PAROCHIAL VICAR
HOLY MASS

Saturday December 2, 2017

4:00PM Daniel DeVarti by Family

Sunday December 3, 2017

8:30AM Joseph, RoseMarie, & Joseph, Jr. Pace by Family
10:00AM Loreto & Loreta Gentile by M/M N. Casinelli
11:30AM Amelia Buzzeo by M/M N. Norman
1:00PM Eloisa Ministro by Hijo Carlos Tufino/
Bienvenida Encarnacion by Brothers

The Lamp for the week of December 3-December 9
Is in memory of Giuseppe Fusaro by Steve & Anna Gentile
The Hosts are in honor of Gary Roscillo by A. Caporizzo
The Wine for the week of December 3-December 9
Is in memory of William Baltazar Saravia by Madre & Hermanos

Monday December 4, 2017

7:00AM Daniel Sileo by Family

Tuesday December 5, 2017

7:00AM Christopher Sabia by Mrs. O. Rosa Iorfino & Family

Wednesday December 6, 2017

7:00AM Marie, Joseph & Charles (Chuck) Burriesci by B. Cerulli

Thursday December 7, 2017

7:00AM Anthony Carlucci by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

HOLY DAY

5:30PM Mary, Nicholas & Peter Gasparino by Diane

Friday December 8, 2017

7:00AM Christopher Sabia by Lewis Pace & Family
12:10PM Angelina DeNicola Verrastro by Mom & Family
7:00PM Mary & John Darula & Shay & Lee Bevino by Jan & Donna

Saturday December 9, 2017

8:00AM Angelo & Rita Lucia by Maria Stramandinoli
4:00PM Saverio, Rosina & Margherita Boccuzzi by Pat & Family

Sunday December 10, 2017

8:30AM Giovanni & Enrica Valenzisi by Family
10:00AM Desiderio & Maria Cirelli by M/M J. Cirelli
11:30AM Michele Guarna by Rosa Guarna
1:00PM Antonio Garcia Pena by Nudy Garcia Hernandez

SUNDAY COLLECTION – The Sunday Collection for the weekend of Nov. 18 & 19 totaled \$4,011.00. The second collection Campaign for Human Development totaled \$894.00. Extra Utility Fund totaled \$180.00. The collection for November 25 & 26 totaled \$4,213.00. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

FOR THE DECEASED: We ask the Lord to grant Eternal Rest to Clelia P, Giannitti, George Upton, and the deceased of our parish.

THE ILL OF THE PARISH: Please remember in your prayers: Antoinette (Honey) Montanaro, Helen Buchetto, Vittorio Faugno, Donald Brandi, Jenna Follo, Antonia (Toni) Smeriglio, Thomas Vozzella and our parishioners who are ill.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – SATURDAY, DEC.8 AFTER THE 4PM MASS AND SUNDAY, DEC. 9 AFTER THE 8:30AM MASS IN THE VESTIBULE.

SACRED HEART ROSARY SOCIETY will be holding its Christmas Party on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Villa Italia. \$35.00 per person. For reservations and more information, call Fran Bianco at 203-329-2126.

PRAY THE ROSARY – FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30AM STARTING SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 - ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISMS: **Classes in English will take place on the First Saturday of each month. The next class will be held on January 6, 2018 in the church at 1:00PM and then the child can be baptized any time after that on a Saturday at 1:00PM. Classes in Spanish will take place on the third Saturday of the month and then the child will be Baptized any time after that on a Saturday at 1:00PM. The next class in Spanish will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 in church at 1:00PM.**

NOVENA FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SAINT MARY CHURCH
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This year, recently-ordained priests will offer reflections on the Saints and their devotion to Our Lady.

Starting on Thursday, November 30th and ending on Friday, December 8th at 7:30pm with a Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception, Novena Prayers and a homily on “St. Luis de Montfort and Consecration to Jesus through Mary”.

The Rev. Jon Tveit class of 2016, from Resurrection Church, Rye, NY Reception following Mass in the Hitchcock Room.

Please join us!! For more information, please call the Parish office: 203 869 9393 or visit www.stmarygreenwich.org

Dear Parishioners,
Please join us on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Lower Church for Catechesis. This helps many people to rediscover the immense riches and responsibilities of our baptism and also helps many to have a gradual growth of faith. We must all learn the Good News of the Gospel, namely that God loves us as we are. Please come. We wish you a wonderful week. Father Picone / Father deMayo

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 ciascun.

Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe – Lunes, Dec. 11 y Martes, Dec. 12 a las 6:15PM. Lunes, Diciembre 11, 2017 no tendremos Novena.

CLASES PRE-BAUSTISMALES: En Español se ofrecen el tercer sábado 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 sábado del mes a la 1:00PM.

REZAR EL ROSARIO – Desde Enero del 2018 los primeros sábados de cada mes – a las 6:30AM – invitamos a todos.

EVANGELIZATION – AN INVITATION TO COME AND LISTEN

The Neocatechumenal Way invites you to come and listen on Monday and Thursday Nights in the Lower Church at 8:00PM. They will continue every Monday and Thursday night for the next two months. Catecheses are one response of the New Evangelization that the Church offers to assist and support Catholics with the myriad of challenges that we face living our faith in the midst of a modern and exceedingly technical society. The central thrust of these catechesis is the forgiving and transformative power of the resurrected Christ which is found through the Sacraments and the Word of God. These catechesis help anyone who wishes to draw near to the healing and altering love of Christ made manifest in our Church.

The Neocatechumenal Way started in Spain in the 1960s and has been at the service of the Bishops throughout the world as one of the forms of diocesan implementation of Christian Initiation and of ongoing education in the faith. The Neocatechumenate is an instrument at the service of the Bishops for the rediscovery of Christian initiation by baptized Adults. Among these adults, the following may be identified.

1. Those who have drifted away from the Church.
2. Those who have not been sufficiently evangelized and catechized.
3. Those who desire to deepen and mature their faith.
4. Those who come from Christian denominations not in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Feel free to talk with me or Father Martin about any questions regarding this. It is a blessing to be able to evangelize in our Parish and neighborhood. We need to bring people back to the Church and revamp with faith, love and hope those who are in the Church. We have a great mission ahead of us. The world is going through a difficult period, wars, hurricanes, earthquakes, family problems, youth; we all need to hear the Good News that Jesus loves us, forgives us and wants us to be saved from eternal damnation, That there can be peace in our families and in our lives.

Come and join the crowd of listeners to the Good News on Mondays and Thursdays in the Lower Church at 8:00PM.

LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Guidelines for fulfillment of Christmas Mass Obligations.:

- Sunday Obligation, December 23 & 24: The faithful may attend a Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or any Mass on Sunday, December 24th (including any Christmas Vigil that concludes before midnight) in order to fulfill the Sunday obligation. Should one choose to fulfill his or her Sunday obligation by participating in a Christmas Vigil Mass, one should also attend Mass on Monday, December 25th in order to fulfill the Christmas obligation.
- Christmas Obligation, December 24-25: The faithful may attend a Vigil Mass or Midnight Mass on December 24th or any Mass on Monday, December 25th in order to fulfill the Christmas obligation (unless as noted above, the Christmas Vigil fulfills the Sunday obligation).

The upcoming Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation since it falls on a Monday. While the faithful are encouraged to attend that celebration, it is not required.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO NOVENA ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017.

MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Monday, Dec. 11 and Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:15PM.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of Christ be with you all. Together, through the various liturgies, gatherings, evangelization and other great events we have left behind the liturgical year to begin a new one, a year of serving the presence of the Lord in various moments of our lives. God has been so good and merciful towards us, allowing us to drift away sometimes in our own personal foolish plans, without considering the plan of God in our lives, a plan of love and full of healthful events to be accomplished. Advent is a time of waiting, longing and begging. It's a time to pray, "Come Lord Jesus." We look forward to celebrating the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. We look forward with hope to the second coming of Jesus in His glory. We seek out Jesus here and now in the Mass, when He comes to us in the Eucharist. We seek out Jesus in the people and events of our lives, when He comes to us in ordinary ways.

Today at the beginning of Advent as we examine our conscience and confess our sins, we ask Jesus to come to us in His mercy. For Jesus offers us a true experience of salvation here and now through the forgiveness of our sins. A beautiful prayer during this season is "Jesus repair what I have done badly, supply for what I have left undone." It is true, most of the time when we try to be good Christians answering the call to holiness we drift away from the good intention by committing evil deeds and desires, nevertheless we need to stand up again during this Advent Season as a time of new beginnings. I am hopeful that with the help of the Lord we can become one day true Christians and Ambassadors of our faith in Jesus Christ towards others who are in need of discovering the Love of Christ in their lives. We need to be the conduits of His love for humanity. **HAVE A GREAT SUNDAY, GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!!**

**Father Alfonso Picone
Pastor**

Today we welcome among us our Bishop Frank Caggiano who has come to install the new Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary for the Diocese of Bridgeport located on our parish grounds. The Mass will take place at 2:30PM.

May God Bless Father Marco Pacciana as the new appointed Rector and may the seminarians who belong and who will belong to the seminary grow in holiness

Thank you to our events committee: Rose and Jeff Curtis, Michele and James Sabia, Paul and Joan Messanelli, Fran and Alan Bianco, Marie and Yves Loiseau, and all the volunteers that help in these events. Today, Saturday, December 2nd they will prepare an authentic Italian Christmas Eve dinner.

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