



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
And the Nativity of the Lord  
December 31, 2017**

**Saturday, December 30th**

- 9:00 Antonietta Cerone req. by the DeSimini Family
- 5:30 Addolorata Pennetta req. by The Scuderi Family

**Sunday, December 31st**

- 9:00 Susan Durkin req. by Marion Wilson
- 10:30 Umberto & Castanza Stangarone req. by The DeSimini Family
- 12:00 Raymond F. Hickey, Sr. req. by the Family

**Monday, January 1st**

- 8:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 10:00 - Dorothy Genna req. by Nancy & Richard Stephens
- 12:00 -
- 1:30 -

**Tuesday, January 2nd**

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 John McMahon req. by the Tinsley Family

**Wednesday, January 3rd**

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 - Loretta Dym req. by Pat & Tony Suppa

**Thursday, January 4th**

- 7:00 - George Corti req. by Linda Corti
- 9:00 - Donald Duquette req. by Bill & Maryann Riley

**Friday, January 5th**

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 - Donald Duquette req. by Bill & Maryann Riley

**Saturday, January 6th**

- 9:00 Mildred Giuffrida req. by Wendy Class & Family
- 5:30 Loretta Grecky req. by Raymond Infarinato & Lisa Cribari

**Sunday, January 7th**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Loretta & Caroline Dym req. by the Pace Family
- 10:30 Filomena & Vitorocco DeSimini req. by The DeSimini Family
- 12:00 Laura & Joseph DelRicchio req. by Rosa Cannistraci
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by the Family

**RECENT COLLECTIONS**

To be published in next week's bulletin.

*Pray for the Sick*

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Walter Brady, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Conner Curran, Marie Doescher, , Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Mary Doyle, Meghan Farrell, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Duane Goff, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Healy Pauline Marie, Molly Henry, Pauline, Francine M. Holley, Chester Hooper, Richard Hughes, Freeman Huntington, Christine Iannino, Kathleen T. Kelleher, Bill Killen, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, John Magnotta, Kevin Mahoney, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Edward Prihoto, John Reardon, Madeline Sanford, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Otto Siegwath, Thomas Valentine, Michael Walsh, Mia Wiltse, Albert Young, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, Magdalena Zikely and all who request our prayers.

*Service Personnel Prayer List*

*The name listed below is service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.*

- Darren Adler/Marines*
- Charlie Carr /Air Force*
- Richard Hughes/Marines*
- Steven Scully/Marines*

*It is a privilege and a duty for us to pray for those commended to our prayers. From time to time we start a new list to make sure that it is up-to-date. If we have removed someone who should remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 234-3344.*

**Partner-in-Faith Prayer**

***Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings and protection on the people of Sacred Heart Parish. We, your children at St. Patrick's, invoke your name on their behalf. We are grateful for all you have given us and in return we are mindful of those who have less than we do. Bless us all and keep us close to you. May the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, be the strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

# **FROM THE PASTOR'S**

## **DESK:**

January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States of America.

Why? because it is the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord. It is also one of the oldest Marian feast days. Since the reform of the Church's calendar (1967) it is known as the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

In addition, it is also the beginning of the New Year and is also a Day of Prayer for Peace.

The following three prayers are provided for your personal devotions.

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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. Amen.

O God, who are without beginning or end, the source of all creation, grant us to live this new year, whose beginning we dedicate to you, that we may abound in good things and be resplendent with works of holiness. 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. Amen.

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace.

O God, who show a father's care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race, to whom you have given a single origin, may form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit.

O God, Creator of the world, under whose governance the design for all the ages unfolds. be attentive, we pray to our petitions and grant to our time tranquility and peace, that we may exult with unceasing joy in praise of your great mercy.

O God, of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen

In the US, most Holy Days of Obligation, when they fall on a Monday or a Saturday the obligation is dropped. Therefore, this year, January 1, 2018 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

But because of its significance we will celebrate TWO Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am on New Year's Day.



## **WORDS OF INSPIRATION**

### **SHARING FAMILY BLESSINGS**

How important it is for our families to share in moments of prayer. What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother to bless their children at the beginning and end of each day, to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross, as they did on the day of their baptism? Is it not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children? To bless them, that is, to entrust them to the Lord, so that he can be their protection and support throughout the day. In the same way, it is important for families to join in a brief prayer before meals to thank the Lord for these gifts and to learn how to share what we have received with those in greater need

- Pope Francis

## Morning Prayer

The Vatican has asked Pastors of parishes to either introduce or expand the faithful's appreciation for and the use of The Liturgy of the Hours formally known as the Breviary. The purpose of these prayers is to help us fulfill Saint Paul's encouragement to pray always. The Liturgy of the Hours consist of five major hours and two minor hours. The major hours include The Office of Readings, Morning Prayer (Lauds), Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Night Time Prayers (Compline). The minor hours include Mid-morning and Mid-afternoon.

During the Seasons of Advent and Christmas we will publicly celebrate Morning Prayer at 8:45am on Mondays through Saturdays. Please join us as we use the Psalms and Canticles that Jesus himself had prayed.



## The Women's Faith Sharing

The new **Women's faith Sharing** has just completed our first series of 6 sessions! It has been a tremendously enriching success! We are humbled and grateful for this gift of God's grace!

The new **Women's Faith Sharing** will continue Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15pm for 6 consecutive weeks starting January 9th through February 13th. We will be discussing the book "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancy.

Please join us as we journey together in faith and fellowship. We welcome newcomers at any time. Consistent attendance is not required. Homework can be enriching but is also not a requirement!

## The Respect Life Group

The **Respect Life Group** will be having it's next meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 immediately following the 9am Mass in the downstairs Church Meeting room.

**We welcome new members!**



## Alumni Youth Group

The **Alumni** Youth Group will be meeting on January 2, 2018 in the Church Meeting Room from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

## Life Spirituality Group

The **Life Spirituality Group** will be meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in the Cenacle.