

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF December 9, 2018

**SATURDAY (December 8) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**5:00** Thomas F. Deegan, Sr. and Bruce Venuti

**SUNDAY (December 9) Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00** Ed McHugh

**10:30** Mary Theresa Hench, requested by the Graffeo Family

**MONDAY (December 10)**

**7:30** Patrick Kempsey

**TUESDAY (December 11) St. Damasus I**

**7:30**

**WEDNESDAY (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**7:30**

**THURSDAY (December 13) St. Lucy**

**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY (December 14) St. John of the Cross**

**7:30**

**SATURDAY (December 15)**

**9:00** Frank Montimurro, requested by Del & Family

**5:00** Teodoro & Emilia Guarino & Gianni DiTeodoro, requested by Vincenzo & Imperia Guarino

**SUNDAY (December 16) Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:00** Emerita Rabang, requested by the Rabang & Wituck Families

**10:30** Deceased of the Benjamin Family, requested by Franklyn Benjamin

*The  
Lord  
has  
done  
great  
things  
for us;  
we  
are  
filled  
with  
Joy*

*(Psalm 126)*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, Dec. 15**

**5:00 P.M.**

- (L) A. ISCARO
- (E) C. TRUGLIA
- (E) A. VITTORIA
- (E) C. VITTORIA
- (A) Z. FRATTAROLI
- (A) N. VITTORIA
- (A)

**SUNDAY, Dec. 16**

**8:00 A.M.**

- T. TRACEY
- L. FRIEDBERG
- A. PERRI
- F. WALTERS
- O. COSTELLO
- P. COSTELLO
- S. COSTELLO

**SUNDAY, Dec. 16**

**10:30 A.M.**

- W. SUSHON
- V. DE LOS RIOS
- G. GOMEZ DEL CAMPO
- R. GOMEZ DEL CAMPO
- E. SEDGWICK
- C. SEDGWICK

## ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION***

**Phone: 203-348-1233**

**Email: [stclementre@optonline.net](mailto:stclementre@optonline.net)**

Religious Education classes are on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### • **SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS**

Several children signed up, however, several more are needed to fill the blessed roles of angels and shepherds. Ronnie Ann Mancini and Jill DeLeo are the organizers. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays (December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>). Please contact the religious education office if your child is interested in participating. *CONFIRMATION STUDENTS PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP.*

- Confirmation candidates can use the Christmas break to complete some of their obligations. Please refer to your Confirmation Brochure.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> will be the last CCD classes of 2018.
- First Holy Communion Enrollment Mass is January 27, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.



## 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - A heart prepared

Complacency is deadly. Bombarded by the mixed messages in today's society, so many of us have just given up. We coast along numbed into rote behavior with our families, our jobs, our faith. We sleep, we eat, we function, but we're barely alive.

Today's Advent message calls us to throw off complacency. We hear John the Baptist's words anew, "prepare the way of the Lord!" Preparation is hard work. It takes self-assessment and self-sacrifice. We must begin in our own hearts, dusting out the cobwebs of indifference, polishing our dulled compassion, repaving the shattered steps of service. Only then can we share in the work of His Kingdom, expecting the day of our Savior's arrival and His great work here on earth.

### THANK YOU!

*My sincere gratitude is extended to Mary King and all the dedicated volunteers who worked so hard to make our Advent Wreath Celebration such a wonderful event. I certainly appreciate their time and talent. My gratitude is also extended to all the families who attended the event. The beautiful wreaths will be a reminder of the importance of spiritually preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth.*

*Fr. Carlos*

### **"CRAFTS FOR KIDS"** with the St. Clement Youth Group **THIS Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 Mass

Young children are welcome to join our teen volunteers in the crying room for **crafts** while their parents are enjoying a cup of coffee. *The Youth Council is open to parishioners ages 13-18.*

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room in the back of the Church. All are welcome to come at any time as we read through various Scripture topics and have group discussions. Any questions, please email Dave O at [linedrive@me.com](mailto:linedrive@me.com).



### DIVINE MERCY MOMENT

Jesus to St. Faustina: *"My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace"* (Diary, 1485).

### 50/50 RAFFLE

A 50/50 Raffle will be held to raise funds for major repairs. **The winning ticket will be drawn in December).** Tickets are \$5 and will be sold after all the Masses at the entrances to the Church. As of December 4<sup>th</sup>, our "50/50" pot has reached a total of \$1,545.00. For further information please call Louise at the Religious Education office, 203-348-1233.

If you would like the **Sanctuary Lamp** to burn in memory of a loved one, either living or deceased, please call Fran at the parish office weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you attend our parish on a regular basis, please consider registering with us. Forms can be found at the entrances to the Church and may be returned to the parish office via mail, collection basket, or personal delivery.

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

If a particular Mass Intention is being requested by you, and you would like to bring up the gifts, please let the ushers know before Mass begins.

### YOUR OFFERINGS

Weekend of December 1 & 2

Offertory Collection \$5,878.00

*"Thank you for your generosity"*

Expenses for the week of Dec. 2—\$5,246.79

### For your convenience:

Instructions for Online giving can be found at

<https://www.stclementofstamford.com/uploads/1/0/6/1/106187663/onlinegivingmembers.pdf>

And to login you can go to

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4495>