

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF December 23, 2018

SATURDAY (December 22)

5:00 George Schilling

SUNDAY (December 23) Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Emma Lionetti, requested by Don & Fran Desio

10:30 Deceased members of the Benjamin Family

MONDAY (December 24)

7:30

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Children's Liturgy)

TUESDAY (December 25) The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Christmas Day Masses at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY (December 26) St. Stephen

NO MASS

THURSDAY (December 27) St. John

NO MASS

FRIDAY (December 28) The Holy Innocents

NO MASS

SATURDAY (December 29) St. Thomas Becket

NO MASS

5:00 Mary Deegan

SUNDAY (December 30) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 Francesco Russo, requested by Rocco & Michelina Docimo & Family

10:30 Joseph & Irene Kane Trefny & Frank & Helen Ritter, requested by JoAnne & Bob Ritter

*Blessed
are you
who
believed
that
what was
spoken
by the
Lord
would
be
fulfilled.*

(Luke 1:39-45)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, Dec. 29

5:00 P.M.

(L) J. GIANQUINTO
(E) J. FELICELLA
(E) M. FRATTAROLI
(E) C. TRUGLIA
(A) Z. FRATTAROLI
(A) M. GRIECO
(A)

SUNDAY, Dec. 30

8:00 A.M.

J. O'HARA
E. DALY
M. McHUGH
A. PERRI
O. COSTELLO
P. COSTELLO
S. COSTELLO

SUNDAY, Dec. 30

10:30 A.M.

E. GRAFFEO
A. DEL PINO
G. LAUFENBERG
K. LAUFENBERG
G. LAUFENBERG
P. LAUFENBERG

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

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Religious Education classes will resume Sunday, January 13th at 9:30 a.m.

- Confirmation candidates can use the Christmas break to complete some of their obligations. Please refer to your Confirmation Brochure.
- First Holy Communion Enrollment Mass is January 27, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE"



PLACE YOUR DONATIONS UNDER THE TREE.....NEW & UNWRAPPED

Men's undershirts, t-shirts, boxers, socks, belts, travel size toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream, combs, etc.)

All items will be delivered to the Soup Kitchen and Men's Shelter run by Missionaries of Charity Sisters Residents in NYC.

Dear Parishioners,

This past June there was an article on the website and some news papers, titled, **“This Father Spent A Week On The Street with His Homeless Son”**. In the story, Tommy who is 28 years old struggles with bipolar disorder, is addicted to heroin, and has frequently been in and out of jail. Tommy is in Denver while his father Frank lives in San Diego. One day while Frank was gardening the idea came to him that he should go to Denver and search for his homeless son, no matter the circumstances. Frank said, he just wanted to be with him and love him. This story is about all of us. Through the wonderful act of the Incarnation, God chose to be with us and love us, no matter the circumstances. That is how each one of us is valuable to God. St. Augustine once said, **“God loves us as though there is only one of us.”**

Praying you and yours a holy, happy Christmas season, and a delightful New Year.

Your pastor,
Fr. Carlos



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The greatest gift

Christmas is coming! So much time has been spent in the past weeks thinking about gifts, where to find just the right presents for all the people on our list. Nothing but the best for those we love. And if we're honest, we've spent a few hours thinking about the presents we'll receive.

Today's Advent message makes even the best gift seem a little shabby. In accepting her role as the mother of Jesus, Mary gave everything to God. She gave up her reputation, her “social acceptance” and the ability to “choose her own path”. She willingly sacrificed her will, her life, her future and in doing so brought God's greatest gift to us, His son Jesus.

As Christmas day fast approaches, may Mary's gift teach us the real meaning of Christmas, giving to God in celebration of the gifts He's given us.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY is on Christmas break, and will resume on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. Any questions, please email Dave O at linedrive@me.com.

Our 50/50 Raffle winner was Don Perri.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** for the week of December 23rd through December 29th will burn in memory of Ralph Pinto, Sr. from daughter, Sandy Vizzo.

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.

HOSPITAL VISITS COMMUNION CALLS

Privacy laws prevent hospitals and nursing homes from informing us about patients in their care. We are no longer allowed to view patient rosters. If you or a member of your family are in need of a visit, please notify the parish office.

Also, if you know a parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office and let us know.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Weekend of December 15 & 16

Offertory Collection \$6,797.00

Christmas Flowers \$1,544.00

“Thank you for your generosity”

Expenses for the week of Dec. 16—\$11,076.57

For your convenience:

Instructions for Online giving can be found at

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS!