



# DECEMBER 2, 2018



*During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when He comes again.*

**WELCOME!** This weekend we welcome the Spanish community to the 12:30 Mass. We are blessed by your presence! (This is the first of the 12:30 Masses to be celebrated in Spanish.)

**BIENVENIDO!**

Este fin de semana damos la bienvenida a la comunidad española a la misa de las 12:30. ¡Somos bendecidos por su presencia! (Esta es la primera de las 12:30 Misas que se celebrarán en español.) Por favor, siéntase libre de invitar a sus amigos y vecinos a unirse a nosotros semanalmente para esta misa.

***In The Spirit Of Going...* The Holy Family Subscription Drive**

was started by a former pastor of Holy Family Parish and for decades has been our annual fundraiser supporting the good works of the parish. It replaces the other types of fundraising efforts (bazaars, raffles, lotteries) typically used by other parishes. One hundred percent of the funds raised stay within the Parish.

**How to participate:**

- If you are a registered parishioner, you should have received a letter requesting your support along with a return envelope for your donation which can be returned by mail, brought to the rectory, or put into the Sunday collection basket.
- If you are not registered, you may respond by using the form below or by using the forms at the doors of the church, which may be returned by mail, brought to the rectory, or put in to the Sunday collection basket.

Please remember that I need the support of every parishioner to make the 2018 Subscription Drive a success.

Thank you and be assured of my prayers,

*Monsignor Dennis P. Keane*

*Church Of The Holy Family  
New Rochelle, Ny  
Annual Subscription Fund*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Religious Education



**Grades 1-5** meet on Sundays

10:00AM– 11:30AM

**Grades 6, 7, 8** meet on Tuesdays

7:00PM – 8:30PM

**SEEDS** - 4 & 5 Year Olds

Meet on Sundays 9:00 – 10:00AM

**All Classes run from September 30<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>**

### December Religious Education Calendar and Class Mass Schedule:

**Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class Mass

**Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class Mass

**Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Pageant at the 9:00AM Family Mass

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>**

No Classes - **Christmas Vacation**

Sunday classes resume January 6<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday classes resume January 8<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Prayer-Pageant

All are invited to join us at the **9:00AM** Family Mass on **December 16<sup>th</sup>** (the Third Sunday of Advent) during which our Christmas Pageant will be presented by our Religious Education students. A reception for children in the Pageant and their families will follow in the cafeteria. All other Religious Education students will report to class following the Mass.



**Be a Part of It!** All Religious Education Students - SEEDS to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - are invited to participate in the Pageant. Rehearsals will be held in the Church on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> (casting), Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All rehearsals are from 3:45 – 5:00PM. Please note that ALL children must be present for ALL rehearsals.

If your child is interested please contact Melanie Tiplady at [melanietiplady23@gmail.com](mailto:melanietiplady23@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Please include your child's name and class.

### This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (meaning, "ad-venio in Latin or "to come to") is the season leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the *meaning* of the season. These include the lighting of the Advent wreath; the Advent calendar which helps remind us of the season with daily thoughts and activities; the Advent prayers that prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is important to make time to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' coming and to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.



**+ What special preparations will your family make this Advent season?**



### **Holy Family School is open with**

**seats available!** We would love to have you visit our school. Join us for **Touring**

**Tuesday on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 -11:00AM.**

Please call to RSVP. We offer Common Core curriculum, Spanish, and Art; Before and After-School Programs as well as enrichment clubs. 914-576-6672 ext. 102. Se habla espanol. **A note about weekday parking...** If you attend the Noon Mass, we ask that you please be aware that our students are out in the parking lot for lunch recess. For their safety, we ask that you please enter from Mayflower Avenue and exit onto Clove Road. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **This Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate**

**Conception** and it is a *Holy Day of Obligation*.

The Mass schedule for the holy day is as follows: **Vigil Mass on Friday evening at 7:30PM** and Masses on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:50 and 11:00AM.**



### **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

Our parish will again share this celebration with parishes across the Americas as we gather in the evening to recall how Mary journeyed to Bethlehem with Joseph and gave birth to Jesus in a manger. Throughout Advent, and especially on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask for Mary's intercession for poor fellow travelers - immigrants, migrants, and refugees – and we pray that her witness inspires us to stand in greater solidarity with them. Please save the date and see next week's bulletin for details.



### **Holy Family Giving Tree** - Each year Holy

Family parish provides Christmas gifts to needy seniors, teens, and adults. Please take a tag off the Giving Tree in the front of the church and return the wrapped gift **no later** than the weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (Sorry but cannot accept gifts after December 16<sup>th</sup>.) A list of the charities we support is posted by the tree. Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Brendan at [bcpk15nr@yahoo.com](mailto:bcpk15nr@yahoo.com).



## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the communal process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults explore the Catholic Faith and become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church.

*We have begun!*

Please pray for the members of our parish RCIA. They are on their journey to become fully initiated Catholic Christians. As they continue their path toward the Lord, we as a parish, assure them of our prayers and support.

For information about the RCIA, please contact **Deacon Don at 914-632-0673** or **Jerry Leiken at 914-633-6347.**



**Bible Study** will meet again on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM in the Parish Conference Room.** All are welcome!

**The Divine Mercy Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from **7-8PM** to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We invite you to join us whenever you can. For more information, please contact Shirley Le Blanc at 914-576-3806.



Our *morning* faith sharing group meets twice a month on Thursday mornings from **10:00-11:30AM in the Parish Conference Room.**

We are currently reading *Rediscovering Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly. **Please join us when we meet again on December 6<sup>th</sup>.**



### **The Holy Family Caregiver's Group**

meets biweekly on Tuesday mornings at **10:00AM.** Our next meeting will be **December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Conference Room.** Please call Judy Coverdale at 914-582-8072 or Rosemary McDonough at 914-500-5331 for more information. There will be a special blessing for all caregivers at the 11:00AM Mass this weekend. We hope you will join us.

#### **A Caregiver's Prayer**

*Heavly Father, help me better understand and believe I can do what you ask me to do. Forgive me for the times when I question your judgment. Lighten my burden, answer my prayer, and give me the strength to do what so often seems impossible. Give me a quiet place to rest when I need it and a quieting of my anxieties when I'm there. Change my attitude from a tired, frustrated, and angry caregiver to the loving and compassionate one I want to be. Remain my constant companion as I face the challenges of caregiving and when my job is through, and it's time for me to let go, help me to remember my dear one is leaving my loving arms to enter your eternal embrace. Amen.*

### **Creation at the Crossroads**

Join our monthly *evening* faith sharing group as we focus on *Laudato Si* - Pope Francis's call to action for our common home. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Music Room.** Using prayer, scripture, and parts of the *Laudato Si* writings, we will consider what can be done to better care for God's creation and understand the consequences of environmental degradation on those who will suffer the consequences most directly. Materials have been generously purchased by the parish and you are welcome to join us every month or as your schedule permits - we will be happy to welcome you at any time. We look forward to praying together with hope and action about the future of our planet. Contact Cathy at (914)738-8077 or at [bcpk15nr@yahoo.com](mailto:bcpk15nr@yahoo.com) for more information.



### **Our Parish's Annual Tree Lighting**

**Ceremony** will be held in the Church parking lot on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00PM Mass.** The Children's Choir will help us lift our voices in singing traditional Christmas carols and hot chocolate will be provided. Please



join us for this wonderful family event. All are welcome!

**The Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Men's Club is Sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive** from November 12<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit those in need in the local community. They are collecting new or gently used adult and children's coats. Coats can be brought to the Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Rectory, 129 Birch Street, Mt. Vernon or you can call 914-668-9815 to schedule a pick-up of your donation or five or more coats.



The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent candle symbolizes HOPE. Sometimes called the "Prophet's Candle", it reminds us that Jesus is coming.

**Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

470 Westchester Avenue, Tuckahoe  
proudly presents their annual

**Lessons and Carols Service**  
**on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00PM**

The afternoon will feature the adult and children's choirs as well as members of the St. Frances de Chantal adult choir (Bronx).

Admission is free. All are welcome.

**HOPE Food Pantry** - Please bring your nonperishable DRY GOODS with you to Mass. HOPE suggests: tea, soup, cereal, jelly, peanut butter, canned stew, soup, rice, powdered milk, juice, tuna, pasta, tomato sauce, beans and hash.

Also: shampoo, soap, and toiletry items, as well as brown bags and plastic grocery bags in which to put food for distribution. Please do not donate opened food packages or food with an expired "use before" date.

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE CLOTHING.**



**Please pray for the Sick and those who care for them:**

Victoria Alvarez, Ashley Bigaud, James Baldino, Lourdes Ballesteros, Mohammed & Fatima Benfaida, Lourdes Bonanno, Ken Borino, Donald Brown, Guy Caprio, Javier Cardenas, Daniella Carlo, Jennifer Cecere, Joe D'Abbraccio, Kathy Di Maggio, Will Edelson, Nicholas Farda, Roberto Figueora, Moira Flanagan, Joseph Fogal, Lorraine Foremny, Charlotte Grady, Doug Guzy, Leonore Hernandez, Bill Keenan, Logan Lawrence, Mary Ann Mauro, Blake & Riley McCaffrey, William Micknowitz, Doug Mitchell, Ethel Monroe, Michael Montalto, James Moroney, Joseph Nitti, Alana Nixon, Mark O'Donnell, Pat O'Sullivan, Patrick O'Rourke Jr., Tara O'Rourke, Rose Peregine, Jeff Perkins, Gene Phillips, Brian Ponder, Anne-Marie Schauer, Albert Spatola, Mary Sponaugle, Mary Sugrue.

Please call the Parish office if you would like to remove a name from this list. 914-632-0673.



**We also pray for our military brothers and sisters** and especially for:

Michael Acocella	Stephen Arles	Jack Clifford
Joseph Conway, III	Michael DeBartolo	Philip Giuliani
Christopher Hough	Andrew Marzullo	Robert Parente
	Luke Steward	

May God protect them all and bring them safely home.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

November 18<sup>th</sup> - \$6,623  
November 25<sup>th</sup> - \$5,342



**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Sunday of Advent**

5:00PM (Vigil)	The Lynch & Ryan Families
7:30 AM	Anthony S. Cirillo
9:00AM	Civita Pelella
11:00AM	Donna Santiago
	Angela & Ottavio Spalla
12:30PM (Spanish)	For the Intentions of Abraham Juarez & Juana Correa & Claudia Cano
6:00PM	IONA

**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Francis Xavier**

6:50AM	Deceased Members of the Martignetti Family
12:00PM	Gerry Schimrich

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - St. John Damascene**

6:50 AM	Maeve Anne Kilcoyne
12:00PM	Elizabeth Provenzano

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Advent Weekday**

6:50 AM	Michael Florio
12:00PM	Joseph P. Shelley, Sr.

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Nicholas**

6:50AM	Kristian Maldonado
12:00PM	Kevin & Kenneth Gotsch

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - St. Ambrose**

6:50AM	Theresa Cardillo
8:30AM	Teresa & Jack Vero
12:00PM	Deceased Members of the Mackey, Kennedy & Roberts Families
7:30PM (Vigil)	Richard Kennedy

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM	Maria Fedele
11:00AM	For the Intentions of Joseph D'Onofrio
5:00PM	Edward Ryan

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM	Maeve Kilcoyne
9:00AM	John B. Coppola
11:00AM	Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Stewart
	Cathryn Coyne
12:30PM (Spanish)	For the People of the Parish
6:00PM	IONA