



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016**

Masses for the Week

Saturday	John Cordts	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Bill Welsek	10:00am
Monday	Tom Merck	5:30pm
Tuesday	Marie Dombrowski	8:00am
Wednesday	Mary Craig	5:15pm
Thursday	John Joseph Dellay	8:00am
Friday	Anthony & Flo Wade	5:30pm
Saturday	Christmas Eve	4:00pm

Please Pray for Our Sick

Mattie Berhang, Fanny Bonventre, Herb Cahill, Bill Carroll, Billye Doria, Denise Davis, Robert LaFera, Lynne Lazzaro, Grant Nicolson, Joseph Mongelluzzo, Salvator Paone, Joe Petras, John Snykus, Baby Austin Sweeney, Daniel Sweeney, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Irene Waddell, Luisa Walsh, Bertha Walz, Amelia Zak

We also want to remember parishioners who are currently in Nursing Facilities. They are: Frank Cahill, Elizabeth LaFera, Rose Sferrazza, Shirley Spornyak and Alice Tochterman

Tithing \$4184.00

Retired Religious Collection \$1,793.00

Reconciliation Monday

This Monday, December 19th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.



Holyday Mass Schedule

Saturday, Christmas Eve 4:00pm

Sunday, Christmas Day 8am & 10am

Saturday, New Year's Eve 5:00pm

Sunday, New Year's Day 10am

Religious Ed News

Religious Ed classes will not be in session December 28th but will resume on January 4th.

Mariapolis Luminosa, Nativity Displays

Most of you are probably familiar with Mariapolis Luminosa, one of the projects of the Focolare Movement. Every December, Luminosa displays over 200 Nativity scenes from every continent in the world at the Chiara Lubich Conference Center at 200 Cardinal Road, in Hyde Park. Many visitors come from neighboring communities to see this beautiful display. December 1st - 30th Monday through Friday 2pm-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 1pm-5pm. Suggested donation \$5. Additional information may be found at www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa For more information, call 845-229-0230 X 127



Blessing of Toys

On Sunday, January 8th, the Feast of the Epiphany, we ask that boys and girls bring one of their Christmas toys to the ten o'clock Mass to be blessed at a little ceremony after the homily.

33 Days to Morning Glory

On December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 43 souls concluded their participation in the 33 Days of Morning Glory Retreat. They signed a Consecration Certificate that will be a reminder of this memorable day in their lives receiving Grace to follow Jesus even more perfectly through Mary. Francesca and Debbie want to thank the participants for making their lives richer by their sharing, love, and dedication to this retreat. Mary's Blessings be on us all.



Those who attended the consecration to Jesus through Mary were: Fr. John Audu, Fr. Edmund, Burke, Elaine Addeo, Ausilia Andrews, Heidi Bach, Dolores Bailey, Maryann Bresciani, Maryann Becker, Mary Carroll, Atillio Contini, Jean Cote, Dolores, Contini, Barbara Craine, Deidre Dullahan, Anne Duffy, Ellen Edwards, Deborah Ferry, Bud, Halligan, Berenice FitzGerald, Linda Halligan, Anne Furey, Carol Laurito, Lisa Jerkowski, Stephen Macaluso, Janet Knott, Pat Merk, Jerome Lendvay, Tony Mottle, Pam Norton, Pauline Polinsky, Frank Ostrander, Roberta Russack, Michelle Rawl, Jason Rood, Jeannine Tully, Mary Rood, CarolAnn Welsek, Mary Roosa, Diane Kleitz, Joan Sism, Francesca Tanksley, Jean VanAmburgh, Ann VanDamm

FORMED Resources for Kids

As parents and guardians, our main goal should be to raise our children with faith in God, so that we can spend eternity with them in heaven. In order to do that, we need to provide them with opportunities to learn about our Catholic faith, and about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We need to help our children have a personal relationship with Jesus, and model that behavior for them too!

FORMED gives parents the tools to teach their children the basics of our Catholic faith and more. Whether it is an inspiring family movie, children's videos, audios, and books, or YDisciples videos and discussion questions for teenagers, parents can access this great content in their homes and make faith sharing and prayer a family habit.

Discover all the new children's programs, books, movies and audio at www.formed.org
St. Peter's Code **66ZG2B**

Flower Memorial Fund

Envelopes for Christmas memorials are in the rear of the church. Just fill in the envelope and place it in any first collection basket. We are indebted to our parishioners who choose to remember their deceased loved ones by contributing to this fund. This is the primary means we have for funding the decoration of the sanctuary.

Remember Christ this Christmas

Shop until you drop! Buying, having, possessing and allowing your possessions to possess you!

Sad to say, this has all become the modern immediate preparation for Christmas. Moreover, in many places even the word "Christmas" has been forbidden from modern vocabulary.

Jesus is the reason for the season. The whole focus of Advent which culminates in the Solemnity of Christmas is a *person!* That person is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is the true reason for the entire season. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in the humble, poor stable of Bethlehem. The name "Jesus" means Savior. He came to open up the gates of heaven, to save us from slavery to sin, the devil, and eternal damnation. This Christmas let us contemplate the Person of Jesus and the purpose of His mission. Let our hearts overflow in humble praise and thanksgiving. St. Ignatius of Loyola accentuates the fact that Jesus did all of this not simply for humanity as a whole but for



you and I, individually. Jesus was born, suffered, died and rose from the dead for me, as if I were the only person in the universe. How important I am for God! How important Christmas—the birth of Jesus—should be for me.

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

Catholic Charities Community Services Guild for the Blind

CCCS provides services to legally blind individuals from childhood through the senior years. Catholic Guild for the Blind can help by teaching methods to manage everyday tasks with vision loss. For more information, contact: Dara Turovlin-Marshall at 917-510-3146.



**Hail, favored one!
The Lord is with
you.**



Mary in the mystery of her annunciation and visitation is the very model of the way you should live, because first she received Jesus in her life, then she went in haste to give to her cousin Elizabeth; what she had received, she had to give. You must be like her, giving in haste the world you have received in meditation. In every Holy Communion, Jesus the Word becomes flesh in our life, a special delicate, beautiful gift of God; it's a privilege—why you...and not someone else, I don't know. But you must protect it with tender care because he is giving himself, the Word, to you to be made flesh, to each one of you, and to those who will come after. Blessed Mother, pray for us, and teach me to live as you lived.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Looking for a truly special gift to give this Christmas? Why not give the gift of Catholic education? A donation in any amount can be made in honor or memory of a loved one to the St. Joseph School Scholarship fund. Simply send your donation along with the name and address of the person you wish to honor to St. Joseph School, 235 Wall Street, Kingston, NY 12401. The school will send a Christmas card and announcement of your gift. For more info call the office at 339-4390.

Rosary Altar Society

Next weekend team *four* is scheduled.

The next RAS meeting will be on January 8th
The rosary will be recited before the 10am Mass on January 1st and 8th.