

SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY R. C. CHURCH

December 20, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Masses for the Week of Dec 21-27

Monday	12:00	Peggy Keogh
Tuesday	8:15	Fred & Ethel Weinfurt
Wednesday	12:00	Marie & Arthur Warner
Christmas Vigil	4 PM	Deceased Members of the Linton & Maginsky Families
	8 PM	Gerard Murphy
Christmas	Midnight Mass	John & Helen Rowan
	8 AM	William & Harriet Zaluski & Barbara Corwith & Eloise Warner
	9:30	People of the Parish
	11:00	John Grattan, Anne Bucalo, Carole Lucas, Ethel Suarrago, Dennis O'Connor, Eugene & Dorothy Connelly, The Holy Family & All Creatures, past, present & future
Saturday	5:00	William J. Steinbrecher (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	8:00	William Collum
	9:30	People of the Parish
	11:00	Renee Valent de Raola, Vincent Giustiniani, James Donnelly, Jack Delury, Edward Cerveny, All Priests
	12:30	Spanish Mass
	5:00	Frances D'Alessandro

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL 4 PM Father Madley

SERVERS	G. Lynch, T. Malone, M. O'Connor, A. Wesnofske
E.M.'S	M. & E. Bousson, C. Diesing, J. Diesing, S. McCulley
LECTOR	N. Conroy

8 PM Father Trench

SERVERS	A. O'Brien
E.M.'S	M. Adamczyk, D. Gilmartin, G. Reisig, M. Steinbrecher
LECTOR	M. Kent

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS Father Madley

SERVERS	C. Muller, P. Rossi
E.M.'S	L. DeRobertis, J. Fox, M. Muller, S. Oldakowski, J. Taranto
LECTOR	K. Rossi
GREETERS	J. Taranto

8 AM Father Kiernan

SERVERS	J. Ambrose, C. Collum, Martin Sisters
E.M.'S	A. Fiore, J. Hanlon,
LECTOR	J. Fox

9:30 Father Dahm

SERVERS	C. Oliveros, M & M Wilson
E.M.'S	M. Lynch, Sr. Barbara McKenna, C & J Wilson
LECTOR	Sr. Mary Assunta

11:00 Father Gill

SERVERS	Arresta Bros., L. Cirillo
E.M.'S	S. Adelante, G. Arresta, G. Bauer, D. Gilmartin, V. Grattan
LECTOR	P. Jordan
GREETERS	R. Essay, V. Grattan, K. Moffa, R. O'Shea

DEC 26 5 PM Father Gill

SERVERS	K. Bourke, E & M Knight, G. Lynch
E.M.'S	M. Adamczyk, A. Fiore, M. Nietzsche
LECTOR	H. Reister

DEC 20 8 AM Father Gill

SERVERS	M. Finalborgo, Martin Sisters
E.M.'S	K. Duggan, D. Gilmartin, L. McClain, J. McKenna
LECTORS	M. Mackey
GREETERS	N. Scanlon, M. Steinbrecher, J. Taranto

9:30 AM Father Madley

SERVERS	C. Cuccia, M & J Minogue, M. Terry
E.M.'S	N. Conroy, J. Cuccia, A. Lesta, N. McCulley, M. Nugent
LECTOR	A. Cuccia
GREETERS	A. Lesta, J & N McCulley

11 AM Father Trench

SERVERS	B. Alvarez, W. Menghini, A. O'Brien, J. O'Brien
E.M.'S	S. Adelante, M & E. Bousson, P. Jordan,
LECTOR	G. Bauer
GREETERS	C. Brown C. Butler, R. Essay, V. Grattan

5 PM Father Dahm

SERVERS	C. Kreyborg, M. Kropiwnicki
E.M.'S	C. Diesing, J. Fox, K. Maple
LECTOR	G. Reisig

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL -December 20 – N. McCulley
December 27 – M. Lynch

HAMPTONS CENTER – December 20 – N. Conroy, P. Jordan

ALTARS - December – O. Nova

LINENS - Dec 20-26 – A. Enstine



This week's collection was \$6526.00.
The Special Collection for Altar flowers was \$2366.00.
Based on the prior year's financial statement our average weekly operating expense is \$15,613.00 May God bless

you for your continued support and generosity. Thank you, Fr. Jeff.

Anyone who would like to donate flowers, please call the Parish office at 283-0097.

If you would like to donate **Altar Candles, Wine or Altar Bread** in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the parish center at 283-0097.



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK ✠

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| Keith O'Brien | Isabelle Lanin-Tanquay | Winnie Chin |
| John Bishop | Connie Kane | Pat Reinhardt |
| Howard "Corty" Bishop | | Grace McNamara |
| Gene Travers, Jr. | Suzanne Parillo | Andrea Gulija |
| Patrick Dermody | Gwendolyn Porter | Robert O'Shea |
| John Cuccia, Sr. | Jean Smith | Jean Kearns |
| Jo Counihan | Celestino Gambino | Beth Larkin |

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JEFF:

If you volunteer in any of the ministries, please stop in the Sacristy after mass and pick up your Christmas gift.

In anticipation of Christmas, Bishop Libasci, the priest-helpers, the staff and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our many volunteers for their work throughout the year. The Parish couldn't do without them and I appreciate everything they do.

Thanks to our priest-helpers and staff for all their hard work to help keep the Parish going.

The Parish has gluten-free hosts. Please tell the celebrant of the Mass before the Mass begins.



WELCOME: The parish community of Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary welcomes the following newly baptized infant with joy:

Piper Reese Shearer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please check the website for meetings and announcements www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org. Click on Religious Education.

OPEN HOUSE
"DECEMBERS PAST & PRESENT"



The Southampton Historical Museum, 17 Meeting House La, will hold an open house from Nov. 15th – Jan. 2nd featuring the traditional Christmas of many nations exhibit. One of our parishioners, Joe Taranto, has his beautiful Neapolitan Christmas crèche on exhibit there. Open Tues-Sat. 11-4. Call 283-2494 for more information.

PARISH PROGRAMS

FRANCISCANS

The Secular Franciscans meet on the third Sunday of the month, after the 11 AM mass in the Parish Center. Would you like to know what we are all about? Please come to our meeting. Bring a bag lunch and we will supply the coffee.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Group meets in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Parish Center at 1 PM. No meeting for the next two weeks due to the Christmas and New Year.

New members are always welcome!

SPIRITUAL BOOK GROUP

The Spiritual Book Group meets every Tuesday from 1-2 PM in the dining room of the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 20, 2009

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3,15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Israel longed for a king like David, a mighty warrior who would vanquish the enemy and restore the nation to its former glory. The prophet Micah said that the savior of God's people would not come from Jerusalem, the city of David, but from David's birthplace, the insignificant town of Bethlehem. He would be a humble shepherd to his flock, not ruling by might but by God's strength. "Shepherd of Israel, come and save us," the psalmist entreats. "Show us your face and we shall be saved."

God comes in unexpected ways. God is manifest in shepherds instead of kings; in a village, not a metropolis; and in a simple girl, not a regal queen. Mary is our model of faith and obedience to God's will. Filled with grace through the Holy Spirit, she brings forth her holy child to the world. "Blessed are you among women," we pray, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus." In her presence, new life stirs within us and we are filled with joy. We too are blessed because we trust that the Lord's promises to us will be fulfilled.

For reflection: How can I practice the virtue of humility as I wait for the Lord? Do I need to exercise the virtue of trust today?

December 20, 2009
Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We light the fourth and last candle on our Advent Wreath.



Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath - Fourth Sunday:

O Wisdom, holy Word of God. Jesus Christ, all things are in your hands, come and show us the way to salvation.

The Christmas Story

Long ago a young woman named Mary lived in a small town called Nazareth. She was good and holy and filled with love of God. One day, while she was praying, an angel came to her. He said, "Hail Mary. You are full of grace. God has chosen you to be the mother of His son. You are to name the baby Jesus." Mary said to the angel, I shall do what God wants." And the angel left her.



Not long after, Mary married a man named Joseph. He was a good and holy man. Joseph was a carpenter, and Mary would come to visit him. Every day he worked hard in his shop where he made things of wood.

One day a soldier came to Nazareth from Rome and told the men and women that the Emperor Caesar Augustus wanted to count his people. He said they should go to their home towns where they would be counted.

Joseph belonged to a family that was started by David. Bethlehem was David's family town.

Mary and Joseph set out for their home town Bethlehem. The journey was long and hard. Mary was very tired and Joseph tried to find a place for her to rest. He went to the town's one small inn. "I'm sorry," said the inn's owner, "All the homes and inns are filled. I have no room left. But you might find a place to sleep outside the town."



Joseph and Mary went to the country places at the edge of town. There they found a cave that was used as a stable and where animals were kept. The cave was warm and dry. In that cave Mary and Joseph were able to rest at last while Mary waited for the baby the angel had promised.

In the night, Mary's baby was born. She wrapped Him in cloths to keep him warm and laid Him in the soft hay in the manger. She adored the tiny child and remembered that the angel had said, " He shall be the Son of God."

