


SACRED HEART PARISH
Sacred Heart Church/Stamford & St. Philip Neri/Grand Gorge

*Mass Intentions
for the Week* 

Saturday, December 3, 2011

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Eileen Desimone, req. Louis Desimone
Albert Peraglie, req. M/M E. Garcia

Sunday, December 4, 2011—*Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
Garth Oeler, req. M/M J. Laban
Janet Lovelett, req. Edie Mesick
12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Donald Donofrio, req. Donofrio Family
Angie Agostinello, req. Tony Agostinello

Monday, December 5, 2011

No Mass Scheduled Today!

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Donald Schaefer, req. Christine Schaefer
Konstantin Olberg, req. M/M K. Kneis

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

8:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Ernie Buzzuto, req. M/M R. Vetter

Thursday, December 8, 2011—*The Immaculate Conception*

12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Stanley Weredyk, Sr., req. Family
7:00 pm—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
Janet Lovelett, req. Jackie White

Friday, December 9, 2011

12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Edwin Tomczyk, req. Brent & Alan Eskra
Devin Badurina, req. SH Women's Guild

Saturday, December 10, 2011

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Albert Palm, req. M/M E. Garcia
Virginia Polak, req. M/M E. Garcia

Sunday, December 11, 2011—*Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
For the people of the parish
Jack Cupito, req. M/M S. Troiano
12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Angie Agostinello, req. Tony Agostinello
Thomas Gregorcak, req. M/M A. Simon

Daily Readings for week of Dec. 5—11, 2011

Monday, Dec. 5, 2011

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday Dec. 7, 2011

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Friday, Dec. 9, 2011

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

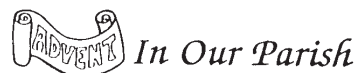
Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011

*Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*



Living the Paschal Mystery

The amazing thing about these readings is that they remind us that we ourselves, by the righteousness of our own lives in Christ, continually prepare for divine presence. By the goodness of our lives, we announce that Christ has come and brought us salvation. All we need to do is respond in faithfulness, for by our "holiness and devotion" (second reading), we are not just "waiting for" but also "hastening the coming of the day of God" (second reading). We live the "way of the Lord" be eagerly welcoming God's abiding presence, living God's good gifts, and attesting to peace and righteousness. Our everyday living does make a difference—*through us Christ comes!*



December 8, 2011

Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Mass Schedule: 12 noon @ Sacred Heart Church and 7 pm @ St. Philip Neri Church.

December 12, 2011

Women's Guild "Pot-Luck" luncheon @ 12:30 pm SH parish hall. All women invited!

December 18, 2011

Children's Christmas Pageant—11 am @ Sacred Heart Church. Please come and support our FF students.

December 21, 2011

"Advent Penance Service"—7pm @ Sacred Heart Church. Several priests will be available to hear your confession.

December 23 thru 26, 2011

Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday! The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th.



November 19/20, 2011

<u>Weekend Collection Amount:</u>	\$3,171.00
Winter Utilities:	\$280.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$215.00
Human Development:	\$873.00
Thanksgiving Mass:	\$185.00

November 26/27, 2011

<u>Weekend Collection Amount:</u>	\$2,591.00
Winter Utilities:	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$222.00

DECEMBER 3/4, 2011
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LiturgY Schedule

Lector/Wine/Host

December 10/11, 2011

4:30 PM	Kneis	Palm/Garcia/Butler
9:00 AM	Martel	Rocholl/Thorington/Gurley
12:00 NOON	Fey	Weredyk/Callagy/O'Connor

December 17/18, 2011

4:30 PM	German	L.Miccio/M.Miccio/Kneis
9:00 AM	Mesick	Brody/Martel/Traver
12:00 NOON	Callagy	Gibbons/Marigliano/D.Bellotti

Altar Server Schedule

December 10/11, 2011

4:30 PM or 9:00AM	(if you attend this Mass please step forward to serve)	
12:00 NOON	E. Wenner	B. Wenner/A. DeFlorio

December 17/18, 2011

4:30 PM or 9:00 AM	(if you attend this Mass please step forward to serve)	
12:00 NOON	A. Alberti	B. Champlin/J. Strauss



Christmas Pageant—2011

This year's children's Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 18th @ 11 am at Sacred Heart Church with 12 noon Mass to follow. Please come to support our Faith Formation students.

Sacraments for the Sick and Dying

Please Read Carefully!

In order for the faithful people of God to receive all the sacraments in times of serious illness, injury, and / or near the time of death, it is extremely important to notify the pastor as soon as any of these events occur. Sacraments may only be celebrated by the living; they cannot be celebrated after death. Furthermore, the sacrament of reconciliation can only be celebrated when a person still has the ability to communicate. Even more importantly, receiving communion as viaticum, which is what Last Rites are, is only possible while a person is still able to swallow, even if only a small piece of the Body of Christ, or a drop of his Precious Blood.

Please do not wait to inform the pastor of loved ones' serious health condition until death is imminent, but contact him at the onset of any serious event, so that they may receive all the sacraments they need, as often as they need them, until either recovery or death occurs. Sometimes things happen very quickly, and the timely celebration of sacraments is not always possible. A person can be anointed even if unconscious, but the sacrament of anointing of the sick does not constitute Last Rites by itself. It can be part of that celebration if needed, but to receive communion as viaticum is to receive Last Rites, and every measure should be taken to see that this can be done.



Saturday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Mass/Sacred Heart Church
8:00 pm Mass/St. Philip Neri Church

Sunday, December 25th—Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass/St. Philip Neri Church
12:00 noon Mass/Sacred Heart Church

The Jesse Tree

“A shoot shall spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots.” (Isaiah 11:1)

Second Week of Advent

Isaac

God wanted to test Abraham's faith in a severe manner: God told Abraham to sacrifice his only son; the son whom he and his wife waited so long for. This gravely troubled Abraham, but he was ready to trust God and fully obey His will. Abraham had his arms outstretched ready to kill Isaac, when an angel appeared and stopped him. Then appeared a RAM, in which Abraham could sacrifice to God. The symbol of the ram is what we remember Isaac by.



Jacob

Jacob, Isaac's son, had to leave home quickly, for his brother, Esau, was going to murder him. Jacob went out into the desert. At nightfall, he lay down and used a rock as a pillow. Jacob dreamt of a great stairway that went all the way up to Heaven. He saw angels climbing up and down the stairway, and there above them, he saw God. God spoke to Jacob, “I will give you all who come after you the land on which you are lying. I am with you always. I will watch over you no matter where you go. And on day I will bring you back to this land.” Jacob awoke the next day and decided he would stay where he was. Jacob took the stone that he used as a pillow and set it upright in the sand. He named the place Bethel, which means, “the house of God.” The stairway Jacob dreamt of, we represent as a LADDER; Jacob's ladder.

Joseph

The family that God promised Abraham was growing quiet large. One of Joseph's grandsons', Jacob, had 12 children. One of which was Joseph, a favorite of Jacob. When Jacob gave Joseph a COAT OF MANY COLORS, Joseph's brothers became jealous. One day, Joseph's brothers kidnapped him and sold him into slavery in Egypt. There, God cared for Jacob by making him a friend of the pharaoh. Joseph's family did not have enough food in their land so they traveled to Egypt where food was a-plenty. When Joseph saw them, he forgave his brothers and fed them. Joseph had saved his family.

Advent Family Prayer

2nd week

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.