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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

9:00am: Philomena Castellano (Merry Christmas)

Requested by Your Loving Husband, Peter

4:30pm: Mary and Vinny Pizzillo (Merry Christmas)

Requested by Your Loving Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00am: The People of our Parish
10:00am: The People of our Parish
12:00pm: The People of our Parish

4:30pm: CHRISTMAS EVE The People of our Parish

12:00am: MIDNIGHT MASS Christmas Novena

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am: Christmas Novena 10:00am: Christmas Novena 12:00pm: Christmas Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

9:00am: Christmas Novena

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

9:00am: Christmas Novena

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

9:00am: <u>Christmas Novena</u>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

9:00am: Christmas Novena

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

9:00am: Christmas Novena

4:30pm: Rene Wuethrich

Requested by Janet Savino

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

PLEASE NOTE: YOU CAN
SUBMIT YOUR
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS BY

CONNECTING TO WESHARE
AT: olhcparsh.churchgiving.com
or call 1-877-316-0260
YOU MAY ALSO DROP OFF
YOUR ENVELOPES IN THE
RECTORY MAILBOX.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Crossroad Collection

Every 4th Sunday after all Masses (monetary donations only)

50/50 Club

\$5.00 Donation You can't win it if you're not in it!

St. Edward's Food Pantry

6581 Hylan Boulevard SI NY 1st Weekend of the Month

First Friday of the Month

Mass at 9:00 am followed by Adoration/

Recitation of the Rosary

Daily after the 9am Mass

Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

The 13th of every month at 6:00 pm



When we think about the mystery of the Incarnation, that God became one of us, we are shocked by the awesome love of the Triune God, that He chose to condescend to our level so that He could raise us up. The baby reminds us that God is everywhere, even in the most unlikely places, like the manger in a stable. The baby is a pledge that God offers us His rest and gently invites us to take the gentle yoke of His service. The baby is the sign that God truly loves us and has given us light in the midst of darkness. Jesus Christ is born today. This world has much darkness but Jesus is there too. When we come and worship Him with the shepherds and the angels, all of our sufferings are put in context with the joys of eternity which this baby gained for us through is life, death and resurrection. May the Christ child who was born of the Virgin Mary, watched over by St. Joseph, and proclaimed by the shepherds and the angels, bless you and your families this Christmas and in the New Year.

The Christmas Novena of Masses (12/25-1/2) will be offered for all benefactors of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Also, it will be offered for the other intentions named by the people of the parish.

Schedule of Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family and New Years is as follows:

Saturday, December 30, 2023 Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family

4:30pm

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Feast of the Holy Family

8:00am

10:00am

12:00pm

Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

(not a holy day of obligation this year)

9:00am

Fr. James Ferreira, Pastor Our Lady Help of Christians Church

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Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes newly baptized, especially **Hunter James Mattsson, Jason Michael Yip and Mikayla Gale Morales.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

ANDREW S. ASWARD SC
PAUL ALBANESE ROMANIA
DIANA ALBANESE WASH. STATE
DAVID BAGGS CALIFORNIA
CHRISTOPHER DEDDO, JAPAN
MICHAEL DEDDO, III ALASKA

STEVEN DENOBLE AFGHANISTAN
BRIAN P. FLEMING KUWAIT
E MASON MORGANTE NC
CODY ROBSINSON NC
SHAWN ROBINSON, WA
THOMAS TELLEFSEN, JR. ALASKA



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

PLEASE LET THE RECTORY KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM THIS SICK LIST. THANK YOU

Alexander Angelo Alberga Robert Alongi Anna Ambrosole Jake Aspinall Aubrev Gaetano Babbo Roseann Brock Joseph Burzo Theresa Cardinale Salvatore Cortes Carmela Luca Carsen Dennis Castelli Mike Chadwick Steven Cina Stacey Cohen Sylvia Cohen Sharonlee D.

Elvira Deluzio Ellen Derowki Andrew DiLorenzo Chris Dreizen Barbara Doty Dennis Emperor Nicolette Falzone Ramona Fogelstrom Nancy Flynn Joshua Gabay

Daniel

Emilyrose Gagliardi George Kian Griffiths Frank Gennuso Debra Houshmondrad Felipe Higgenson Thomas Jacob Jeremy

Kathy
Kathy S.
Robert Kilsby

Nancy King Gianna Kovacs Rafael Laskowski Maria LaSorsa Flora Lucchese Ralph Lucchese Jospeh Liotine Anthony Lodareo Santa Luca Scuoto Maisco

JoAnn Magee
Ed Malley
Matthew
Ken McCall
Joseph Mariconda
Peter Marsh
Thomas Meehan
Patty McNichol
Vincent Merola
Franco Migliorini
Roberta Miro
Peter Monfasani
Joan Orena
Linda Palermo
SPC Sean Pesce

Raymond Perry, Jr. Lynn Phimister Paul M. Kevin Rybolt Robert Robin Rodolfo Frances Rotunno

Philip Russo Edward Svennigsen Jordan S. Patricia Savino Stephanie Christopher Seiler

Judy Singler Stacey Strongarone Alexis Sukharenko Gladys Tancredi

Tara
Justin Too
Carl Termine, Jr.
Aiden Truscelli
Vicki M.
Cathy Westcott
Joseph Yasso

Let us pray for all the deceased of our Parish especially Vincent Montalbano, Lori Caporicci, Stephanie Bruccoleri and JoAnn Magee.



Heavenly Father, you sent your messengers to tell of the birth of your Son so that people might believe in Him.

Open our ears to hear your call, repent of our sins, and seek our heavenly inheritance.

May we profess Christ
until we stand by his grace
before the glory of your
majesty;
Grant this for the sake of
your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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PARISH / CHURCH/ AND OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Giving Tree THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED AND VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE GIVING TREE. YOUR

GENEROSITY AND LOVE FOR OTHERS IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT. YOU HAVE BROUGHT LIGHT TO SO MANY FAMILES IN NEED, AS JESUS HAS TO US ON CHRISTMAS DAY! GOD BLESS YOU!

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSURES PLEASE NOTE DURING THE CHRISTMAS **SEASON:**

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, DEC. 25TH, TUESDAY, DEC. 26TH,

WE WILL BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY DEC. 27TH

WE WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN FROM THURSDAY, DEC. 28TH

THROUGH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

AND REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



THE LADIES OF CHARITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK SI **DEANERY**

We are asking our parishioners to support us. We are in need of knitters and crocheters who could make us either baby blankets for our layettes or lap blankets for our gifts of comfort for the nursing homes.

To donate, please contact: Maria Candrilli at

718-619-9123 or Doreen Murphy 718-986-7707.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Office: 347-838-6726

Announcements:

Merry Christmas and a Very Blessed New Year to all our Religious Education Families! Enjoy celebrating with your families, and we will see you after the holidays!

The Religious Education Office will be closed at this time and we will reopen on Wednesday, January 3rd at 10 AM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH.

8th Grade will be taking their Confirmation test on Wednesday, January 3rd at 4pm in the school.

Have a blessed Christmas and a very **Blessed New Year!** Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE

STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC WORKER **Holiday Meal Fundraiser**

The Staten Island Catholic Worker is hosting its first Holiday Meal for those in need in our community on Monday, January 1, 2024 at Farrell Hall located at St. Peter's Church on St. Mark's Place in St. George. We will be providing a hot meal, winter give-aways, and resources for those who attend from our parish food pantries. Donations are being accepted via electronic payment or checks can be mailed to Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, P.O. Box 61264, SI, NY 10306. If you are interested in volunteering for this meal, do-

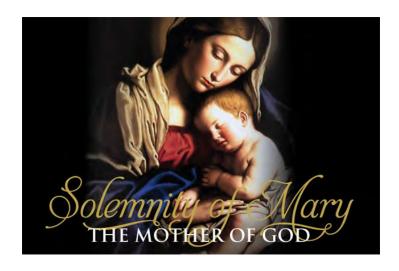
nating a hot tray of food, or would like to be on our email list for updates, please email Debbie at SICatholicWorker@gmail.com.

More information and the donation links can be found on our website: Staten Island Catholic Worker Blog. We appreciate your support!



Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023 4:30pm

Monday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2023
12:00am Midnight and 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm



The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Years Day)
Monday, January 1, 2024, 9:00am Mass

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)