



*Holy Family Church  
Nutley-Belleville*



## Our Journey Continues...



1938-1965



1965-present



1911-1938

**November 27, 2016**

**SERVED BY:**

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Mr. Philip Hui

**MASSES**

Saturday evening: 5:30 PM (English)

7:00 PM (Italian)

Neo-Catechumenate Liturgy: 8:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of month, 5:00 PM

Daily: 7:00, 8:45 AM; Saturday 8:45 AM

During Lent: 5:30 PM on Wednesday only

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Daily: 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

1:00 - 4:00 PM

**(Closed Fridays during the Summer)**

The Rectory is closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The office is closed on Sunday.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, 1:00 PM

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are scheduled once a month on Sunday afternoons except during Lent. Expectant parents are asked to contact the rectory to schedule an appointment at least three months before the desired date of Baptism. Parents must attend a special catechetical session prior to the Baptism.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples should contact the rectory one year in advance of the proposed wedding date in order to allow for the proper pre-marital preparation. At least one person must be a registered parishioner of Holy Family.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** This is a sacrament not only for those who are at the point of death. As soon as anyone begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, we encourage you to call for a priest in the rectory.

**MINISTRY OF THE SICK:** The Eucharist will be brought to the homebound. Please contact the Rectory with the names and addresses of parishioners who are ill or homebound.

**VOCATION:** Women and men who feel called to the religious life, and men called to Holy Orders, should contact the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

**EMERGENCY CALLS:** In case of an accident or sudden illness, call the rectory at any hour or reach us on the emergency phone, 973-986-1690. The priest on duty will return your call.

**SOCIAL SERVICE HOTLINE:** The Catholic Community Services is an office that serves all people in need. Please call 1-800-CCS-7413.

**PARISH PAY:** Have your weekly donation sent directly to the Church! Visit [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or call 1-866-PARISH1

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

- Holy Family Catholic Church is a spiritually and socially active parish. Rooted in the Word of God and nourished by the Eucharist, we celebrate the life of our Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Good News and providing spiritual growth, support and service with love. Founded by Italian immigrants a century ago, today our parish continues the tradition of extending a loving, caring and affirming welcome to all who join us as we Continue Our Journey of Faith.
- La Chiesa Cattolica Santa Famiglia e' una parrocchia socialmente e spiritualmente attiva. Radicata nella Parola di Dio e nutrita dall'eucarestia, celebriamo la vita del nostro Signore Gesu' Cristo proclamando la buona novella e provvedendo crescita spirituale, supporto e servizio con amore. Fondata un secolo fa' da immigranti italiani, oggi, la nostra parrocchia continua la tradizione di estendere un amorevole, caro e riconoscente benvenuto a tutti coloro che con noi continuano e condividono il nostro cammino di fede.
- Ang simbahang katoliko ng banal na pamilya ay isang masiglang parokya sa espirituwal at ugnayang panlipunan. Nakaugat sa salita ng diyos at pinalusog ng eukaristiya, ipanagdiriwant namin ang buhay ng ating panginoong hesukristo sa pagpapahayag ng mabuting balita at paguudulot ng paglago sa kabanalan, paggabay, at mapagmahal na paglilingkod. Itinatag ng mga dayuhang italiano may isang-daan taon na ang nakakalipas, ngayon ang aming parokya ay patuloy sa pag-ugit ng tradisyon ng mapag-aruga, mapagkalinga, at mapagkilang pagtanggap sa mga sumapi saamin habang patuloy sa paglalakbay sa panaampalataya.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent A-2016



My brothers and sisters in the Lord!

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is behind us and we have already arrived at the First Sunday in Advent. As we start this new liturgical year, it's the time when we prepare to celebrate the astonishing truth that God became one of us. Our First Reading today reminds us that Jerusalem was very dear to the Jews because it was, they believed, God's own dwelling place. But never did God draw so near to us as when Jesus took our human nature and was born in Bethlehem. The idea of Advent is not that we should try and revive the emotional *Christmassy* feelings of our childhood days but rather that we should try to grow in appreciation of the startling truth of the incarnation, God's Son coming to dwell in our midst.

The readings we heard today make it clear that we have in mind not only the first coming of the Lord Jesus but also His second coming at the end of time. And, as Jesus makes it clear in the Gospel, since we cannot know the day nor the hour of His coming, the only thing to be is in a permanent state of readiness. With a touch of humor, He points out that no man in his right mind would fail to make suitable preparation, if he knew that a burglar was due to arrive at his house. How much more should we be prepared? We who know, for certainty, that the Lord Himself is one day to be our visitor.

As we continue to reflect on this season of Advent, it highlights the truth that here and now we exist in an in-between stage, looking back to Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and toward His coming at the end of time. And, not so surprisingly, the season urges us to make most of the present opportunities. Saint Paul promises us that *it will be daylight soon*; his way of describing the second coming of Jesus. "Now," he says, "we must stay awake and we must live like soldiers, always ready for the only contest which really matters - - that on which our eternal future depends." Saint Paul goes on to say: "Let your amour be the Lord Jesus Christ." We have to *put Him on* in a sense of enveloping ourselves in His teaching and allowing His standards and His sentiments to direct our lives. It is not so much an undertaking of a new way of life as it is that more and more it reflects on the genuine love of God and of our brothers and sisters. We are reminded of Saint Paul's words, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." If in our own small way we are striving to live a truly Christ-like life, then we are, indeed, preparing ourselves well to celebrate the anniversary of the greatest event in human history, the Incarnation. And, at the same time, we are making an ideal preparation for the greatest event in our personal history, that is, meeting with the Lord when He comes again.

Peace,  
Fr. Joe



**The Giving Tree** is in the Church vestibule. Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by remembering those less fortunate this year. Gifts are requested for local groups, including Nutley Special Young Adults, area AMVETS, the retired sisters at Villa Walsh, and area children in need. To make the project a success, remember the following ground rules:

- \* Each year, some tags are taken but the gifts are not returned in time. Please help us so that no one has to be disappointed at Christmas by being left out. If you take a tag, return the gift by the deadline of Wednesday, December 14th.
- \* Gifts are often distributed at organizations' parties. We are asking for gifts to be returned by December 14th in order to arrange for them to be picked up and distributed before Christmas. If you wait too long to return your gift, it probably won't get to the person wishing for it. (If you're dropping a gift off on Christmas Eve, it's too late for this year.)
- \* Some folks like to leave "extra" gifts under the tree, without a particular gift tag. We welcome these gifts, but help us by identifying what's inside the box. Tell us if it's a toy or clothing, for a boy or girl, man or woman, size or age, and item. We hate to unwrap a pretty box just to confirm who should get the gift inside.
- \* No need to put bows or ribbons on the gifts. Just attach the gift tag from the tree (or a description on your own tags) so we know where to return the gift.
- \* **If you are answering a request for a gift card or stamps or some other small item, box or bag the gift as envelopes can be too easily mislaid.**
- \* Spend only what your means allow, but no more than \$25 should be spent on any gift.

Holy Family parishioners are always so generous and loving when it comes to the Giving Tree. Thank you for everything!

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 26

5:30 PM Eileen L. Poiani...Daughter, Eileen

7:00 PM Francesca Pizzella...Wife, Teresa

### Sunday, November 27

8:00 AM Joseph Hui...Hui Family

10:00 AM Gabriella Michele Giannone...Mommy, Daddy, Liliana & Anabella

12:00 PM Tony & Theresa DiMeo...Jerry & Anna Volpe

7:00 PM Maria Marotti...Rose Marotti

### Monday, November 28

7:00 AM Thomas Giangerelli...Mike & Angela Saporito

8:45 AM Joseph Riccardelli...Wife, Phyllis

### Tuesday, November 29

7:00 AM The Protection of the Unborn...Mike & Anne Bennett

8:45 AM Mertc Bowen...Frank Gabriele & Family

### Wednesday, November 30

7:00 AM Ellen Pavaro...Avallone Family

8:45 AM Maria DeBenedetto...Mike & Angela Saporito

### Thursday, December 1

7:00 AM Richard Meckler...Carmine Dalora

8:45 AM Peter P. Clarizio...Mary Ann D'Iorgi

### First Friday, December 2

7:00 AM Edith Picciano...The Picciano Family

9:30 - 1:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - MCC

8:45 AM Susan Maucione...Nancy Pugliese

7:00 PM - 8:45 AM Nocturnal Adoration - MCC

### First Saturday, December 3

8:45 AM Special Remembrance Mass

John & Eleanor Arthur                      Maria & Gaetano Marotti

Leonard & Helen Cirillo                      Thomas Nguyen

Matilda DeNoia                                  Henry Tamburri

Julius Farruggia                                  Elmer & Hattie Walsh

Living & Deceased Members of All Parish Societies

Deceased Sisters, Relatives & Friends of the  
Religious Teachers Filipini

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

### Saturday, December 3

5:30 PM Deceased of the Gabriele & Cairo Families

...Pietro & Maria Gabriele

7:00 PM Carmen Falduto...Daughter, Rose

### Sunday, December 4

8:00 AM Joseph Hui...Hui Family

10:00 AM Joseph Landolfi...Geneva & Family

12:00 PM John, Felicia & Son, John, Cantagallo

...Dolores Contrerus & Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish



The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society is Monday, November 28. The Executive Board/Committee Chairpersons will meet in the St. Anthony Room at 5:45 PM. The General Meeting, St. Joseph's Center at 7:00 PM.

The Members should return the purchased gifts for the Abused Women and Children.

The Rosary Society Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 10, 2016,  
6:30 PM  
Good Shepherd Academy Gym



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

- MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

### **For Sunday, November 20, 2016**

The actual collection was \$10,654.00;

\$1,483.00 of which came from Parish Pay.

The 2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services was \$2,463.00

Mass Attendance was 1,458.

**God bless you for your continued generosity!**

### **For Sunday, November 22, 2015:**

The actual collection was \$9,900.00;

\$1,486.00 of which came from Parish Pay.

The 2nd Collection for Shared School Expenses was \$1,503.00.

Mass Attendance was 1,488.

### Memorials for the Week of November 27

#### **Church Sanctuary Lamp**

Joseph Widejko...Eleanor Guarino

#### **Mother Cabrini Chapel Sanctuary Lamp**

Gabriella Michele Giannone...Grandma & Grandpa

#### **Altar Candles**

Rose Turano...Sister, Elle

#### **Altar Bread & Altar Wine**

Joseph Blauvelt...Sergio, Domenica & Joseph

**The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church, Chapel, Convent and Rectory, Altar Candles, Altar Bread, & Altar Wine, as well as Altar Flowers are our weekly memorials. The donation for each Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles are \$10. The donation for Altar Bread or Altar Wine is \$15. The donation for Flowers on the Altar of the Blessed Virgin or Saint Joseph is \$45.**

**Please stop by the rectory to reserve any of the above.**

### Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...

"Dylan," James Avallone, Richard Bartell, William Biase, Mary Bresko, Raymond Bresko, William Cottongin, Rosario "Roy" Cucuzza, Eugene Danchak, Jennifer Caramucci DeJesus, Daniel DePaul, Domenick DiLorenzo, Domenico Falduto, John Falduto, Janet Ferruggia, Alyssa Flaherty, Umile Gencarelli, Angela Gil, Janet Graham, Adam Lima, Toni Logiudice, John Loricchio, Josephine Loricchio, Rosina Manfredi, Tom Mangano, Kenneth Matthews, Carolyn Messina, Philip Napoli, Juan Nieves, Emaline Palumbo, Debbie Pope, Lucia Pullins, Mary Louise Rinner, Karen Sammartine, Richard Tyrpak, Stephen Verrengia

**Please notify the rectory if names are to be removed from the sick list. Thank you.**

### Please Pray for Those Who Have Died...

Marlene Strong, Florence DeLiberto

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME**

**Saturday, November 26**

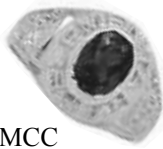
8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 & 2 - SJC; #3 & 4 - MCC  
 At All Masses: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Shared School Expenses

**Sunday, November 27**

8:30 AM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA  
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church  
 50/50 Raffle follows 12:00 Mass  
 1:00 PM Youth Group - SJC  
 2:45 PM Fatima Prayer Group - MCC

**Monday, November 28**

5:45 PM Rosary Board Meeting - SJC  
 6:30-7:45 Religious Ed, Grades 5-7 - GSA  
 7:00 PM Rosary General Meeting - SJC  
 7:00 PM Novena - MCC  
 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church  
 8:00 PM Neo-Catechumenate Catechesis - MCC



**Tuesday, November 29**

3:30 PM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA  
 6:00 PM GSA Ring Ceremony - Church / fellowship to follow - SJC

**Wednesday, November 30**

10:00 AM Adult Italian Class - SA  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #2 - SJC; #3 - SL; #4 - MSA

**KEY**

**MCC** Mother Cabrini Chapel  
**MSA** Maria SS. Addolorata Room - Parish Center  
**SA** St. Anthony Room - Parish Center  
**SJC** St. Joseph Center  
**SLR** San Luiz Room - Parish Center



**TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS  
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)  
 973-667-6018**

**A CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP MEETING  
 HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,  
 NOVEMBER 30, 7:00 PM,  
 MOTHER CABRINI CHAPEL**

**Schedule**

**Grades 1-4:** Sunday, 8:30-9:45 AM / Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 PM  
**Grades 5-7:** Monday, 6:30-7:45 PM  
**8th Grade Only:** 1st Monday of each month - SJC  
**9th Grade:** begins in 2017



**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

The Miraculous Medal Novena is every Monday at 7:00 PM, in the Mother Cabrini Chapel. On national holidays, Novena prayers are offered at 8:45 AM, just prior to the 9:00 AM Mass.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9;  
 Mt 3:1-12



**Thursday, December 1**

4:30 PM Children's Italian Class - SA  
 7:00 PM Adult Italian Class- PP  
 7:30 PM Bible Study - SJC  
 8:00 PM Neo-Catechumenate Catechesis - MCC



**First Friday, December 2**

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SJC  
 9:30 - 1:30 Beginning today, we will have Adoration every Friday in the Chapel.  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 AM Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - MCC  
 7:30 PM Filipino Apostolate - SJC

**First Saturday, December 3**

1:00 PM Confessions - Church  
 3:00 PM Yemba - SJC  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 & 2 - SJC; #3 & 4 - MCC  
 All Masses: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Archdiocesan Assessment

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 4**

8:30 AM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA  
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church  
 1:00 PM Youth Group - TBA  
 2:45 PM Fatima Prayer Group - MCC  
 4:00 PM Presentation of the film, *The First Silent Night* (see ad on page 5) - SJC

**Monday, December 5**

6:00 PM Religious Education, 8<sup>th</sup> grade - SJC  
 6:30-7:45 PM Religious Ed, Grades 5-7 - GSA  
 7:00 PM Novena - MCC  
 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church  
 8:00 PM Final Neo-Catechumenate Catechesis - MCC

**Tuesday, December 6**

The Parish Center is closed today as the floors are being cleaned.  
 3:30-4:30 PM Religious Ed, Grades 1-4  
 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Penance - Church  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MSA

**Wednesday, December 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

The Church is closed today as the floor is being polished.  
 10:00 AM Adult Italian Class - SA  
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - SJC  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #2 - SJC; #3 - SL; #4 - MSA

**Thursday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception**

Holy Day of Obligation - Masses: 7:00 & 8:45 AM; 7:00 PM - All in Church  
 4:30 PM Children's Italian - SA

**Friday, December 9**

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SJC  
 9:30-1:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - MCC

**Saturday, December 10**

1:00 PM Confessions - Church  
 6:30 PM Rosary Altar Society Christmas Party - Gym  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 & 2 - SJC; #3 & 4 - MCC  
 All Masses: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Religious Retirement

**D** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 11

8:30 AM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA  
**E** 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church  
**C** 1:00 PM Youth Group - SA  
**E** 2:00 PM Baptisms - Church  
 2:45 PM Fatima Prayer Group - MCC

**M** Monday, December 12

**B** 6:30-7:45 PM Religious Ed, Grades 5-7 - GSA  
**E** 7:00 PM Novena - MCC

**R** 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

**R** Tuesday, December 13**Giving Tree Gifts Returned today**

3:30 PM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA  
 7:30 PM Social Concerns - SJC  
 7:30 PM K of C - SA  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MSA

Wednesday, December 14

10:00 AM Adult Italian Class - SA  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #2 - SJC; #3 - SL; #4 - MSA

Thursday, December 15

4:30 PM Children's Italian Class - SA  
 7:00 PM Adult Italian Class - PP  
 7:30 PM Bible Study - SJC

Friday, December 16

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SJC  
 9:30-1:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - MCC  
 7:00 PM Devotees of Maria SS Addolorata Mass - MCC

Saturday, December 17

9:00 AM Filipino Apostolate - SJC  
 1:00 PM Confession - Church  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 & 2 - SJC; #3 & 4 - MCC  
*All Masses: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Shared School Expenses*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 18

8:30 AM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA  
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church  
 1:00 PM Youth Group - SJC  
 2:00 PM Baptism Catechesis - MCC  
 3:00 PM Fatima Prayer Group - MCC  
 5:00 PM Simbang Gabi

Monday, December 19

4:00 PM Religious Ed Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Church  
 6:30-7:45 Religious Ed - Grades 5-7 - GSA  
 7:00 PM Novena - MCC  
 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church  
 7:30 PM Compassionate Friends - SJC

Tuesday, December 20

3:30 PM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA  
 7:00 PM Religious Education Christmas Pageant - Church  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MSA

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 AM Adult Italian Class - SA  
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - SJC  
 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #2 - SJC; #3 - SL; #4 - MSA

Thursday, December 22

4:30 PM Children's Italian - SA  
 7:00 PM Adult Italian - SA  
 7:30 PM Bible Study - SJC

Friday, December 23

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group  
 9:30-1:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - MCC

Saturday, December 24

1:00 PM Confessions - Church  
 Vigil Masses: 4:00 PM Caroling, followed by 4:30 Mass;  
 11:30 PM Caroling, followed by Midnight Mass (12:00 AM)  
*At All Masses: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Roof Repairs*

Christmas Day, December 25

Masses: 8:00 & 10:00 AM; 12:00 Noon. NO 7:00 PM MASS.  
 50/50 Raffle follows 12:00 Mass

Monday, December 26**Rectory is Closed Today****No Choir Practice**

7:00 PM Novena - MCC

Tuesday, December 27

7:30 PM K of C - SJC  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MSA

Wednesday, December 28

10:00 AM Adult Italian Class - SA  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #2 - SJC; #3 - SL; #4 - MSA

Thursday, December 29

4:30 PM Children's Italian - SA  
 7:00 PM Adult Italian - SA  
 7:30 PM Bible Study - SJC

Friday, December 30

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SJC  
 9:30-1:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - MCC

New Year's Eve, December 31

1:00 PM Confessions - Church  
 One Mass Only Tonight at 5:30 PM; Masses for New Year's  
 Day are 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.  
 There is NO 7:00 Mass on New Year's Day.

**Courtesy of**

**Holy Family Church Music Ministry**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2016, 4:00 P.M., St. Joseph Center**  
**Free Will Offering to be used toward the purchase of new**  
**Choral Hymnals (\$750)**

The poignant film, **First Silent Night** tells viewers a tale that has been two hundred years in the making. A story that begins in humble circumstances ends with the world's most popular carol." **Join renowned actor Simon Callow as he uncovers the moving origins of ... Silent Night.** Simon journeys to the Austrian village of Oberndorf as well as the city of Salzburg, where the story of the world's favorite carol had its origins. The First Silent Night introduces us to two impoverished children – Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber – who grew up in Austria's cobbled streets and wooded villages. The hard years that shaped them would also destine them to meet one day in a poor country church to unite Gruber's music and Mohr's text into this classic carol about the birth of a third poor boy on a quiet night in ancient Palestine. Silent Night would speak a message of hope to their country, recovering from the harsh Napoleonic wars that had devastated their cities and villages. The guns would fall silent at last, replaced by the gentle strains of music...No composition in the history of carols can be said to have united so many people in the joys and meaning of Christmas!

## *A Special Thank You from Gina Tamburri...*

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows was a tremendous success and I would like to personally thank all of the volunteers who have worked tirelessly with great enthusiasm and love for our parish and dear Blessed Mother. There are so many individuals who have contributed their time, talent and treasure to ensuring that this annual event is successful.

Our Pastor, Father Joe, was incredibly supportive and celebrated Mass on Saturday evening in honor of Maria SS. Addolorata. At that time, we presented the Memorial Blanket which included special intentions by parishioners and remembrances of deceased loved ones. Every third Friday of the month, throughout the year, we celebrate Mass to remember these intentions. Our donations for the Memorial Blanket were \$4,832.00.

The Sunday afternoon mass, celebrated by Fr. Joe Ferraro and Fr. Francesco Donnarumma, was the highlight of the festival. It included the Holy Family Choir under the direction of our talented musical director, Susan Loricchio. Hundreds of parishioners attended the Mass and took part in the procession which followed, carrying on a tradition that celebrates our Italian heritage. We are honored to continue this tradition every year.

I would like to congratulate all of our volunteers on their efforts and recognize their devotion to our parish and the festival. I offer a special recognition to the following individuals:

- Lynn Falduto, who has been an instrumental part of the festival since its inception 25 years ago. Lynn works tirelessly and is always ready to provide her knowledge and expertise in implementing this event.
- Theresa Cifelli and Vickie Barletto, who manage the many important details of the festival including all purchases and product inventory. They are incredibly supportive and are always there to help; I am forever grateful to them for all that they do.
- To all of our bakers who provide delicious homemade desserts for our café. JoAnn Trezza continues to bake her delicious goodies and we are grateful to her and all of the bakers for their talent and generosity. Also, Pasquale from Aroma di Napoli in Nutley continues to provide us with his delicious pastries and we would like to recognize his generosity.
- The Chairpersons and their teams of volunteers who work closely to ensure that each area they represent is successful. They are committed to the many aspects in coordinating this event and their leadership and time is very important to the festival.
- John and JoAnn Brown for underwriting the entertainment for the entire festival, we are very appreciative of your generous donation!!
- Biondi Funeral Home for their generous donation used for festival equipment.
- Jenny Martin, who organized the religious articles that were sold during the festival.
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Thank you again for your support and commitment, this is a group effort and we could not have achieved this without the support of everyone who volunteered. I am proud to say that we were able to net a total of \$87,720.93.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank Steve Picciano and the Knights of Columbus for their recognition in presenting Alex and me with the Santa Maria Medal for Catholic Service and Leadership. We appreciate the support we received from the many friends and family members who attended the dinner. We are honored to be this year's recipients and we dedicate our award to all of the festival volunteers. Without you, we could not continue to do this in honor of our Blessed Mother and for that we congratulate you. We share this recognition and honor with all of you. You inspire us as we walk ahead, counting each of you as life's most significant blessings.

I would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas; may God bless you and your families



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