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CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 24 DECEMBER 2017

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Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts are both handicapped accessible.

MASS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday (*Anticipated Mass*): 5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Our Saviour),
11:00 a.m. (Our Saviour), 12:45 p.m. (Sacred Hearts),
3:00 p.m. Korean-English Bilingual (Sacred Hearts),
5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour), 5:30 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

DAILY MASS

Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. (Our Saviour)
Monday-Saturday: 12:05 p.m. (Our Saviour)
Monday-Friday: 5:15 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As announced.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays after the 7:45 a.m. Mass
until Benediction at 11:55 a.m. (Our Saviour)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Our Saviour:

Monday-Friday: 7:15-7:40 a.m., 12:35-1:00 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30-4:55 p.m.; Sunday: 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Sacred Hearts:

Sunday: 5:00-5:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrange at least six (6) months in advance.
For information, please call (212) 679-8166 x220.

Rev. Robert J. Robbins, K.C.H.S.
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment. Please call (212) 679-8166 x210.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Inter-parish Program (K-8) at the Church of the Epiphany
(212) 475-1966.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: St. Jude

Thursday: St. Anne

Friday: Sacred Heart

NEW PARISHIONERS

To register, please fill out a registration form
at the Parish Office at Our Saviour.

AUDIO: HOMILIES AND MUSIC

www.oursaviournyc.org/audio

SPACE RENTALS

Please contact Mr. Angel Falcon
at (212) 810-9004 or iknowangel@aol.com.

The Church Undercroft is available for wedding receptions,
Christening parties, meetings, and special events.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 24 December – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

5:00 p.m. Patrick Sullivan +

9:00 a.m. James Neelan +

11:00 a.m. Lucy Rosario +

12:45 p.m. *No Intention*

Monday, 25 December – *The Nativity of the Lord*

5:30 p.m. Pro Populo

11:00 p.m. *No Intention*

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. Edith A. Robbins +

12:45 p.m. Kenneth E. Nielsen +

Tuesday, 26 December – *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*

12:05 p.m. Leo Brancato +

Wednesday, 27 December – *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

7:45 a.m. Ezekiel Cruz +

12:05 p.m. George Keenan +

5:15 p.m. Msgr. Kevin Sullivan (L)

Thursday, 28 December – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

7:45 a.m. Edith A. Robbins +

12:05 p.m. Eddy Borno (L)

5:15 p.m. Carol A. Doran-Murray +

Friday, 29 December – *Fifth Day within the Octave of the*

Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

7:45 a.m. Father Andrew E. Kurzyna (L)

12:05 p.m. Carol A. Doran-Murray +

5:15 p.m. Winnie Feliciano +

Saturday, 30 December – *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

12:05 p.m. Michele Farrar Thompson +

Mass Intentions may be reserved through the Parish Office at the Church of Our Saviour. Please stop by or call (212) 679-8166 x210.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, please remember Diane Bianco, Dominic Bianco, Father Peter M. Colapietro, Pat Coleine, Glenda Coriano, Francis Grealis, James Leung, Loretta Mugno, Joan Murphy, Corazón Natividad, Joseph Policelli, Elizabeth Ray, Patricia Reilly, Ruayrin Sudbandthad, Mateo Tobia, John Yuh, and Doris Zaros, who are ill, and for Bernadette Finn-Pryor, who has died.

Prayer intentions for the sick will be listed for one month and may be renewed by calling the parish office.

FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S TWITTER

@Pontifex: Every stranger that knocks at our door is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to the Church of Our Saviour and the Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and hope that you will come back soon. Those who wish to join the parish may register in the Parish Office, which is located at the Church of Our Saviour.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Universal Intention: *The Elderly* – That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 17 December:

Our Saviour: Sunday: \$4,349 • Weekdays: \$1,712
Shrines: \$951 • Christmas Flowers: \$1,485

Sacred Hearts: Sunday: \$2,115

Christmas Flowers: \$575

Immaculate Conception: \$227

WeShare: \$1,830 (*Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts*)

Parishioners are encouraged to make their donations online through WeShare, which is accessible via our website, <www.oursaviournyc.org>.

Please make **all** checks payable to the Church of Our Saviour.

To help us meet our expenses, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering of twenty dollars for your weekly offering to the parish.

Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMASTIDE GIVING

The parish relies greatly on Christmastide and year-end offerings and especially invites visitors to take this opportunity to support our parish's witness in our crucial location in Manhattan. This is particularly important at a time of rising costs and difficulties in the world economy. Contributions made to the parish are tax-deductible, as allowed by law. Thank you for your generosity.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III – Brynne C. Sarsfield & Dylan T. Giordano

WELCOME

At Christmas, we welcome a number of visitors, including many who for one reason or another do not worship with us regularly. Please know that you are always welcome here and we hope that you will join us again very soon. Our pastoral staff is always available to speak with those who have more questions about our faith.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gospel of this Fourth Sunday of Advent proposes to us the account of the Annunciation (*Luke 1:26–38*), the mystery to which we return every day in reciting the *Angelus*. This prayer makes us relive the decisive moment at which God knocked at Mary's heart and, having received her "yes", began to take flesh, in her and from her. The Collect of today's Mass is the same as the one we recite at the end of the *Angelus*. We are invited to fix our gaze on the ineffable mystery that Mary treasured for nine months in her virginal womb: the mystery of God who is made man.

– *Benedict XVI*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER

5:30 p.m. Mass – Sacred Hearts

10:15 p.m. A Festival of Lessons and Carols

– Our Saviour

11:00 p.m. Mass during the Night – Our Saviour

*with the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour and Strings
including Mozart's Spatzenmesse.*

CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER

9:00 a.m. Mass – Our Saviour

11:00 a.m. Mass – Our Saviour
with the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour

12:45 p.m. Mass – Sacred Hearts *with the Schola Cappella*

Please note that there are no evening Masses on Christmas Day.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS FOR 2018

A limited supply of Liturgical Calendars for 2018 are available for you to take home. Special thanks to the Greenwich Village Funeral Home for providing them this year.

VIGIL LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Our Saviour burns this week in loving memory of Kenneth E. Nielsen.
The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Hearts burns this week in loving memory of the Cassar & Giuffrida Families.

PARISH OFFICE AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 26 December. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. (*Masses will not be said at 7:45 a.m. or 5:15 p.m.*)

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

MONDAY, 1 JANUARY 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. – Our Saviour

12:45 p.m. – Sacred Hearts

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We are very grateful to everybody who participated in this year's Giving Tree. As a result of your generous donations, an abundance of beautiful new gifts were given to the St. Nicholas Project of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York; The Dwelling Place, a transitional shelter for homeless women; and The Gift of Love run by the Missionaries of Charity. We are truly blessed as a parish that we were able to help brighten Christmas for so many!

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Today, the Son of God is born, and everything changes. The Saviour of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken. The Virgin offers us her Son as the beginning of a new life. The true light has come to illumine our lives so often beset by the darkness of sin. Today we once more discover who we are! [Today] we have been shown the way to reach the journey's end. Now must we put away all fear and dread, for the light shows us the path to Bethlehem. We must not be laggards; we are not permitted to stand idle. We must set out to see our Saviour lying in a manger. This is the reason for our joy and gladness: this Child has been "born to us"; he was "given to us", as Isaiah proclaims (*cf. 9:5*). The people who for two thousand years has traversed all the pathways of the world in order to allow every man and woman to share in this joy is now given the mission of making known "the Prince of peace" and becoming his effective servant in the midst of the nations.

– *Pope Francis, 24 December 2015*

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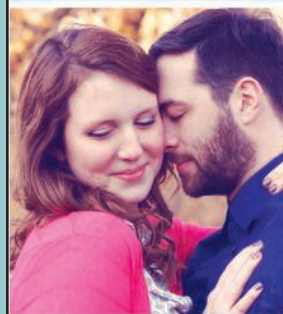
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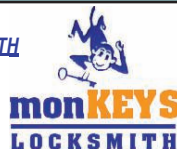
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