

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

5:00 CECILIA & ONORIO MORELLI

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SR. TERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEEL

8:30 ROSEMARIE BLAICH

10:00 WILLIAM JAFFRAY

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 XUE QIANG ZHEN

5:00 THOMAS KOPF

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR VERONIQUE HAZELL

9:00 JOHN MCGOWAN

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

7:00 THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 ELIZABETH PETRELLO

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

7:00 BRIAN RUHE

9:00 EDDIE SMITH

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY**

9:00 THOMAS KOPF

8:00 EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30 HOLY SATURDAY**

8:00 EASTER VIGIL

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

7:00

8:30 EASTER

10:00 SUNDAY

11:30

1:00

NO 5PM MASS

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Charles Donohue requested by Rosetta Buckheit Messina and Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of the Deceased Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church.

Sick Relatives & Friend

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Christian Pepo, Frank Juliano

The Rectory Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29. The office will reopen Monday, April 1 at 9AM.

Due to an early publication date, the March 17<sup>th</sup> collection will be posted in the March 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin.

A special offering will be collected on Good Friday for the Holy Places in the Near East.



The Stations of the Cross and a Homily will be held at 7:30PM on Good Friday.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY -**

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00PM, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and concluding with Benediction at 4:55PM. Novena starts on Good Friday.



Divine Mercy

## CONFESSION - NOT A ONE TIME EVENT...

Recently here at Sacred Heart Parish we heard the First Pences of the second graders in our school and CCD. To me, this is always a wonderfully uplifting experience because kids are so innocent and really have very few sins. During the homily at the Penance service, I told the children a story about Cardinal Timothy Dolan who as a young priest was hearing First Confessions.

A little boy came in and was extremely nervous about the whole thing. The future Archbishop calmed him down, heard his confession and in an attempt to reassure the boy said, "You did so very well! It will be much easier the next time!" At which the kid looked up and said, "Do you mean I have to do this again?" That story always gets a chuckle!

Why do we have to confess again? Simply because all of us, priests included, "mess up" by our sins. We are all wounded by Original Sin and have a tendency towards weakness. Penance is a sacrament for those of us who "mess up." Our Church is not a Church of the perfect. Rather, it is a Church of "recovering sinners."

In order for all of us to make a good recovery from sin and to grow more like Jesus, it is a good practice to go to confession; in that regard, we have a wonderful opportunity this Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to receive the Lord's Mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. March 25<sup>th</sup> is "Reconciliation Monday" in the Archdiocese of New York.

Every parish, including Sacred Heart, will have **six straight hours** of confessions from 3-9PM. If it has been some time since our last confession, why not come to the church on Monday?

Here are four simple steps in order to make a good confession. First, we should **Pray** to the Lord for light to see our faults and failings. When you look at a painting in a

darkened room, you cannot usually make out that many flaws. However, when light is applied, then you can see "glitches." Well, the same is true of the soul. When God's light shines within, then we can see clearly those areas where we need to change.

Secondly, we should "**Examine our Conscience.**" When we're sick we generally will go to our doctor for a physical examination: well, the Examination of Conscience is like a "check-up" for the soul. We can use the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes or some other guide to assist us in discovering those specific areas where we might have gone off the track spiritually speaking. For instance, "Have I missed Mass? Have I stolen? Have I lied or gossiped?" And so on.

The third step is the actual **Confession**, or the telling of our sins. Mortal (serious) Sins should be confessed by name and number. We may also confess Venial Sins that we wish to mention. After having finished confessing, we should say, "For these and all my past sins, I am truly sorry." The priest might then give us some instructions and then assign to us a **Penance** which more often than not will be a prayer. The final step on our part is the recitation of the **Act of Contrition**. Most of us learned this prayer when we were in Grammar School. There are other versions today of this prayer. But whatever version we use, it's important that we mean it and express sorrow for sin.

The priest then extends his hand and confers the absolution: "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." With that, we are freed from our sins! This Lent, let us all resolve to make a good confession by following the four simple steps!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



## SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK



### Confessions

Reconciliation Monday, March 25 - 3:00-9:00PM  
Wednesday, March 27- 3:00-5:00PM, 7:30-9:00PM  
Saturday, March 30 - 3:00-5:00PM  
Confession will also be heard Holy Thursday after the evening Mass and Good Friday after the 3:00PM Service.

**Holy Thursday - March 28<sup>th</sup>** The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8PM. For those unable to attend the evening Liturgy, we are permitted to have only one morning Mass at 9:00AM.

**Good Friday - March 29<sup>th</sup>** The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00PM. A special offering will be collected for the Holy Places in the Near East after the Liturgy of the Word. The Way of the Cross and a Homily will be conducted at 7:30PM.

**Holy Saturday - March 30<sup>th</sup>** The Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection at 8:00PM. We gather for the most important night of the liturgical year.  
**There will be NO 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday.**

**Easter Sunday - March 31<sup>st</sup>** Masses will be: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM and 1:00PM. **There will be NO 5PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

### THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE AND THE SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

would like to invite all children ages 10 and under to participate in an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the 11:30AM Mass on Easter Sunday. It will be held on the rectory lawn - weather permitting.



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** Accepting applications for 2013-2014 UPK, Pre-K - Grade 8. You are invited to tour our outstanding school and meet Mrs. Lacagnino, Principal, faculty, staff, parents, and our students. Call 718-442-0347 for more information.

### MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013 11:30AM Mass**  
**Sacred Heart Parish Choir/Portugal Traveling Choir 2013**

Hosanna Filio David (Latin chant); All Glory, Laud and Honor; Ride on King Jesus; Sanctus, Agnus Dei; Soul of My Saviour; Jesus Priceless Treasure; Panis Angelicus; Lift High the Cross

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 8PM**

**SH Parish Choir/Portugal Traveling Choir**

Lift High the Cross; Gloria (Revised Andrews); Ave Verum (Mozart); Ubi Caritas; As I Have Done For You; Panis Angelicus; Adoramus Te (Dubois); Veni Jesu (Haydn); Christ Be Our Light; Pange Lingua Gloriosi

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 3PM Solemn Liturgy Lord's Passion**

**Sacred Heart Portugal Traveling Choir**

Requiem (Faure); O Bone Jesu (Palestrina); When I Survey; Adoramus Te Christe (Dubois); Jesus Priceless Treasure; Ah, Holy Jesus; Go to Dark Gethsemene; Were You There; Pie Jesu (Weber); O' Sacred Head Surrounded

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil March 30<sup>th</sup> 8PM Mass**

**Sacred Heart Parish Choir/Portugal Traveling Choir 2013/Strings and Trumpet**

Exsultet (Fr. Jerome, Baritone); selected Psalms; Gloria (revised Andrews); Celtic Alleluia; Water of Life; Jesus is Risen; Festival Canticle; In Paradisum (Faure); Three Days; Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013 11:30AM**

**All Choirs**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach); Alleluia; The Strife is O'er

**CCD will be closed during Easter Recess. Classes will resume on April 10th.**