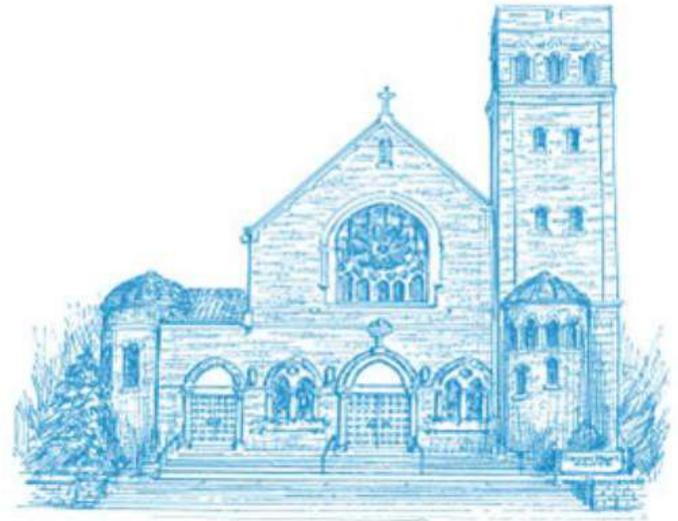


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Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

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Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday–Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions : Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

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APRIL 11, 2021

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 **ACTS 4:**
32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 118: 2-4,**
13-15, 22-24.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His

mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

READING 2 **1 JN 5: 1-6**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.



ALLELUIA**JN 20:29****R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**GOSPEL****JN 20: 19-****31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Fulton Sheen (1895-1979) offers a profound meditation on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, blessed be His Name, based upon our Savior's own words: *I have overcome the world.* (John 16:33). By these words, says the Venerable Sheen, Christ means that He has overcome evil in principle. "The victory is assured, only the good news has not yet leaked out. Evil will never be able to be stronger than it was on that particular day, for the worst thing that evil can do is not to ruin cities and to wage wars and to drop atomic bombs against the good and the living. The worst thing that evil can do is to kill God. Having been defeated in that, in its strongest moment, when evil wore its greatest armor, it can never be victorious again." (Fulton J. Sheen, *Characters of the Passion: Lessons in Faith and Trust*, Chapter 7, 1947).

Archbishop Sheen counsels us not to presume that because Jesus was victorious on Easter Sunday, we will be immune from evil, woe, pain, sorrow and death. "What He offers is not immunity from evil in the physical world, but a chance for forgiveness for sin in our souls. The final conquest of physical evil will come in the resurrection of the just." Nevertheless, our Redeemer teaches us, His friends, to courageously and serenely bear the worst this life has to offer, trusting that the Grace of God is able to mutate life's profound pains into great gains in the spiritual life.

Then, with Saint Paul, we can cry out: *What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? ... No in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come, nor might, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Romans 8:35-39)

Sheen continues, "If it would seem that the scars of Christ are but small and feeble security against the well-armed powers of evil, then look back to the former conflict between the forces of good and evil in the person of David and Goliath. Goliath assumed that any champion

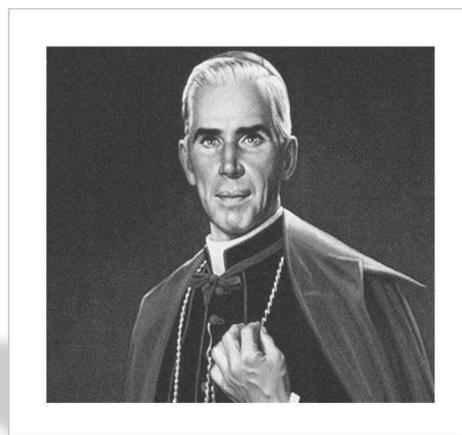
who would come forth to meet him must himself be a spearman, quite forgetful that the cause of God rests on other arms than those of spears."

"David took a slingshot, a rather harmless looking instrument hewn from the forest, and choosing five small stones from a brook he went out to meet the Philistine. So hard-set was Goliath's mind that it was to be a battle of armaments that when he saw David coming to him with no armor on his body and nothing in his hand except five tiny stones and a sling, he took umbrage at the insult and said to David: *Am I a dog, that you come to me with a staff?* (1 Samuel 17:43). And David answered and said: *You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, which you have defied.* (1 Samuel 17:45)."

"Goliath stepped forward panoplied from head to foot and with only his unvisored forehead as a target. With the first shot from his sling, David struck Goliath on the head, the stone being fixed in his forehead as he fell to the earth. Having no other sword other than that of the Philistine, David took it and cut off his head. One day this prefigurement was realized when Christ on Good Friday came to do battle with the Goliath of evil that was supported by the power of all the governments in the world. Taking no other armor than a cross from the forest, which looked like the slingshot of David, He picked up from the cascading brooks of the world's hate not five stones, but five scars, any one of which could have been enough to have redeemed the world, and with them slew the Goliath of evil."

God bless you!

Father Eric



**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

APRIL 11, 2021



Saturday, April 17:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, April 18:

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch

9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe

11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17:

5:00 PM Matthew Basile

Sunday, April 18:

7:00 Abigail Cruz

9:00 Jacob Torres

11:00 Jack Smith

1:00 Stella Albano

Collections:

March 28th.....\$8,477.00

Good Friday.....\$1,561.00

April 4th.....\$6,247.00

Easter 2021.....\$20,838.00

Attendance March 28th : 587

Holy Thursday: 117 Good Friday:148

Vigil & Easter Sunday: 829

Capacity for Mass : 210

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Saturday, April 10:

5:00 Frank, Betty & Betty Lee Barry

Sunday, April 11:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &
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9:00 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

11:00 James Mackey

1:00 Eileen McGarry

Monday, April 12:

9:30 John Kirincich

Tuesday, April 13:

9:30 People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 14:

9:30 Salvatore Ucelli

Thursday, April 15:

9:30 Joseph & Helen Haller & Helen Sousko

Friday, April 16:

7:30 Julian Bastian

Saturday, April 17:

9:30 Andrew Finan

5:00 Coleen McGlynn Lee

Sunday, April 18:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli

9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia

11:00 Brendan Hoey

1:00 Bridget Jordan

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2022 Mass Book: The 2022 Mass Book has been opened and parishioners are welcome to book their Mass intentions for the year. We kindly ask that if you have three or more intentions that you prepare a list with your telephone number and drop it into the collection along with payment. Be sure to mark the envelope "Mass Intentions" and the secretary will contact you to confirm the Masses.

Food Donations: The Holy Name Society is in need of food donations for their food pantry. Non-perishable items such as canned vegetables, fruit, meats, fish, soups, tomato sauces, boxes of pasta, pancake mix, mashed potatoes and cereal are needed. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Sacred Heart Track & Field: Any child in the parish who is in kindergarten—8th grade and is interested in joining Sacred Heart's Track & Field Team should contact Tom Smith at smith11357@aol.com. Practices are on Mondays at Royal Oak at 4:30 PM and meets begin on Saturday, April 24th.

Sacred Heart Basketball Coaches: We are looking for basketball coaches for the 2021 Fall CYO Basketball Season. Click the link below to download an application for those interested. Please email the completed form to Loren832@verizon.net. All applications are due April 20th.

S.I. Right to Life: Marietta Canning and members of The Staten Island Right to Life will be in the vestibule and outside of the Church after all the masses next weekend. They will be asking for people to sign up for a Life Chain which will take place outside of Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 24th after the 1 PM Mass. For one hour parishioners can hold anti-abortion signs and pray the Rosary together along Castleton Avenue. Please join them as they seek to save the lives of unborn babies on Staten Island.

SAINT MARTIN I

APRIL 13, 2021

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