

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

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Fourth Sunday of Easter– April 25, 2021

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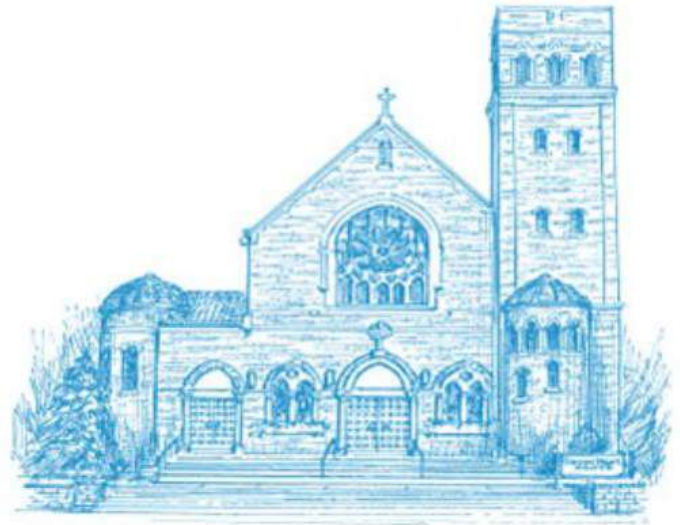
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## Masses

### The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

### 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!

### Handicapped Accessible

**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.

### Websites:

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**APRIL 25, 2021**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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 4:8-12.**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

**Responsorial Psalm                      PS 118: 1, 8-9,  
21-23, 26, 28, 29.**

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

**READING 2                      I JN 3:1-2.**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**ALLELUIA                      JN 10:14.**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL**

**JN 10:11-**

**18.**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."



## **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,

In October 1995, Pope St. John Paul II visited the United States. On the last day of his trip, he was in Baltimore. It had been a very full day, beginning with a stadium Mass in the morning, a downtown parade, appearances at the cathedral, the basilica and a soup kitchen. He was to close the day with a quick stop at St. Mary's Seminary.

Because his schedule was so tight the plan was that he would simply greet the seminarians while they stood outside on the steps. But when he arrived at the seminary the Holy Father changed his mind. He decided to go into the building. The first thing he wanted to do was to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

When his wishes were made known, security flew into action. They swept the building paying close attention to the chapel where the Pope would be praying. For this purpose, highly trained dogs were used to detect any person who might be present. The dogs were trained to locate survivors in collapsed buildings after earthquakes and other disasters. These highly intelligent dogs went quickly through the halls, offices and classrooms. Then they were sent into the chapel.

They went up and down the aisle, past the pews and finally into the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved. When they reached the Tabernacle the dogs sniffed, whined, pointed and refused to leave. Their attention was riveted upon the Tabernacle. Only their handlers could get them to go. They were convinced that they had discovered someone there.

The Most Holy Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, blessed be His Name. Now Jesus is true God and true man. As man He is body, blood and soul. As God He is divine. So, in the Eucharist we receive Jesus Himself, all that He is: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Blessed Sacrament is not a what, it is a Who.

Blessed Siméon Cardon and five other Cistercian monks were beatified in Casamari Abbey in Frosinone, Italy on April 17. The ceremony took place in the very abbey where they were martyred more than 200 years ago. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, said, "In 1799, when French

soldiers, in retreat from Naples, sacked churches and monasteries, these meek disciples of Christ resisted with heroic courage, unto death, to defend the Eucharist from desecration." The Pope added, "May their example spur us to a greater commitment of fidelity to God, capable of transforming society and making it more just and fraternal."

The Holy Father reminded us that the Holy Eucharist is the focal point of the Church. "Eating together the Body of Christ: this is the core of Christian life," he said. "Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with Him, with the Risen Lord: we look at Him, we touch Him, we are nourished by Him and, transformed by His Love." What comes next? We look at, touch and nourish others as brothers and sisters, he said.

The Pontiff added, "... Jesus is not a ghost, but a living Person. When Jesus draws near to us, He fills us with joy, to the point of disbelief, and He leaves us bewildered, with that astonishment that only God's presence gives, because Jesus is a living Person." (Courtney Mares, "Pope Francis Applauds Beatification of Monks Who Died Protecting The Eucharist." *catholicnewsagency.com*, 18 April 2021).

God bless you!

Father Eric





**Saturday, April 24:**

5:00 Richard P. Morrison

**Sunday, April 25:**

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Carolyn Ettinger  
11:00 Frank & Marie Barnard  
1:00 Bridget Jordan (15th Anniversary)

**Monday, April 26:**

9:30 Philip Matrале

**Tuesday, April 27:**

9:30 Maria C. Iasiuolo

**Wednesday, April 28:**

9:30 Mary Baker

**Thursday, April 29:**

9:30 Edward Janssen (1st Anniversary)

**Friday, April 30:**

7:30 Margaret Newman

**Saturday, May 1:**

9:30 Saverio Micillo  
5:00 Thomas Malone (Living)

**Sunday, May 2:**

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Dorothy McNamara (10th Anniversary)  
11:00 John & Patricia Molloy  
1:00 Michael Mezzacappa

**Saturday, May 1:**

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

**Sunday, May 2:**

7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz  
9:00 AM Roy Hansen  
11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo  
1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 1:**

5:00 PM Abigail Cruz

**Sunday, May 2:**

7:00 Matthew Basile  
9:00 Jacob Torres  
11:00 Stella Albano  
1:00 Elijah Greene

**Collections:**

Easter 2021.....\$3,320.00  
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**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.

**Departed Parishioners:** We ask that you remember our recently departed parishioners and their families in your thoughts and prayers including: **Elizabeth DeNault, Mark Decker Sr., Barbara Burgess, Richard Ross, Thomas Poplaski, Paul Michael Watson, Peter Voss, Gregory Forster, Carmen Loncle, Ann Ryan, Romuel Shavou, Eileen Doran, William Burke Sr., William Burke Jr., Tonwen “Mary” Kenny, John Maj and John Acquy.** Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

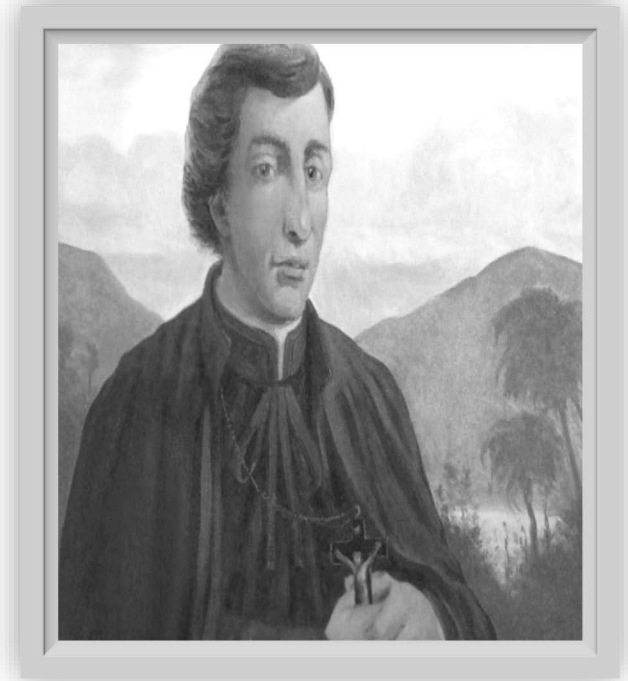
**Golden Jubilee Mass:** Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating a special Golden Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The Mass will take place at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday, June 6th, at 2:30 PM. During the Mass the couple will renew their vows and they are allowed to have two guests present at the Cathedral. Due to COVID restrictions the guests will sit outside the area reserved for couples. If any of our parishioners are celebrating their Golden Anniversary this year (married 1971) and wish to attend they need to contact The Rectory and make arrangements with the Office Manager no later than May 17th.

**Women’s Group:** Sacred Heart is forming a Women’s Group and the first meeting will be this Thursday, April 29th at 7 PM in the Rectory. We encourage all of our female parishioners to attend.

## **SAINT PETER CHANEL**

**APRIL 28, 2021**

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF  
SAINT PETER CHANEL ON BEHALF OF  
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**



## **Sick Relatives & Friends**

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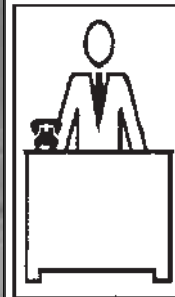
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