

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

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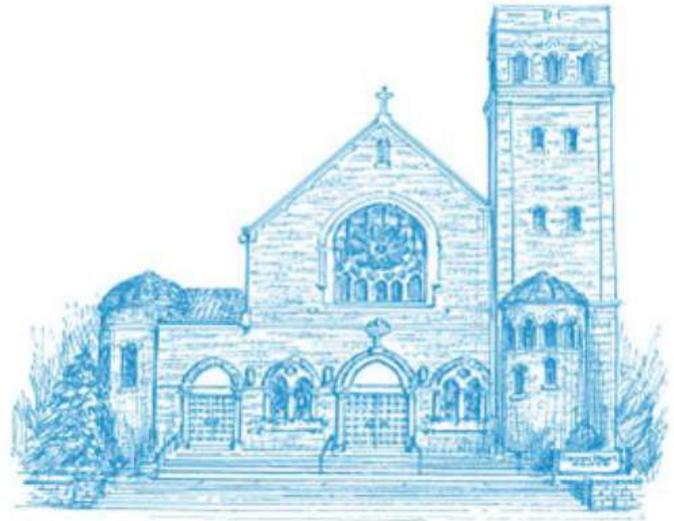
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Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

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

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

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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 - 6 PM

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## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

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

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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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**OCTOBER 11, 2020**

**THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**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 IS 25:6-10A**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 23:1-3A,  
3B-4, 5, 6.**

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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**READING 2 PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20**

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **ALLELUIA**

**EPH 1:17-18**

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL**

**MT 22:1-14**

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.

The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they had found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

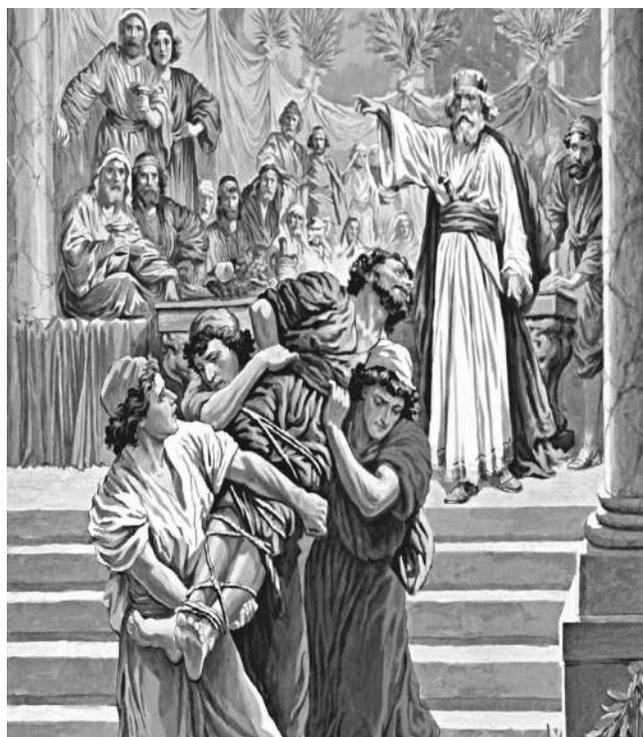
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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, 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,

St. Therese, the French nun, died in 1897 at the age of 24. Her spirituality of “The Little Way” has moved many millions. Therese was keenly cognizant of her littleness. In her famous autobiography she wrote, “It is impossible for me to grow up, so I must bear with myself such as I am with all my imperfections. But I want to seek out a means of going to Heaven by a little way, a way that is very straight, very short and totally new... I wanted to find an elevator which would raise me to Jesus, for I am too small to climb the rough stairway of perfection. I searched then in the Scriptures for some sign of this elevator, the object of my desires and I read these words coming from the mouth of Eternal Wisdom: *Whoever is a little one let him come to Me.* (Proverbs 9:4). The elevator which must raise me to Heaven is your arms, O Jesus, and for this I have no need to grow up, but rather I have to remain little and become this more and more.”

As a result of this insight, Therese accepted her imperfections and her brokenness and focused on loving Jesus. Her desire to please Him grew, and consequently, her union with Jesus advanced, which translated into holiness and a sense of deep well being. As a cloistered Carmelite nun, Therese was expected to be a person of the highest level of prayer. However, she often fell asleep in the chapel during the prayer rituals with the other sisters! At first, she was embarrassed by her inability to stay awake during these solemn events. But then, ever so consistent with the perceptions generated by her “Little Way,” she declared that just as parents love their children regardless of whether they were awake or asleep, so too God loved her even though she often slept during prayer time.

Another French person, Fr. Jacques Philippe, speaks of the importance of embracing our littleness. “What often blocks the action of God’s grace in our lives is less our sins or failings, than it is our failure to accept our own weakness—all those rejections, conscious or not, of what we really are or of our real situation.” (Jacques Philippe, *Interior Freedom*,

2007, p. 33). The Holy Spirit, in His great love for us, heals and transforms our brokenness, however, we must acknowledge that brokenness and accept it before He sets to work in mending it and reconstructing it.

Fr. Philippe explains, “We refuse to admit that we have this defect, that weak point, were marked by this event, fell into that sin. And so we block the Holy Spirit’s action, since He can only affect our reality to the extent we accept it ourselves. The Holy Spirit never acts unless we freely cooperate. We must accept ourselves just as we are, if the Holy Spirit is to change us for the better.” (Ibid).

All of this is not to say that we are to accept, in laziness and indifference, our mediocrity, our lack of perfection and dearth of holiness. The imitation of Jesus Christ is at the heart of the Christian life. Jesus is not pleased with halfhearted approaches to practicing our faith. He said: *I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.* (Revelation 3:15-16).

In order to imitate our blessed Savior, we must start by desiring to do so. “Anyone who does not *want* to become holy never will. Ultimately, God gives us what we desire, neither more nor less. But in order to become holy, we must accept ourselves as we are. ... We need to accept our limitations, but without ever resigning ourselves to mediocrity. We need to desire to change, but without ever refusing, even subconsciously, to recognize our limitations or accept ourselves.” (Ibid, p. 34).

God bless you!  
Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
 TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 11, 2020**



**Saturday, October 10:**

5:00 Steven Murphy &  
 Baby Raymond Celentano

**Sunday, October 11:**

7:00 Hon. Louis Jerome Sr.  
 9:00 Maguerite Cox & Souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 Vernon & Noeline Fernando  
 1:00 Philip Perkowski

**Monday, October 12:**

9:30 Philip & Margherita Frabotta

**Tuesday, October 13:**

9:30 Thomas Daly (3rd Anniversary)

**Wednesday, October 14:**

9:30 Edward J. Farrar (20th Anniversary)

**Thursday, October 15:**

9:30 Stephen Siller

**Friday, October 16:**

9:30 Msgr. Andrew Quinn &  
 Msgr. Vincent Bartley

**Saturday, October 17:**

9:30 Janet Miller  
 5:00 Patricia Ballone

**Sunday, October 18:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &  
 McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia  
 11:00 Patricia Ballone  
 1:00 Donald O'Shea

**Saturday, October 17:**

5:00 Jack Gordon

**Sunday, October 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, October 17:**

5:00 Anthony Basile

**Sunday, October 18:**

7:00 Jacob Torres  
 9:00 Sean Ahern  
 11:00 Tara Murphy  
 1:00 Jack Smith

**COLLECTIONS:**

October 4th... ..\$7,845.00

**Wedding Banns**

**III. Raymond Edward Magnusi  
 & Jessica Alexandra Mignosi**

**III. Stephen Frank Jezycki  
 & Jessica Noelle Tuazon**

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th, in observance of The Columbus Day Holiday. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, October 13th. We wish all of our parishioners a very blessed Columbus Day.

## St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael The Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of  
The Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
By the power of God, thrust into hell Satan  
And all evil spirits, who prowl about the world  
Seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

**Hurricane/Wildfires:** Recently we have all witnessed the devastating impact of Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires. To aid these unfortunate people, The Archdiocese of N.Y. is sending \$15,000 to assist in recovery. In light of the ongoing pandemic rather than ask for a second collection at Sunday Mass, we are asking that anyone who wishes to make a voluntary donation mail that donation to The Archdiocese of New York, 1011 1st Avenue, NY, NY, 10022 room 940. Make sure it is clearly marked for relief.

**World Mission Sunday:** Every year during the month of October a special collection is taken up for The World Missions. This year the collection for World Mission Sunday will be taken up the weekend of October 17th & 18th. Pope Francis reassures us that despite the pandemic the missionary journey of the Church must continue. He tells us that each one of us is called to personally mission. His message is simply "Here I am Send Me". He encourages us to step out of ourselves for God and for neighbor. You can all answer his call by prayer, participation in The Eucharist and by donating what your means will allow to World Mission Sunday.

**St Clare's Employment Group:** Now in its 26th year of operation, The Saint Clare's employment group seeks to offer as much individual advisement as possible in order to help well-qualified people to successfully return to the work field. If you or any one you know of is interested in their fall schedule, please call Arthur Merlino at (718) 356-3821.

The organizers of **The 40 Days for Life Campaign** wish to thank all who have participated in a very successful first week. They are up to 350 participants and many people passing by having shown forms of encouragement.

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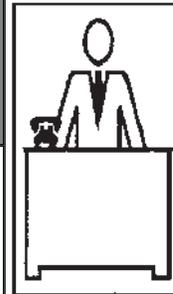
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