

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:00 KEVIN LOPEZ URRUTIA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 CHEN FAMILY
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MAURA HASSON
5:00 MIKE CONTARDO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 WALTER MEAGHER
9:00 LEONARDA AYLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 JOHN J. PRENTY
9:00 WILLIAM HEALY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 MARY LEE GUERRIERO
9:00 RICHARD MORRISON

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 DR. WILLIAM FREDERICK
9:00 DR. ALFRED F. RUSSO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 GRACE A. SEAMAN
9:00 BEN ZARRELLI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 NANCY WALSH
5:00 MARGARET DEVERY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 FELICIANO BERNABE
8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
10:00 MARIE & FRANK BARNARD
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 DOUGLAS SPRAGUE
5:00 KATHLEEN B. O'DONOVAN

Lectors February 8 and 9

Saturday, February 8

5:00 Mary Rosso

Sunday, February 9

7:00 Joe Meagher
8:30 Don O'Shea
10:00 Frank DiSalvo
11:30 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Sacred Heart Youth Group



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, 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, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorie

Collection January 19

Regular \$7,574.00

Collection January 26

Regular \$5,859.00
Budget Deficit \$2,700.00
Christmas \$6,968.40
Next weekend there will be a special collection for Peter's Pence



Friday, February 7th, is First Friday. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 11 AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.



Monday, February 3rd is the Feast of Saint Blaise. The Blessing of Throats will take place immediately after the 7AM and 9AM Masses.

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of the Deceased Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish.

The Sanctuary Candle is for Special Intentions to help find Madeline McCann requested by Sarah MacDermott.

THE BLESSING OF BLAISE...

As I write these words this morning, the thermometer outside the window reads a chilly 12 degrees. As an old song once put it, "Baby, it's cold outside!" Not only is it cold temperature wise, but also during the winter as many of us are aware we are more susceptible to colds and sore throats. I wonder why they call it a "cold?" Does it have to do with the weather outside? Just a guess!

The other day, my throat was bothering me a bit and so I had to get some lozenges in order to get through the day. The sore throat led me to think a little bit about the saint that we honor this Monday - his name is Saint Blaise. Saint Blaise is venerated as the patron saint of people suffering from throat ailments. He is my special saint this week!

I think that most of us know something about Saint Blaise. He lived in the fourth century and was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. If we study history, we know that the Roman Empire held sway over much of the Near East at that time. Of course, the Romans

did not accept Christianity and persecuted Christians.

It was said that during the reign of Licinius, the Governor of Cappadocia, Bishop Blaise was arrested because he was a follower of

Jesus Christ. Licinius had him imprisoned in a cave outside the city. As the famous story goes, a mother came to the bishop, and asked him to cure her son who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. The bishop prayed over the boy and made the Sign of the Cross over him and the child was cured. After this, Blaise was eventually condemned to death and beheaded for his witness to the Catholic faith.

On the Feast of Saint Blaise February 3rd, it is customary to bless throats. We will do that

here at Sacred Heart immediately after the 7AM Mass and the 9AM Mass.

In the blessing, the priest holds two blessed candles under the person's throat and says this prayer,

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every ailment of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"

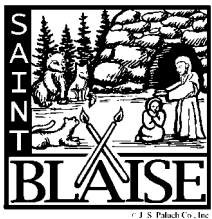
This is a beautiful custom that we still retain in the Church and it is always good to have a special blessing for our health especially during a bitterly cold winter season!

Perhaps there is something else that we could thank Saint Blaise for besides his special blessing. That would be his precious witness to Christ in the face of torture and even death. He made the supreme sacrifice. Perhaps all of us complain too much - about the weather, our ailments and the faults of others around us... the list could go on!

We might take a cue from Saint Blaise as we receive his blessing on Monday and instead of complaining, rather be thankful for what we have and are. Let us reflect on the opening prayer of the Mass for Saint Blaise:

"Lord, hear the prayers of your martyr Blaise, give us the joy of your peace in this life and help us to gain the happiness that will never end!"

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome





Now Accepting Applications for
September 2014

Grandparents' Day - 2/5/14 at 1:00PM. Grade 5-8 students perform favorite Beatles Love Songs.



CCD - February Classes - 5, 12, 26

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Sunday, February 9 at the 8:30AM Mass with a breakfast immediately following in the school cafeteria. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend and become a member of the Holy Name Society and help in continuing and expanding one of the oldest and most traditional parish societies in Sacred Heart.

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP The next Mass and General Meeting is Sunday, February 9th - 5PM Mass. The meeting follows after the Mass.



SAVE THE DATE: Saint Monica's Mothers Guild Fashion Show
Thursday, April 10, 2014.

CALLING ALL SACRED HEART FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS

The **SMMG** April 2014 Fashion Show is coming upon us and as a school fundraiser we rely on donations in order to make the Fashion Show the huge success that it is! There are many different ways to help in this effort. You can donate a basket of your own, team up with other families, or donate a new item to be used to create a general, super or grand basket. Whatever you decide is totally up to you. If you are not sure how or what items are needed please feel free to reach out to Peggy Maida 917-301-6822 or Lisa Hartnett 347-553-5549. Thanks so very much for your generosity and support!! The Fashion Show Committee



Parish Choir sings 5th Sunday Ordinary Time!! Feb. 9, 2014 - Arrive by 11AM to choir loft, and join us as Melody Choir.

Family Choir sings today, February 2, 2014 - Bring your aunts, uncles, cousins, up to the loft and sing along with the whole family for Mass!! Arrive by 11:15AM and come on up!!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! Kids Praise Choir resume rehearsals January 22, 2014 5-6PM Chapel - See you there!! (Registration is free - form required for new members!!)

Traveling Choir resumes their monthly rehearsal in Basement of church. People so often say to me, "Oh I wish I would have gone with you to sing in ___" - this happens after every trip!! Now is the time to hop on board and be a part of the process as we select a location - work on liturgies in other languages... last but not least sample the wines from the countries we wish to visit!! It all starts now with no commitment, initially no money - just come for a Mass of inspiration and fun, as we explore the possibilities for our next adventure - See you Feb. 2 for 11:30AM Mass (with Family Choir)!! Questions?? Pamela 442-0058 (VM24) Join a choir today! Put away a Hymnbook!! Buy a CD!! Come on our next International Choir tour!!

PASTORAL COUNSELING is a combination of psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical approach to unite the whole person - both mind and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling sessions will be held in parish facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 8 & 9

Saturday, February 8

5:00 John Altschuler, Margaret Donovan

Sunday, February 9

7:00 Siobhan, Kathleen & Mary McCafferty

8:30 Kevin & Kyle Watson

10:00 Andrew Johnson, Emma Newgarden

11:30 Rudy Merlino, Andrea & Donald Regan

1:00 Stephen & Megan Laurenno, Giovanni Ercolano

5:00 Matthew Kalikas, Nicholas Fortunato