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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 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 (Bathroom)

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

Holy Hour: Fridays after 9:30 Mass

Sundays 2-3 PM, Schoensatt Shrine (337 Cary Avenue)

Sick Calls

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

Baptism

Parents & Godparents should attend a meeting at 3 PM on the second Sunday of the month in the Rectory to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments.

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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AUGUST 28, 2022

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME**

OPENING HYMN: WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK THE
LORD'S BLESSING; HE CHASTENS AND
HASTENS HIS WILL TO MAKE KNOWN;
THE WICKED OPPRESSING NOW CEASE
FROM DISTRESSING; SING PRAISES TO
HIS NAME; HE FORGETS NOT HIS OWN.**

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.**

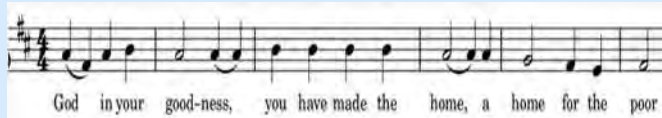
READING 1 SIR 3:17-18, 20,28-29.

My child, conduct your affairs with
humility, and you will be loved more than a
giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the
greater you are, and you will find favor with
God. What is too sublime for you, seek not,
into things beyond your strength search not.

The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs,
and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.

Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms
atone for sins.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 68: 4-5,
6-7, 10-11.**



**R. God, in your goodness, you have made
a home for the poor.**

The just rejoice and exult before God; they
are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant
praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made
a home for the poor.**

The father of orphans and the defender of
widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives
a home to the forsaken; he leads forth pris-
oners to prosperity.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made
a home for the poor.**

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God,
upon your inheritance; you restored the land
when it languished; your flock settled in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for
the needy.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made
a home for the poor.**

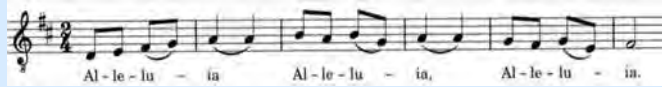
**READING 2 HEB 12: 18-
19, 22-24A.**

Brothers and sisters: You have not ap-
proached that which could be touched and a
blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm
and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking
words such that those who heard begged that
no message be further addressed to them.
No, you have approached Mount Zion and
the city of the living God, the heavenly Jeru-
salem, and countless angels in festal gather-
ing, and the assembly of the firstborn en-
rolled in heaven, and God the judge of all,
and the spirits of the just made perfect, and
Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and
the sprinkled blood that speaks more elo-
quently than that of Abel.



ALLELUIA

MT 11: 29AB.

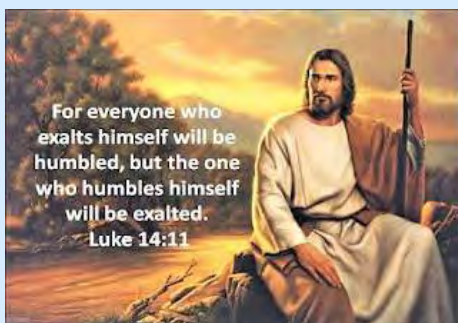


Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

GOSPEL

LK 14: 1, 7-14.

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



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.

CLOSING HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD WITH HEART, AND HANDS, AND VOICES, WHO WONDROUS THINGS HATH DONE, IN WHOM HIS WORLD REJOICES; WHO, FROM OUR MOTHER'S ARMS HATH BLESSED US ON OUR WAY WITH COUNTLESS GIFTS OF LOVE, AND STILL IS OURS TODAY.

O MAY THIS GRACIOUS GOD THROUGH ALL OUR LIFE BE NEAR US, WITH EVER JOYFUL HEARTS AND BLESSED PEACE TO CHEER US; PRESERVE US IN HIS GRACE, AND GUIDE US IN DISTRESS, AND FREE US FROM ALL SIN, TILL HEAVEN WE POSSESS.

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, 2021. 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).

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God bless you!

Father Eric



Lector Schedule

Saturday, September 2:

5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, September 3:

7:00 AM : Joan Prenty

9:00 AM: Vincent O'Grady

11:00 AM: Frank DiSalvo

1:00 PM: Maria Montuori

Saturday, August 27: **Celebrant**

9:30 People of the Parish Fr. Eric
5:00 Robert & Maureen Shay Fr. Samuel

Sunday, August 28:

7:00 John J. Prenty Fr. Samuel
9:00 Dawn Cangro Msgr. Greg
11:00 Salvatore Basile Fr. Eric
1:00 Deceased Members of Msgr. Nick
The Decker Family

Monday, August 29:

9:30 M/M Francis Barry Fr. Samuel
(52nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 30:

9:30 Cheryl Gucwa-Kaiser Fr. Samuel

Wednesday, August 31:

9:30 Martin, Alice & Fr. Samuel
James Geraghty

Thursday, September 1:

9:30 Joseph R. Kiran Fr. Eric

Friday, September 2:

9:30 Ralph Knisley Fr. Eric
(7th Anniversary)

Saturday, September 3:

9:30 Adrienne Ramos Fr. Soju
5:00 Maria Elena Graziano Fr. Eric

Sunday, September 4:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli Fr. Soju
9:00 William Walsh Msgr. Nick
11:00 Susan Whelan Msgr. Greg
1:00 Peter J. Saldi Fr. Eric

Collections

August 21st:

\$5,624

Budget Deficit:

\$302.00

Attendance August 21st:

407

**The Flowers in The Church
are in loving memory of
Maria Elena Graziano from
her husband Vincent Grazi-
ano.**

**Our Lady of Pity will be
holding their 20th annual
“Eve of Solemn Remem-
brance” on Friday, Septem-
ber 9th at 7 PM. Bishop
John O’Hara will be the cel-
ebrant and homilist. The
names of all the victims of
the 9/11 attack will be read.**

CCD Registration 22-23: Registration for CCD Classes for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. To register your child for classes you can either drop off the forms to the Rectory or stop by The Rectory and fill them out. The Office Manager is in Monday—Friday from 9AM—5PM. The cost is \$165 per child, \$400 for three children. Payment of the fee is not necessary to register your child and may be paid in increments. Only checks or cash no credit/debit cards. Any new or first time student must provide sacrament certificates.

Bible Group: Father Eric's Bible Group will begin meeting again on Saturday, September 10th, from 1-2 PM. The topic this time will be the Book of Judith, one of the great heroines of Sacred Scripture. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Track: Registration for any boy or girl grades K-8 interested in Cross Country Track will be on Monday, September 12th, at 4:30 PM at Royal Oak. Also summer workouts will be held on August 29th, August 31st, September 6th and September 7th at 6 PM at Royal Oak. Please bring plenty of water. If you have any questions regarding the track program please contact Tom Smith at (917) 545-9644.

Newly Baptized: We ask that you keep our newly baptized parishioners and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially: **Lucia Plamadeala, Peter Stephan Totaro III, Jackson Daniel Keen, Lucia Helena Interlandi, Pawel Patrick Adams, Olivia Marie Basile, Ella Rose Basile and Ronan Casey.** God bless them and their parents!

Father Samuel: Unfortunately our Summer Associate Fr. Samuel Amponsah will be returning to Rome on September 1st to resume his studies. Father Samuel certainly has been a huge benefit to our parish during his short stay and we will miss him. We thank Father for the many contributions he has made and God bless him!

The Holy Name Society will be holding its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 18th, at 10:30 AM at The Staaten. This year the keynote speaker will be John Walsh, (SHS class of 1980), Assistant Principal of St. Peter's Boys High School. Our honoree will be Father Louis Jerome. Please see the flier for more details.

SAINT MONICA

FEAST DAY: AUGUST 27TH

WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT MONICA ON BEHALF OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS.



SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Anna Parente, James Parente, John C. Marino, Cpl Justin Campbell, Sheila Jones, Frank Silvestri, Christian Pepo, Jean Forte, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Linda Powers, James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Frank Juliano, Joseph Brancato, Carmela D'Angelo, Michael Meyer, June Laub, Frank Musuruca, Joanne Prato, Joseph Koslowski, Diana Umana, Isaiah Roland, The Munoz Family, Brianna Scilabra, Judy Dele, Kassem Ripen, Ernestine Scott, Steven Riggio, James Ross, Michael Loughran, Salvatore Parisi, Cinderella Wonsewitz, Patrice Martin, Lucille Baron, Michael J. DiCostanzo, Catherine Broderick, Omari Roland, Carmine Rapisarda, Linda & Antoniette Gagliardi, Harrison Schursky, Caroline Dacunta, Irene McCarthy, Maria Rivera, Denise Bianacanello, Alexa Rigney, Easton Nash Clark, Jessica Neco, Richie Ochotorena, Rosamaria Ochotorena, Don Quinn, Jennifer Pakulniewez, Frank Astorino, Aubrie Robinson, Ron Salguera, Rose McBrien, Saint Jermaine Endeley, Peter Marsh, John Riccobono, Joseph DiAngelo, William Walsh, Gertrude Wilson, Frank Duff, Edel Quinn, Phillip Reinhardt, Catherine Angielczyk, Louis Lepore, Dawn McFadden, John Meehan, Anthony Cosentino, Vincent Yeyines, Bobby Shepherd, Regina Fusaro, Billy McNeely, Melissa Dudley, Athena Guerrero, Monique Russo, Ana Rios, Claire Hoban, Riccardo Curatola, Bogumila Rzepke, George Salieb, Michael Lamendola, Robert Rautenstrauch.

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