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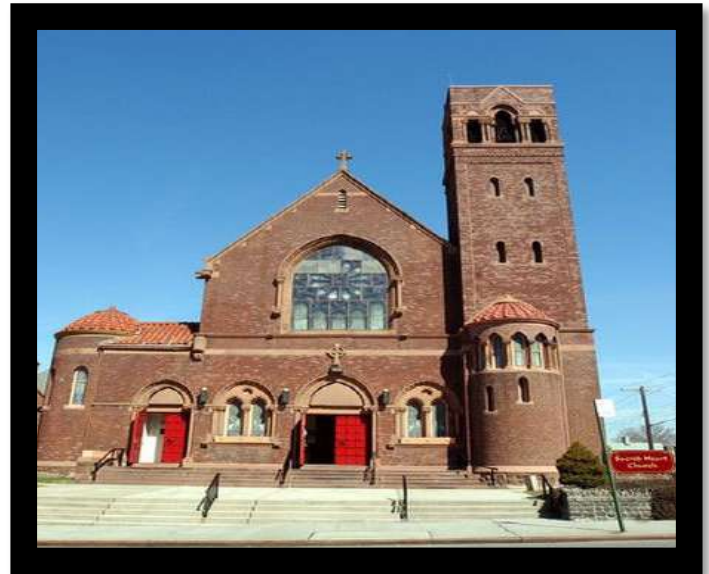
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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 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

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 with Fr. Eric 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:

Church Website: - www.sacredheartsi.org

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DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

OPENING HYMN: OH COME, OH COME EMMANUEL

OH COME, OH COME EMMANUEL AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL! THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE. UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR. REJOICE, REJOICE, EMMANUEL! SHALL COME TO THEE O ISRAEL.

THE CONFITEOR

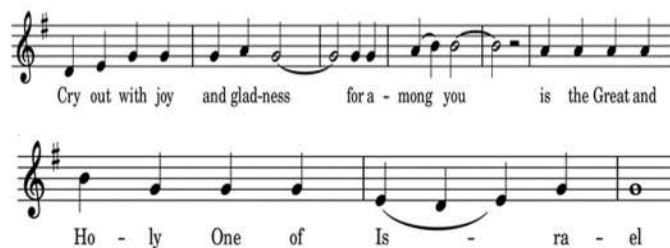
I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; and I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord Our God. Amen.

**KYRIE ELEISON
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KYRIE ELEISON**

READING 1 ZEP 3: 14-18A.

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.



R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

READING 2 PHIL 4: 4-7.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



ALLELUIA

IS 61:1.



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

GOSPEL

LK 3:10-18.

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.



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: O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

**O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH;
THE WORLD IN SILENCE WAITS THE DAY
WHEN HOPE SHALL SING ITS TRIUMPH
AND SADNESS FLEE AWAY.**

**REFRAIN: DEAR SAVIOR, HASTE! COME, TO EARTH.
DISPEL THE NIGHT AND SHOW YOUR FACE, AND BID
US HAIL THE DAWN OF GRACE. O COME, DIVINE
MESSIAH; THE WORLD IN SILENCE WAITS THE DAY
WHEN HOPE SHALL SING ITS TRIUMPH AND SAD-
NESS FLEE AWAY.**

**O CHRIST, WHOM NATIONS SIGH FOR,
WHOM PRIEST AND PROPHET LONG FORETOLD,
COME, BREAK THE CAPTIVE'S FETTERS,
REDEEM THE LONG LOST FOLD.**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Alfred Delp was born in Mannheim, Germany, to a Catholic mother and a Protestant father. He was baptized Catholic, but was raised a Lutheran. At the age of 14, he left the Lutheran church and returned to the Catholic Church. He joined the Jesuits in 1926. For the next 10 years he continued his studies and worked with German youth, a ministry that the Nazi regime made more difficult. He was ordained in 1937.

Following the assassination attempt of Adolph Hitler in 1944, Father Delp was arrested with some of his associates. After being tortured, Delp was brought to trial. Although he was in no way connected with the attempted assassination, nor did he even know anything about it until the fact of the plot was broadcast on nationwide radio, the Gestapo decided to hang him for high treason anyway. Father Delp was offered his freedom on one condition: he had to renounce the Jesuits. He refused. The Nazis hanged him on February 2, 1945. His body was cremated and his ashes were scattered on an unknown field. Father Delp left behind letters smuggled out of prison. They manifest a man of Christian courage, who even quipped to the prison chaplain accompanying him to his execution, "In half an hour, I'll know more than you do."

Father Delp wrote about his last Advent. He said, "I see this years' Advent with an intensity and presentiment like never before. When I pace back and forth in my cell, three steps forward and three steps back, hands in irons, ahead of me an unknown destiny, I understand very differently than before those ancient promises of the coming Lord who will redeem us and set us free."

"And along with these thoughts comes the memory of the angel that a good person gave me for Advent two years ago. It held a banner: 'Rejoice, for the Lord is near.' The terror of this time would not be bearable—any more than the terror brought on by our world situation, if we comprehend it—except for this other knowledge that continually encourages us and sets us straight. It is the knowledge of the promises that are being spoken right in the middle of the terror and that are valid. And it is also knowledge of the quiet angels of annunciation, who speak

their message of blessing into the distress and scatter their seeds of the blessing that will begin to grow in the middle of the night."

"These are not yet the loud angels of public jubilation and fulfillment, these angels of Advent. Silently and unnoticed they come into private rooms and appear before our hearts as they did long ago. Silently, they bring the questions of God and proclaim to us the miracles of God, with Whom nothing is impossible." (Fr. Alfred Delp, S.J., *Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons and Prison Writings, 1941-1944*, 2006, p. 27, quoted in *Magnificat*, December 2021).

God bless you!

Father Eric

Father Alfred Delp





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Saturday, December 11:

5:00 Lizann Mooney

Sunday, December 12:

7:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia

9:00 John R. Kubasek

11:00 Randi Manfredi

1:00 Marianne Gallo

Monday, December 13:

9:30 People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 14:

9:30 Michael D'Amato

Wednesday, December 15:

9:30 Hector & Marianne Gallo

Thursday, December 16:

9:30 Hector & Marianne Gallo

Friday, December 17:

9:30 John Tighe

Saturday, December 18:

9:30 Richard Ross

5:00 James Fitzgerald

Sunday, December 19:

7:00 Dick Kennedy & Corinne A. O'Brien

9:00 Dennis M. Peterson (40th Anniversary)

11:00 Rachel & Mildred Vittacco

1:00 Michael Mustillo Jr.

Saturday, December 18:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, December 19:

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch

9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe

11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 18:

5:00 PM Anthony Basile

Sunday, December 19:

7:00 Jacob Torres

9:00 Brandon Pak

11:00 Abigail Cruz

1:00 Oliver Czarnecki

Collections:

December 5th.....\$11,907.00

Congratulations to M/M Roy Hansen on winning the weekly Pastosa Raffle

ATTENDANCE DEC. 5TH: 563

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF OUR HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND TIM DONNELLY AND THE SCOUTS OF PACK 74 FOR SETTING UP OUR AMAZING CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY. A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT WENT INTO THIS. WE ALSO THANK OUR PARISHIONERS WHO PURCHASED A CHRISTMAS TREE. WE HAVE 48 TREES WHICH IS THE HIGHEST WE HAVE EVER HAD.

Giving Tree: The Sacred Heart Giving Tree is now up and during this season we ask our parishioners to remember those who are less fortunate or have fallen on hard times. If you take a tag from the tree remember that you must drop off the requested item at The Rectory or place it under the tree no later than Monday, December 13th. The item should be wrapped, or in a gift bag, labeled and have the original gift tag attached.

Retired Religious: The annual collection for retired religious will be taken up on this weekend. Every year this collection goes to support the retired priests, brothers and sisters who dedicated most of their lives to helping others. When active these religious were pastors, parish priests, teachers, principals, religious education instructors, administrators of hospitals and military chaplains. Sadly, many of them have lived a life of poverty so they have very little if anything accumulated in retirement accounts. In addition, many are advanced in age and suffer from health problems and physical ailments. Your donations help meet their basic living expenses such as food, clothing and medications. These men and women gave freely and generously of themselves so remember every donation is greatly appreciated.

Fire Family Donations: The family who lost their home and possessions in a fire would like to thank everyone who donated for their generosity. They have been able to get a new residence and we will continue to keep them in our prayers.

Fr. Micciulla Update: During the summer we told our parishioners to pray for **Fr. Angelo Micciulla**, Pastor of Holy Family, who is suffering from advanced kidney disease. We asked that you spread the word that Fr. Micciulla needed a kidney transplant from a living donor. We are extremely happy to follow up that a parishioner at Holy Family is a donor match and that Fr. Micciulla will be getting his kidney transplant in the very near future. May God bless Fr. Micciulla with many more active years in the priesthood and also the parishioner that has made a very selfless sacrifice.

Lector Workbooks: The Lector Workbooks for the 2021-2022 Liturgical Year have arrived and are in the Sacristy. All Lectors are encouraged to take a copy, it is very useful in preparing for your assigned Mass.

SAINT LUCY

FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 13TH

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



Sick Relatives & Friends

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