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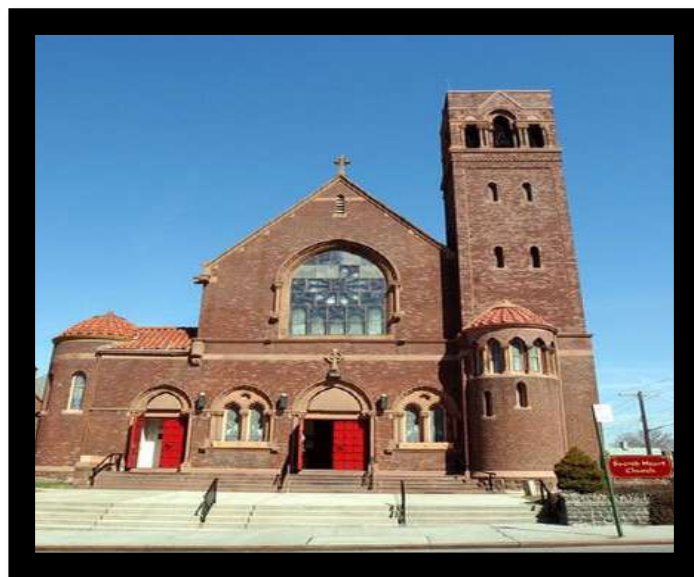
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Masses

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:

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DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

OPENING HYMN: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING.

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING: "GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING; PEACE ON EARTH, AND MERCY MILD, GOD AND SINNERS RECONCILED!" JOYFUL, ALL YE NATIONS, RISE, JOIN THE TRIUMPH OF THE SKIES; WITH ANGELIC HOSTS PROCLAIM: "CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM!"

REFRAIN: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, "GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING."

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: 2-6, 12-14.

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 128:1-2,3, 4-5.



R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

READING 2 COL 3:12-21.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

ALLELUIA

COL 3:15A, 16A

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

GOSPEL

LK 2:41-52.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.



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: JOY TO THE WORLD

**JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME;
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING; LET EVERY
HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM, AND HEAV'N
AND NATURE SING, AND HEAV'N AND NA-
TURE SING AND HEAV'N, AND HEAV'N
AND NATURE SING.**

**JOY TO THE WORLD! THE SAVIOR REIGNS;
LET US OUR SONGS EMPLOY; WHILE FIELDS
AND FLOODS, ROCKS, HILLS AND PLAINS
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY, REPEAT THE
SOUNDING JOY, REPEAT, REPEAT THE
SOUNDING JOY.**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Jessie Robertson from Canada wrote in to a magazine recently and said, “When my niece was a student, her class of six-year-olds sang ‘Hark, the Herald Angels Sing’ at a Christmas concert. The line ‘God and sinners reconciled’ was a tricky one for this age group. One little boy, with a voice that completely drowned out the rest of the choir, happily belted out, ‘God and sinners dressed in style!’”

During the Christmas Season we rejoice from the depths of our heart that the Son of God became the Son of Mary with the result that God and sinners are reconciled. Admittedly, this Christmas Season may be a burden for some of our brothers and sisters, perhaps due to illness or to the recent loss of a loved one. Maybe a job has vanished and making ends meet right now is a tall task. Even the Holy Father is carrying a heavy load.

Father Zack Rodriguez of the Diocese of Austin, Texas was recently in Rome. He was tasked with delivering the toast to the Pope at a dinner attended by American bishops, priests and seminarians. He said by way of introduction to the toast that at one point while he was studying in Rome for the priesthood, he was selected to be a book bearer at a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. Father Zack said that when he arrived at St. Peter’s Basilica to join the others who would be taking part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Pontiff came around and greeted them all personally, smiling, joking, making everyone feel welcome and comfortable. Father Zack was not expecting what came next.

The Papal Master of Ceremonies, at the time Father Guido Marini (who’s now the bishop of Tortona in Italy), came up to him and informed him that he had to hold the book not only for the Mass, but also for the Pope’s private vesting before Mass. He walked Father Zack into the reserved sacristy

and gave him just one instruction, as Father laughingly recalled: “Don’t talk to the Pope!” Before long Francis walked in, the priest said, and they were alone.

In that moment, he said, the Pope seemed to sink into himself, not as if he had been putting on an act and could now be himself, but rather, Father Zack said, that he was carrying this overwhelming weight, the weight of the whole world and the entire Church. He said Francis then prayed the prayers of vesting with an intensity, and a reverence, which, to this day, influence the way Father Zack himself prays before Mass. What he saw in that moment, the priest said, also influenced the way he prays for the Pope now. He said he now prays for Francis not only as the occupant of the Chair of St. Peter with its central role in the Church, but also as a man, a human being, called by Providence to struggle under that enormous burden. (For further reading see John Allen, “America’s Seminary Beachhead in Rome Neither Accidental Nor Unimportant,” www.cruxnow.com, 9 December 2021).

As wonderful as Christmas is, even for those who don’t sing their lines correctly, our earthly burdens do not disappear merely because a wreath hangs on our front door. However, the burden of sin does disappear because of the birth of Jesus Christ (blessed be His Name) and the amazing grace given to us as a consequence. The reconciliation with God that Jesus came to bring us means that the hope of perfect freedom and happiness sings within, side by side with our burdens that try to menace us. The former voice drowns out all the negativity coming from the latter.

Merry Christmas!

God bless you!

Father Eric



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Saturday, December 25:

12 AM Thomas J. Crane (46th Anniversary)
 9:00 All Deceased Members of
 The Mackey Family
 11:00 Dolores McFadden
 1:00 Rachel Flagiello

Sunday, December 26:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &
 McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Deceased Members of The Maguire Family
 11:00 Brendan Hoey
 1:00 John Maj

Monday, December 27:

9:30 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 28:

9:30 John Franzreb III

Wednesday, December 29:

9:30 Linda Bilotti

Thursday, December 30:

9:30 Mary A. Brown (Living)

Friday, December 31:

9:30 Gerard Elie

Saturday January 1st:

9:30 Nancy Vidikiss Ozimek
 5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Sunday, January 2nd:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &
 McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 John Franzreb III
 11:00 People of the Parish
 1:00 Deceased Members of The Decker Families

Saturday, January 1:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, January 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, January 1st:

5:00 PM Sean Ahern

Sunday, January 2:

7:00 Abigail Cruz
 9:00 Oliver Czarnecki
 11:00 Matthew Basile
 1:00 Brandon Pak

Collections:

December 12th.....\$7,175.00
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 Congratulations to M/M Fred Marcucci on
 winning the Pastosa Raffle for Dec. 12th.

ATTENDANCE DEC. 12: 521

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 COLLECTIONS, ATTENDANCE AND PAS-
 TOSA RAFFLE WINNERS FOR DECEMBER
 19TH & 26TH WILL BE POSTED IN THE JAN-
 UARY 2ND BULLETIN.**

Retrouvaille Program: The next Retrouvaille Weekend will take place on the weekend of February 21st-23rd, 2022 at The Comfort Inn in Somerset, New Jersey. The Diocese of Metuchen introduced this program for troubled marriages in 1991 and many marriage have been saved. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending they can register at www.https://diometuchen.org/retrouvaille.

Sacred Heart Church

New Year's Schedule 2021 -22

5:00 PM (Vigil Mass of the Holy Day)

Saturday, January 1 (Mary Mother of God—Not A Holy Day of Obligation)

9:30 AM and 5 PM

On Behalf of Fr. Eric and the Faculty and Staff of Sacred Heart Parish

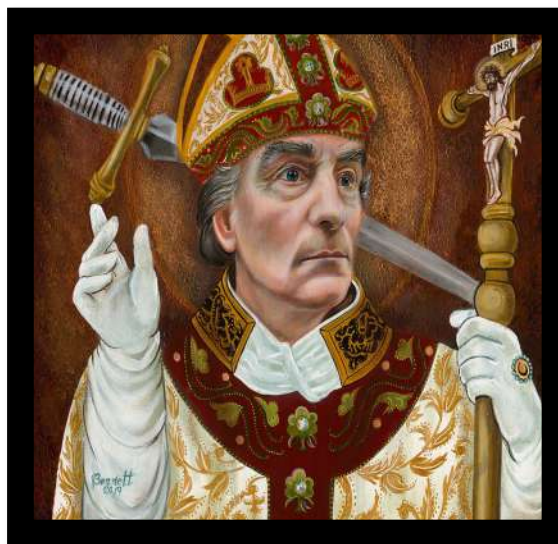
we wish our parishioners a very happy & healthy 2022! May God bless you and your families this year !!



SAINT THOMAS BECKET

FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 29TH

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Sick Relatives & Friends

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