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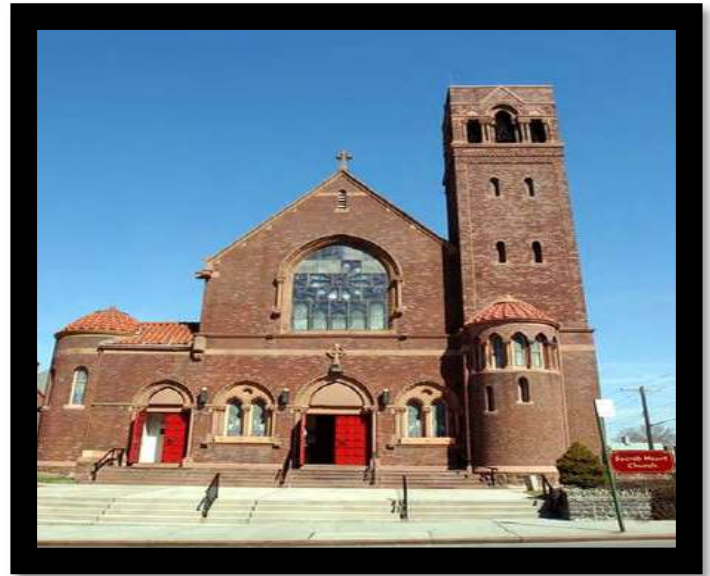
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Masses

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 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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JUNE 26, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: LET US GO TO THE ALTAR.

REFRAIN: LET US GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD, THE GOD OF OUR GLADNESS AND JOY! LET US ENTER THE COURTS OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD AND SING TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

GIVE PRAISE WITH BLAST OF TRUMPET, WITH NOBLE SOUND OF THE HORN. WITH THE CLASH OF THE CLANGING CYMBAL, GIVE GLORY TO THE LORD!

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 1 KGS 19: 16B, 19-21.

The LORD said to Elijah: "You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you." Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you." Elijah answered, "Go back! Have I done anything to you?" Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to

eat. Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11.



R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you. O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot."

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

READING 2 GAL 5:1, 13-18.

Brothers and sisters: For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself*. But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another. I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

ALLELUIA

1 SM 3:9, JN 6:68C.

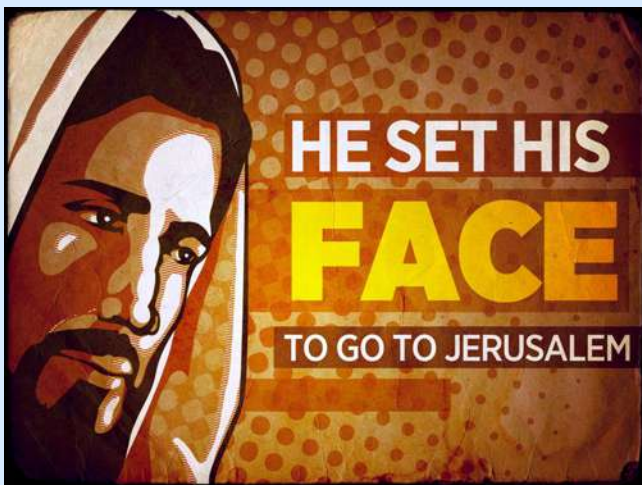


Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL

LK 9:51-62.

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."



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,

This time of year, people will often ask if you have any summer travel plans. When the question is directed to me, I will usually mention my annual retreat in total silence at the monastery for a week. It is not uncommon to see a strained look on the face of the other when I mention this. The awkward nod of the head and the “Oh” that follows indicates to me that perhaps the other is not acquainted with the value of silence. Neither is our society. Just look at the typical party, the purpose of which is to bring people together to socialize. However, the music is usually too loud to carry a conversation!

Cardinal Robert Sarah makes some profound points about silence in his book *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise* (2016). “No prophet ever encountered God,” says Cardinal Sarah, “without withdrawing into solitude and silence. Moses, Elijah, and John the Baptist encountered God in the great silence of the desert. Today, too, monks seek God in solitude and silence. I am speaking, not just about a geographical solitude or movement, but about an interior state. It is not enough to be quiet, either. It is necessary to become silence.” This is so because “God remains silently present. He is in us like a thought, a word ... God’s being has always been present in us in an absolute silence. And a human being’s own silence allows him to enter into a relationship with the Word that is at the bottom of his heart.”

The Cardinal continues, “Silence is not an absence. On the contrary, it is the manifestation of a Presence, the most intense of all presences. In modern society, silence has come into disrepute; this is the symptom of a serious, worrisome illness. The real questions of life are posed in silence. Our blood flows through our veins without making any noise, and we can hear our heartbeats only in silence.”

In fact, he adds, “If we observe the great works, the most powerful acts, the most extraordinary and striking interior transformations that God carries out in man, we are forced to admit that He works in silence.” Some examples include Baptism and the ordination of priests. “God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence; see the stars, the moon, and the sun, how they move in silence”, [as] Saint Teresa of Calcutta said poetically [in her book *A Gift for God*] ... In his mother’s womb an infant grows in silence.”

Moreover, “The desire to see God is what urges us to love solitude and silence. For silence is where God dwells. He drapes Himself in silence.” Cardinal Sarah quotes the famous spiritual writer Thomas Merton, who wrote in *The Sign of Jonas*: “Exterior

Silence—its special necessity in our world in which there is so much noise and inane speech. As protest and reparation against the ‘sin’ of noise ... Silence is not a virtue, noise not a sin. True. But the turmoil and confusion and constant noise of modern society are the expression of the ambiance of its greatest sins—its godlessness, its despair. A world of propaganda, of endless argument, vituperation, criticism, or simply of chatter, is a world without anything to live for ...”

The Cardinal continues, “Alas, the worldly powers that seek to shape modern man systematically do away with silence. I am not afraid to assert that the false priests of modernity, who declare a sort of war on silence, have lost the battle. For we can remain silent in the midst of the biggest messes and most despicable commotion, in the midst of the racket and howling of those infernal machines that draw us into functionalism and activism by snatching us away from any transcendent dimension and from any interior life.”

Cardinal Sarah speaks furthermore about the noise of the news media. “How many interesting but useless things, and what a risk of letting them occupy the imagination and provide it with weapons against interior silence! A sort of triage becomes necessary, especially since journalists emphasize above all the exceptional events. They talk about an airplane that crashed; no one will write an article saying that all the airplanes landed today without incident or that mothers of families are caring for their children. And yet, is that less important?”

“One final aspect deserves to be emphasized: I am not responsible for the war in Syria [or Ukraine], and I have nothing to contribute to resolve that tragedy. In contrast, I am responsible for my neighbor down the hall if I learn that he is sick or alone. But because the first tragedy is bigger than the second, there is a danger that it will obscure my view of it.”

God bless you!

Father Eric



Lector Schedule

Saturday, July 2:

5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, July 3:

7:00 AM : Vinny O'Grady

9:00 AM: Roy Hansen

11:00 AM: Frank DiSalvo

1:00 PM: Patricia Jezycki

Saturday, June 25 :

9:30 Joseph Russell
(10th Anniversary)

Celebrant

Msgr. Nick

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Fr. Eric

Sunday, June 26:

7:00 Salvatore Cioffi

Fr. Eric

9:00 Elizabeth Hartmann

Msgr. Greg

11:00 William & Pen Gordon

Msgr. Nick

1:00 Deceased Members of
The Decker Family

Fr. Eric

Monday, June 27:

9:30 Gerard Crane
(7th Anniversary)

Fr. Eric

Tuesday, June 28:

9:30 George & Doris Bossert

Msgr. Nick

Wednesday, June 29:

9:30 Jack & Jane Gordon

Fr. Eric

Thursday, June 30:

9:30 Laura Elizabeth O'Hanlon

Fr. Eric

Friday, July 1:

9:30 Daniel Hollnsteiner

Fr. Samuel

Saturday, July 2:

9:30 Eleanor Torkelson

Fr. Soju

5:00 People of the Parish

Fr. Samuel

Sunday, July 3:

7:00 Thomas & Eileen Downing

Fr. Soju

9:00 Maryanne Abate

Fr. Samuel

11:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner

Msgr. Greg

1:00 Molly Trabisco

Msgr. Nick

Collections:

June 19th:

\$6,892.00

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Attendance June 19th:

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13 YEARS. WE HOPE HE ENJOYS
HIS TIME HERE.**

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Holy Name: The Sacred Heart Holy Name Society is once again in need of food donations to stock the pantry. Canned fish and meats, vegetables, fruit, soup, boxes of instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, hot and cold cereals, pasta, jarred/canned sauces, peanut butter and jelly are all needed and appreciated.

Save the Date!!!

The Holy Name will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 18th at The Staaten from 10:30 AM-1PM. Please make a special effort to join us as this is a great parish tradition. Members of Holy Name will be selling raffles for The Communion Breakfast after all the Masses.



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FEAST DAY JUNE 29TH

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