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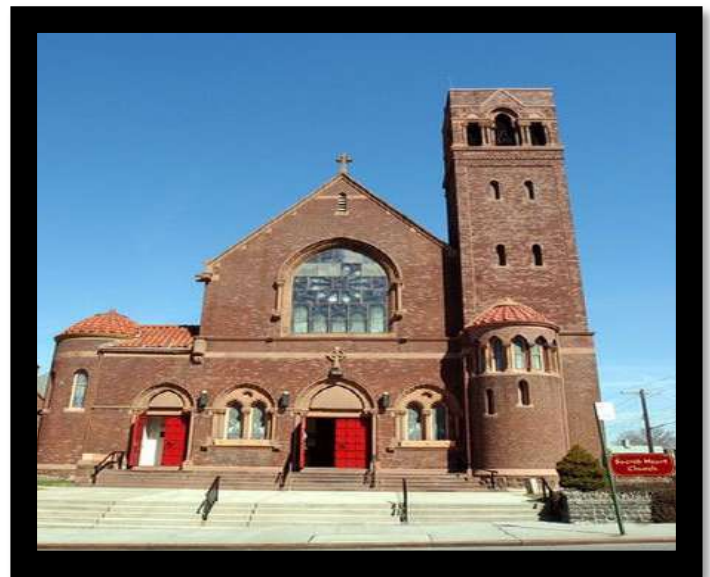
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Masses

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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MARCH 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

***OPENING HYMN: FROM THE DEPTHS
WE CRY TO THEE***

**FROM THE DEPTHS WE CRY TO THEE,
GOD OF SOVREIGN MAJESTY! HEAR
OUR PRAYERS AND HYMNS OF PRAISE;
BLESS OUR LENT OF FORTY DAYS.**

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; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord Our God. Amen.

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READING 1 EX 3:1-8A,13-15.

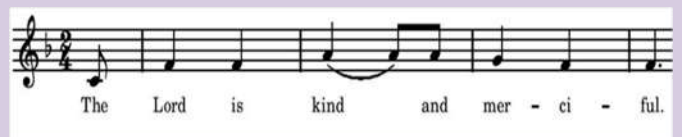
Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued,

"the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 103: 1-2, 3-4,
6-7, 8, 11.**



R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We are always in need of prayer. Prayer is not an option. The needy are forced to beg. We who are so needy, therefore, must beg. God. In prayer.

Fr. John Hardon offers a meditation on prayer. He writes, "Prayer is conversation with the invisible world of God, the Angels and the Saints." (Father John Hardon, S.J., *Theology of Prayer*, 1979, p. 12). What does it mean to engage someone in conversation?

Fr. Hardon answers, "First, we begin to converse with somebody when we become *aware* of that person... Second, conversation means that I wish to share with that other person something of what I have." (Ibid). We share thoughts, sentiments, desires and feelings. Third, "when I begin to converse, I literally turn towards the one with whom I wish to speak." (Ibid, p. 13).

To continue, "We seldom reflect on the fact that the words convert, conversion and conversation, all have the same fundamental meaning of re-direction, a turning away from one thing, in this case self, and toward something else, in this case another person. True, sincere, deep, genuine, total conversation is more rare than we think. So often I believe we use other people, as we say, as sounding boards—to listen to our own voice, they are just convenient to help us in what is still a continuous soliloquy. All real conversation, therefore, has this element of self-denial, or from another viewpoint, self-sacrifice, where I turn from preoccupation with my own thoughts and desires and direct them towards someone else."

Fr. Hardon then asks, "What is my purpose when I hold a conversation? My purpose is, or should be to communicate." To communicate he says, "by transferring something of what is me to become part of what is he or she." Our Savior, he points out, "told the Apostles how they were no longer a stranger to Him but His friend (Cf. Jn. 15:15). Why? Because I have shared with you what is in Me. I've told you what, before I spoke, was only on My mind. Now it's also on your minds. We have become united because part of Me is now part of you." (Ibid, p. 14).

"Conversation is not merely talking to someone; it is talking with someone. Unless that person also says something to me, I may be giving a speech or making an announcement, but I am hardly conversing." (Ibid, p. 15). Finally, says Hardon, "Those who believe, pray; those who do not believe, do not pray. Those who believe much, pray much; those who believe little, pray little. Those who believe deeply, pray deeply; those who believe weakly, pray weakly. We pray as we believe, neither more nor less." (Ibid, p. 17).

The following is a good prayer to use in asking God for the gift of good prayer:

**Come, Creator Spirit come, from Your bright heavenly throne! Come, take possession of our souls, and make them all Your own. You who are called the Paraclete, best gift of God above, the living spring, the living fire, sweet unction and true love! You Who are sevenfold in Your Grace, Finger of God's right hand, His promise, teaching little ones to speak and understand! O guide our minds with Your blessed light, with love our hearts inflame, and with Your strength that never decays confirm our mortal frame. Far from us drive our hellish foe, true peace unto us bring, and through all perils guide us safe beneath Your sacred wing. Through You may we the Father know, through You the Eternal Son, and You the Spirit of them both, Thrice-Blessed Three-In-One. All glory to the Father be, and to the Risen Son; the same to you, Great Paraclete, while endless ages run.
Amen.**

God bless you!

Father Eric



Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 26:

5:00 PM Bill Jones

Sunday, March 27:

7:00 AM Joan Prenty

9:00 AM Sr. Barbara

11:00 AM Ken Wisniewski

1:00 PM Donald Maj

Saturday, March 19: **Celebrant**

9:30 The Living & Deceased Members of The Pascarella Family Fr. Soju

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri Fr. Eric

Sunday, March 20:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory Fr. Soju

9:00 Patrick & Bridget Jordan Msgr. Nick

11:00 Brendan Hoey Msgr. Greg

1:00 Deceased Members of The Decker Family Fr. Eric

Monday, March 21:

9:30 Jack & Jane Gordon Msgr. Nick

Tuesday, March 22:

9:30 Shirley Dolan Fr. Eric
(Mother of Cardinal Dolan)

Wednesday, March 23:

9:30 Thomas J, Virginia & Gerard Crane Fr. Eric

Thursday, March 24:

9:30 Daphne Jane Gordon Msgr. Nick

Friday, March 25:

9:30 Brian Murphy Fr. Eric

Saturday, March 26:

9:30 James Rice Fr. Soju

5:00 Nicole Flanagan Fr. Eric

Sunday, March 27:

7:00 Sr. Ruth Borgersen Fr. Soju

9:00 Mary Ellen Wright Fr. Eric

11:00 Juan & Corazon Ariado Msgr. Nick

1:00 Janet Cugini Msgr. Greg

Collections:

March 13th:

\$7,378.00

March Budget Deficit:

\$376.00

Pastosa Raffle March 13th:

M/M Raymond Reilly

Attendance March 13th:

453

During the season of Lent Stations of the Cross are held every Friday night at 7:30 PM. The Stations are a great Lenten sacrifice.

On behalf of Fr. Eric, the faculty and staff of Sacred Heart Church and School and our parishioners we extend our most heartfelt condolences to Timothy Cardinal Dolan on the passing of his mother, Shirley Dolan.

2022 Cardinal's Appeal Update: Several weeks back, Father Eric officially launched the 2022 Cardinal's Appeal. We are happy to announce that we are getting closer and closer to our goal of \$71,500.00. As of now we have raised \$67,115.00. That represents an incredible 94% ! Every year our parishioners give very generously and our Cardinal's Appeal is a resounding success. Our hope this year is to increase the number of participants. Therefore, each and every gift, however small or large, is deeply appreciated.

Catholic Relief Services: The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up on the weekend of March 26th & 27th. Every year this collection goes to help people who live in the most marginalized communities of the world. Your donations provide food and shelter for young children. Nutrition for pregnant women and infant babies as well as getting them medical exams. The donations also help teach farmers innovative and inventive ways to grow and store crops for seasons of famine and drought. Remember Lent is a season of sacrifice and this collection would be a great example of a Lenten sacrifice. Last year, despite still feeling the effects of the pandemic, our diocese was able to raise \$193,884. Please be as generous as your means will allow and remember every donation is greatly appreciated.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle: Sacred Heart School is having their annual calendar raffle beginning on May 1st. Please see the fliers in the vestibule of the Church for more details. Any person who wishes to enter the raffle must complete and submit an entry form to the school by April 29th.

Legion of Mary: On Sunday, March 27th, at 3 PM The Legion of Mary will be holding their annual "Acies" prayer service in our church. During the service The Rosary will be recited and the members of The Legion of Mary will rededicate themselves to The Blessed Mother. After the service refreshments will be served in the Rectory basement. All are invited to join.

SAINT JOSEPH

FEAST DAY: MARCH 19TH

WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOSEPH 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, Mark Herman, 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 Necco, Richie Ochotorena, Rosamaria Ochotorena, Don Quinn, Jennifer Pakulniewez, Frank Astorino, Aubrie Robinson, Ron Salguera, Fr. Angelo Micciulla, 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, Frank Sullivan, Bobby Shepherd, Regina Fusaro, Billy McNeely, Melissa Dudley, Athena Guerrero, Monique Russo.

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