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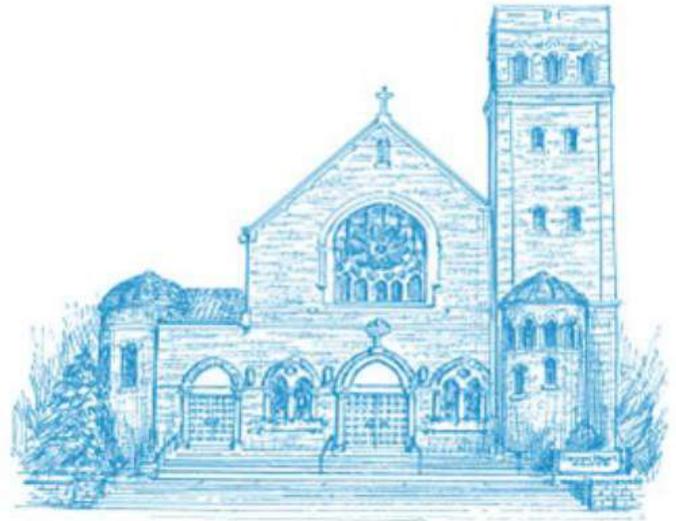
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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

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!

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Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

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Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

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Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

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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.

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MARCH 7, 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

READING 1 EX 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the

sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Responsorial Psalm PS 19: 8,9, 10, 11.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

READING 2

1 COR 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL JN 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL JN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to

them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (BOW)

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.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. William Most (1914-1999) describes the psychological process of rationalization in *Grace, Predestination, and the Salvific Will of God* (1997). He points out that each of us has to make choices between moral good and moral evil. Moral evil, of course, is known as sin. During the dilemma that the intellect faces of whether to choose a good or an evil, God, in His love for us, gives us His Grace. That Grace helps us to understand the moral good that we should choose and makes it attractive to the will, so that the will selects it. However, the will is free. It is not determined or programmed to choose this object or that. Therefore, the will may resist the proposition of the intellect to choose the good that Grace is suggesting. Instead, the will can instruct the intellect to provide a different set of reasons in order to opt for the alternative course of action, namely, the sin. Under this movement of the will, the intellect then proceeds with the task of finding and expressing plausible arguments that convince us, or justify to us, what otherwise would be rightly recognized as moral evil. The word for all of this is rationalization.

Explaining the analysis of Fr. Most, Dr. Jeff Mirus points out, “Every one of us has experienced this, but sometimes our intellects become darkened to the point at which we habitually fail to recognize when we are doing it. At this point, either the school of hard knocks may bring us to our senses, or we may require an extraordinary Grace to penetrate the resulting hardness of heart. If, however, the will accepts the initial presentation of the intellect concerning the choice between good and evil, and encourages the intellect to continue to serve the person so well, the intellect grows in its apprehension of the good and in its ability to reason about it. Meanwhile, having now accepted the information from the intellect that choice A is good and choice B is evil, the will is given a second form of Grace that enables the person to put this decision into action.” (Jeff Mirus, “Free Will: Being Human Is Not Easy,” www.catholicculture.org, 26 February 2021).

The human person’s susceptibility to rationalization is why the wiseman in the Book of Proverbs states bluntly: *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of*

death. (14:12). The truth is that we can sometimes reject the truth. We are capable of deceiving, not only others, but ourselves as well. Mathematical calculus, the academic course that many of us took in high school senior year, is difficult. Often enough, moral calculus is more so.

That is why we do well, when facing a moral dilemma, or any dilemma that requires a choice, to think about how the Word of God applies to this dilemma. Does it counsel or command for or against this or that choice? The Royal Prophet reminds us: *The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.* (Psalm 19:8-9).

Second, we should pray about the situation when confronted with a moral conundrum. *Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.* (Matthew 7:7). Third, we should wait—take our time. There was an old Latin adage in ancient times, “Festina lente.” It means, “Make haste slowly.” In other words, by proceeding slowly, deliberately, and with prudence we make more progress in the end, than if we rush into things.

Lastly, go with the heart. Catholic philosopher, Blaise Pascal, said, “The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of ... We know the truth not only by the reason, but by the heart.” (*Pensées*) The friends of God can trust that after thinking about the dilemma, praying about it, and patiently waiting, our loving Savior will provide the answer to our dilemma, in accord with His Word, in the heart, where He dwells. *The Kingdom of God is within you.* (Luke 17:21).

God bless you!

Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MARCH 7, 2021



Saturday, March 13:

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

Sunday, March 14:

7:00 AM Vincent O'Grady

9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.

11:00 AM Maria Montuori

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 13:

5:00 Sean Ahern

Sunday, March 14:

7:00 Jacob Torres

9:00 Matthew Basile

11:00 Tara Murphy

1:00 Elijah Greene

COLLECTIONS:

February 28th.....\$7,688.00

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5:00 John, Barbara & John Jr. Marrone

Sunday, March 7:

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

9:00 Edward Lowe Jr.

11:00 Thomas McAvoy

1:00 In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday, March 8:

9:30 Mary G. Santora (12th Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 9:

9:30 Ned Thompson (13th Anniversary)

Wednesday, March 10:

9:30 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

Thursday, March 11:

9:30 Maureen Mills

Friday, March 12:

9:30 John & Mary Fopeano

Saturday, March 13:

9:30 People of the Parish

5:00 Jose L. Galina & Maria T. Orta

Sunday, March 14:

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

9:00 Eileen McGarry

11:00 John Fleming

1:00 People of the Parish

Holy Name Pledge

Blessed be God. Blessed be his Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and Man. Blessed be the Name of Jesus. I believe O Jesus That Thou are the Christ. The Son of the Living God. I proclaim my love. For the Vicar of Christ on Earth. I believe all the sacred truths Which the Holy Catholic Church Believes and teaches. I promise to give good example By the regular practice of my faith. In honor of his Divine Name I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country. And to the God given principles of freedom, justice and happiness. For which it stands. I pledge my support to all lawful authority both civic and religious. I dedicate myself to honor the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ and beg that he keep my faithful to these pledges....Until Death. Amen.

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Catholic Relief Services: next Sunday, March 14th, the second collection will be the annual collection for *Catholic Relief Services*. This money goes to serve Catholics in some of the most marginalized communities around the world. It helps babies get nutritional and medical care, assist farmers in times of drought and feed the hungry. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

Ancient Order of Hibernians: We welcome The Ancient Order of Hibernians to the 11 AM Mass this morning. The annual Staten Island St. Patrick's Parade has been cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic.

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FEAST DAY: MARCH 9TH

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