

The Church of the Sacred Heart

981 Castleton Avenue Staten Island, NY 10310

Established 1875

First Sunday of Advent - November 28, 2021

Pastor

Fr. Eric Rapaglia

Email - frrapaglia@yahoo.com

Pastoral Associates

Msgr. Nicholas Soares

Msgr. Greg Mustaciulo

Fr. Soju Varghese

Principal

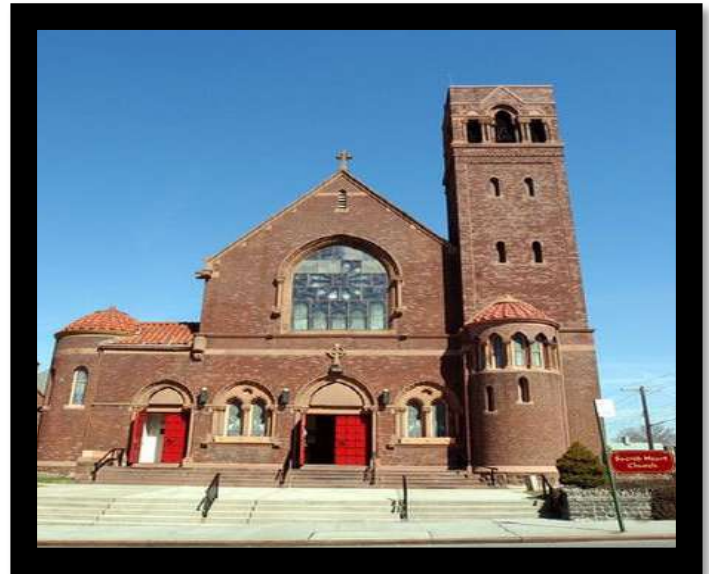
Ms. Celeste J. Catalano

Coordinator of Religious Education

Mrs. Francine Rizzuto

Director of Music

Mr. Tom Czarnecki



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

School Website: - www.sacredheartschoolsi.org

Church

718-442-0058

Church Fax

718-816-8006

School

718-442-0347

School Fax

718-442-6978

C.C.D. Office

718-448-1536

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 ISREAL.

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
CHRISTE DEI ELEISON
KYRIE ELEISON**

READING 1 **JER 33: 14-16.**

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **PS 93 :1, 1-2, 5.**

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your

truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

READING 2 **1 THES 3: 12-4: 2**

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

**"ANTICIPATE THE
PROMISE"**

Jeremiah 33:14-16



ALLELUIA

PS 85:8.



Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL LK 21:25-28, 34-36.

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of 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: 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.**

DEAR SAVIOR, HASTE

COME, 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 SADNESS FLEE AWAY.**

O CHRIST, WHOM NATIONS SIGH FOR

WHOM PRIEST AND PROPHET LONG FORETOLD

COME BREAK THE CAPTIVE FETTERS

REDEEM THE LONG-LOST FOLD.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, while at the same time, the first day of Hanukkah is being celebrated by Jews all over the world. May they all come soon to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, blessed be His Name, and have new life in Him. Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Second Temple in the second century B.C.

It all started with Alexander the Great. He succeeded his father Philip when he was only 20 years old. The next year he led the Greeks against Persia. He had only 30,000 foot-soldiers, 4000 horses, 70 talents of silver, and provisions for one month alone. He attacked and defeated the Persian Empire in less than 4 years (323 B.C.). He died when not quite 33 years old. When they asked him how he had accomplished so much, so quickly, with so little, he answered, "I never relent."

When Alexander died, he left no heirs to succeed him. Consequently, four of his generals divided his empire among themselves. They were Lysimachus, Cassander, Seleucus and Ptolemy. Eventually the Seleucids dominated geopolitically and a nightmarish ruler emerged named Antiochus IV Epiphanes. In his immense arrogance he considered himself to be a deity and painfully persecuted the Israelites. The Holy Bible described the plight of the people of God:

The king sent letters by messenger to Jerusalem and to the cities of Judah, ordering them to follow customs foreign to their land; to prohibit burnt offerings, sacrifices, and libations in the sanctuary, to profane the sabbaths and feast days, to desecrate the sanctuary and the sacred ministers, to build pagan altars and temples and shrines, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, to leave their sons uncircumcised, and to defile themselves with every kind of impurity and abomination; so that they might forget the Law and change all its ordinances.

Whoever refused to act according to the command of the king was to be put to death. In words such as these he wrote to his whole kingdom. He appointed inspectors over all the people, and he ordered the cities of Judah to offer sacrifices, each city in turn. Many of the people, those who abandoned the Law, joined them and committed evil in the land. They drove Israel into hiding, wherever places of refuge could be found. On

the fifteenth day of the month Kislev, in the year one hundred and forty-five (c. 178 B.C.), the king erected the desolating abomination upon the altar of burnt offerings, and in the surrounding cities of Judah they built pagan altars. They also burned incense at the doors of houses and in the streets. Any scrolls of the Law that they found they tore up and burned. Whoever was found with a scroll of the Covenant, and whoever observed the Law, was condemned to death by royal decree.

So, they used their power against Israel, against those who were caught, each month, in the cities. On the twenty-fifth day of each month, they sacrificed on the pagan altar that was over the altar of burnt offerings. In keeping with the decree, they put to death women who had their children circumcised, and they hung their babies from their necks; their families also and those who had circumcised them were killed. But many in Israel were determined and resolved in their hearts not to eat anything unclean; they preferred to die rather than to be defiled with food or to profane the Holy Covenant; and they did die. And very great wrath came upon Israel. (1 Maccabees 1:44-64).

God raised up the Maccabee clan, led by the mighty warrior, Judas "The Hammer". Under his leadership, they managed to repel the pagans and take back their city and rededicate the Temple, celebrated by the eight-day festival, Hanukkah.

In a sense, Advent is a Christian Hanukkah, an extended period of celebration to rejoice in the rededication of the temple. What temple? The temple of the human soul. Before the coming of Jesus, the human soul was blasphemous, steeped in sin, having been desecrated by Satan and his minions. But then, by means of the coming of our Savior it has been rededicated to God's glory, and so the practicing Catholic can declare: *Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all His gifts.* (Psalm 103.2).

God bless you!

Father Eric





© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Saturday, November 27:

5:00 Frank Santora (24th Anniversary)

Sunday, November 28:

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Giovanni Scarfo

11:00 Richard Ross

1:00 Joseph Martino

Monday, November 29:

9:30 Michael D'Amato

Tuesday, November 30:

9:30 Fr. Robert Navins (6th Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 1:

9:30 Vera Marie Appedu (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, December 2:

9:30 Mary Lamagna

Friday, December 3:

9:30 Eugene Spillane

Saturday, December 4:

9:30 Thomas Murphy

5:00 Gabriel Torres

Sunday, December 5:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli

9:00 James P. Mackey

11:00 Lois Mazzetelli

1:00 Patrick Jordan

Saturday, December 4:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, December 5:

7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz

9:00 AM Roy Hansen

11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 4:

5:00 PM Abigail Cruz

Sunday, November 28:

7:00 Jason Suazo

9:00 Sean Ahern

11:00 Brandon Pak

1:00 Oliver Czarnecki

Collections:

DUE TO AN EARLY DEADLINE WITH OUR BULLETIN PRODUCTION COMPANY THE COLLECTIONS AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21ST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

ON BEHALF OF FATHER ERIC AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF SACRED HEART WE HOPE THAT ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS HAD A VERY BLESSED AND JOYFUL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

THE MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARISHIONERS AND THE FACULTY AND KIDS OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL FOR ALL THEIR FOOD DONATIONS.

Memorial Christmas Trees: Sacred Heart will have its annual Christmas Tree lighting after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, December 3rd. **Memorial Trees** are available for purchase for \$125 a tree. These trees are a perfect way to remember those who are no longer with us during the Christmas Holiday Season. If you wish to purchase a tree just fill out the flyer and either drop it into the collection basket or return it to the Rectory. Please make all checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. Also please print clearly the name/names which will be memorialized on the tree and include a contact number.

Bereavement Mass: On Saturday, December 4th, a **Bereavement Mass** will take place at 5 P.M. The names of all of the deceased who were buried from our parish from September 2019 through August 2021 will be read. Letters have been mailed to the survivors of the deceased. All are invited to join in our tree lighting immediately afterwards, followed by refreshments.

Giving Tuesday: Tuesday November 30th has been designated as "Giving Tuesday". We ask that you remember the Catholic schools of Staten Island all of which need your support. A Catholic school is an uplifting environment where children of various socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions and ethnicities are brought together to learn. With your support these schools can upgrade their facilities, technology, academics and extracurricular activities. Please visit www.catholicschoolsnny.org/givingtuesday to make a donation.

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.

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 30TH

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



Sick Relatives & Friends
© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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, Ann McGowan, Linda & Antoniette Gagliardi, Harrison Schursky, Elizabeth McKenna, Caroline Dacunta, Irene McCarthy, Maria Rivera, Denise Bianacanello, Bob Kenny Sr., 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 Endley, Peter Marsh, John Riccobono, Joseph DiAngelo, William Walsh, Gertrude Wilson, Frank Duff, Edell Quinn, Kathy Perry.

The World Needs Heroes
 NYPriest.com
Have you ever thought of becoming a Priest?
 Call
 Fr. Luke Sweeney (English)
 Fr. Luis Saldaña (Spanish)
914-968-1340
 nypriest@archny.com



Since 1875
Casey
 FUNERAL HOME
 350 Slosson Avenue, Todt Hill, Staten Island, NY 10314
 718-447-4242
 www.caseyfuneralhome.com

FUNERAL
 CREMATION
 ADVANCE
 FUNERAL PLANNING

catholicmatch®
 New York

CatholicMatch.com/myNY

FINDaPARISH.com

*The Most Complete Online
 National Directory
 of Catholic Parishes*

CHECK IT OUT TODAY!

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

✓ Ambulance Solutions as Low as **\$19.95** a month
 ✓ Police ✓ Fire
 ✓ Friends/Family **FREE Shipping**
FREE Activation
NO Long Term Contracts

CALL NOW! **800.809.3352**

MDMedAlert
 Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection
 Nationwide, No Land Line Needed
 EASY Set-up, NO Contract
 24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA

"I have peace of mind... Mom remains independent."

This Button SAVES Lives!
 As Shown GPS,
 Lowest Price Guaranteed!



**Cherubini
 McInerney**
 FUNERAL HOME

Supports Sacred Heart | Family Owned and Operated

Serving All Faiths • Cremation Services

Prearranging Directors Available • Completely Renovated Facilities

718-442-9047 | www.cherubinifunerals.com | 1289 Forest Ave., Staten Island, NY 10302

ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith,
 find a Mass, and
 connect with your
 Catholic Community
 with OneParish!

Download Our Free App or Visit
www.MY.ONEPARISH.com

**Grow Your Business,
 Advertise Here.**

Support Your Church & Bulletin.

Free professional ad design & my help!

email: sales@jspaluch.com

www.jspaluch.com

For Information ... Call

800.524.0263

**Get this
 weekly bulletin
 delivered by
 email - for FREE!**

Sign up here:
www.jspaluch.com/subscribe

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.

**We Want
 Your Business
 To Grow**

**What We Can Offer
 You and Your Business:**

- Many ad size options to meet your budget in color or black and white
- One-on-one customer service to help build and design your ad
- The ability to change your ad up to 12 times per year

J.S. Paluch Company 1.800.524.0263

St. Peter's Cemetery

A Dignified Catholic Setting

- Grave Sales
- Pre-need & Immediate need
- Cremation Niches
- Holds 2 Cremation Urns

Call 718-442-2363 M-F 8-12 & 1-3pm

**Vocations
 Don't Just Happen:
 Ask
 Somebody.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

DO YOU HAVE SALES EXPERIENCE? ARE YOU WELL NETWORKED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

J.S. PALUCH COMPANY
 NATIONAL PUBLISHER OF CHURCH BULLETINS

- Full Time Positions Available with Excellent Earning Potential!
- Medical Benefits, 401K, Life & AD&D Insurance Available
- Excellent Commission Compensation Program

Interested? Call Kay Leane 1.800.621.5197 x2823
 or Email Resume to **RECRUITING@JSPALUCH.COM**

www.jspaluch.com

**EARN MONEY!
 DO GOOD! MAKE A
 POSITIVE IMPACT!**

The ORIGINAL and ONLY
Scamardella
 Funeral Home, Inc

Family Owned and Operated Since 1927

- Specialists in Irrevocable Medicaid and Revocable Pre-Arrangements
- Serving All Faiths in All Communities
- Traditional Services Burial and Cremation With Rental Casket Options

"Closest, most affordable, family-owned funeral home to Sacred Heart Church"

S. Joann Scamardella - Funeral Director/Owner

332 Broadway, Staten Island, NY 10310

24 Hour Service (718) 981-6622
 www.ScamardellaFuneralHome.com



SALVATORE SETTEPANI
 Licensed Real Estate Professional

917-559-9158 • sal@salsettepanirealty.com
 460 Castelton Ave., Staten Island, NY 10301
 Servicing NY & NJ • WWW.KENLICATA.NET

Ken Licata
 Realty
 Commitment, Experience, Results!

HOME INSPECTIONS
SEVENS
 PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

NYS License 16000103064 NJS License 24G100191200

InterNACHI • Ashi • 400+ Point Inspection
 Commercial • Residential • Assessments
 Asbestos • Drone • Lead • Mold • Termite
 Serving New York and New Jersey
347.559.9468
 sal@sevensservices.com
 sevensservices.com



Your ad could be in this space!

DALY FENCE

718-967-2328

Licensed & Insured

www.DalyFenceNY.com

MICHAEL J. GAFFNEY, Esq.
 Master Vehicle & Fall Down Injuries
 Construction Accidents • Real Estate
 Wills & Estates • NY and NJ cases.
 1164 Victory Blvd.
 www.thegaffneylawfirm.com
 718.815.6400

SAM T. GREGORIO'S FLORIST
 WEDDING SPECIALIST — FULL SERVICE FLORIST

814 FOREST AVENUE 718-447-7673
 OPEN 7 DAYS
 www.samgregoriosflorist.com

MATTHEW
 FUNERAL HOME AND
 CREMATION SERVICES, INC.
 John and Matthew J. Scamardella, Owners

Michael H. Scamardella &
 Christopher L. DeLuca,
 Licensed Funeral Directors

(718) 761-5544
 2508 Victory Blvd.
 www.matthewfuneralhome.com

WHY IS IT

A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket on an ADVERTISED mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas bathes in an ADVERTISED shower shaves with an ADVERTISED razor brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste washes with ADVERTISED soap puts on ADVERTISED clothes drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee drives to work in an ADVERTISED car and then refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn't pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.

WHY IS IT?

La Gracia's
Staten
Enterprises

697 Forest Avenue • Staten Island, NY 10310
 (718) 448-6000 • Fax (718) 876-9733 • www.thestaaten.com

Dr. Craig J. Campbell*
 PODIATRIST — FOOT SPECIALIST
 Most Insurance & Union Plans Accepted
 MEDICARE • GHI • OXFORD
 BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD
 "House Calls Upon Request"
 Sacred Heart School Grad. — Class of '77
981-5098 • 827 Forest Ave.

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank You

Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

Harmon Funeral Home

571 Forest Avenue
 Staten Island, NY 10310
 718-442-5056

OUR FAMILY SERVING YOURS FOR FOUR GENERATIONS

Owned by a subsidiary of Service Corp. International, 1929 Allen Pkwy., Houston, TX 77019 713-522-5141

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.

For further information, please call the Parish Office.

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
 Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
 www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com