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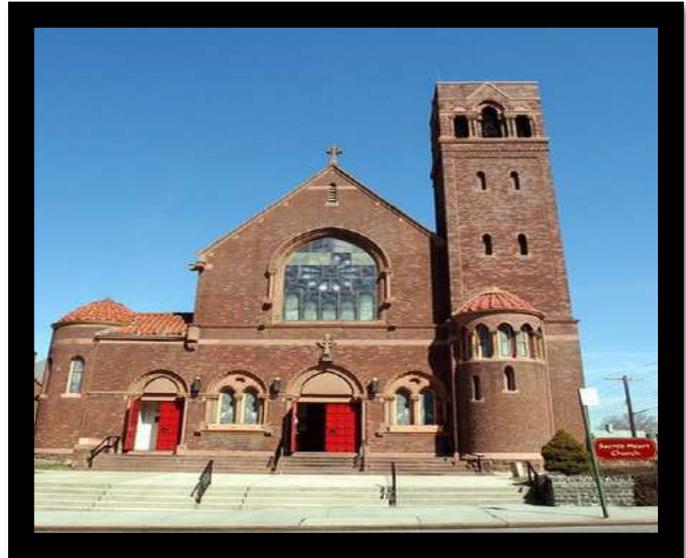
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Masses

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.

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OCTOBER 3, 2021

THE 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: IMMACULATE MARY

**IMMACULATE MARY YOUR PRAISES WE
SING!
YOUR REIGN NOW IN HEAVEN WITH JESUS
OUR KING!
AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA!
AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA!
IN HEAVEN THE BLESSED, YOUR PROCLAIM,
ON EARTH WE YOUR CHILDREN INVOKE
YOUR FAIR NAME.
AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA!
AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA!**

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 GN 2:18-24.

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up

into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6.



Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

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

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

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. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

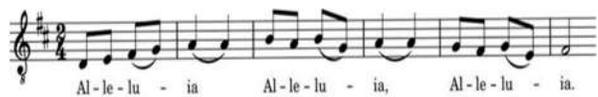
R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

READING 2 HEB 2:9-11.

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

ALLELUIA

1 JN 4:12.



If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

GOSPEL

MK 10:2-16.

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

And the two shall become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Mark 10:8



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: HAIL HOLY QUEEN

**HAIL HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE,
O, MARIA!
HAIL MOTHER OF MERCY AND OF LOVE,
O, MARIA!
TRIUMPH ALL YE CHERUBIM,
SING WITH US, YE SERAPHIM,
HEAVEN & EARTH RESOUND THE HYMN
SALVE, SALVE, SALVE REGINA!**

**OUR LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS, HERE BELOW
O, MARIA!
OUR HOPE IN SORROW AND IN WOE,
O, MARIA!
TRIUMPH ALL YE CHERUBIM,
SING WITH US, YE SERAPHIM,
HEAVEN & EARTH RESOUND THE HYMN
SALVE, SALVE, SALVE REGINA!**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the Marian month of October we recall the origin of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which all Catholics do well to wear. The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock at Cambridge, England on Sunday, July 16, 1251. In answer to his appeal for help for his oppressed order, she appeared to him with a scapular in her hand and said: "Take, beloved son, this scapular of your order as a badge of my confraternity and for you and all Carmelites a special sign of grace. Whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant."

What was the order of St. Simon Stock? It was and is the Order of Mount Carmel, the Carmelites. They were founded in the 12th century as a group of monks living in solitude and contemplative prayer on Mount Carmel in Israel. Mount Carmel furnished the famous scene in the Old Testament involving Elijah the Prophet, who would later appear to the Lord Jesus (blessed be His Name) along with Moses at the Transfiguration.

Elijah challenged the false prophets of the false god, Baal, to a contest. They cut up a bull and placed it on an altar. The false prophets called on their god but to no avail. Then Elijah had the bull soaked in gallons and gallons of water, after which he called on the Lord. The Lord answered by setting on fire the bull, the altar and the puddles of water as well. The people recognized the Lord as the true God and then Elijah killed the false prophets because they were poisoning the people with their deceptions, leading themselves and the people to eternal death.

Jesus Himself, because He is most loving and ever so solicitous for the well-being of the human race, fiercely opposes those, like those false prophets of Baal, who cause others to sin by their scandalous behavior. He said once: *Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.* (Mark 8:42).

Centuries later, the Mother of God, our Lady of Mount Carmel, helps us do likewise. Like Elijah she helps us call down fire from Heaven, the fire of the Holy Spirit. By means of our devotion to our Lady, we receive a greater share of the Holy Spirit, who stirs the pilot-light of our hearts into a great flame of faith, hope and charity for Jesus, all for Jesus. The light that comes from this holy fire shows us the way and shows us the truth and reminds us that Jesus is Himself *the way, the truth and the life.* (John 14:6).

Our Lady also helps us to slay the false prophets. At the most fundamental level there are three: three false authorities who try to show us how to behave in the world, but ultimately, they lead us away from God. These three are the world, the flesh and the Devil.

The world sometimes means the theater of redemption in the Holy Bible: *For God so loved the world, as to give His only begotten Son: that whoever believes in Him may not perish, but may have everlasting life.* (John 3:16). Other times, the Bible speaks of the world as that very powerful culture that dominates so much of what is popular, pervading the entertainment industry, the media, the political and academic world. This pagan spirit sets the pattern of what is glamorous and stylish and "appropriate". But it's mostly ungodly. Jesus said about this world: *The world cannot hate you: but Me it hates because I give testimony of it, that the works thereof are evil.* (John 7:7). This world is a false prophet because it speaks publicly like a prophet but what it says is wrong.

The flesh also has two meanings. Sometimes the flesh refers simply to the body, which is a temple of the Holy Ghost and is to be treated with great respect, our own bodies and others. On the other hand, sometimes the flesh refers to the unredeemed part of us that has cravings for sin: pride, anger, greed, gluttony, lust, envy and sloth. It serves as a false prophet because the messages it sends seem so real and quite true. Later, after heeding these messages, we find ourselves sorry. After giving into the flesh for the sake of some passing planetary perk, we find ourselves pained with guilt and shame.

Lastly there is the Devil, who, as our dear Lord says: *He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks in character, because he is a liar and the father of lies.* (John 8:44). One of his greatest achievements as the "father of lies" that he has accomplished in recent years is to convince so many hordes of humans that he does not exist. An enemy is especially dangerous when you do not recognize its presence.

Our blessed Lady helps us to slay all of these false prophets: the world, the flesh and the Devil. In fact, like a virgin queen bee she does the killing herself. Her weapon which she places in the pocket of each of her people is the Holy Rosary. We are to always keep the Rosary on our person and make sure that we pray it each and every day. This is her advice not mine.

God bless you!

Father Eric



Saturday, October 2:

5:00 Janet Miller

Sunday, October 3:

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Jesus A. Santos

11:00 Thomas Jones

1:00 Ann P. Ryan

Monday, October 4:

9:30 Fr. James E. Burke (2nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, October 5:

9:30 Marie Micillo (7th Anniversary)

Wednesday, October 6:

9:30 Stanley & Edith Modzelewski

Thursday, October 7:

9:30 Alexander Ross

Friday, October 8:

9:30 Andrew Esposito

Saturday, October 9:

9:30 Nancy Vidikiss Ozimek

5:00 Mary Mackey

Sunday, October 10:

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

9:00 Baby Raymond Celentano

11:00 Aurora David

1:00 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

Saturday, October 9:

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

Sunday, October 10:

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, October 9:

5:00 PM Abigail Cruz

Sunday, October 10:

7:00 Jason Suazo

9:00 Sean Ahern

11:00 Brandon Pak

1:00 Michael Contardo

Collections:

September 26th.....\$8,877.00

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Building Fund.....\$515.00

Congratulations to M/M John Primiano on winning the Sept. 2021 50/50

Congratulations to M/M Timothy Boylan on winning the weekly Pastosa Raffle

ATTENDANCE SEPT. 26TH: 531

St. Peter's Boys H.S.: St. Peter's Boys High School will have their annual open house on Sunday, October 24th. Please visit www.stpetersboyshs.org for more information. St. Peter's has a rich history of academic and athletic excellence and many of our finest alumni have continued their education there. Moreover, for more than a century they have been instilling Catholic virtues in their students.

CCD Registration 21-22: CCD Registration for September 2021 has begun. If you have been mailed the forms for reregistration you can drop them off at the Rectory from Monday–Friday from 9 AM–5 PM. If you wish to register you may come to the Rectory again during the above business hours. The cost is \$165 per child payable in cash or a check made out to Sacred Heart. Please know the fee doesn't need to be paid in order to register your child.

NYFD Bravest BBQ: The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Tower Foundation will host the 11th annual Bravest BBQ on Saturday, October 9th from 12-5 PM at the South Shore Country Club. The cost is \$30 per person (if purchased online), \$40 if purchased at the door and children under 14 are free. The link is www.bravestbbq.eventbrite.com. There will be food, raffles, music and it will take place rain or shine.

Sacred Heart Scouts: Registration for **Sacred Heart's Pack 74** will be held on Monday, October 4th in Sacred Heart School Parking lot at 6 PM. There will be a rock wall, musical entertainment and a magician. All children from kindergarten to 5th grade are encouraged to join. Also parents are encouraged to join as Scout Leaders. Prior scouting experience is not necessary. Being a Scout is one of the oldest and finest traditions in our country.

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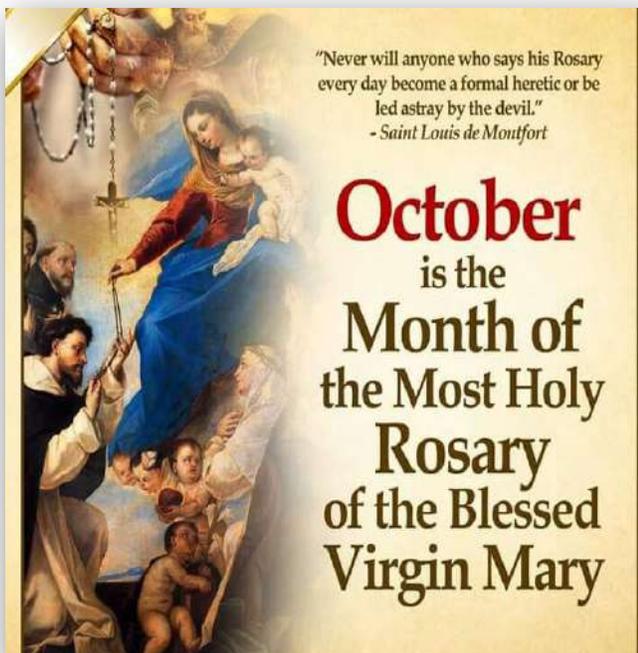
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