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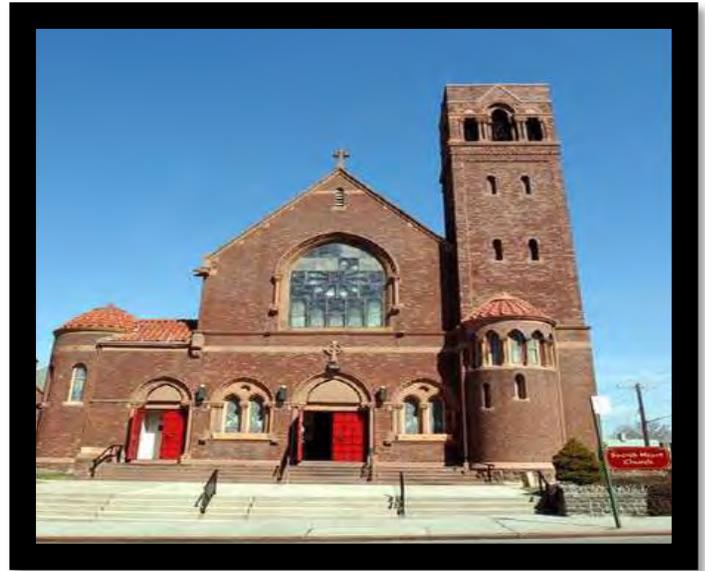
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Masses

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 (Bathroom)

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

Holy Hour: Fridays after 9:30 Mass

Sundays 2-3 PM, Schoensatt Shrine (337 Cary Avenue)

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:

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME**

OPENING HYMN: TABLE OF PLENTY

**REFRAIN: COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND
EARTH! COME TO THE TABLE OF PLENTY! GOD
WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL THAT WE NEED, HERE AT
THE TABLE OF PLENTY.**

**O COME AND SIT AT MY TABLE WHERE SAINTS
AND SINNERS ARE FRIENDS. I WAIT TO WEL-
COME THE LOST AND LONELY TO SHARE THE CUP
OF MY LOVE.**

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, Je-
sus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glo-
ry of God the Father. Amen.**

READING 1 EX 32: 7-11, 13-14.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!' "I see how stiff-necked this people is, " continued the LORD to Moses. Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented

in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 51:3-4,
12-13, 17, 19.**



R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

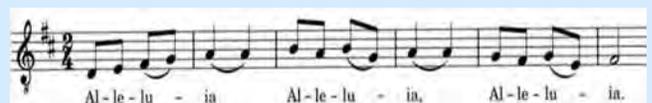
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READING 2 1 TM 1: 12-17.

Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA 2 COR 5:19.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.



Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.

Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he

heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

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: JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE, GOD OF GLORY, LORD OF LOVE; HEARTS UNFOLD LIKE FLOW'RS BEFORE THEE, OP'NING TO THE SUN ABOVE. MELT THE CLOUDS OF SIN AND SADNESS; DRIVE THE DARK OF DOUBT AWAY; GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS, FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY.

ALL THY WORKS WITH JOY SURROUND THEE, EARTH AND HEAV'N REFLECT THY RAYS, STARS AND ANGELS SING AROUND THEE, CENTER OF UNBROKEN PRAISE; FIELD AND FOREST VALE AND MOUNTAIN, FLOW'RY MEADOW, FLASHING SEA, CHANTING BIRD AND FLOWING FOUNTAIN, CALL US TO REJOICE IN THEE.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Sohrab Ahmari is a famous author and journalist. He describes his conversion from Islam in his recent book: *From Fire, by Water: My Journey to the Catholic Faith*. (2019). Ahmari grew up in Iran. In 1997, he was twelve years old, vacationing in northern Iran on the shores of the Caspian Sea. He writes:

“The days were invariably spent on the beach. Shariah law demanded strict separation of the sexes, even at sea. At most public beaches, the authorities curtained off the water to create separate men’s and women’s areas. Everywhere there were banners that read: ‘My Sister, Mind Your Veil. My Brother, Mind Your Eyes.’ But my parents and their friends usually discovered hidden corners where men and women could share the beach. They would even bring ‘*araq*’ (alcoholic beverage) hidden in plastic jars and hot-water bottles. If members of the morality police, known as the *komiteh* (committee), showed up in their signature green Toyota 4x4s, all wasn’t lost. Most of them could be bribed to overlook such iniquities as drinking alcohol and cavorting in mixed company. There was always a chance, however, that the officer in charge was a true believer. Then a flogging or even jail time could be in order. A colleague of my father’s had been caught once with ‘*araq*—or maybe it was cassettes of Western music—in his car. Unfortunately for him, this was in the early revolutionary days, when no amount of bribery and haggling could get offenders out of punishment. The *komiteh* ordered him to be flogged; the scarring left the skin on his back looking permanently like challah bread.”

“Such frightful episodes—every family had at least one, and usually several—didn’t make secular Iranians any less inclined to drink alcohol, gather in mixed company, or listen to Western music. Rather, the fear of getting caught only added an element of adventure to every social outing. The risk was half the fun. That summer in question, my parents and I rode with a friend of theirs named Manuchehr, a wealthy businessman, whose own wife took a different car. There was nothing untoward in this switcheroo. My parents wished to stay with me, and Manuchehr’s wife was keen to catch up with other friends, so she rode in their car. Roughly midway, we ran into a morality check-point. The alcohol and playing cards weren’t in our vehicle, so we expected to be waved through. But the young officers found the arrangement suspicious. What was the relation between the adults in the vehicle? Were they, perhaps, lovers . . . ? And whose child was this boy?”

“We were ordered out of the car and interrogated, first in groups, then individually. ‘Does the number one-five-five-six-six-zero mean anything to you, son?’ one of the officers asked me at one point. I blanked. ‘Interesting. That’s supposedly your dad’s identity number, but you don’t know it. Veeery interesting.’ I prayed that we might be spared unpleasantness. Finally, after about two hours, it was established that Manuchehr and my mother were not lovers, that my parents had once been married, and, therefore, that I wasn’t illegitimate. We were allowed to go, and made it to the villa. Our nerves were rankled, but we had a fresh war story with which to regale our travel com-

panions.”

“A few days later, we had a second run-in with the *komiteh*. This time it was one of the roaming 4x4s that intruded on our sun-soaked beach idyll. Two uniformed officers and one plainclothes agent stepped out of the sport-utility vehicle. By the way the plainclothes man carried himself, it was obvious that he was the one in charge. It didn’t take him long to demand the plastic hot-water bottle we had sitting on a picnic blanket. One sniff, and he knew. ‘This is alcohol,’ he said, screwing up his face. The men in our group were expected to respond, but what could they say? ‘My brother,’ Hadi, my father’s business partner, said after a time. ‘We’re just . . . we’re just having a little . . .’ ‘Shut your mouth! It’s almost time for the midday prayers, and your breath smells like a whorehouse. Aren’t you ashamed of yourselves, drinking in front of these children?’ Here the agent turned to me. The frown lifted from his brows and something resembling a smile crossed his lips. ‘How old are you, my dear boy?’ ‘M-m-me? I’m five.’ I was a few months short of thirteen. I had a teenager’s body and pimples, and my voice had started to crack. What made me tell such a fantastic lie about my age? I reasoned that the officers would take it easier on us if they thought that I was much younger than I was. It worked, though for different reasons than I had supposed. Everyone, the *komiteh* men included, cracked up at the idea that I was a five-year-old. The two uniformed officers struggled to suppress their chuckles; their superior was only slightly more circumspect. The whole scene took on a surreal aspect. There was more questioning and scolding still in store for the adults, but eventually the officer in charge said: ‘Well, it does look like you’re having fun. Why not give us a taste of your candy?’ He needn’t have said more. The men quickly pooled their cash and handed all they had to the *komiteh*. The guardians of the nation’s virtues went on their way.”

So many Muslims are persons of good will. Not all. Twenty-one years ago today, on a beautiful sunny Tuesday morning, our nation, our city, our families and friends were attacked by Muslim men of very bad intent, enslaved by a demonic world view. We forgive them. We pray for them, and for their victims. May all of our Islamic brothers and sisters, like Ahmari, find in the true religion the existential freedom and the joy of Jesus Christ. *For there is no other Name under Heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved.* (Acts 4:12).

God bless you!

Father Eric



Lector Schedule

Saturday, September 17:

5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, September 18:

7:00 AM : Theresa Zulch

9:00 AM: Kennedy Apoe

11:00 AM: Patricia Jezycki

1:00 PM: TBD

Saturday, September 10: **Celebrant**

9:30 Charles, Mary & Fr. Soju
Charles M. Donohue

5:00 Louis Pillarella Fr. Eric

Sunday, September 11:

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

9:00 Susan Pellecchia Fr. Eric
(4th Anniversary)

11:00 Edmund Cunningham Msgr. Nick

1:00 William Allee Msgr. Greg

Monday, September 12:

9:30 Helena Svahlova Fr. Eric

Tuesday, September 13:

9:30 Albert Mello & Joseph Souza Msgr. Nick

Wednesday, September 14:

9:30 Thomas Regan Fr. Eric

Thursday, September 15:

9:30 Michael & Eleanor Nasella Fr. Eric

Friday, September 16:

9:30 Margaret O'Connor Fr. Eric

Saturday, September 17:

9:30 Donald Regan Fr. Soju

5:00 Claire Reilly Fr. Eric

Sunday, September 18:

7:00 Deborah Hyland Fr. Soju

9:00 Sue Amore Msgr. Greg
(18th Anniversary)

11:00 Kathleen Jezycki Fr. Eric

1:00 Deceased Members of Msgr. Nick
The Decker Family

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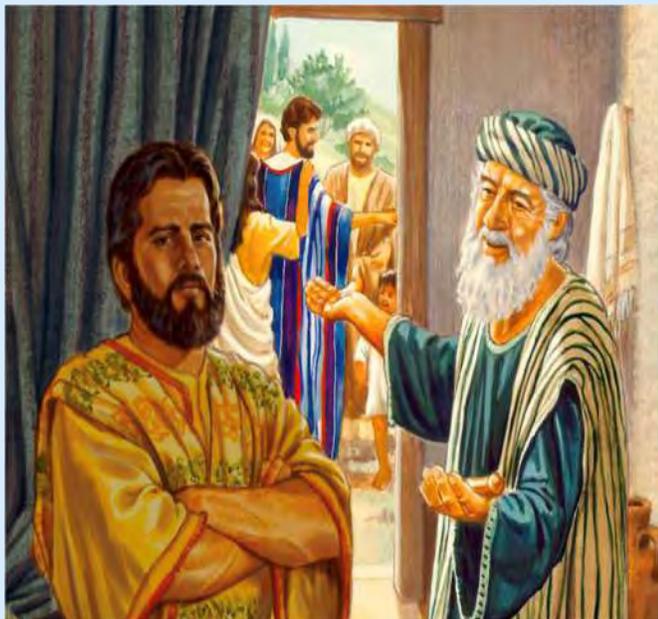
The Holy Name Society will be holding its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 18th, at 10:30 AM at The Staaten.

This year the keynote speaker will be John Walsh, (SHS class of 1980), Assistant Principal of St. Peter's Boys High School. Our honoree will be Father Louis Jerome. Please see the flier for more details.

CCD Registration 22-23: Registration for CCD Classes for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. To register your child for classes you can either drop off the forms to the Rectory or stop by The Rectory and fill them out. The Office Manager is in Monday—Friday from 9AM—5PM. The cost is \$165 per child, \$400 for three children. Payment of the fee is not necessary to register your child and may be paid in increments. Only checks or cash no credit/debit cards. Any new or first time student must provide sacrament certificates.

Sacred Heart Track: Registration for any boy or girl grades K-8 interested in Cross Country Track will be on Monday, September 12th, at 4:30 PM at Royal Oak. Also summer workouts will be held on September 6th and September 7th at 6 Pm at Royal Oak. Please bring plenty of water. If you have any questions regarding the track program please contact Tom Smith at (917) 545-9644.

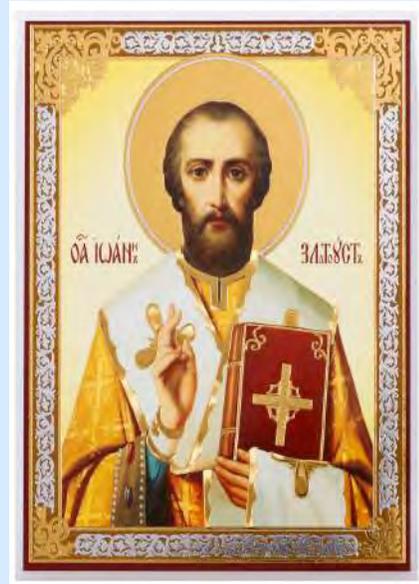
Bishop Kearney Reunion: Bishop Kearney's Class of 1972 will be celebrating their 50th reunion this year. The reunion will take place on Friday, October 14th, at the Staten Island Hilton. For questions please contact Laura Kimmins at lkimmins87@gmail.com or Mary Murphy Kaminski at BKEARNEYHS72@gmail.com. We are hoping for a good turnout and trying to track down some distant classmates.



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