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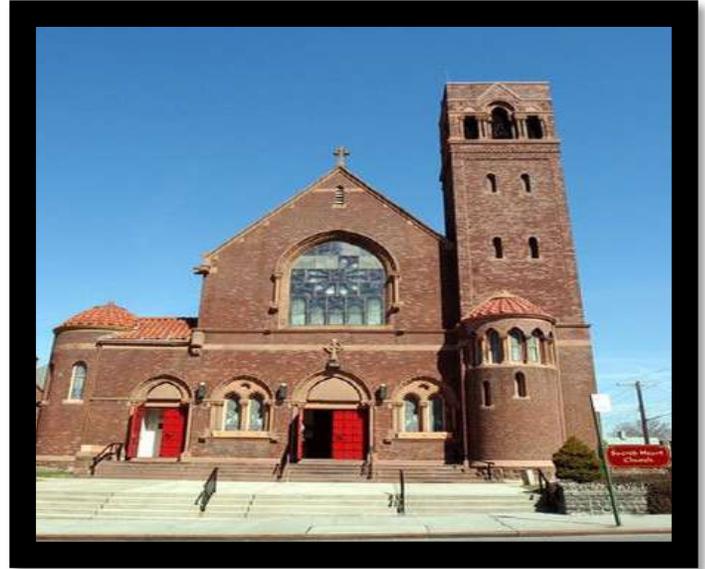
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Masses

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:

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

THE 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!
EARLY IN THE MORNING OUR SONG SHALL
RISE TO THEE!**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! MERCIFUL AND
MIGHTY! GOD IN THREE PERSONS, BLESSED
TRINITY!**

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 IS 50: 5-9A.

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9.



I love the LORD because he has heard my voice in supplication, Because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, And I called upon the name of the LORD, "O LORD, save my life!"

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful. The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READING 2 JAS 2: 14-18.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

ALLELUIA

GAL 6:14.



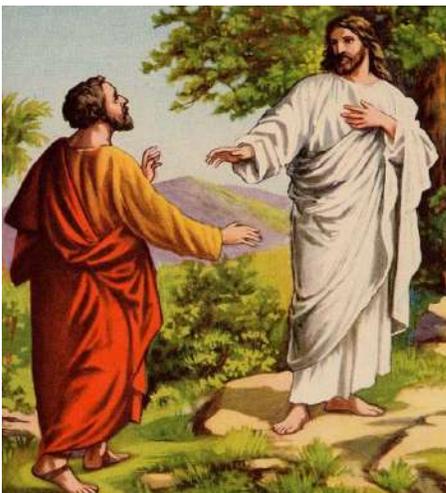
May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

GOSPEL

MK 8:27-35.

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."



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: HOW GREAT THOU ART.

**OH LORD, MY GOD WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER,
CONSIDER ALL THE WORLDS THY HANDS HAVE
MADE
I SEE THE STARS I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER,
THY POWER THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DIS-
PLAYED.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.**

**AND WHEN I THINK THAT GOD, HIS SON NOT SPAR-
ING.
SENT HIM TO DIE, I SCARE CAN TAKE IT IN.
THAT ON THE CROSS, MY BURDEN GLADLY BEARING.
HE BLED AND DIED TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.
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A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the Holy Gospel of today's Mass, we find the good Lord making an unfavorable comparison between the thought process of St. Peter, the first Pope, and the Prince of Darkness: *Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.* (St. Mark 8:33). Some people are not comfortable with the idea that there is indeed a Devil and a Hell, even though Christ, as recorded in the Gospels, spoke more of the horrors of Hell than He did about the bliss of Heaven.

Paul Thigpen writes about this subject. He notes, "Some critics of the doctrine of Hell have objected that there seems to be a disproportion between transitory sin and eternal damnation. But it was St. Augustine who noted long ago that even in this life, we don't think in those terms. A person can commit the crime of murder in a fit of passion, without premeditation, in a matter of seconds. But what would we think of a judge who sentenced the murderer to only a few seconds in jail for such a crime so that the crime and the punishment would be 'proportionate'? No—duration in time means nothing, but rather the seriousness of the sin, and especially the definitive nature of the act. Even in this life, some decisions, some actions, are definitive and irrevocable." (Paul Thigpen, *Saints Who Saw Hell*, 2019, p. 18).

Dr. Thigpen continues, "If you murder another person, for example, you can never undo that action. And death is the point at which our decisions become definitive for us, when the ripened fruit of a lifetime achieves its final form. In any case, eternity is not a mere prolongation of time. C.S. Lewis [in *The Problem of Pain*, 1962] compares this present life to a line that we have drawn, and eternity to a solid that takes it definitive shape from the baseline of that earthly life. It is simply the final culmination of what we ourselves have begun, a thicker and wider and heavier version of the life we have lived in this world." (Ibid, p. 19).

Some have asked why God can't give second chances for people to avoid Hell. Dr. Thigpen responds, "The truth is that we have all had multiple, even countless, chances in this lifetime. If a trillion chances would do any good, God would probably grant them. But the chances must finally come to an end at some point, and if God knows all things, then He knows at what point they should end, and when any additional chances would be in vain." (Ibid, p. 19).

What about the sorrow there would be in Heaven over the damned, the saintly mother, for instance, who thinks about her son eternally separated from her? Thigpen writes, "Many have asked how God and the blessed in Heaven could have perfect joy in Heaven while knowing that even one soul had been damned. In Lewis's fantasy masterpiece *The Great Divorce*, he responds to that concern by imagining a conversation between two dead souls, one who is still trying to under-

stand the reality of Heaven and Hell and one who has already been granted wisdom in that regard. When the inquirer says that it seems as if those in Heaven should be forever grieved by those in Hell, ruining their happiness, the wise soul answers in this way:

"That sounds very merciful, but see what lies behind it.... The demand of the loveless and the self-imprisoned that they should be allowed to blackmail the universe: that till they consent to be happy (on their own terms) no one else shall taste joy: that theirs should be the final power: that Hell should be able to veto Heaven.... [It] must be one way or the other. Either the day must come when joy prevails, and all the makers of misery are no longer able to infect it: or else forever and ever the makers of misery can destroy in others the happiness they reject for themselves." (Ibid, p. 19).

Finally, when people scoff at the existence of Hell and insist that a loving God would have made things otherwise, Thigpen answers, "What exactly are you asking God to do with these creatures of free will He has created? Do you want Him to pay the terrible price required to offer them the chance to have their sins removed and their souls cleansed and a chance to make a fresh start? That's precisely what He did in the passion and death of Our Lord. Do you want Him to provide them miraculous means of grace to assist them throughout life in making it to Heaven? That's exactly what He has given them through establishing the Church. If they refuse to be forgiven, if they spurn His grace, do you want God simply to leave them alone? That is exactly what He does in the end, and that is Hell." (Ibid, p. 20).

God bless you!

Father Eric



P.S.

Please join us as we congratulate the Members of the Legion of Mary which is celebrating its 100th anniversary (September 7th)!



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Saturday, September 11:

5:00 William Allee

Sunday, September 12:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli

9:00 Susan Pellecchia
(3rd Anniversary)

11:00 Maureen Donnelly

1:00 Jaden Teresa Munoz (Living)

Monday, September 13:

9:30 Albert Perry & Joseph Mello

Tuesday, September 14:

9:30 Thomas Regan

Wednesday, September 15:

9:30 Maureen Donnelly

Thursday, September 16:

9:30 Michael & Elanor Nasella, Sr.

Friday, September 17:

9:30 Robert Morris

Saturday, September 18:

9:30 Nancy Vidikisis Ozimek

5:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, September 19:

7:00 Corinne A. O'Brien

9:00 Sue Amore
(17th Anniversary)

11:00 Gerald & Theresa Sterlacci

1:00 Thanksgiving of The Gordon Family

Saturday, September 18:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, September 19:

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch

9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe

11:00 AM Patti Jezycki

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 18:

5:00 PM Abigail Cruz

Sunday, September 19:

7:00 Jason Suazo

9:00 Oliver Czarnecki

11:00 Brandon Pak

1:00 Jack Smith

Collections:

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ATTENDANCE SEPT. 5TH: 454

Wedding Banns

**II. Spencer Ryan Clark &
Katherine Mary Olaskiewicz**

**II. Donald James McIntyre Jr. &
Amanda Blanche Jacobson**

Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast: The annual Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, September 19th, at 10:30 AM at The Staaten. This year the keynote speaker will be Frank Siller, Chairman and CEO of The Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Members of The Holy Name Society will begin selling raffles after the Masses on Sunday. The cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for children (children under 12 are free) and all checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart Church.

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.

Cross Country Track: Any child, grade K-8, who is interested in joining Cross Country Track for the fall should contact Tom Smith at (917) 545-9644.

Sacred Heart Soccer: Sacred Heart is currently registering players for the fall season, including kids born in 2016 & 2017. We also need volunteer coaches and also a new Soccer Director. If anyone is interested please contact Marilyn Corson at marilyn-corson@hotmail.com.

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St. Joseph's Seminary Collection: The annual collection for St. Joseph's Seminary, "Dunwoodie", will be taken up on the weekend of September 25th & 26th. Last year the amount collected was \$221,733.85 which was very impressive considering the pandemic. Remember, our seminarians have little or no income and have made a commitment to serve God by pursuing a vocation to the priesthood. This collection helps with the upkeep of the Seminary, tuition payments, academic training, room and board and other needs. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

SAINT CORNELIUS

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 16TH

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Sick Relatives & Friends

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