

The Church of the Sacred Heart

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The Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 26, 2021

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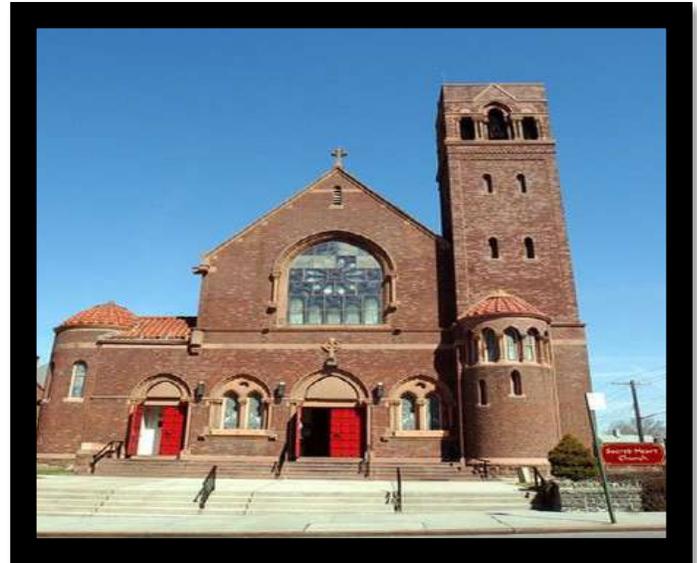
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Masses

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:

Church Website: - www.sacredheartsi.org

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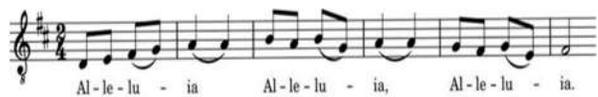
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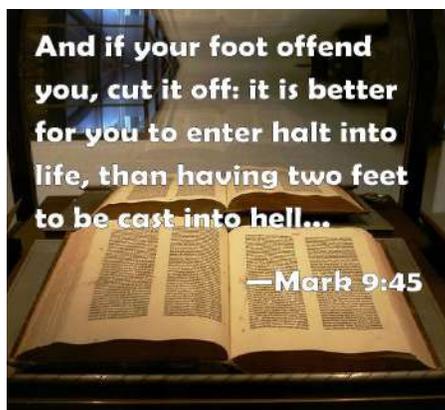
Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

GOSPEL

MK 9:38-43, 45,

47-48.

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "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. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"



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: BLESSED BY YOUR SACRIFICE.

**BLESSED BY YOUR SACRIFICE,
STRONG IN YOUR LOVE, O CHRIST,
OUR GRATEFUL VOICES TO YOU WE RAISE.
TRUE ADORATION THROUGHOUT CREATION,
RINGS OUT IN JOYFUL SONGS OF PRAISE.**

**O SPLENDOR, GLORY BRIGHT,
BROUGHT FORTH AS LIGHT FROM LIGHT!
O DAY, ALL DAYS ENLIGHTENING!
ANGELS WITH ONE ACCORD,
CRY " HOLY, HOLY, LORD!"
TO YOU OUR EVERLASTING KING.**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to a member of our parish who passed on to me some advice by a psychologist on how to treat a child, written from the first-person perspective of the child:

“My hands are small. Please don’t expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture or throw a ball. My legs are short. Please slow down so that I can keep up with you. My eyes have not seen the world as you have. Please let me explore safely. Don’t restrict me unnecessarily. Housework will always be there. I’m only little for a short time. Please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.

“My feelings are tender. Please be sensitive to my needs. Don’t nag me all day long. (You wouldn’t want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness.) Treat me as you would like to be treated. I am a special gift from God. Please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by and disciplining me in a loving manner. I need your encouragement to grow. Please go easy on the criticism. Remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.

“Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I’ll be prepared to make the kinds of decisions life requires of me. Please don’t do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts didn’t quite measure up to your expectations. I know it’s hard, but please don’t try to compare me with my brother or my sister.

“Please don’t be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it’s a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special. Please take me to [religious education] and church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.”

This advice column reminds us of how children are different and need to be treated in a sensitive way. Our Savior, as recorded by the Holy Gospels, encourages us to be child-like. *Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.* (Matthew 18:3). He encourages us to be

child-like, but not childish, that is, not silly and immature. What is it about children that our Lord desires that we emulate? We could mention three things.

First, children, in their weakness, depend upon their parents. They do not rely on their own strengths and abilities. So too, Christ desires that we do not rely on ourselves, our diligence, our intelligence, our ability “to get things done.” Instead, we are to work hard, certainly, and fulfill our responsibilities, but relying upon His amazing grace. Jeremiah the Prophet puts it well:

Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the wasteland that enjoys no change of season, but stands in lava beds in the wilderness, a land, salty and uninhabited. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD; the LORD will be their trust. They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought, it shows no distress, but still produces fruit. (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Second, children embrace their littleness. They are naturally humble. The good Lord is the source of all humility, and He is the model par excellence. He said: *Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart.* (Matthew 11:29). Finally, children marvel at the wonders of life. They delight in simply being alive.

God bless you!

Father Eric



Mass Intentions for the week



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Saturday, September 25:

5:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner (6th Anniversary)

Sunday, September 26:

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

9:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner

11:00 Brendan Hoey

1:00 Jeffrey Oakes

Monday, September 27:

9:30 Joseph Munoz (Living)

Tuesday, September 28:

9:30 Thomas McAvoy

Wednesday, September 29:

9:30 Catherine Sullivan

Thursday, September 30:

9:30 Ryszard Bilski

Friday, October 1:

9:30 Margaret Newman & Dorothy Newman Connelly

Saturday, October 2:

9:30 Mary G. Santora

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

Saturday, October 2:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, October 3:

7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz

9:00 AM Roy Hansen

11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 2:

5:00 PM Anthony Basile

Sunday, October 3:

7:00 Jacob Torres

9:00 Oliver Czarnecki

11:00 Abigail Cruz

1:00 Jack Smith

Collections:

September 19th.....\$8,508.00

Budget Deficit.....\$333.00

Congratulations to M/M Lawrence Gregorek on winning the weekly Pastosa Raffle.

ATTENDANCE SEPT. 19TH: 476

We would like to thank the members of our **Holy Name Society** for the countless hours they spent organizing our **Communion Breakfast** which was a huge success. Over **180** parishioners attended and a good time was had by all. It was a refreshing experience to gather as a parish family in light of the pandemic. We thank the **Holy Name Society** who have truly been a blessing to us since their reformation several years back.

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.

St. Joseph's Seminary Collection: The annual collection for St. Joseph's Seminary, "Dunwoodie", will be taken up this weekend September 25th & 26th. Last year the amount collected was \$221,733.85 from the Archdiocese 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.

Blessing of the Animals: October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. On Sunday, October 3rd at 12 noon we will have our annual blessing of the animals on the front lawn of the Rectory. In light of the ongoing pandemic refreshments will not be served. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets for a special blessing on this day.

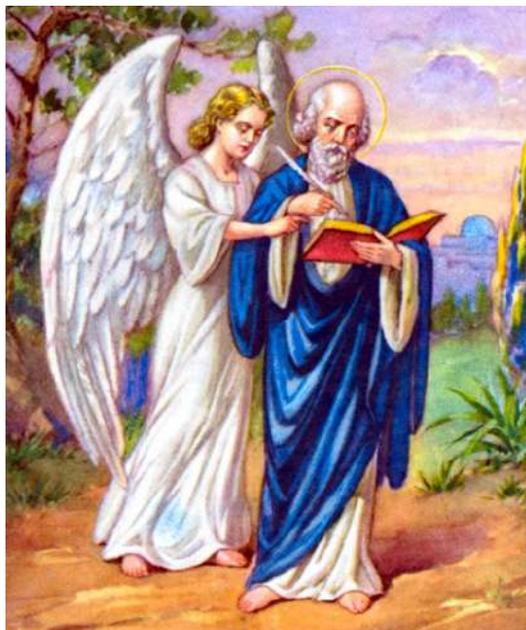
NYFD Bravest BBQ: The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Tower Foundation will host the 11th annual Bravest BBQ on Saturday, October 9th from 12-5 PM at the South Shore Country Club. The cost is \$30 per person (if purchased online), \$40 if purchased at the door and children under 14 are free. The link is www.bravestbbq.eventbrite.com.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

SAINT JEROME

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 30TH

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



Sick Relatives & Friends

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