

The Church of the Sacred Heart

981 Castleton Avenue Staten Island, NY 10310

Established 1875

Third Sunday of Advent-December 11, 2022

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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:

Church Website: - www.sacredheartsi.org

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DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPENING HYMN: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O COME, O 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 ISRAEL!

O COME, THOU WISDOM FROM ON HIGH, WHO ORD'REST ALL THINGS MIGHTILY; TO US THE PATH OF KNOWLEDGE SHOW, AND TEACH US IN HER WAYS TO GO, REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL!

Gloria

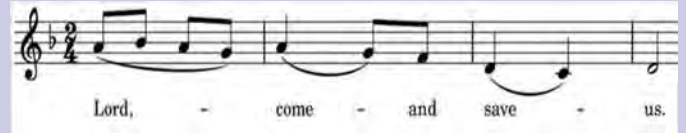
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, 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 35:1-6A,10.

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and

enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10.



R. Lord, come and save us.

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Lord, come and save us.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Lord, come and save us.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

R. Lord, come and save us.

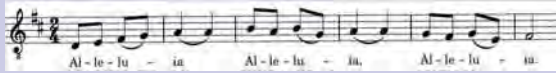
READING 2 JAS 5:7-10.

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



ALLELUIA

IS 61:1.



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring the glad tidings to the poor.

GOSPEL

MT 11:2-11.

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: COME, LORD JESUS

WHEN THE DARKNESS CLOSES IN, COME, LORD JESUS! COURAGE FAILS AND HOPES GROW DIM, LORD JESUS, COME! CLEAR THE SHADOWS FROM OUR SIGHT; SET OUR TROUBLED WORLD ARIGHT. FILL OUR EYES WITH RADIANT LIGHT. LORD JESUS, COME!

WISE AND FOOLISH, STILL WE WAIT. COME, LORD JESUS! IS OUR BRIDEGROOM AT THE GATE? LORD JESUS, COME! AT HIS VOICE, OUR HEARTS HAVE STIRRED, LIST'NING FOR HIS HEALING WORD, CONFIDENT OUR CRIES ARE HEARD. LORD JESUS, COME!

COME TO US, O LIVING LORD, COME, LORD JESUS! COME WITH JUSTICE LIKE A SWORD. LORD JESUS, COME! COME IN WORD AND WINE AND BREAD; COME AGAIN THAT WE POOR BE FED. RAISE YOUR SERVANTS FROM THE DEAD. LORD JESUS, COME!

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

COMMUNION HYMN: WAITING IN SILENCE

WAITING IN SILENCE, WAITING IN HOPE; WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE, WE LONG FOR YOU, LORD. GOD EVER WITH US, EMMANUEL, COME, LORD JESUS, MARANATHA!

WAITING IN SILENCE, WAITING IN HOPE; WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE, WE TRUST IN YOUR LOVE. O SUN OF JUSTICE, TRUE PRINCE OF PEACE, COME WITH YOUR JUSTICE, LORD, MARANATHA!

WAITING IN SILENCE, WAITING IN HOPE; WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE, LORD, WE SEEK YOUR TRUTH. WISDOM INCARNATE, TEACH US YOUR WAY; SHOW US THE PATH OF LIFE, MARANATHA!



CLOSING HYMN: COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS, BORN TO SET THY PEOPLE FREE! FROM OUR FEARS AND SINS RELEASE US, LET US FIND OUR REST IN THEE.

ISRAEL'S STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION, HOPE OF ALL THE EARTH THOU ART; DEAR DESIRE OF EVERY NATION, JOY OF EVERY LONGING HEART.

BORN THY PEOPLE TO DELIVER, BORN A CHILD, AND YET A KING: BORN TO REIGN IN US FOREVER, NOW THEY GRACIOUS KINGDOM BRING.

Altar Servers: We would like to thank all the children who volunteered to join our Altar Server Ministry. We have over twenty five new servers and we are so proud of you. God bless you and your parents. We congratulate and commend the following children on their willingness to serve our parish: **Brandon Pak, Aiden Navarro, Vivian Russo, Liam Hidalgo, Christopher Mendoza Bardales, Miguel Esteves, Melanie Moreno, Alice Olivo, Ariel Gonzalez, James Poad, Caitlin Quadjovie, Norberto Moreno, Michael Basile, Lily Iovino, Gino Farinacci, Charles Tripo, Shane Gullo, Hope McGinley, Viktor Kaleta, Jacqueline Dogan, Ella Offer, Kevin Moreno, Roger McDore, Adam Soliman, Shanell Holman, Joseline Dogan, Liam Ferguson, Brandon Moreno & Charles Mulligan.**



Dear Friends of Sacred Heart,

Welcome to the new Advent season. This is the preparation for Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus. This season of Advent is ritualized every year by the advent wreath with four candles. We blessed our wreath with the help of some of our families. The four candles remind us of our waiting for the coming of Jesus. While we celebrate His first coming, his Nativity, we also prepare for His second coming. On judgment day.

*Advent, therefore, asks us to
look back on history
with gratitude and to look forward to His
second coming
with joyful anticipation,
for when He comes,
He will perfect his creation.*

The season of advent also teaches patience. Patience is a virtue. Often, we want to rush everything in life. Like Christmas, we rush without going through the preparation that the Church wants us to go through to have a more meaningful joyful Christmas. Advent is a season of penance and prayer. It is very similar to Lent. Our preparation for Christmas is a gradual progression of joy until we reach that ultimate celebration of Jesus' birth. So let us not rush. Otherwise, we will miss the real meaning of this season. Part of our preparation for Christmas is spiritual preparation.

*On December 18th, in all Masses (except
seven o'clock in the morning),
I will make myself available for confes-
sion. In this way,
everyone will have the opportunity to
prepare spiritually.
Christmas is not just about material
beauty but spiritual beauty,
where we find the true meaning of the
birth of Jesus Christ.*

The following day, December 19th, is *Reconciliation Monday*, where all the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York will be opened for confessions from 4 PM to 8 PM. In our church, aside from confessions, we will also expose the Most Blessed Sacrament for public adoration. I would encourage everyone to make an effort for at least half an hour of silent vigil and prayer in silence before Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist. Amid the chaos of Christmas preparations, please find time in sacred silence to be with Jesus, the reason for this season. May your silence be a moment of pure, intimate joy with Jesus Christ who gazes at you with the love and compassion of his Most Sacred Heart. There is a volunteer sign-in sheet in the bulletin for those who would commit to keeping

vigil before Jesus in the Eucharist.

Our waiting is not empty. It is waiting in hope for the coming of Jesus Christ. He will come as he promised. God will never fail us in his promise of redemption. Psalm 24:14 says, *"Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart, take courage, wait for the Lord."* This is the whole spirit of Advent. The people of Israel had to wait for the Lord amid captivity for years. They had to wait patiently for the Lord, hoping He would fulfill his promise. If they had lost faith, they would have become impatient and given up hope in God. But the enlightened Israelites persevered and founded our faith.



(Our beautiful Advent Wreath. Many thanks to our Rosary Altar Society who work tirelessly to make our Church spectacular.)

One of the things we need to do is to wait for His timing. This is hard in our personal lives. We want to rush things and accomplish so many things at one time. We multi-task to make sure we are super productive. It is so tiring to keep pushing ourselves to do much. Advent asks us to be patient, which means long-suffering. But at the same time, fill our hearts with Hope that one day Jesus will come. He will perfect everything before us and there will be eternal joy.

May your Advent journey be filled with God's grace working in your lives and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers always. May God bless and keep you always.

Father rhey

Please email frreygarcia@gmail.com with your comments and suggestions.

Correction: Last week's photo of our Christ The King Procession came from www.CatholicSINewsAndHappening.com.



Lector Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 17th:

5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, Dec. 18th:

7:00 AM: Theresa Zulch

9:00 AM: Kennedy Apoe

11:00 AM: Patricia Jezycki

1:00 PM: Vincent O'Grady

Saturday, December 10:

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

5:00 Doris Rowland Fr. Rhey

Sunday, December 11:

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

9:00 Marianne Gallo Msgr. Greg

11:00 James Alongi Msgr. Nick

1:00 Brendan Hoey (Family Mass) Fr. Rhey

Monday, December 12:

9:30 John R. Kubasek Fr. Patrick
(10th Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 13:

9:30 People of the Parish Msgr. Nick

Wednesday, December 14:

9:30 George & Doris Bossert Fr. Patrick

Thursday, December 15:

9:30 Deborah Hyland Fr. Rhey

Friday, December 16:

9:30 David Rava Fr. Rhey

Saturday, December 17:

9:30 Donald F. Regan Fr. Soju

5:00 John Tighe Fr. Rhey

Sunday, December 18:

7:00 People of the Parish Fr. Soju

9:00 Dick Kennedy & Fr. Rhey
Corinne A. O'Brien (Family Mass)

11:00 Salvatore Saldi Msgr. Greg

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

Upcoming **Family Masses** are December 11th at 1 PM & December 18th at 9 AM. All children of the Parish are welcome!

Collections

Our parish family thanks all of our parishioners who gave so generously last week at Mass and online.

December 4th:

\$7,337.00

Attendance December 4th:

746

Children:

53 School, 64 CCD

Pastosa Raffle December 4th:

M/M Jeffrey Foley

The Bread & Wine are donated in loving memory of Donald Regan Sr. from his friends and family.



Advent Tree: The Advent Tree is up and parishioners can take gift requests from it. We ask that all gifts either be returned to the Rectory or placed under the tree before December 16th. All gifts must be returned wrapped and with original tag attached. During this Holiday Season it is always nice to remember those who have fallen on hard times or are less fortunate.

Online Giving: Sacred Heart offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. Online giving is very convenient for people or couples who maintain two or more residences and travel often. It also benefits parents whose weekends are often busy with sporting events, dance lessons or other commitments. Simply go to our Church website www.sacredheartsi.org and click the online giving icon in the upper righthand corner.

Reconciliation Monday: The Cardinal has designated Monday, December 18th as **“Reconciliation Monday”** and confessions will be available at Sacred Heart from 4-8 PM. Also while confessions are being heard there will be adoration of The Blessed Sacrament. The security of the Blessed Sacrament is of utmost importance to us. Therefore we are asking our parishioners (2 or 3) to volunteer in intervals of 30 minutes so that people are always in the Church. To volunteer for a half hour block call the Rectory office during business hours. This allows us to arrange a schedule which will ensure adequate coverage. Thanks in advance for your time and devotion.

Church Decorating: On Thursday, December 22nd, The Rosary Altar Society will be decorating our Church for Christmas from 3:30—7:30 PM. We are inviting all parishioners and any children who are willing and able to help us in this community activity.

Offertory Procession: Several weeks ago we resumed the offertory presentation of the gifts. We are grateful to the parishioners who volunteer to bring the gifts up to the Priest. If you have an arranged Mass for a family member and relatives are present at the Mass we ask that you kindly inform one of the Holy Name members, the Usher or The Sacristan that someone will be presenting the gifts. This help us avoid any confusion and any disruption to the flow of the Mass. Thanks for your cooperation.

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

FEAST DAY DECEMBER 14

WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS ON BEHALF OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS.



SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Anna Parente, James Parente, John C. Marino, Cpl Justin Campbell, Sheila Jones, Frank Silvestri, Christian Pepo, Jean Forte, 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 Wonschwitz, Patrice Martin, Lucille Baron, Michael J. DiCostanzo, Catherine Broderick, Omari Roland, Carmine Rapisarda, Antoniette Gagliardi, Harrison Schursky, Caroline Dacunta, Irene McCarthy, Maria Rivera, Denise Bianacanello, Alexa Rigney, Easton Nash Clark, Jessica Necco, Richie Ochotorena, Rosamaria Ochotorena, Don Quinn, Jennifer Pakulniewez, Frank Astorino, Aubrie Robinson, Ron Salguera, Rose McBrien, Saint Jermaine Endeley, Peter Marsh, John Riccobono, Joseph DiAngelo, William Walsh, Gertrude Wilson, Frank Duff, Edel Quinn, Phillip Reinhardt, Catherine Angielczyk, Louis Lepore, Dawn McFadden, John Meehan, Anthony Cosentino, Vincent Yeyines, Bobby Shepherd, Regina Fusaro, Billy McNeely, Melissa Dudley, Athena Guerrero, Monique Russo, Ana Rios, Claire Hoban, Ricciardo Curatola, Bogumila Rzepke, George Saliieb, Michael Lamendola, Robert Rautenstrauch, Neil DeGennaro, Bartolomeo Wyness, Ann Arena, Joseph Jones, Ted & Carol Sienicki, Samuel DeFazio

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Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Schedule 2022

Confessions

Sunday, December 18th during all Masses

Monday, December 19th 4:00 -8:00 PM
(Reconciliation Monday)

Masses

Sunday, December 18th (4th Sunday of Advent)
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 & 1 PM

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

9:30 AM (Weekday Mass)
5:00 PM Christmas Family Mass

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

12 Midnight Mass
9:00 & 11:00 AM, 1 PM

Saturday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

5 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary

9:00 & 11:00 AM, 1 PM

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021-2022**

CHURCH

REVENUE

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$ 428,321	\$ 477,809
HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS	78,029	75,002
VOTIVES & PERQUISITES	31,398	41,038
CATECHETICAL INCOME	23,325	25,585
RENTAL INCOME	13,066	12,663
FUNDRAISING	61,126	87,249
DONATIONS & OTHER INCOME	18,029	40,038
Saers (YAC)	51,380	20,534
TOTAL REGULAR REVENUES	704,674	779,816
PRE K FOR ALL RENTAL INCOME	66,834	63,000
RENEW & REBUILD	80,176	61,973
RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS	50,000	
PAYROLL PROTR LOAN FORGIVENESS	-	48,900
TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME**	197,010	203,873
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 901,684	\$ 983,689

EXPENSES

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 334,044	\$ 313,760
OFFICE & CHURCH EXPENSES	67,905	58,527
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPENSES	1,884	4,304
UTILITIES	48,393	38,969
INSURANCE	39,676	37,302
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	67,799	79,342
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	13,600	11,575
Saers (YAC)	41,484	21,350
OUTREACH	7,622	937
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	88,615	76,274
INTEREST ON LOANS FROM ARCHDIOCESE	18,830	19,311
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,729,771	1,664,551

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	-25,097	115,265
RESTRICTED INCOME**	187,010	203,873
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$ 171,913	\$ 319,138

GLOSSARY

INCOME

Votives & Perquisites - income from candles and offerings for weddings, funerals, baptisms.

Donations and other income - income from general donations to the parish, Cardinal's Appeal Rebate, miscellaneous.

****Total Restricted Income and Restricted Income** - includes amounts that have been designated for specific

uses, either by the donor or the program under which money has been received.

For example, Renew & Rebuild money is designated for the items included in the

R&R campaign brochures. Pre K for All income must be used for capital repairs in the school.

PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM - In 2020, the parish received a loan from the Small Business Administration to cover payroll and related costs during COVID shutdown. This loan was for \$48,900 and was fully utilized to keep our staff employed during the shutdown. The loan was forgiven in fiscal year 2020-2021.

EXPENSES

Archdiocesan assessment - is a yearly assessment paid to the Archdiocese for regional school support and support of Archdiocese programs. The assessment is calculated each year based on our yearly income of the previous year.

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