

# The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

981 Castleton Avenue Staten Island, NY 10310

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Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 18, 2022

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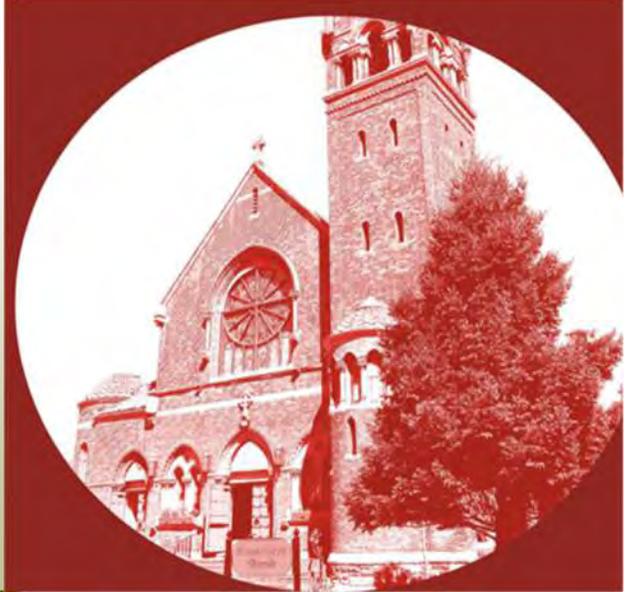
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## **Masses**

### **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](http://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](http://www.sacredheartsi.org)

**School Website:** - [www.sacredheartschoolsi.org](http://www.sacredheartschoolsi.org)

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**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

**FOURTH 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 7:10-14.**

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PS 24: 1-2, 3-4,**

**5-6.**



**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**R. Let the Lord enter: he is king of glory.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

**READING 2**

**ROM 1:1-7.**

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



## ALLELUIA

MT 1:23.



The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

## GOSPEL

MT 1:18-24.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

### **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: Marnatha**

**Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope. Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.**

**O Lord of Light, fill the night. Many have lost their way. O Rising Dawn, shine upon, darkness shall be no more.**

**Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope. Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.**

**O King of Kings, love your bring. The world is made a new. O Prince of Peace, make us free, justice for human kind.**

**Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope. Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.**

**O Comforter, rescue us. Destroy your sinfulness. O Counselor, mighty Lord, teach us what we must know.**

### **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: Beyond the Moon and Stars

Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hunger Lord, to see your light. The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing. So that we come to rest where angels sing.

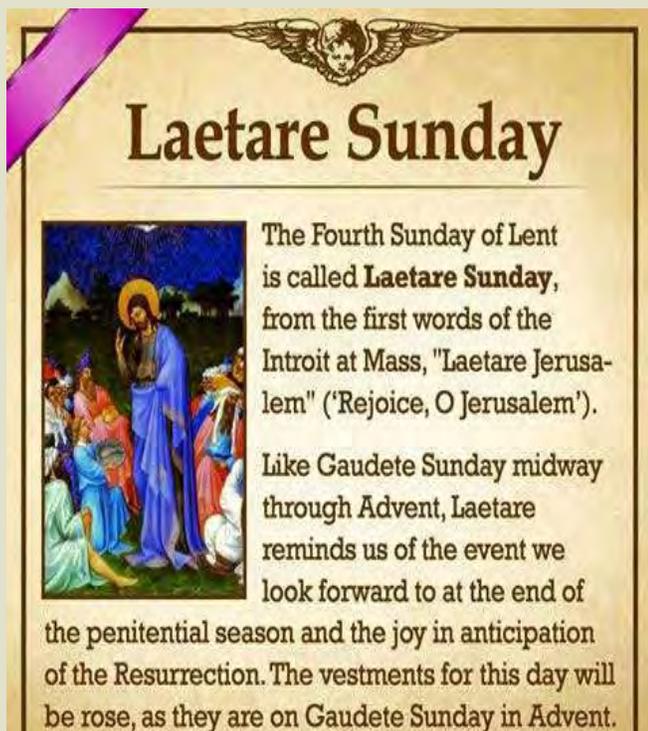
Our eyes have longed to see your loving face, to live within your courts for all our days.

Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hunger Lord, to see your light. The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing. So that we come to rest where angels sing.

Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross desert sand. We place our hopes and dreams within your hand.

Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hunger Lord, to see your light. The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing. So that we come to rest where angels sing.

Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.



**Laetare Sunday**

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called **Laetare Sunday**, from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" ('Rejoice, O Jerusalem').

Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent, Laetare reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

Wedding Banns

II Edward Patrick Conklin  
& Tricia Marie Anatasio

Closing Hymn: The Advent of our King.

The advent of our King Our thoughts must now employ; Then let us meet him on the road With songs of holy joy.

The coeternal Son a maidens offspring see; A servants form Christ puteth on, To set his people free.

The glory from his throne Again will Christ descend, and summon all who to joys that never end.



Altar Servers: We would like to thank all the children who volunteered to join our Altar Server Ministry. We have over thirty 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 Farnacci, 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,

In the past weeks, I have been campaigning for new altar servers. I spoke to our CCD students, visited classrooms in our school, and frequently, from the pulpit, encouraged our children to become altar servers. After weeks of campaigning, thirty altar servers signed up. This is one of the biggest classes I have ever handled. We had to have two installation ceremonies because it was too many servers. I love this problem. This is the kind of problem that we are happy to find a solution to. I am happy to know how much children are interested in serving during Mass. This is very positive for everyone who sometimes wonders where young people are. Our young people seem not interested in attending Mass anymore, but the number of new altar servers is encouraging. Let us support, encourage, and most of all, pray for our young people that they may continue to discover the beauty of our Catholic faith and nurture their love for Jesus. *What does a child learn from being an altar server? Let me identify just three points.*

**An experience of the Transcendence / Divine.** Some say that young people today no longer have a sense of transcendence, no sense of a world beyond this one. In a very secular world, one cannot believe anymore in a world beyond what we see and experience empirically. This is the result of much emphasis on science. If science cannot explain it, then it must not be accurate. The liturgy of the Church, specifically the Mass, is an experience of the Divine. The transcendence. The use of incense, the candles, the vestments, the coordinated steps, and gestures are all reflections of the Divine.

**The altar servers, who directly become part of this liturgy, experience firsthand this transcendence – they are participating in the heavenly banquet.**

Therefore, the altar server becomes more adept at seeking deeper meaning in the external symbols in the “material world,” where God can sometimes speak and reveal his messages.

**A place of discernment for vocation.** Being an altar server, you are close to the priest at the altar during Mass; you get to know more about the Mass and the beauty of the life of a priest. A priest acts in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Mass, the priest repeats the words of Jesus at the Last Supper *“This is my body, this is my blood. Do this in memory of me”*. The priest says these words at the moment of consecration, the most sacred moment of the Mass. The altar server pays attention to this holy moment as they ring the bell to call for people’s attention to pay homage to Jesus. A closer look at this moment

of consecration will deepen their appreciation of the priesthood. This may open a door for discernment in later life to join the priesthood or religious life for the girls or, at the very least, to gain a fuller understanding of the role the religious life plays in the journey of everyone’s faith.

**To learn some practical skills in life.** I trained a little girl many years ago to become an altar server. She was good at training and very responsive. The 1st timeshe served, she would not go out of the sacristy and was crying because she was nervous. Her father and I encouraged her to try at least once. After all, I said people would not even know if she made a mistake. It took us about 20 minutes to convince her to try it. Even though she was nervous, she served that day for the first time and the rest is history. She is now on her way to becoming a physician. She is now a brilliant and confident young woman. Being an altar server will help the children overcome their fear of being in front of people. It will help them become more confident and act confidently in public.



(The Altar Servers in prayerful attention as Fr. Rhey leads them in praying The Hail Mary before Mass.)

**Thank you to the parents.** Behind the success of these altar servers are parents who continue to support their children. It is a sacrifice to raise children, but this is what love is all about. I want to thank the parents, for without your support, your children will not be able to grow and nurture their faith. You are the transmitter of faith. In you lies the growth of their faith. Let us pray for our young people to grow in our faith nurtured in Jesus in the Eucharist. Please pray for me as I pray for you always. May God bless and keep you always.

*Father rhey*

Please email [frreygarcia@gmail.com](mailto:frreygarcia@gmail.com) with your comments and suggestions.



**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

**Monday, December 19:**

9:30 Dennis M. Peterson Fr. Patrick  
(41st Anniversary)

**Tuesday, December 20:**

9:30 George E. Brain Fr. Rhey  
(49th Anniversary)

**Wednesday, December 21:**

9:30 Diane Garzone Fr. Rhey

**Thursday, December 22:**

9:30 Joseph Kennedy & Fr. Marius  
Corinne A. O'Brien

**Friday, December 23:**

9:30 Eva Pellegrito Msgr. Nick

**Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

9:30 Thomas J. Crane Fr. Soju  
(47th Anniversary)  
5:00 Julio, Cesar, Judith & Fr. Rhey  
Dolores Landaverde  
12 PM Salvatore Basile Fr. Rhey

**Sunday, December 25: (Christmas Day)**

9:00 Patricia M. Silvestri Fr. Soju  
11:00 Deceased Members of Fr. Rhey  
The Mackey Family  
1:00 Michael Mustillo Jr. Msgr. Greg

**Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, Dec. 24th:**

5:00 PM: Bill Jones  
12 PM: Frank DiSalvo

**Sunday, Dec. 25th:**

9:00 AM: Sr. Barbara  
11:00 AM: Patricia Jezycki  
1:00 PM: Don Maj

**Eucharistic Minister**

**Schedule**

**Saturday, Dec. 24th:**

12 PM: Anne Seimer  
Theresa Cunningham

**Sunday, Dec. 25th:**

9:00 AM: Rosetta Messina  
Mary Ann Gambardella  
11:00 AM: Patricia Jezycki  
Elizabeth D'Antuono

**Collections**

**Due to an early deadline with our bulletin production company the collections for The Feast of The Immaculate Conception, December 11th as well as the attendance and Pastosa Raffle winner will be published in a later bulletin.**

**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](http://www.sacredheartsi.org) and click the online giving icon in the upper righthand corner.

**Reconciliation Monday:** The Cardinal has designated Monday, December 19th 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.

**Simbang Gabi:** Fr. Rhey invites all of our parishioners to join in the annual celebration of Simbang Gabi. This is a Filipino tradition in which Masses are held in nine different Churches in anticipation of the birth of Christ. On Friday, December 23rd at 7 PM we will have a Mass here at Sacred Heart. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria afterward.

**Sacred Heart Flocknotes:** Sacred Heart now has there own flocknotes online. To register as a member of flocknotes simply go to [www.sacredheartsi.flocknote.com](http://www.sacredheartsi.flocknote.com) and enter your information. You can also register via the instructions in the flier in this weeks bulletin. Flocknotes does not and will not eliminate our weekly bulletin. The purpose of this is to either text or email our parishioners small announcements like our Christmas schedule, or our Ash Wednesday schedule for instance. This way when important events happen in our parish, our parishioners stayed informed.

## **SAINT STEPHEN**

**FEAST DAY DECEMBER 26**

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT STEPHEN  
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 Wonszewitz, 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 Neco, 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 Salieb, Michael Lamendola, Robert Rautenstrauch, Neil DeGennaro, Bartolomeo Wyness, Ann Arena, Joseph Jones, Ted & Carol Sienicki, Samuel DeFazio

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Schedule 2022

### Confessions

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> during all Masses (except 7 AM)

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 4 -8PM

(Reconciliation Monday)  
Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 4-8 PM

### Masses

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

7:00, 9:00 (Family Mass), 11:00 & 1 PM

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve

9:30 AM (Weekday Mass)

5:00 PM Christmas Family Mass

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

12 Midnight Mass

9:00 & 11:00 AM (Family Mass), 1 PM

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> Feast of The Holy Family

9:30 AM Mass

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve

5 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 & 11:00 AM, 1 PM (Family Mass)

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