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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)

<u>Office Hours</u> - 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.

<u>Marriages</u>

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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DECEMBER 4. 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPENING HYMN: ON JORDAN'S BANK

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY AN-NOUNCES THAT THE LORD IS NIGH; AWAKE AND HEARKEN, FOR HE BRINGS GLAD TID-INGS OF THE KING OF KINGS.

THEN CLEANSED BE EVERY SOUL FROM SIN;
MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF GOD WITHIN,
PREPARE WE IN OUR HEARTS A HOME,
WHERE SUCH A MIGHTY GUEST MAY COME.

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 11:1-10.

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17.



R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

READING 2 ROM 15:4-9.

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

ALLELUIA LK 3:4,6



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL MT 3:1-12.

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father. For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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: O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH; THE WORLD IN SILENCE WAITS THE DAY WHEN HOPE SHALL SING ITS TRI-UMPH AND SADNESS FLEE AWAY.

REFRAIN: DEAR SAVIOR, HASTE! COME, COME TO EARTH. DISPEL THE NIGHT AND SHOW YOUR FACE, AND BID US HAIL THE DAWN OF GRACE. O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH; THE WORLD IN SILENCE WAITS THE DAY WHEN HOPE SHALL SING ITS TRIUMPH AND SADNESS FLEE AWAY.

O CHRIST, WHOM NATIONS SIGH FOR, WHOM PRIEST AND PROPHET LONG FORETOLD, COME, BREAK THE CAPTIVE'S FETTERS, REDEEM THE LONG LOST FOLD.



Dear Friends of Sacred Heart,

Sunday, November 20th marked the end of the liturgical year. Our Church celebrated the solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe, in style. There were about 250 who attended the one o'clock Mass, and about 200 stayed on for the procession. It started from the church on Castleton, traveled up North Burger, across Cary, through the school lot and back to Castleton. It ended with a solemn benediction in the church.

During the procession, I carried the Consecrated Host in an ornate monstrance under a canopy held by two sets of four Sacred Heart School students. The canopy bearers held the posts tightly as strong winds blew the canopy. I am so proud of our students for persevering. Parishioners followed the procession while praying the Divine Mercy chaplet led by La Pieta Prayer Group. I commend Sacred Heart School students, CCD students, and YAC children for participating in the procession. The children need to experience our faith in action. Being initiated into the beauty of our Catholic practices and traditions, which form part of who we are as Catholics, is essential to a better understanding and appreciation of our faith.

I also thank the NYPD, who assisted us through the streets and coordinated with our Holy Name Society. Despite the brutal cold and strong winds, it was a beautiful procession in which we manifested our homage to Jesus, the King of kings. With the young and the older parishioners attending the procession, it was inspiring to see how we could be together as one parish family. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Mass and procession.



Although the canopy appears to be folding in, Fr. Rhey knows he has Divine Assistance inside the Monstrance and leads the procession.

The traditions we continue to practice instill in our young a deeper appreciation of the faith. It may seem simple, but such actions make an impression on our children. Especially when their parents are present. Everyone in the procession was reverent and prayerful. The procession was a public display of our faith and belief in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He is truly present in the Eucharist as a human being and God. Just as the angels and saints in heaven adore Jesus, we believe He is truly present in the Eucharist. The procession powerfully illustrates the Incarnation of God becoming human to be one with us and to journey with us in our lives.

The procession of Christ the King
is an image of God who "walks with us" in
the streets of our lives,
whether rough or smooth. He is here

and does not leave us.

In a world where everything is secular, diluting the profound meaning of life, the Christ the king procession reminds us of transcendence. A world beyond this one, a sense of mystery. The kingship of Jesus is not material and physical, but it is spiritual. It is eternal. While the kingdoms of this world rise and fall, Jesus' kingdom lasts forever in the hearts of those who know how to love, forgive and care for others. Jesus says, "the kingdom of God is within you." The Kingdom of God remains alive in every Christian who carries the principles of Jesus' kingship within their heart. Let us keep it alive in our hearts,

May Jesus reign in your heart and home so that He can genuinely be your life's King. See you again next Sunday with your family and friends around. Take care of yourself. God bless and keep you always.

Father rhey

homes, and parish.

Please email <u>frrheygarcia@gmail.com</u> with your comments and suggestions.

(photo supplied by Mary Dibiase Blaich Photography. Please see <u>www.catholicnewsand happenings.com</u> for more photos.)



Saturda	y, December 3:	
9:30		Fr. Soju
5:00	Walter Gannon	Fr. Rhey
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Sunday, December 4:		
$\frac{2000000}{7:00}$	Ben Zarrelli	Fr. Rhey
9:00	Patrick Jordan	Msgr. Nick
11:00		Fr. Rhey
1:00	Jesus Santos	Msgr. Greg
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Monday, December 5:		
	Edward Ghorra	Fr. Patrick
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Tuesday, December 6:		
$\frac{9:30}{9:30}$	Eugene Spillane	Fr. Rhey
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Wednes	sday, December 7:	
9:30	James Geraghty &	Msgr. Nick
	Souls in Purgatory	O
7:00	People of the Parish	Fr. Rhey
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Thursday, December 8 (Immaculate Con.)		
9:30	Dawn Walsh	Fr. Marius
7:00	Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Rhey
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Friday, December 9:		
9:30	Maureen F. McDonnell	Fr. Rhey
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Saturda	y, December 10:	
9:30		Fr. Soju
	Charles M. Donohue	, and the second
5:00	Doris Rowland	Fr. Rhey
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Sunday, December 11:		
7:00	Deceased Members of The Quinn	& Fr. Rhey
	McCauley Families & Souls in Pur	gatory
9:00	Marianne Gallo	Msgr. Greg
11:00	James Alongi	Msgr. Nick
1:00	Brendan Hoey (Family Mass)	Fr. Rhey
Upcoming <u>Family Masses</u> are December 4th at 11 AM & De-		

cember 11th at 1 PM. All children of the Parish are welcome!

Lector Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 10th: 5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, Dec. 11th:

7:00 AM: Joan Prenty 9:00 AM: Vincent O'Grady 11:00 AM: Frank DiSalvo 1:00 PM: Patricia Jezycki

Collections

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

November 20th: \$8,135.00

November 27th: \$8,005

Catholic Charities: \$966.00

Budget Deficit: \$457.00

Building Fund: \$358

Attendance Nov. 20th 614

<u>Attendance Nov 27th</u> 611 Adults, 104 Children

Pastosa Raffles 11/20 & 11/27 M/M Don Siemer Mr. John Kisto

Congratulations to M/M Henry Murphy on winning the Nov. 2022 50/50



Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. I believe O Jesus that You are the Christ the Son of the Living God. I proclaim my love for the vicar of Christ on Earth. I believe all the sacred truths that the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. I promise to give good example by the regular practice of my faith in honor of His Divine Name. I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country, and to the God-given principles of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands. I pledge my support to all lawful authority both civil and religious. I dedicate myself to the honor of the sacred name of Jesus Christ and beg that He will keep me faithful to these pledges until death. Amen.

Memorial Christmas Trees: Just a reminder to our parishioners that The Holy Name Society is selling Christmas Trees. The fliers are available in the vestibule of the Church. Last year we had 50 trees and we are hoping to have even more this year. This weekend is the last weekend to purchase your tree.

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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.

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.

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