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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 20, 2022

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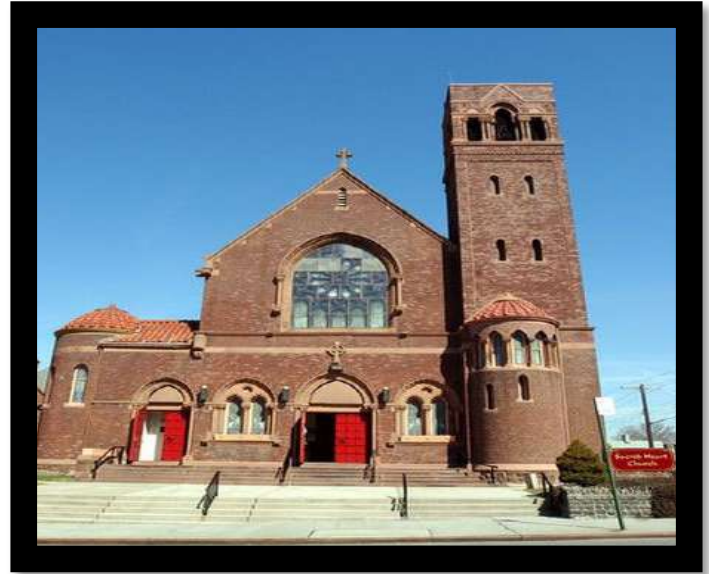
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Masses

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

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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FEBRUARY 20, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING, JOY OF HEAV'N, TO EARTH COME DOWN! FIX US IN YOUR HUMBLE DWELLING; ALL YOUR FAITHFUL MERCIES CROWN. JESUS, SOURCE OF ALL COMPASSION, LOVE UNBOUNDED, LOVE ALL PURE; VISIT US WITH YOUR SALVATION, LET YOUR LOVE IN US ENDURE.

GLORIA

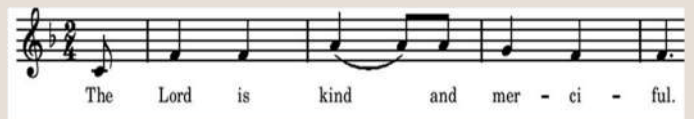
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, 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 1 SM 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23.

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep

slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13.



R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

READING 2 1 COR 15:45-49.

Brothers and sisters: It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

ALLELUIA

JN 13:34.



I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

LK 6:27-38.

Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

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: TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU.

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU AS YOU GO. TAKE THE SEEDS OF GOD'S WORD AND MAKE THEM GROW.

TAKE THE PEACE OF GOD WITH YOU AS YOU GO. TAKE THE SEEDS OF GOD'S PEACE AND MAKE THEM GROW.

REFRAIN: GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE WORLD, IN PEACE TO SERVE THE WORLD. TAKE THE LOVE OF GOD, THE LOVE OF GOD WITH YOU AS YOU GO.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The Apostle tells us: *You have also forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as sons: 'My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when re-proved by Him; for whom the Lord loves, He disciplines; He scourges every son He acknowledges.'* Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are without discipline, in which all have shared, you are not sons but bastards. Besides this, we have had our earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not [then] submit all the more to the Father of spirits and live? They disciplined us for a short time as seemed right to them, but He does so for our benefit, in order that we may share His holiness. At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed (Hebrews 12:5-13).

A couple went into a small, secluded shop and saw a beautiful cup. They had never seen one quite so beautiful. Suddenly the cup spoke. "You need to understand," it said. "I haven't always been a teacup. There was a time when I was a formless lump of clay. My master took me and rolled me and patted me over and over and I screamed, 'Leave me alone!' He only smiled and said, 'Not yet.'"

"Then I was placed on a spinning wheel," the cup added, "and I was spun around and around and around. 'Stop it! I'm getting dizzy!' I cried out. But the master only nodded and said, 'Not yet.'"

"Then he put me in the oven. I never felt such heat!" the teacup said. "I wondered why he was so cruel. Why would he want to burn me? I yelled and banged on the door. I could see him through the opening and I

could read his lips as he shook his head, 'Not yet.'"

"Finally, the door opened and he put me on the shelf. I began to cool. 'Ah, that's better,' I smiled. But then, all of a sudden, he began to brush me with this miserable, coarse brush and then painted me all over. The fumes were absolutely horrible! I thought I would gag. 'Stop it, stop it!' I screamed. He only nodded, 'Not yet.'"

"Then my worst fears became real. He shoved me back into the oven! But this one was different from the first one. This one was twice as hot and I was certain that I would suffocate. I begged. I pleaded. I screamed. I wept. All the time I could see him through the opening, nodding his head saying, 'Not yet.' At this point it was hopeless. I would never make it. I knew it. I was ready to give up. But then the door opened and he took me out and placed me on the shelf."

"One hour later he handed me a mirror and said, 'Look at yourself.' And I did. I said, 'That's not me. That couldn't be me. No way! It's beautiful. I'm beautiful!!!'"

God bless you!

Father Eric



Lector Schedule

Saturday, February 19:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, February 20:

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch

9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe

11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki

1:00 PM Vincent O'Grady

Saturday, February 19 : **Celebrant**

9:30 John & Joan Prenty Fr. Eric

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri Fr. Eric

Sunday, February 20:

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

9:00 People of the Parish Msgr. Greg

11:00 Moira Mackey (4th Anniversary) Fr. Eric

1:00 Nancy Vidikiss Ozimek Msgr. Nick

Monday, February 21:

9:30 Daphne Jane Gordon Msgr. Nick

Tuesday, February 22:

9:30 Susan Cooney Mahon (1st Anniversary) Fr. Eric

Wednesday, February 23:

9:30 John & Mary Kirincich Fr. Eric

Thursday, February 24:

9:30 Billy & Pen Gordon Msgr. Nick

Friday, February 25:

9:30 Deceased Members of The Smith Family Fr. Eric

Saturday February 26:

9:30 Joseph Magliocco Fr. Soju

5:00 Salvatore DiStefano (1st Anniversary) Fr. Eric

Sunday, February 27:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli Fr. Soju

9:00 Thomas H. McDonough Fr. Eric

11:00 Mary Cassidy Msgr. Greg

1:00 Dermot & Vera Cooney Msgr. Nick

Collections:

February 13th:

\$8,062.00

Peter's Pence:

\$954.00

Pastosa Raffle Feb. 13th:

M/M Alfred Cataudella

Attendance Feb. 13th:

356

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY. REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND.

2022 Cardinal's Appeal Update: Several weeks back Father Eric officially launched the 2022 Cardinal's Appeal. We are happy to announce that the Appeal is not only underway but going very strong. Sacred Heart's goal is \$71,500.00 and as of right now we have already raised \$54,770.00 from just 36 gifts. That represents an incredible 76% in just three weeks. Every year our parishioners give very generously and our Cardinal's Appeal is a resounding success. Remember every dollar raised in excess of our goal goes back to Sacred Heart. Thanks to all who have already donated, it is much appreciated.

2023 Mass Book: The 2023 Mass book is now open so our parishioners can book their Mass intentions. We kindly ask that if you have more than three intentions that you make a list and either mail it to the Rectory, drop it off at the Rectory or simply drop it in the collection basket. Please be sure that it is in an envelope that is clearly marked "Mass Intentions 2023" and that it has your name and a telephone number on it. The Office Manager will then contact you as to the availability of your requests. Remember we have only one daily Mass so it is first come, first serve.

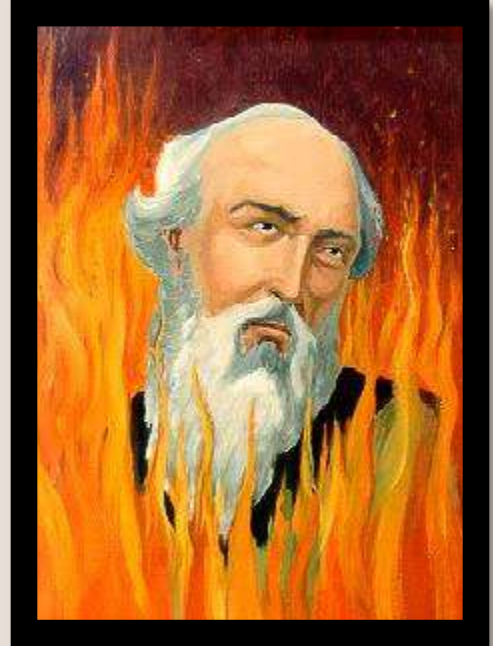
St. Peter's Basket Auction: St. Peter's Boys High School will hold its annual Basket Auction on Friday, March 11th, in the gymnasium at 6 PM. Admission is \$10 a person, children under 12 are not permitted and any child age under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. This is the school's major fundraiser for its Parents Club and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, March 2nd, is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence which obliges all Catholics (barring any medical condition) ages 14-59. Ashes will be distributed at the Masses at 9:30 AM, 12 noon & 6:30 PM. In addition, there will be simple services at 7 AM, 2:45 PM & 4:45 PM.

SAINT POLYCARP

FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 23RD

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



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