

The Church of Sacred Heart

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sunday January 15, 2023



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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

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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JANUARY 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his altar draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the "Amen" sound from his people again, Now as we worship before him.

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 49:3,5-6.**

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the

LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10

HERE AM I LORD



R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard me cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READING 2 **1 COR 1:1-3.**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA **JN 1:14A, 12A**



The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

GOSPEL

JN 1:29-34.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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: Here I am Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard
You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard
You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard
You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

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: Here at This Table

Refrain

*Come and be filled here at this table. Food for all who hunger
and drink for all who thirst. Drink of his love, wine of salvation.
You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.*

**You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace, you
who steady the plow in the field of the Lord,**

**You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep,
you, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him!**

Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.**

Dear Friends of Sacred Heart,

As we begin a new year, we hear about the death of **Pope Benedict**. He lived for almost a century, and his secretary said he was surprised to have lived long after retirement. We are saddened to know about his demise, but we are happy because he is with the Lord he longed to be with. Our life does not end in death but in the hands of God, who is life himself. This is what he preached and believed in his entire life as a priest, bishop, and leader of the whole Catholic Church as pope when he was elected in 2005. In 2013, he resigned as Pope.

*His resignation created so much news and interest
worldwide,
for it was the first time in more than 600 years.*

Popes never retire but die in their ministry, but Pope Benedict changed that tradition when he resigned. He lived quietly in a simple residence within the Vatican grounds until his death.



*Aboard Shepherd One, Pope Benedict enjoyed the statue of Liberty
on his visit*

Benedict provided us with a clear understanding of our Catholic faith with the clarity of his teachings. He became one of the bridges or instruments in bringing the Church in dialogue to the modern world. One of his contributions as a Pope was the importance of upholding Catholic particularity in our conversation with the world. He believed that the more we are faithful in our faith, the more we can understand the modern world.

While it is true that Pope Benedict was a superior theologian, an incredible intellectual who, in most of his writings, gave the church a clarity of understanding of our faith, his intellectual genius came from his love for Jesus. From his deep relationship with Jesus, the whole of his profound thoughts came to unfold. In his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, which I enjoyed reading, he said, *“This book is my search for the face of the Lord.”* *The Lord that he had been searching for all his life is now unfolded before his eyes through the mercy of God.*

*He has written 66 books, three papal encyclicals,
four apostolic letters, and numerous articles on theology.
But his teaching is best summarized by his last words just
before he died “I Love you, Lord.”*

All his life, he longed for Jesus. And now, in his death, he is in peace with His Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Eternal Rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and thank you, Pope Benedict, for a life of holiness and humility.

Let us remember Pope Benedict in our prayers; all the souls departed.

May God bless you and keep you always.

Father rhey

*For comments and suggestions:
frrheygarcia@gmail.com*

Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday, January 14:

9:30 Ryan Montierde Fr. Soju
5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri Fr. Rhey

Sunday, January 15:

7:00 Thomas & Dorothy McNamara Fr. Soju
9:00 John R. Kubasek Msgr. Nick
11:00 * Rose Stefanini Fr. Rhey
1:00 Sarah & Rose Teracina Msgr. Greg

Monday, January 16:

9:30 Diana Kisto (10th Anniversary) Fr. Rhey

Tuesday, January 17:

9:30 Kathleen Foote Sweeney Fr. Rhey

Wednesday, January 18:

9:30 People of the Parish Fr. Rhey

Thursday, January 19:

9:30 Angel Alvarez Fr. Marius

Friday, January 20:

9:30 Frank and Mary Santore Fr. Rhey

Saturday, January 21

9:30 Edward Brown Fr. Soju
5:00 Kenneth LiGreci Fr. Rhey

Sunday, January 22:

7:00 Cecilia Reilly Fr. Soju
9:00* Sandy Donohue Msgr. Nick
11:00 Nicholas Petrecca Fr. Rhey
1:00 Beryl M. Hunter Msgr. Greg

*Family Mass

Lector Schedule

Saturday, Jan 21:

5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, Jan 22:

7:00: Joan Prenty
9:00 AM: Teresa Zulch
11:00 AM: Frank DiSalvo
1:00 PM: Don Maj

Collections

January 1st:

\$5,397.00

January 8th:

\$5,924.00

2nd Collection 1/8:

\$1,227.00

Attendance 1/8:

673

Children 1/8:

School (7), CCD (47)

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday January 16th in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday January 17th.

Bread and Wine donation for the week is in loving memory of Karuna Karagalge donated by Thushara Fernando.

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.

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 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 text or email our parishioners small announcements, this way when important events happen in our parish, our parishioners stayed informed.

Second Collection January 8th:

Thank you for your generous donation last weekend which will benefit the Catholic Communications Campaign and The Catholic University of America. We collected \$1,227.00.

Parish Facebook Page

We have just created a Facebook page The Church of Sacred Heart SI, NY. We will be posting news about our parish, reflections on the Saint of the Day as well as daily scripture, school news and other items of interest to our parish. Please take a moment to look at the content and follow us.

LECTORS

We need your current contact information! Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 or by email at tcunningham1@si.rr.com so she may update the existing Lector contact listing. If you regularly serve as a Lector on a specific Saturday or Sunday (for example, 2nd Saturday of the month, etc.) and at a specific Mass time, these details would be helpful as well. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Scripture verses in times of need:

Please use these scripture verses when you are in need and struggling with:

Anxiety - Isaiah 41:10

Stress - Matthew 6:34

Mental Health - Jeremiah 29:11

Healing - Isaiah 53:4-5

Hope - Romans 15:4

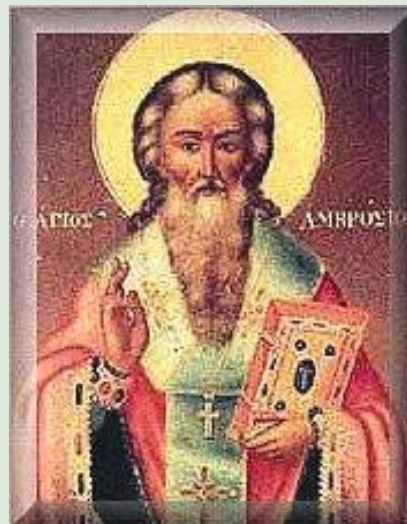
Uncertainty - Psalm 91:5-6

Difficult Times - Ecclesiastes 7:10

SAINT HILARY

FEAST DAY JANUARY 13

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT HILARY
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 Wonsewitz, 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 Endley, 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, Carol Sienicki, Samuel DeFazio, Corinne Hayes

Sacred Heart Church Family Mass

Please Join Us!



22nd January 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nine o'clock in the morning

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See you all!
Fr. rhey

Golden Heart Club of the Sacred Heart

We are excited to share the news of the formation of the
"Golden Heart Club of the Sacred Heart (Church).

Our purpose is to engage the senior members of our parish community
in spiritual, social, and community fellowship.

We hope to meet weekly on Fridays for the adoration of the
Sacred Heart in the Blessed Sacrament
and a short social activity to be developed.

Our initial plan is to establish a small committee to plan and
develop activities to engage senior involvement.

We ask for and welcome all ideas and levels of involvement,
and we hope you share our enthusiasm for this new venture!
Please contact With your ideas and interest."

Helene Sacco: hsacco52@gmail.com

Fr rhey: FrRheyGarcia@gmail.com

Please join me in welcoming our new Permanent Deacon, James Cowan.

Deacon James Cowan has been married to his wife Pat for 49 years. Their children Jennifer, Allison and James as well as their spouses and five grandchildren live on Staten Island.

Jim graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx with a Regents Diploma in 1969. He graduated from St. Francis College in Brooklyn in 1973 with a BS Degree in Business Management.

He began his career in the insurance industry upon graduation in 1973 and spent thirty seven years with Marsh, Inc., the last fourteen as Managing Director and Chairman of an International Division. He had responsibility for a \$50 million profit center with operations in eight offices in the US and liaised with multiple offices in Asia, Canada, South America and Europe. He was the Client Executive for Risk Management and Insurance Programs of Fortune 500 Global Enterprises.

He was a governor of the Downtown Athletic Club and served as Chairman of the Heisman Memorial Trophy committee in 1999 and 2000.

Jim retired ten years ago and has focused on a desire to "give back" for all of the blessings in his life. The Diaconate was his main focus and he was ordained by Timothy Cardinal Dolan on June 17, 2017. He has been assigned to Sacred Heart Parish as of January 22, 2023. He is also a Deputy Deacon Chaplain for the Knights of Malta.

Deacon Jim also serves as Chairman of the Catholic Elementary School Region of Staten Island. He served as Cluster and Parish Chair for the Archdiocese' "Making All Things New" Process. He also works with several other charitable organizations on Staten Island.

Deacon Jim is also Assistant Director of Clergy Personnel for the Archdiocese of New York. He reports directly to Bishop Edmund Whelan.

At Sacred Heart, Deacon Jim will serve and preach at several Masses every week. He will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for all major Liturgies. He will administer the Sacrament of Baptism, officiate at Weddings and conduct Wake Services as well as serve at Funeral Masses. Deacon Jim will work on strategic projects for Sacred Heart Pastor, Fr. Rhey Garcia.



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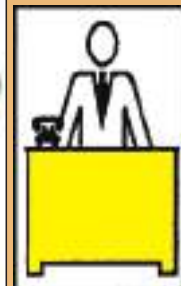
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