

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 22, 2015

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Winter saga goes on and on, as we all know. Not just here at Sacred Heart, of course, but we are having as rough a go of it as others. Extreme cold is only part of it.

Our biggest problem is that the heating system for the church stopped working and needs to be replaced. It is a big job and is expensive and our lack of heat forced re-location of Masses until the job is finished. Fortunately, we have the school gym which already functions as a setting for Mass so weekend Masses are not a major issue. It takes extra work but is possible. Most weekday morning Masses have been in the rectory Chapel. Listen for announcements today regarding Monday and beyond.

Just when it seemed we were ahead of expenses for a while, the heating broke down. We had also just noticed problems with the surface of the parking lot and we continue to address issues that arise like sound system issues, etc. (For good measure, a pipe burst in the rectory the other day.) As every homeowner knows, there is always something that occurs or needs attention, but in a complex the size of Sacred Heart, the chances are greater that large repairs and renovations will be needed.

As I've explained to a few people, we cannot really have a fundraiser at the present time just for the heating system. We have already begun to announce our annual Raffle and we are trying to fix a date for the annual Festival. I believe a few second collections for winter maintenance and heating worked into the existing schedule of collections will help pay for the new heating system and perhaps the parking lot repairs. It is not that the parish doesn't have some money saved for unexpected expenses. We do. The problem is we never know how many unexpected expenses there will be and we certainly want to be prepared. Thank you for your usual generosity.

Hope your Lent is going well.

God Bless!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco

LENT 2015

*****SPECIAL LENTEN MASSES*****

Mondays at 7:30pm

Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm

March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 2015

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 8:00pm

February 27th

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

April 3rd, 2015

March 6th Holy Hour 7:00pm

Stations at 8:00pm

LENTEN SEASON 2015

Lenten Fast and Abstinence – During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

“FASTING” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

“ABSTINENCE” prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

are days of fast & abstinence.

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your blessings and make a gift to the *2015 Cardinal's Appeal*. Our goal is \$124,500.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

February 15th, Collection –\$9,976.

Frigid Cold/Snow and Ice

Last Year's Collection - \$14,030.

Peter's Pence- \$4016.

Last Year's Collection-\$4,695.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 22

Teen Group – 6:30pm in the School

Monday, February 23

Religious Education CCD – Grade 6 – 4:30-6pm

Religious Education CCD – Grade 7 – 7 to 8:30pm

Novena – 7:15pm – Prayers followed by

Lenten Mass –7:30pm

Tuesday, February 24

Religious Education– Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Religious Education – Grade 8 – 7:00pm in the school

Wednesday, February 25

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the 4th Gr. Classroom

RCIA – 7:30pm in the rectory

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, February 26

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Friday, February 27

Stations of the Cross –8:00pm

Saturday, February 28

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

CYO – 8am to 4:30pm in the gym

Religious Education.- Grades 1 & 2- 9:30am

Sunday, March 1

CYO – 2pm to 5pm

Teen Group – No Meeting

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES OF ROCKLAND (CCCSR)

Did you know that Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) was established by the 18 parishes to alleviate poverty and to serve as a “safety and support net” for all our county residents who have either lived in poverty all their lives or fallen into poverty due to unexpected circumstances?

You can help make a difference in the lives of some of our most vulnerable families. Your donations will help to prevent evictions, feed the hungry and address basic emergency needs in Rockland. The boxes can be returned toward the end of Lent.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EASTER BASKETS

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parish is once again asking for donations of hams and non-perishable foods for our Easter Baskets. Due to high demand and the difficult economic conditions of so many people, we must limit our baskets to our regular recipients and those Sacred Heart parishioners who find themselves in true need. **Easter Baskets will be distributed on Wednesday April 1, 2014 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: March 27th .**

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:
1-800-723-8331 www.goodcounselhomes.org

SACRED HEART CHURCH

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 8:30pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 12, 2015 on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB OF ROCKLAND COUNTY

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland county will be meeting on March 15th at 6:30pm at St. Augustine's church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Dotty at 845-623-1739. Weather permitting we will be playing Bingo

+MASS OF CHRISM+ SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST – 4PM

COUNTY-WIDE COACH BUS AVAILABLE

This special Mass, a tradition which goes all the way back to the 5th century of our church, is only celebrated once a year, during Holy Week. The Mass, which manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop, will be celebrated by our Cardinal Archbishop, Timothy Michael Dolan, who will be joined by his Auxiliary Bishops and hundreds of our parish and religious order priests and deacons.

During the Mass, the archbishop will also bless three sacred oils the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and holy chrism. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments, throughout the entire Archdiocese during the upcoming year.

The faithful of our Rockland parishes are urged to make attendance at this Mass of Chrism a special part of their Lenten observance. For your convenience, the Rockland Deanery is sponsoring a coach bus which will be departing from the St. Francis of Assisi parking lot, Parrot Rd., West Nyack, at 1pm that day. Please contact the Deanery office (St. Paul's) at 268-4464/65 for further information or to register.

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 21 de marzo, 2015 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

HAYLEE ZAHIRUDIN & ISABELLA ZAHIRUDIN

Daughters of Haseek and Natasha

EMILY ZAHIRUDIN

Daughter of Faoud and Sara

KYLE GEIGER

Son of Richard and Catherine

STELLA WARGO

Daughter of Brian and Michelle



and **Angelica Calfa**

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests religious and especially **David Hazell Sr.**



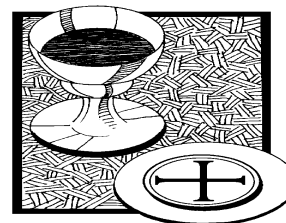
We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Frank Paul Allegretti, Gloria Ammerata, Jenna Applebaum, Christine Arehart, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Craig & Marjorie Buckles, Yvon Buckles, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Nicolino Cocomello, Mary Jo Christensen, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Kathy DeMaria, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Florence Downy, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna Jarkiewicz, Ralph Jeffrey, Mary Ann Kelly, Jay Leone, Laura Mack, Barbara Mazza, Rose Mazzei, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken & John Meyer, Patricia Eckert Meunier, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Jennifer O'Hara, Tina Osika, Philly Pelzer, Tara Piccone, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spalanzani, Claudia Spano, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Beatrice Sweeney, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, Maria Velez, and Millie Vazquez.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles
And the
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of

JOHN N. WANAMAKER



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00am – Rose Solano

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Mary Cuddy

7:30pm – Peter Grizelj Jr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Anne Tarantino

10:00am – Helen & Paul Roth - Church

10:00am – George P. Cain- School

11:30am – Joey Dunado & Joey Dunado, Jr.

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Jamie Conklin

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00am – Mary Gibney

9:00am – Lisa Pilie Jocelyn

7:15pm –NOVENA PRAYERS ONLY

7:30pm- Lenten Mass –Annina Lijoi-Greco

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am – Michael DeSimone

9:00am – Stella Bova

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00am – Delia Villanueva

9:00am – Andrew L. Kravic

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am- Carmela Cogliano

9:00am – In Thanksgiving for Sacred Heart

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am – Stephanie Kirchner

9:00am – Tom Howard

8:00pm – **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00am – Deacon Joseph A. Witt

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Francis Stewart

7:30pm – Palma M. & Henry J. Heck

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Msgr. Lawrence Connaughton

10:00am – Jack Devine - Church

10:00am – Gene Martin - School

11:30am – Special Intention for Veronique Hazell

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Deacon Joseph Witt

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 8 – Harold Gravius