

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

September has arrived and so has increased busyness for all of us! Here we are a few days into another school year at Sacred Heart! I hope that you enjoyed some relaxing days of much-deserved vacation. I am wishing for everyone a blessed new season of Grace and Reflection. I have certainly seen in my short time here what a vibrant and caring community you are that defines Sacred Heart Church!

As I type these words, my thoughts immediately go to the firefighters of our community and honoring them during Saturday's parade...A salute to all of you as well as our police and law enforcement members and First Responders on these few short days before the tragedy that shook us all to the core on September 11, 2001. All of you, the brave men and women that protect us during fires and patrol our streets and arrive with aid and compassion...Thank you feels too small, but it is sincere and we embrace you deeply!

Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom includes this passage: "And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty"...Each of us has encountered difficulties and we always will BUT He encountered difficulties, too and because of His Sacrifice we are healed...And Saved!

May God bless us all.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR
Pastor

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So, Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person

constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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Sunday Reflection

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
Whom you nourish and endow with life
Through the food of your Word and
Heavenly Sacrament,
May so benefit from your beloved Son's
Great gifts
That we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen*

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

9/11

Here at Sacred Heart

*We will have Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament Wednesday,
Sept. 11 beginning at 9:30am and
ending with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy,
The Holy Rosary, and Benediction at 3:00pm
Please join us!*



VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

The Village of Suffern 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019** at the Village Hall. **The ceremony will begin at 7:00PM.**



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA. If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating, please call the Rectory (357-0035).

**BILINGUAL HEALING MASS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

7:00PM

We will begin with The Holy Rosary at 6:30pm. Fr. Joseph Espallat, Director of NY Charismatic Movement will be our celebrant please join us for our first bilingual Mass as a parish family.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8

Monday, September 9

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, September 10

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, September 11

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm church

Thursday, September 12

Rel Ed. Makeup Retreat – 7:00pm cafeteria

Friday, September 13

Our Lady's Guild -Kick-off Benediction & Meeting

Saturday, September 14

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

Rel. Ed. - 9:30am Grades 1 & 2

Sunday, September 15

OUR LADY'S GUILD

WELCOME BACK

KICK- OFF MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Our Lady's Guild of Sacred Heart would like to invite the ladies of the parish to their First Monthly meeting of the Year. New members are welcome and encouraged to join. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, in the school cafeteria.

The opening meeting this year will begin with Benediction in the Church at 7:00pm. Then a Wine and Cheese get together in the school cafeteria and a short meeting.

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Boys and Girls: Clinic Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades/
3rd thru 8th Grades

Tuesday, September 17th: 6-7:30pm

Wednesday, September 18th: 6-7:30pm
(In the school cafeteria)



ST. ZITA'S VILLA ADULT HOME FOR WOMEN

Open House & Gala Family Fun Day

Saturday, September 14th

The Annual Open House and Gala Family Fun Day starts at 11am to 4pm. Co-sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, festivities include a Bazaar, Chinese Auction, Bake Sale and so much more. A BBQ Will be hosted by the K of C Joyce Kilmer Council 1177. In case of heavy rain, festivities will be held on Sunday, September 15 (same hours). St. Zita's 50 Saddle River Rd., Monsey NY. For info call 845-356-2011.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL CORNER



A warm welcome back to all students and families! May teachers return to their classrooms renewed and refreshed as they guide our young ones with academics and faith. Applications are still being accepted for the 19/20 school year! Blessings for a rewarding and fulfilling academic year from your Rockland County Regional Catholic Schools!

Sacred Heart School

(UPK, PreK – Gr. 8) 60 Washington Ave. Suffern

St. Anthony (PreK3 – Gr. 8) 34 West Nyack Rd. Nanuet

St. Gregory Barbarigo (UPK - Gr. 8)

29 Cinder Rd. Garnerville

St. Margaret (PreK3 – Gr. 8) 34 N. Magnolia St. Pearl River

St. Paul (UPK, PreK3–Gr. 8)

365 Kings Highway Valley Cottage

**SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

2019-2020

CLASSES BEGIN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH – GRADES 1 & 2

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH – GRADES 6 & 7

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH – GRADES 3-5 & 8TH

Registration for all First Graders and New Registrants will be taken by appointment only during the summer months. Please call 357-6044 to make an appointment.

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Please bring your child's baptismal certificate at the time of registration. Go to the Clinton Place entrance (side street) of the school and please ring the bell for your appointment. Thank you.

ONE TO ONE LEARNING

Will present STAR-FEST X on the Marydell property at 640 N. Midland Ave, Upper Nyack, Dominican Sisters, on SEPT.15th at 3:30 p.m. It is an evening of musical entertainment with beautiful Hook Mountain as a background. Featured local professional performers include: John Patrick Schutz, Tommy Dunn, Jan Lynch, Robert Mattern, Sue Matsuki, Patti Koontz and others. Complimentary food will be provided by many local restaurants for 'A Taste of Rockland'. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the entrance. Please call Sr. Cecilia LaPietra at (845) 512-8176 for tickets and information, or go to our Website www.one2one-learning.org

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'
NAME**

September 1 Collection - \$11,933.

Last Year's collection - \$13,385.

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 septiembre 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Baby Ty, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene and Fred Gentile, Wayne Gannon, Mark Goldman, Joan Grau, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Carrin Holborn, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Tony Ortiz, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Frank Salveggi, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Altar Candles In Memory of
JOHN & SOPHIE GRANDE

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
LUC & DULIA CELESTIN



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Richard McDowell and Marie Lane**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Patricia Diamond

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Andrea & Caterina Calabretta

10:00am – Gregory Ferraro

11:30am – Rose & Joseph Formichella

1:00pm – Special Intention Ladies A.O.H. Div. 4

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00am – Special Intentions Luc Celestin

9:00am – Felicia Ausbury

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00am – Special Intentions Matthew Huffine

9:00am – Ralph Ferraguto

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00am – 9-11 Victims

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9:30am – Adoration

3:00pm – Benediction and Divine Chaplet

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00am – Bernard Peris

9:00pm – Fred Nonnenmacher

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00am – Special Intentions Kathie Iannaci & Family

9:00am – Harry Norum

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00am – Lester Bernstein

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:30pm – Anna, Frank & Robert O. Colbath

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Edna Harvey

11:30am – Thomas B. Collins

1:00pm – Frank & Joan Doyle

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 5- THERESA CACIOPPO