

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

Well, what a few weeks this has been for all of us. First and foremost, our prayers will continue for all the people who have sadly lost their lives and those, too, currently battling illness from this fast-spreading Coronavirus. Indeed, we pray for all who have been affected. Anxiety has weighed us down, but we believe firmly because we KNOW that Almighty God is with us through it all.

It was a stunning announcement at 3pm on Saturday, March 14, upon learning that all Masses and other sacraments and services were immediately cancelled. We, your staff of Sacred Heart worked tirelessly to bring this news to you as quickly as possible with a detailed recording at the main desk telephone extension along with signs on the church doors' exteriors. For over a week now, standing hand sanitizer stations have been inside the church. As we've been telling one another repeatedly, it is vitally important to regularly wash hands, use hand sanitizer, refrain from handshaking, not touching our faces and keeping "social distance" from others of at least six feet.

This is quite a daunting challenge, but we are a faith-filled community and we are strengthened together in solidarity. It saddened all of us deeply not to be able to celebrate the Eucharist together at Sunday Masses and it is not yet known exactly when there will be a green light of approval for resuming Sunday and weekday Masses. The church will be open, however, every day between 9am and 5pm for private prayer. Please take advantage of this opportunity of grace with The Lord. Copies of this week's bulletin will also be available in the church.

In last week's Gospel, the Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well, and she asked of him where she could get the "living water" to drink. Jesus informed her that He is that living water! He changed her and her household forever! She became a believer and through her newly found faith, converted her entire household as well. That's the kind of people our community of Sacred Heart is: Vessels of God's Grace bringing Faith to others. In this week's Fourth Sunday of Lent Gospel, Jesus meets a man born blind; a man who was called a sinner by his peers simply because he was born blind telling him that "either you have sinned or someone in your family had sinned." How cruel were their comments! The blind man, however, believed in Jesus and Jesus restored his sight. In our times of *spiritual* blindness, let us fervently ask for Jesus' "faith and

living water" to conquer the trials and obstacles that we all face. This Faith and Living Water of Christ Jesus we most urgently need now for healing and hope for a speedy resolve to the COVID-19 danger.

Many of you have called asking us about your tithing and God bless you for asking! We are so thankful for your enormous weekly generosity and the parish depends on all your kindness. There are several ways for you to send in your offerings: By mail, drop off at rectory and also you may insert envelopes into mail chute on the door or in an offering box that will be placed just below the Altar and most conveniently, you may donate online at our website: www.sacredheartparish.org. The Rectory office will be open 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday but by appointment only till further notice.

We will miss seeing one another at Holy Mass until this crisis comes to pass. Let us always remember that God will NEVER stop blessing us!

We are indeed Sacred Heart Strong!

In His Grace, Fr. Michael Rafferty and Staff

CoVid- 19 AND OUR PARISH

As we are sure you are aware all Masses and Sacraments are on hold in the Archdiocese of New York, and that means Sacred Heart too. Now that a State of Emergency has been declared in Rockland County it means that everyone should stay home. This is a time for prayer and true Lenten Sacrifice. Together as people of God we can take this time of isolation as a time for prayer and reflection. Our sacrifices now will help to end this virus quickly with the least amount of impact to the health and well being of our loved ones. Let us pray the prayer Archbishop Dolan sent this past weekend.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION MAY 17, 2020**

On May 17, 2020 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

**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**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 22

Monday, March 23

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – Closed

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – Closed

Hispanic RCIA – Cancelled

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, March 24

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – Closed

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – Closed

Choir Practice – Cancelled

Prayer Group – Cancelled

Wednesday, March 25

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – CLOSED

Children's choir – Cancelled

Thursday, March 26

Friday, March 27

Lenten Mass – Cancelled

Stations of the Cross- Cancelled

Saturday, March 28

St. Joseph Group – Cancelled

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – Closed

Sunday, March 29

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY
CONFESSIONS**

April 6th / 3pm to 9pm

**LENTEN MASSES- Cancelled
FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS at 7:30pm- Cancelled**

April 3rd, 10th

April 3rd First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm)

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.

Easter Baskets will be distributed on Monday April 6, 2020 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: for donations is March 29, 2020.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

To date we have raised \$37,993. towards our goal of \$122,500. This year's Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, Teach, Serve and Sanctify brings to life the important work the Archdiocese of New York does. Please consider donating.

**HEATHER LEIGH COLON
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for the Heather Leigh Colon scholarship are now available for 8th grade CYO basketball players that are attending a Catholic high school in the fall of 2020. For applications and more information contact Barbara or Mark Colon at [\(914\) 447-5962](tel:9144475962)
Email: bcolon3821@aol.com

**ST. JOSEPH'S ADULT CARE HOME
SLOATSBURG N. Y.
ART AUCTION
CANCELLED**

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 2020

Please join us for a relaxing evening enjoying beautiful artwork and delicious appetizers from our wonderful local restaurants. Gorgeous Artwork framed at amazing prices. All profits benefit St. Joseph's Adult Care Home Building Fund. A fun evening for a great cause. Admission: \$20 pp / \$30 per couple. Reservations requested but walk in's welcome. Call 845-753-2555. Preview 7pm Auction 8pm.

**SACRED HEART HSA FUNDRAISER
LARGE REUSABLE BAGS!!!**

Please consider supporting the school with a purchase of a Sacred Heart School Reusable Bag. This is a great way to get the bags you need and to support the school. See flyer in the bulletin.

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

**Collection Amounts will be reported in future
bulletins.**

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 18 de abril 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en la oficina 357- 0035.



*Remember
Our Sick*

Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Jenna**

Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, 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, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, 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

MARCH 22, 2020

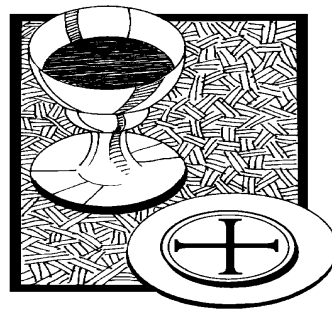
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of DANIEL GREELEY



*Remember
Our Deceased...*

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

Especially: **Frank Salveggi, Geraldine Baldwin**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY OUR PARISH PRIESTS DUE TO COVID-19

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Anthony & Josephine Scarr

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Evelyn & Peter Salemo

10:00am – Christine & Dick Corcillo

11:30am – Thomas Howard

1:00pm – Joan Cummings & Elaine Dusold

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:00am –

9:00am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7:00am –

9:00am – Teresa Schmitt

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00am –

9:00am – Ralph DeRosa

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

7:00am – Dorothy Toomey

9:00am – Charles J. Lynch

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00am –

9:00am – Eugene & Rose Magurno

7:00pm – Lenten Mass- Cancelled

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross- Cancelled

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am – Mikolay Koziy

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Frank A. Battaglia

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – In Thanksgiving St. Joseph

10:00am – William Mulcahy

11:30am – Silvio Zucatti

1:00pm – Christine Laurencio

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 5–MOIRA COSENZA