

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020

Easter Sunday 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

Here we are...Easter Sunday...The Resurrection...It's a different kind of Resurrection Sunday, isn't it? Saturday, March 14 was a game-changer. Our way of living drastically changed...Via an e-mail, our Church was effectively "shut down". NO PUBLIC MASSES...None...How can this be? How can we feel the morning sun of Resurrection under these circumstances? We can and MUST because no closed building can shatter the faith that we treasure in our hearts...As I've said previously...Our faith STILL feels this burst of Easter Sunday sunshine because HE has burst through the darkness of not just today but of all time!

I will never forget that Saturday afternoon when our office manager, Mrs. Christine Schnabel and myself were in the office dissecting all the previously received e-mails from the Archdiocese regarding the threat of the Coronavirus and its impact on humanity...Until about 3pm that day we assumed everything was "status quo", that is, that our public ministry was still active...That all changed with a single e-mail of: No more Public Masses until further notice...How much longer will this last? None of us knows, my friends...Only He knows... Outside an empty tomb, an angel of The Lord asked a curious Mary Magdalene: Who are you looking for? He is not here!!

We may be asking: Lord, where are you? He is here among us because He has promised that He will never leave us...We may not be experiencing the music and flowers and fellowship of a Sunday Eucharist of Resurrection in our Church of Sacred Heart, but it is still a marvelous Easter Sunday of worship in our homes! We continue to offer the prayer of Spiritual Communion that resonates in our hearts as we pray for those who have lost their lives due to this virus and those who are fighting for their lives and all those who are affected by this pandemic.

As I write these words, it is now the fourth weekend without public Masses and yet you, our dear friends of Sacred Heart family have continued to make your weekly offerings of support for the parish with your regular donations as well as the needs of second collections of the Archdiocese and gracious gifts of Easter offerings and Easter flowers and I know that God is blessing you for your generosity! Thank you very much!

I miss seeing all of you. I pray that we will see one another soon. I trust that He is with us through it all and that He is protecting us.

Fr. John and I have been blessed to offer Mass for your viewing via audio and video. There are still some technical issues but all that matters is that we remain "Sacred Heart Strong" as brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart!! Our song of Alleluia is back, and may it be stronger than ever!!

Yours in His Grace,
Fr. Michael Rafferty and Staff

BLESSED EASTER!

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

**BLESSED EASTER FROM
SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

The faculty, staff, students and administration of Sacred Heart School wish all parishioners a happy and blessed Easter.

**SACRED HEART
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

May the Risen Lord, Bless our Parish Family
On Easter and Always. With Love & Prayers,
Sacred Heart Religious Education Program

TAGASTE MONASTERY

May the Risen Lord shower you with abundant blessings! Have a Happy and Holy Easter season! Your friends, the Friars of Tagaste Monastery.

Fr. John Gruben, O.A. R.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent De Paul Sacred Heart Conference wishes to thank the many parishioners who contributed food, money or effort during these difficult times, to help us in our mission. Our efforts reflect your generosity to the many less fortunate as we strive to help them in the name of the Risen Christ.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 19, 2020

Divine Mercy **Sunday April 19, 2020** here at Sacred Heart. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Blessing can be viewed on our website via live streaming from 1pm to 3pm.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 13

Rel. Ed. – CLOSED

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Tuesday, April 14

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Wednesday, April 15

Thursday, April 16

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

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

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11:00am

Sunday, April 19 Divine Mercy Sunday

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild Communion Breakfast scheduled for Sunday May 3 following the 8:30 AM Mass, has been canceled. If things are improved concerning the CoVid-19 virus the Mass will occur but there will not be a breakfast. We are in hopes of planning something here at Sacred Heart if it is permitted. We will keep you informed.



SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION will be RESCHEDULED:

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.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

To date we have raised \$40,179 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. During this time of unprecedented challenges of the Coronavirus the Appeal is even more imperative. Without your assistance parishes will not be able to bring the faith to it parishioners. Your help is so desperately needed. Please consider donating.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

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

Available at the Rectory: Please call ahead

845-357-0035

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 7:00pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 19, 2020

THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!

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.

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

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call

Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

www.goodcounselhomes.org



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Jack Allard, Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, 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 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, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



**FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS
DOCTORS & NURSES**

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

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
APRIL 12, 2020**

**Altar Wines and Altar Breads In Memory of
PALMA & HENRY HECK**

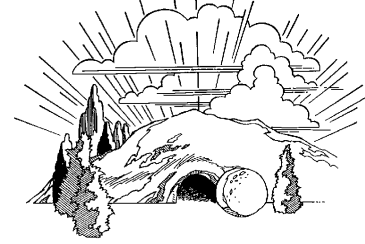
**Altar Candles In Memory of
MARGARET FLETCHER**

**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
JOHN BUKOWSKI II**



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

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!



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

**ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE LIVE
STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11 HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL – 8:00PM (The only Mass on this day)
SUNDAY, APRIL 12
Hispanic EASTER MASS AT 10:00AM
EASTER MASS AT 12PM NOON**

**All Intentions for Easter Sunday Masses are for the
Parishioners of Sacred Heart (LIVING AND
DECEASED AND ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM
THE CORONA VIRUS)**

**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVE
STREAMED AT 5:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 12:00PM**

MONDAY, APRIL 13
7:00am – No Mass
9:00am – Special Intention Calden Frank
7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, APRIL 14
7:00am – Ralph & Dorothy Sepulveda
9:00am – Evelyn Cici

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
7:00am – Special Intention Kathy Jones
9:00am – Mary Keane

THURSDAY, APRIL 16
7:00am – Mary C. Collins
9:00am – Richard J. Lynch Jr. & Jessie Cici

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
7:00am –

9:00am – Frank Salveggi
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
9:00am – Lester Bernstein

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS
5:30pm –Martha & Louise Battaglia

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
7:00am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Dianne Messina
10:00am – John Bukowski, II
11:30am – Lucy Scarpelli
1:00pm – Palma & Henry Heck
5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 8– Henry Antonucci