

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2020

From the priests' desks:

Dear Brothers & Sisters of Sacred Heart:

We were all stunned with the July 9th announcement we received from His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan: Our beloved Sacred Heart School will be closing its doors. I recall the gasps I heard as I announced the news at last weekend's Masses. The school has served for over a century with great love and dedication to teach our youth with Christian compassion and learning. It is with heavy hearts that we are saying goodbye to this beloved institution. I know that there are no words that can soften the sadness of this situation.

Abundant thanks to our current principal, Mrs. Kathleen Grande and her loyal and loving teachers and faculty. Our continued prayers for all of the dear children that have had the privilege to receive the Word of God through the teaching of the committed faculty. To you loving parents of these remarkable young people: Thank you for letting Sacred Heart School educate your children.

To Mrs. Grande, teachers, faculty, students and parents: We are deeply sorry for this painful period in your lives. The community of Sacred Heart Church is here for you. We will always be here for you.

May Almighty God bless us all.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR,

Fr. John Gruben, OAR and Staff

Gospel

Reading

Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is

premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

PHASE IV

As you are probably aware our daily Mass is again at 9am. This will be the only Mass of the day for July and August.

Funeral Masses, Baptisms and Weddings are allowed. Reconciliation has begun again on Saturdays from 4 to 5pm in the Church library and will also be administered by appointment, please call the Rectory Office which is now open Monday through Thursday from 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 2pm. Although permission has been granted for Church's to go to 50%, here at Sacred Heart we feel due to the layout of the building we would be unable to maintain the 6ft. distance still required for safety, so we are keeping our current seating arrangement but will now also have the Mass live streamed into the gym where social distancing can be maintained and more of our parishioners can attend Mass feeling more confident that no further exposure with increased numbers of people attending Mass. Communion will be brought to the gym.

Please remember, that because of the ongoing health crisis, the Cardinal has *dispensed* everyone from the Sunday Mass obligation, so if you are uncomfortable about being with a group, watching Mass and a spiritual communion is still in effect.

Please observe the following when planning to attend:

+ If any member of your household has a fever, or is feeling ill, please remain at home.

+ If you have any pre-existing health conditions, you should remain at home at this phase.

+ Pews have been premeasured for seating with appropriate 6' social distancing in-between.

Members of the same household may sit together. Available seating is marked with a green X.

+ Since seats will be filled-in as people arrive, there will be no choice of seating location.

+ Facial coverings (masks) must be worn to Mass.

+ To avoid contact, there will be no offertory procession or *exchange of peace* during the Mass.

+ The Sacred Host will be distributed in the hand only. For those who feel that receiving in the hand is unacceptable we ask that you wait to receive until the celebrant asks those who wish to receive on the tongue come forward. Please form a single line and observe the 6' social distance as you proceed down the center aisle. Disabled persons may remain seated.

+ Hand sanitizer dispensers are available on the walls of the church, and at the entrance

+ Entrance into the church is on the awning side of our building only.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR, Assistant

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

BELOW ARE THE COLLECTION TOTALS FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS LAST YEARS FIGURES ARE REFLECTED ON THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT:

Easter 2020 – 17,209.00	Easter 2019 -\$36,880.00
April 2020- \$24,099.00	April 2019 - \$43,804.00
May 2020 - \$37,537.00	May 2019 - \$49,862.00
June 2020 - \$38,729.00	June 2019- \$51,321.00
Total= \$117,574.00	Total= \$181,867.00
	(\$64,293.00) deficit

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, July 20

Mass at 9am

Tuesday, July 21

Mass at 9am

Wednesday, JULY 22

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, JULY 23

Mass at 9:00am

Friday, July 24

Mass at 9:00am

Saturday, JULY 25-Rosary12pm (live streamed)

Sunday, JULY 26

2020 - 2021 MASS BOOK

Due to the pandemic we still have almost 100 Masses open in the 2020 Mass Book. Therefore, we will not be opening the 2021 Mass book until Mid- August.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners.

As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$84,394.00 towards our goal of \$122,500.

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2020-2021

Registration for all is now being taken. First Graders and New Registrants, please visit our website: www.sacredheartparish.org for forms and needed items for registering your child. There are also re-registration forms on the website under Religious Education, found in the drop-down menu at the top of the page. For further information please call 357-6044 or to receive registration forms via mail.

If you are uncomfortable about registering under the current pandemic, we do understand and want to make you aware that we will be providing an online course that will mimic in class work until the current health issue is resolved. Registering is required.

A program for children with Special Needs is also available. Please supply us with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate for registration. Thank you.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is the healing of the soul by which the sick person receives the grace of Holy Spirit and the peace and consolation the Spirit brings to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age, or the anxiety of having surgery. Please call the Rectory and ask at any time if you or someone you know desires this Sacrament of Healing.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

JEREMY DANIEL PLAISTED



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

Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, 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, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Daryl Pack, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Scullli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS

OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR 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.

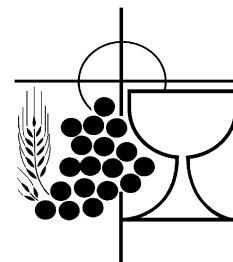
ALTAR MEMORIALS JULY 19, 2020

Altar Wines and Breads In Memory of DOLORES MENDOLIA

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of ANDREW STATHAM



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:
Especially: **Carmine Caruso, Eugene Pelligrino
Ovidio Avila**



DAILY MASS WILL OCCUR AT

**9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY- FRIDAY)
AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SUNDAYS AT
8:30AM, 11:30AM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**MASS WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR
WEBSITE:**

WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Daniel Greeley / Elizabeth Mendolia

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:30am – John Bukowski II/ William Curtin

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Mary Kutty Alexander / Ellen Ronan

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:00am – Susan M. Saladino / Evelyn Hoffman

7:15pm – **NO Novena**

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00am – Nancy Collins

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00am – Jack Murphy/ Madeline R. Foster

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00am – La Placa Family

FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00am – D. Joaquín Colmenero-Atienza

SATURDAY, JULY 25

12:00pm – **HOLY ROSARY (LIVE STREAMED)**

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Salvatore Cambria/ Mary Ann Blanton

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:30am – Guiseppe & Antonia Dominijanni/
Silvio Zucatti

10:00am – Spanish Mass

11:30am – Catherine E. Brennan / Rose Lopardo

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 22 – SISTER MICHELE -SSMI