

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart:

The calling of the Lord to Samuel is one of my favorite Old Testament readings: A young boy hears his name being called in the middle of the night and naturally, out of obedience, runs to his teacher, Eli, eager to do Eli's will...Finally, Eli realizes it is the Lord calling Samuel and Eli instructs the lad to go back to sleep and when he hears his name called again to reply: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord called again, and Samuel followed Eli's sage advice and answered the Lord with: "Speak, for your servant is listening...Samuel left out "Lord" because he was likely shaking in his boots! Can you blame him!?"

Whether or not we receive a call from the Lord as remarkable as Samuel's, nonetheless, each of us CALLED! Be it as husband, wife, father, mother, priest, nun, religious, doctor, teacher, businessman or businesswoman, each of our vocations is a blessing from Almighty God. The choice is ours: Answer the call of the Lord or ignore it...We must never fear because even though Christmastime has ended, it is all year long vitally important to remember Sacred Scripture's holy revelation:

Emmanuel, God with us!

Let us keep ardently praying for one another, brothers and sisters, in this Ordinary Time of the church calendar and let us continuously remind ourselves that with "God with us", not a single moment in our lifetime is simply ordinary, but *extraordinary* when we loyally rely on His presence in our lives.

Happy New Year blessings continue for us all!

Frs. Michael. Eric and John & Staff

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Creencia, OAR

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified,

Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
And shall sing to you,
Shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Here am I, Lord I come to do your will:

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

Here am I, Lord I come to do your will:

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me.

Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
Then said I, "Behold I come."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The Church Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 18th. 9am Mass is as normally scheduled.

DEBT AND DEFICIT REDUCTION COLLECTION

TODAY, JANUARY 16 & 17, 2021
The debt and deficit reduction collection
Shared with the Archdiocese for past debt.

2020 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2020 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2020 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 17

Monday, January 18

Tuesday, January 19

Religious Education Seminar

6:30 to 7:30 live streamed from the church

Wednesday January 20

RCIA in the Rectory 7pm

Thursday, January 21

Friday, January 22

Saturday, January 23

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

HOLY MOTHER PRAY FOR US

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.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

Baptism of the Lord - \$9,339.96

Last Year's Collection - \$11,524.

Catholic Communication & University - \$1,401.

Last Year's - \$3,287.

PRAYER FOR RESPECT FOR LIFE

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his Incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen!



48th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH

This year due to the pandemic the March for Life will occur virtually. EWTN will be hosting events throughout the day. The Basilica can only accommodate 100 persons and due to that only 100 people will be able to attend and will be by invitation only. That being said, your personal participation is still very much needed and wanted. Please tune in and pray with us all!

- The **Thursday, January 28, Opening Mass of the Prayer Vigil for Life will be 8:30 p.m. EST / 7:30 p.m. CST**, to allow for greater participation by viewers from across the country.
- Mass will be followed by a series of **Holy Hours throughout the night** in various locations, taking advantage of different time zones.

The **Closing Mass at the Basilica on Friday, January 29, will begin at 8:00 a.m. EST / 7:00 a.m. CST.**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH

**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart
In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.
Marking the 48th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 9:30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction beginning at 3:00pm.

HEALING AFTERNOON AT THE MARIAN SHRINE

Saturday, January 23, 2021 – 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Rosary & Devotions / Divine Mercy & Adoration/
Healing Prayers / 5:00pm Healing Mass
All are welcome: 174 Filors Ln. Stony Point, NY



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE
For the Third time**

**KAREN LYNCH AND JEFFREY
CONSTABLE**



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Andrea Schnabel Blaesi, Michael Brady, Tyler Borenkoff, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, 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, Michael Noonan, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Daryl Pack, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (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. (Recollect Friars of Union City New Jersey).

**FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS
OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES**

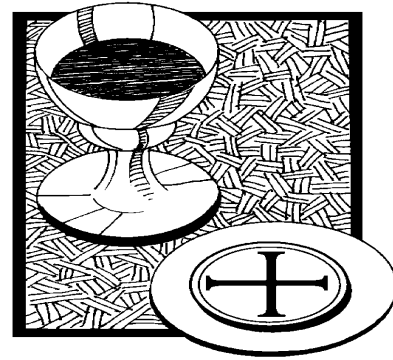
We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
JANUARY 17, 2021**

**Altar Candles In Memory of
JACK & DORIS TOWERS**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: **Mark Goldman, Marylou Domino**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES
9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM – (SPANISH)

LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – Palma & Henry Heck /
Mary Colleen Kosciuszka

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30am – For the Abandoned Souls
10:00am – Spanish
11:30am – Rose Land & Mary Ruffino
1:00pm – Joseph Shanley
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00am – Mary Jacobini

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00am – Michael Priest / Juan Carlos Dolores Cruz

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00am – Celestino Pitingolo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00am – Francine McDermott

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00am – Frank Gilhooly / Celestino Pitingolo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

12:00pm – **Holy Rosary**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Eugene "Gene" Flynn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30am – Wayne James Gannon, Jr.
10:00am – Spanish Mass
11:30am – Maria Jacobini
1:00pm – Cesar Dario
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 18 – TONY & JOAN CARROZZA