

# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 24, 2021

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart:

It is often good to try something new. It changes our routine and adds some spice in our ordinary activities. It allows us to explore, to ponder and see things in a different perspective and enhances our intellectual and spiritual growth. This new year, we can tap into the fascinating and inspiring words of the Book of Psalms. Although its general authorship has been attributed to King David, it was actually written by various writers spanning centuries. Thru-out its history, God was present in the minds and hearts of the various authors, inspiring them with words that touch the human soul: inspiring, guiding, strengthening, and uniting the mind and heart as one, directed to the love of God and neighbor. Let us consider the richness of the Psalms in our Sunday liturgy and celebration.

#### **Psalm 25:4**

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
Teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
For you are God my savior.*

I ask myself, "What is God telling me in these inspired words?"

Oftentimes, I am set in my ways: my ideas, my point-of-view, my plans, my deadlines, my expectations, my desires, my feelings, my strengths, my needs and so many other things. These may be integrally a part of me and who I am, and that is good. But, as a child of God, a created being through God's creative and loving power, I should also reflect upon the Lord's ways and speak, as well as listen to His inspirations.

Consider, not just reading, but prayerfully, vocally read aloud the words of this psalm. One may repeat it again, but read it slowly, allowing God to speak to me through these inspired words.

Whatever situation in life I may be in at this moment, I must always ask the Lord to reveal Himself to me: in my thoughts, in my feelings, in what I observe in others or even in nature itself, in what others tell me, in my success and my own failures. The Lord is like a personal trainer or in St. Augustine's description, "the Interior Master" who oftentimes challenges me when I am often in my "Comfort Mode." God is always present, always ready to reveal Himself, to make known His ways, truth and teachings to me. Every moment is a teaching moment to the Interior Master. Let me be attentive, let me be willing to listen to Him, let me say these words, "Guide me in your truth and teach me,

For you are God my Savior." With these prayers, every day is something new, a time to explore, as the Lord God enhances my understanding and challenges me to ever grow according to His ways. Amen.

*Fr. Eric Creencia, OAR*

*Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR*

*Fr. John Gruben, OAR*

### **FR. JOHN OLDFIELD, OAR**

**Born March 25, 1933**

**Died January 20, 2021**

**Ordained: July 20, 1963**

**It is with great sadness that we say farewell to a beloved priest and member of one the founding families of Suffern.**

#### ***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:***

O sing a new song to the Lord;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength, and honor in his holy place.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the Lord; thus, he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

#### **PRAYER FOR UNITY**

Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace affect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - \$9,350.  
Last Year's Collection - \$9,771.  
Debt & Deficit Collection - \$3,705.  
Last Year's - \$5056.

Christmas Collection- \$54,874.  
Last Year's - \$49,426

## CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021 KICK-OFF WEEKEND

The Cardinal's Appeal begins this weekend. You may have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan already asking for a donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese is able to help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps. Please consider donating. As always, we graciously thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity.

## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

There will be a general blessing of the throats as the final blessing at the end of each Mass next weekend, January 31st. The Feast of St. Blaise is actually on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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 24**

**Monday, January 25**

Religious Education Catechist Meeting

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

**Tuesday, January 26**

**Wednesday January 27**

RCIA in the Rectory 7pm

**Thursday, January 28**

**Friday, January 29**

**Saturday, January 30**

**12:00pm – Holy Rosary**

## BLOOD DRIVE PRESIDENT'S DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021 2:30PM TO 7PM WALK-INS WELCOME

(SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)

Please help save a life by donating. The New York Blood Center along with Sacred Heart ask for your help.

**ALL COVID 19 PROTOCOLS AND PRECAUTIONS  
WILL BE TAKEN TO SECURE YOUR SAFETY.  
BLOOD IS DESPERATELY NEEDED AT THIS TIME.  
PLEASE HELP SAVE A LIFE.**

## 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!



## 48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

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.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart  
In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.**

**Marking the 48<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

**JAMES MICHAEL SCHMIDT**  
**ANTHONY THOMAS SCHMIDT**  
Sons of Brian and Rose

**SHEYLA MAYRIN LEMA ZUMBA**  
**THIAGO LIONEL LEMA ZUMBA**  
**PRICYLA DENNIS LEMA ZUMBA**  
**KATHERINE SHARLYN LEMA ZUMBA**  
Children of Luis and Maria



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

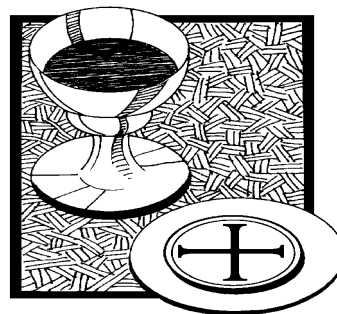
Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Andrea Schnabel Blaesi, Michael Brady, Tyler Borenkoff, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, 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, 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, Sabastino "Sam" Sorice, 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 24, 2021

IN MEMORY OF  
**FATHER JACK OLDFIELD**



**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](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG)

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00am – William Halloran

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00am – Dave "Red" Clifford

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00am – Joseph Billy

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00am – Catherine Halloran

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00am – James Halloran

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

5:30pm – Vigil Mass Maria Jacobini

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30am – William Curtin

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Flo & Joe Cavanaugh

1:00pm – Special Int. Angelo Benedetto

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



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

**Fr. John Oldfield, OAR,**  
**Rori Paternoster, Janos Petho.**

**BOOSTER CLUB**  
**WEEK 19 – VINCENT ROMAGNOLI**