

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2021

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart:

They thought of Him as someone who teaches with authority and “not as one of the scribes” we hear in today’s Gospel. How do you think the scribes felt about that!? Imagine all the people praising Jesus and therefore silencing the “great” scribes! The scribes were likely enraged beyond words and now had all the more reason to wish for Jesus to be killed!

Do you feel that today’s society, today’s *materialistic* society, much of today’s *non-religious* circle of fellow human beings is trying to silence our voices, too? I certainly do believe that many are trying to do just that. We must prevail and not be intimidated. In the Book of Deuteronomy, God teaches us about being prophetic voices of hope and promise in the Lord’s constant love and protection. We are certain that He will never abandon us. Let’s speak loudly and fearlessly of His Grace and continue being ourselves visionary voices of His holiness!

Brothers and sisters, words cannot begin to describe our thankfulness for your Christmas donations to the parish this year. Even amidst this terrifying pandemic, your generosity surpassed last year’s! Again, words fail to describe our gratefulness but deeply we thank you for assisting with the various financial needs of the parish and buildings. God blesses you and US in great abundance!!

Stay well and safe among us and our beloved Sacred Heart family!

In His Grace,

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
To give thanks to your holy name,
And make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
Let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For he is our God,
And we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

There will be a general blessing of the throats as the final blessing at the end of each Mass today, January 31st. The Feast of St. Blaise is this Wednesday, February 3rd.



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

The Cardinal’s Appeal began last 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.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**3rd Sunday Ordinary Time - \$7,572.
Last Year's Collection - \$12,345.**

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 31

Monday, February 1

Religious Education Catechist Meeting
6:30 to 7:30 live streamed from the church.

Tuesday, February 2

Wednesday, February 3 Feast of St. Blaise

RCIA in the Rectory 7pm

Thursday, February 4

Friday, February 6 First Friday

Exposition – 1pm

Holy Hour – 7pm

Saturday, February 7

12:00pm – NO Holy Rosary

Religious Education 1st Penance

ASH WEDNESDAY

AND LENTEN OBSERVANCES

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17
PRAYER SERVICES AS FOLLOWS

9:00am- Only Mass of the Day

Prayer Services with Ashes:
12:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION
March 23 at 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS
March 29th / 3pm to 9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS at 7:00pm
February 19th 26th, March 5th 12th, 19th, 26th
April 2nd

***Your Merciful Love, O God,
We Have Received In The Midst Of Your
Temple.***

***Your Praise, O God, Like Your Name,
Reaches The Ends Of The Earth;
Your Right Hand Is Filled With Saving
Justice.***

SPECIAL 13TH EDITION OF NEW YORK ENCOUNTER BROADCAST LIVE AT THE ENCOUNTER WEBSITE

I heartily invite you and your parishioners to join us for the 13th Edition of New York Encounter. This 3-day annual cultural event will take place February 12-14. Because of the pandemic, it will be broadcast live from New York City, in collaboration with the Sheen Center, and made available on the New York Encounter website (www.newyorkencounter.org).

The 2021 special edition titled "When Reality Hits," will be a reflection on the events of 2020 in order to move forward without wasting the sorrows we have suffered and the lessons we have learned.

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.**



SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

"Have you suffered an abortion?" Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

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: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Andrea Schnabel Blaesi, Michael Brady, 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, 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 31, 2021**

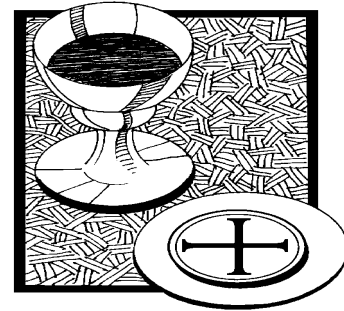
IN MEMORY OF

FR. JOHN OLDFIELD



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

**Charles McNally, Sabastiano "Sam" Sorice,
Anthony Jacobini, Andrew Alboro**



**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 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00am – Mary & Paul Rosselo / Ed Hicks

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00am – McAdams / Howard / Maldonado
Baracscai Families

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00am – Jeffrey Hart

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00am – Cynthia Boykin /
Spec. Intention Phyllis Varacalli

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 First Friday

9:00am – Fr. John Oldfield

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Josephine Califano

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Romualdo Cagliano

11:30am – Albert & Carmela LaBruna

1:00pm – Nigel Pim

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 20 – KASEY MORRIS**