

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

It was no accident that the very first word spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples on that first Easter Sunday was the word *Shalom* . . . Peace! (Lk 24:35-48) It was the word they needed to hear more than anything else; a word meant not only to calm their fear ["Are we seeing a ghost?!"], but also to relieve their guilt and their shame: for these men had pledged to remain with Jesus always, and yet they had abandoned him in his moment of supreme need; they had stated loudly and clearly that they would, if necessary, lay down their lives for the master, and then had denied they even knew him. Could they ever make amends, could they ever undo the harm and the hurt they had caused? . . . Probably not in a million years. But the Lord's word of Peace meant that all was forgiven—that the one who had once said that forgiveness should be offered not seven times but seventy times seven, was the first to show that he meant what he said, the first to practice what he preached. He excused them as he had excused his enemies on the cross: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing." Forgiveness, then, involves compassion—a realization of the inherent weakness of human nature, a weakness which we can understand and even excuse, because we share in it and stand in need of forgiveness.

So, in forgiving the disciples, Jesus commanded that they now be ready to forgive others: that penance for the remission of sins was to be preached to all the nations . . . That the apostles were able to learn this hard lesson is clear from our first reading today (Acts 3: 13-19). Even while Peter accuses his listeners of having put to death the author of life he adds: "Now I know, my brothers, that you acted out of ignorance." The fact that he calls them "brothers" indicates a kinship of need—the crowd had asked for Jesus to be crucified; Peter had denied him three times—all are in need of forgiveness.

Hopefully, we have all come here today because we know that we also stand in need of the forgiveness, the strength, the peace that can only come to us through God's grace, a grace that is freely offered to us when we lift our minds and hearts in genuine and humble prayer. It was this same grace that touched and transformed that very human group of apostles gathered at table on the first Easter Sunday, convincing them that Jesus was indeed not a ghost, but truly the power and love of God made visible and personal, freely bestowing on them the hope and the reality of eternal life . . . Each day the God of Jesus Christ offers us this same gift: whenever we listen with faith to the Scriptures; whenever we break the

bread of the Eucharist with true devotion; whenever we assemble in community and strive to be one in mind and heart; whenever we give ourselves generously to the service of others, Jesus is there among us, quietly but powerfully speaking his word of life to us: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid: it is I, your Lord and Savior. Abide in me; believe in me; find your source of strength in me.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR
Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR
Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

Lord let your face shine on us.

O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Recently our parish email address suffered some issues and had to be changed. The new address to reach us is sacredheart129@gmail.com

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday Collection-\$11,544.
Last Year's Collection - \$13,503.**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 18
Monday, April 19
Tuesday, April 20
Wednesday, April 21
Thursday, April 22
Friday, April 23
Saturday, April 24
Holy Rosary – 12:00pm

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Easter Blessings to All! We hope to see all the women of the parish on May 2 for the 8:30am Mass, Our May Crowning and usual Communion Mass, honoring Our Lady's Guild Members living and deceased. All women of the Parish are invited.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Peggy Ramos
Richard Hayduk
Karla Howard
Barbara Hostomsky
Anthony Cassidy
Mary Stevens
Margot Gutenberger
Elizabeth Flemming
Salone Abordo
Lydia R. McEvoy
Patrick Kinane
Pabalo Lopez
Joe Hatfield
Mary Ackerson
Catherine Anastasio

SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 23, 2021



On May 23, 2021, our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 11:30am Mass, although we do not feel we can hold a reception this year we do want to honor all our couples. So, if you celebrated your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2020 or 2021, 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 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese can 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. To date \$55,675. has been pledged. Our goal is \$112,500.

FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL

VIRTUAL SPRING OPEN HOUSE For 6th and 7th grade students APRIL 21 AT 7:00PM

Registration required. Please visit
www.fordhamprep.org/admissions



*Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth
You showed Your power and caring by
healing people of all ages and stations of life from
physical, mental, and spiritual ailments.
Be present now to people who need
Your loving touch because of COVID-19.
May they feel Your power of healing through the
care of doctors and nurses.*

*Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of
isolation from people receiving treatment or under
quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in
pursuing health and protecting others from
exposure to the disease.
Protect their families and friends and bring
peace to all who love them.
Amen.*

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 Sisters 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, Brandon Scott Biby, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, 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, Teddy Girvan, 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, Ronald & Ginger Listwan, 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, Joyce Miller, Barbara Neilson, Michael Noonan, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Jerry Rourke, 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

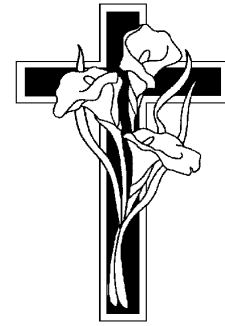
We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
APRIL 18, 2021**

**Altar Breads and Altar Candles
In Memory of**

ANDREW HAGGERTY

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 2 – BRUNO ANTONUCCI**



**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, APRIL 17

5:30pm – Josh & Jonathan Frank/
Anna Kasperska

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:30am – Palma & Henry Heck / Florence Raggo
10:00am – Spanish
11:30am – Johnny McGrath
1:00pm – Philomena Caputi
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 19

9:00am – Catherine Halloran

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

9:00am – Charles & Florence Marsalisi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

9:00am – Cicily Thomas-Pottemkulum /
Special Intention Ryan Patrao

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

9:00am – Special Intention Angelo Benedetto

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

9:00am – Anthony "Tony" Amalfitano

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 Vigil Mass

5:30pm – Andrew Haggerty

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

8:30am – Mary Lou Domino / Lester Bernstein
10:00am – Spanish
11:30am – Marie & Edward Magruder
1:00pm – Concordio & Magdalena Penafior
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



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