

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

"This is a hard saying," Jesus audience complained to each other in today's Gospel (Jn. 6: 60-69) "Who can take it seriously?" Their complaint, of course, had to do with Jesus' words about the bread he wished to give them, the bread which was his own body and blood: "I am the living bread that has come down from heaven" he told them. The crowd objected that they knew Jesus' origins, indeed knew his family, and wondered aloud how he could make such a claim that not even Moses had made when the Manna had rained from the sky during the Exodus. It was a turning point for many in the crowd that day who "returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied [Jesus]." But there were the faithful ones, led by Peter, who stated with conviction: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life . . . and we are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament which proclaims that bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, present on our altar, in the tabernacle. and even in our own hands, can be "a hard saying" for us as well, because it challenges us to believe that God becomes present to us—not only *with us* but *within us*. In the face of a world which only accepts the visible and the tangible as real we are asked to believe that there is a larger world and a greater reality, all contained in a small circular wafer: the host that we receive in Holy Communion.

In the Eucharist all of us get a taste of the heaven that awaits us and are privileged to receive the one who died and rose for us; the one who leads us to the Father, who has won the forgiveness of our sins, and a place for us in eternity. It is normal for us to have doubts, to have questions regarding the Eucharist, but it is Jesus himself who wishes to reassure us of his Real Presence in the Bread and Wine, if we only open our hearts to him. It is this wisdom of God that is being proposed to us today and every day as we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist. May we heed the words of Jesus and join with the disciples who remained with Him, convinced of the truth of his words, and eager to receive the spiritual nourishment which is his true Body and Blood.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. Eric Creencia, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
Save the servant who trust in you, my god.
Have mercy on me, O lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all time; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the Lord delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating, please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held bi-monthly to begin and then once a week from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

August 15th Collection – \$11,009.
Last Year's Collection – Pandemic

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 22

Monday, August 23

Rel Ed. Registration – 4-6pm

Tuesday, August 24

Rel Ed. Registration – 4-6pm

Wednesday, August 25

Rel Ed. Registration – 10am -12pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group – 7:30-8:30pm
-Church

Thursday, August 26

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28- Holy Rosary – 12:00pm

Rel Ed. Registration – 9am to 11am

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2021-2022

For First Grade and New Registrants

Monday, August 23rd – 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 24th – 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 25th – 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Saturday, August 28th – 9:00am – 11:00am

Baptismal Certificate is required at time of registration for all First Grade and New Registrants.

***** All in person registrations are by APPOINTMENT ONLY *****

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Registration will be held in the Religious Education Office in the school. Go to the Clinton Place entrance (side street) of the school and please ring the bell. Thank you. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 357-6044 if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment if you cannot make any of these dates.

**AS THE DELTA VARIANT SPREADS
Let's Ask our Blessed Mother to hear our Prayer
with a short litany to our Blessed Mother**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted,
pray for us.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
pray for us.

Amen.

HOLY WATER

Many of our you have inquired about Holy Water. Although we are still unable to openly have Holy Water in the Church, if you wish to have some all you need to do is contact the Rectory Office or even stop by the Rectory Office with one of your bottles and the priest on duty will happily bless the water for you. The Rectory is open Monday – Thursday from 9am to 5pm and Fridays for the summer from 9am to 2pm. We would love to see you please feel welcome!

DONATING ONLINE WITH WE SHARE!

Have you considered making your contributions online? It is so easy to do and goes a long way to minimize any human errors in accounting and gives you the ability to view your contribution any time. At the end of the year, you still receive a complete accounting of your donations for tax purposes. For the parish it helps with reducing costs associated with sending the envelopes out through our envelope company. So many parishioners forget to use the envelopes. Please visit our website: www.sacredheartparish.org and look for the donating tab. It truly is easy to sign up. Thank you for considering donating online.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is now closed for the summer, and will reopen Wednesday, September 8, 2021. **For food emergencies please call the Rectory at 845-357-0035.**

MASS TIMES ON VACATION

Call 1-800-MassTimes. This is a number you may call for Mass Schedules, location and directions to all Catholic Churches in any given area. Enter the zip code where you are going and all the information will be given to you. Website: www.MassTimes.org

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: 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



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE
For the First Time
CHRISTOPHER MUNIZ AND STEPHANIE CICALES**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

JACE CARTER KAVANAGH
Son of Jeffrey and Kandice



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Theresa Anselmi, Emil Boss, Joe Bauer, 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, William Figundio, Rosemary Gannon, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Arlene Gentile, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, 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, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Frances Petrosky, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Etta Rooney, Phyllis Ross, Rosemarie Scandura, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Sweeney, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela.

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS

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
AUGUST 22, 2021**

**SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of**

ROBERTO SORGO



**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, AUGUST 21

9:00am - Dolores Layne

12:00pm - Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

5:30pm - Gagliano Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30am - Saranne Kivlehan

10:00am - Spanish

11:30am - Spec. Intention Marion & Michael Seaman

1:00pm - Carrin & Donald Holborn

5:30pm - Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00am - Robert Joseph Murphy

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00am - Aline & John Hendricksen

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00am - Mary Antonucci

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00am - Jerry Rourke

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00am - Katherine Howard/Francis McAdams

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00am - Special Intentions

Richard & Rachel Mathieu

12:00pm - Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

5:30pm - **Vigil Mass**- Pellegrino Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30am - Don Cristiano

10:00am - Spanish

11:30am - Dave Clifford

1:00pm - Palma & Henry Heck

5:30pm - Parish Memorials and All Parishioners



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

**Albert Penska, Dorothy Knortz,
Richard Ackerman.**

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 20- DIANE BEERS