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MASSES:

Daily: 7:00am, 9:00 a.m. Monday – Friday

Saturday: 9am Mass only

Saturday Vigil Masses (for Sunday)

5:30 p.m. English, 7:15pm Spanish

Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:00 am

11:30 a.m., 4:00pm Spanish & 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days: schedule will be announced in the bulletin.

First Friday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS):

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Eve of a Holy Day: 4:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: Eucharistic Adoration 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday Devotion: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Adoration/Rosary

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

Please be sure to inform Good Samaritan Hospital that you are a Catholic. The Hospital Chaplains are available to see each patient. If you would like to see a priest from Sacred Heart Parish, please call the Church Office.

OFFICE HOURS:

Church Office: The Office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00a.m. till 5:00p.m. for Mass Cards or any other religious arrangements needed. The office is closed on the weekends.

Religious Education Office: - Please leave a message. 845-357-6044

HOMEBOUND:

When homebound or seriously ill parishioners cannot attend Mass, we will be pleased to bring Holy Communion on a regular basis. Telephone the Church Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Most Sundays at 2:00 p.m. (by appointment only). Parents should contact the Rectory well before desired date. Parents who have not previously attended Baptismal instruction must attend a class prior to the day of the Baptism. Please call the Church Office for registration and times of classes. Godparents must be at least 14 years old and have received the sacrament of Confirmation. (If married, married in the Church).

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Those wishing to marry should contact the Pastor at least 6 MONTHS before the desired date of the Wedding. One of our priests will help the couple to fulfill all the requirements of marriage preparation. No arrangements should be made before speaking with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Available to those who are seriously ill, infirm, or scheduled for surgery. Please contact the Church Office.

CHURCH REGISTRATION:

We invite all Catholics, 18 years or older, to register as a member of the parish. Unless a person is registered, we cannot give sponsor certificates or schedule Weddings or Baptisms. Without church envelope use, year-end contribution statements cannot be provided. Please call the Church Office during office hours to register or notify about change of address.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2024

MARCH 10, 2024

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

Today's Gospel of John...One of the most familiar sentences that Jesus has given to us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son"- Athlete Tim Tebow always comes to my mind when I read those words spoken by The Lord- Painted on Tim's face in sports' competitions & painted on many other faces of people of various occupations...Well-known ones and not so well-known ones...Thank you, Lord.

What stands out for me in this passage is at the beginning of its words: "Jesus said to Nicodemus"-

Nicodemus...A good man, a devout Jewish man, a leader, a man of prominence, a man of dignity...Yet, a man that conversed with Jesus "at night". Didn't want to be "seen" by his contemporaries- Out of fear of harming his reputation? After all, this Jesus was a menace to the "leaders, teachers, scholars" at the time of Jesus's ministry...Question for all of us: Are we sometimes fearful as Nicodemus was?

"God so loved the world that he gave His only Son"...We must always let that sink in and never be afraid to express that truth both at nighttime and in daylight.

God blesses us all!

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever for get you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of the land we hung up our harps.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever for get you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

LENTEN SEASON 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Thursday Evening at 7:00pm in Spanish
Every Friday Evening at 7:00pm English, (except Good Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Reconciliation Monday, March 25th:

2:00pm to 4:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout

Wednesday, March 27th -12:00 noon to 1:00pm

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3rd Sunday of Lent – \$12,224.

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OUR LADY'S GUILD

"The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild of Sacred Heart will be held on Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 pm in the gym. There will be a Lenten discussion followed by a celebration of Sts. Patrick and Joseph Days. Feel free to contribute a treat. Please bring a donation for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and or diapers for Birthright if you are able. All the women of the parish are welcome.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10

Cursillo-Ultreya, 9am at Tagaste Monastery
CYO Clinic – Grs.1 and 2 at 1pm Gym

Monday, March 11

Religious Ed. – Grade 6 – 4:30

Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7pm

Tuesday, March 12

Religious Ed. – Gr. 3-5 – 4:30pm

Religious Ed. – Grs. 7 & 8 – 7pm

CYO – Gym 5pm

Wednesday, March 13

CYO – Gym 5pm

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Immaculate Heart Team- 7:30pm

Thursday, March 14

5pm – Sons of Italy - cafeteria

Stations of the Cross – Spanish 7pm

Friday, March 15

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1pm gym

Stations of the Cross – 7pm

CYO – Gym 5pm

Saturday, March 16

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

Rosary after 9am Mass

Religious Ed Grades 1 & 2- 9:30am to 11am- Parent Mtg.- cafeteria

CYO – Gym 11am to 4pm



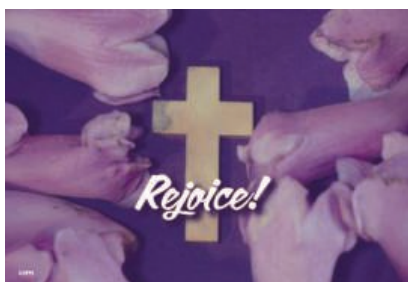
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We are asking for donations of Hams, Turkeys and trimmings for Easter Baskets.

We will have “drive in donations” of food on:

March 16th – 11:00am to 2:00pm

March 24th – 12:00pm to 3:00pm

The baskets will be distributed on Monday, **March 25th from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through only). Please contribute if possible. This event is to help the needy in our midst with the help and support of the Suffern Community Foundation. Thank you for your help!

SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 19TH, 2024

On May 19, 2024, our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035.

PRAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

Lenten Evening Prayer

Each Sunday in Lent at 4:45pm, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill gather in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel each of the first 5 Sundays of Lent to pray Solemn Evening Prayer (also known as “Vespers”). You are invited to join us in person or in spirit as we sing our praise and our petitions to our loving God during this holy season. We are blessed to have preachers from the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, and Albertus Magnus High School. <https://sparkill.org>

Rock and Rodeo Bash Spring Fundraiser for ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS

Are you a little bit country? Or a little bit rock and roll? Join us on Saturday, April 27, 7pm-11pm at Albertus Magnus HS. Live Music featuring Kickin Nash, small plates, BYOB or cash bar. Raffles, 50/50, contests and more! Tickets \$65 until April 10th information- www.albertusmagnus.net

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

JOSEPHINE BEERS
Child of Philip and Diane



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helene Marie Biby, Elantoniette Camagong, Dan Carney, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Debbie, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, Joseph Durante, Joseph Duarte, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraidia Molina, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Charles Picarelli, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Geri Savino, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS MARCH 10, 2024

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

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WEEK 8-THERESA CACIOPPO**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
SATURDAY – 9AM
SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)
AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00am – † David M. Halstead

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Deacon Joseph Witt

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** –

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30am – Blessed Happy Birthday Marge Diebner

10:00am – Spec. Intention John Cangelose

11:30am – † Donna Charitable

4:00pm – David & Chelsea Perez (conversion)

5:30pm – Vigil - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00am – † George Kopak

9:00am – Special Intention C.J. Beetz

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Ray LiBerati

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Catherine Varano

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Lester Bernstein

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross Spanish

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00am – † Boniface & Patrick Ebu-Mordi

9:00am – † Jo-Ann DePaul Brown

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am – † Kay Whelan

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Anthony & Josephine Scarr

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – Luis Morin Hernandez

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:30am – † Dianne Messina

10:00am – † Ann Amalfitano

11:30am – † Edward Fryns

4:00pm – Antonio, Aurora, Armando Recinos

5:30pm – All Parishioners/Parish Memorial

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