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MASSES:

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

Saturday: 9am Mass only (followed by Holy Rosary)

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.

Or by appointment. Please call rectory office to arrange.

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 with 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. Please 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

When Jesus in the Gospel looked at a vineyard, as he does in today's Gospel reading, he didn't see dollar signs, nor did he especially think about how good the grapes or the wine might taste. Rather, he thought about a profound and mysterious relationship that was demonstrated by the vines and the branches of the grape plant. From almost the beginning of the Old Testament grapes are repeatedly referred to as reflecting the plan of God concerning the welfare of his people; so Jesus was following a long and venerable Jewish tradition.

In nature, as we know, things more or less happen in a mechanical and predictable way: the annual cycle of growth in the spring, maturity in summer, decline in the fall, and dormancy in the winter, repeats itself over and over; only the rate of growth changes, depending on temperature and rainfall and sunshine. Growth in the human person, especially spiritual growth, depends on different conditions, the most important of which are always the grace of God, and our own free decision to accept that grace: the frequency and sincerity of our prayer; the intensity of our desire to know, love, and serve God; the generosity of our commitment to others and to their welfare, to promoting the common good rather than simply our own personal good. While God's grace always remains constant because his love for us is unchanging, our own response changes from day to day and sometimes from hour to hour because we are free to say yes or no to God's plan for us. May we remain always united to Him who is the true vine, and may his life flow through us, making our lives fruitful, and through us bringing this fruitfulness to others as well, to all those who are hungry and thirsty for the life and the love of God.

In His peace,

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

OUR LADY'S GUILD



Our Lady's Guild of Sacred Heart will hold their Annual Communion Mass and May crowning on May 5th at the 10:00 am Mass followed by a brunch at the Mason Jar in Mahwah. \$30 pp. All the women of the parish are invited.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

SACRED HEART

MAY 5, 2024

(IN THE GYM)

AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

Stop by and say hello to your fellow parish family and enjoy a goody and a cup of coffee or tea. This is being sponsored by "Members of the Parish Council".

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

Fourth Sunday – \$12,034.

Last Year's – \$12,268

Easter – \$37,310.

Last Year – \$41,639.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28

Monday, April 29

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

Religious Ed. Gr 6 – 4:30 to 6pm

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7pm

Tuesday, April 30

Rel Ed. Grs 3-5 – 4:30 / Gr. 8 7pm to 8:30pm

Wednesday, May 1

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Immaculate Heart Team- 7:30pm

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

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

Rosary after 9am Mass

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

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK 50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE WEDDING MASS

Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 2:30pm

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Please contact the rectory office to register.

Registration closes on Monday, May 13, 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 9TH IS ASCENSION THURSDAY

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

Vigil Mass - 5:30pm- English

7:15pm - Spanish

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

9:00am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm



OLA - Our Lady of Angels Church in the Bronx is celebrating 100 Years! His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will celebrate our centennial mass on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 5:00pm. Please visit www.noblemaria.org/centennial to register for the mass and other planned events, or you can contact Meilyn Castillo directly at (718) 548-3006.

PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. ***Our Lady of Fatima***

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Prospective 6th grade students, 7th grade students, and transfer students and parents are invited to attend Stepinac's Spring Open House on Wednesday, May 15 at 5pm. RSVP is required at www.stepinac.org. Visitors will be among the first to tour the latest additions to Stepinac's advanced real-world learning environment. Discover what makes this renowned all-boys Catholic High School a leader in preparing young men for success in college, career, and life.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

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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. hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

NAULA YANGOL SEYNET JHUSBELY

Child of Daniel and Nidia



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)

AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00am – ✠ Everlasting Love & Peace

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5:30pm – ✠ Lore Kreitmayer

7:15pm – ✠ Minerva Morales / Maria Teresa Gomez

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30am – ✠ Ubaldo Antolini

10:00am – ✠ Virginia Kelleher

11:30am – ✠ Agnes Gravius

4:00pm – ✠ Spanish - Maria Teresa Gomez

5:30pm – ✠ All Parishioners /

Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00am – ✠

9:00am – ✠ Mary Thomas

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00am – ✠

9:00am – ✠ Rosalie Cappola

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00am – ✠ Jean Szermer

9:00am – ✠ Vito DiGiovanni

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00am –

9:00am – Millie Ingui

FRIDAY, MAY 3 FIRST FRIDAY

7:00am – ✠ Alex Kutta Luka Muricken

9:00am – ✠ Andrew & Johanna Seman

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00am – Special Intentions Matthew Miller & Family

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:30pm – ✠ Richard & Kenneth Vanadio

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – Mario Siguencia

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30am – ✠ Maureen E. Hennelly

10:00am – ✠ Philomena Pelzer

11:30am – ✠ Frank Saro / Anna Frank

4:00pm – ✠ Maria Transito Tenesaca Chuma

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial



*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, Alex Carreno, 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, Lynn Del Duca, 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, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, John Murphy, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Milton Ramos, Rose Romeo, 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

APRIL 28, 2024

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