

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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Hours: Monday - Thursday, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning: 8:30 & 10:00 am

Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon
1st Friday Devotion at 6:30 pm (*No noon Mass*)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered weekly at the 10:00 am Mass and a Baptismal Ceremony at 11:15 am. To schedule a Baptism, please call the Rectory at 973-627-0422. Families are required to be active, contributing parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish for two months prior to the child's baptism date.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

All couples preparing for marriage should make arrangements one year in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the rectory.
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (862) 251-3914

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, or any baptized Catholic who would like to prepare for Eucharist, Confirmation or desire full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church should contact the Rectory.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners are welcomed, encouraged, and needed to fulfill any of the Liturgical Ministries: Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Altar Server, contact the Rectory. Cantor and Musician, contact Derek Nelson. Usher, please contact the rectory.

SACRED HEART WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Women's Society meets the second Saturday of every other month at 9:30 am in the rectory meeting room. All women of the parish are welcomed to join! For more information, please call the rectory.

It is the mission of the women of faith of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church to assist in strengthening the spiritual growth of all parishioners by creating a spirit of friendship, hospitality and community service.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish welcomes new parishioners to register at any time.

Please call the Rectory, or stop by Monday - Thursday, 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 2– Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. – Tom Suto req. by Michele & Alison Suto
 8:30 a.m. – Teresa Yanas Reinbott req. by Bill & Anne Marie Hopley

10:00 a.m. – Allen Sek req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

12:00 p.m. – Filipino Mass

Monday, May 3- Saints Philip and James, Apostles

12:00 p.m. – For the Intention of protection for our healthcare workers

Tuesday, May 4 – Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. – David Stuart

Wednesday, May 5– Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Tom Gorman

Thursday, May 6– Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Mary Lou White req. by Donna & Mike Lucas

Friday, May 7– Easter Weekday

No Noon Mass

6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. – Joseph R. Maulbeck req. by the Maulbeck family

Sunday, May 9– Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. – For the Mothers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

8:30 a.m. – For the Mothers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

10:00 a.m. – For the Mothers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass: For the Mothers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Robert Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary & Pat Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney Anne Riordan, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica Gorman, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray, Carlos Carbajal, Miguel Fojas, Mary Merz, Joe Maulbeck, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Robyne LaGrotta, MaryAnn Eleuteri, Andrea Najdich, Martha Salvesen, Jimmy Buckley, Craig Huffman, Mercedes Bauman, Lucy Rovegno, Ralph DiMarcantonio, William Doyle, Msgr. George Dudak, Mario Dugonjic, Elmer Maximo, Richard Riordan, Tom Skutka, Mike Barker, Andrea Jones.

PARISH POLICY –PLEASE NOTE: All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration has many benefits, and in particular facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

Divine Mercy Academy: Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. We offer full-day Kindergarten; full & half day Pre-K; after-care; STEM-based education; School Counselor; foreign language; music programs; extracurricular activities; and are AdvancED accredited. We are currently providing full-day, in-person instruction, with a livestreamed remote learning option. Our mission is to provide an academically excellent Catholic education, and to instill within our students the virtues of mercy and compassion, forming them as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions please call 973-627-6003 or email office@dmrockaway.org.

Gift Cards are available for purchase through the school and the rectory office. Please help support this fundraiser! Thank you

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$202.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/cchd And click "How to Give" under Resources

Our Condolences to the Families of:
Cynthia Connington & David Stuart
Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord



Renovation Fund: Thank you to all that have donated towards the beautification of our church. The total collected to date is \$9,053.00



Irene Schreiber

Sacred Heart Church
Collection Goals - 2020/2021

Week Ending: 4/25/2021

Collection - Cash & Checks:	\$ 2,050.00
WeShare - Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,188.25
Total Weekly Collection:	\$ 3,328.25

Yearly Collection Goal (Budget):	\$214,000.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 3,862.75

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	(\$624.50)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	(\$44,944.04)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Nicholas DelCore, Air Force Captain Jessica L. Rotile-Rudo,
 Kenneth Rudo: Warrant Officer 1, Justin D. Gosden PVT 2 PFC,

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt.
 Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla,





Today we mark the Fifth Sunday of Easter in our celebration of the Lord's Day. In reviewing both the epistle reading and the Gospel reading for this Sunday the word "remain" is present in both. This word is used to convey a "communion" or an adherence with something. In the epistle we read: "Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the spirit he gave us." In the Gospel the Lord Jesus speaks about his oneness with his disciples, "Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither could you, unless you remain in me." Communion with God is indeed the identifying factor in the life of a disciple. Union with the Lord is that which we seek to maintain throughout life. Since the time of the Last Supper this union has been manifested through the Eucharist as the faithful receive the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus, the pledge of eternal life. In chapter 6, verse 56 of the Gospel of John we hear Jesus speaking after the miraculous feeding, "For my flesh is real food and my blood real drink, he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." It was at the Last Supper that Jesus commanded his apostles to celebrate the Eucharist until he returns in glory. Faithfully the Church has done so as evidenced in the Holy Scriptures and Holy Tradition. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is crucial for our remaining in union with God, without it "you can do nothing!" The Eucharist nourishes us, strengthens us and keeps us in union with Christ and His Church.

Fr. Pawel

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph" With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Respect Life Corner: There are many different aspects involved in "respect for life from conception to natural death" affecting every stage of life that are not limited to babies in the womb and their mothers. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website, www.USCCB.org posts several short videos that can shed some light into how "respect for life" can be challenged in ways that we least expect and at times when we are most vulnerable. You will find a link to some of the personal stories of individuals, health professionals, or families affected by decisions they faced regarding their own health, the health of their patients, or their family members. One such story is about The Alvarez Family fighting for authentic healthcare and against assisted suicide: The Alvarez Family Story. [Go to www.USCCB.org, click on , type in Pro Life Videos, click GO, then click on Respect Life Videos: The Alvarez Family Story is the second story listed.]

ALL LECTORS: The FINAL MAY SCHEDULE has been released. Copies are available in the sacristy. If you are unable to serve please notify your group leader: Lyle Ryder.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

