SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 973-627-0422
Leave a message and your call will be returned promptly.

Email: SHRectory@gmail.com

Website: sacredheartrockaway.org

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

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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, Altar Server, Usher, Cantor and Musician, contact the rectory office at 973-627-0422.

SACRED HEART WOMEN'S SOCIETY

All women of the parish are welcomed to join! For more information, please call the rectory office at 973-627-0422.

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.

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 27– First Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. – Mabel Morgan req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton
8:30 a.m. – Jose Neil Palmes req. by Elmer Maximo
10:00 a.m. – Tom Skutka req. by the Nelson family
Monday, November 28– Advent Weekday
12:00 p.m. – Carlito Quiros req. by Helen Quiros-Zambrano
Tuesday, November 29 – Advent Weekday
12:00 p.m. – For the sick in our bulletin and their caregivers
Wednesday, November 30– Saint Andrew, Apostle
12:00 p.m. – Jose Neil Palmes req. by Teanay Gallardo
Thursday, December 1– Advent Weekday
12:00 p.m. – Carol Centonze req. by John Sautter
Friday, December 2– Advent Weekday
No Noon Mass
6:30 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Charles & Loretta Joyce req. by family
Sunday, December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. – Patricia & Austin Milton & Jessie Morrone req. by family
8:30 a.m. – Jose Neil Palmes req. by Layne Obero
10:00 a.m. –Cynthia Connington req. by her family
12:00 p.m. - Filipino Mass

Tom Skutka

Sacred Heart Church
Collection Goals - 2022/2023

Due to the early publication of our bulletin, the collection totals will be shown next weekend. Thank you!

Collection - Cash & Checks:	$
WeShare - Electronic Giving:	$
Total Weekly Collection:	$

Yearly Collection Goal (Budget): $191,200.00
Weekly Goal: $ 3,544.00

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit) ($ 1,481.75)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit) ($21,390.47)

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 PFC,

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Jose Prado, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary & Pat Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney Anne& Richard Riordan, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Ann Boyle, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Dorothy Murray, Carlos Carbajal, Miguel Fojas, Mary Merz, Joe Maulbeck, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Robyne LaGrotta, MaryAnn Eleuteri, Andrea Najduch, Martha Salvesen, Jimmy Buckley, Craig Huffman, Lucy Rovegno, William Doyle, Mario Dugonjic, Elmer Maximo, Andrea Jones, Sue Fuco, Bob Nielsen, Bob Wasilewski, John Murphy, Clo Callahan, Jim Skutka, Susan Carlsen.*

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

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or call 973-627-6003 for more information.

Divine Mercy Academy, a PreK3 to Grade 8 elementary school located in Rockaway has an opening for an after care aide for the 2022-2023 school year.
If interested, please contact Annie Mitchell, Principal at principal@dmarockaway.org or call 973-627-6003.
In addition, please send your cover letter, resume, and certifications to principal@dmarockaway.org

OPLATEK: the Christmas wafers are available before and after Masses and in the rectory office. A free will offering is appreciated. Thank you.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Christmas Mass Schedule-2022

Saturday, December 24th:
5:00 pm - Christmas Holy Mass
10:00 pm - Polish Christmas Holy Mass
11:30 pm - Christmas Caroling
Midnight - Christmas Holy Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25th:
8:30 am - Christmas Holy Mass
10:00 am - Christmas Holy Mass
12:00 pm - Filipino Christmas Holy Mass

Saturday, December 31st
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1st 2023
8:30 am - Holy Mass
10:00 am - Holy Mass
12:00 pm - Filipino Holy Mass

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. We now have four weeks in which meditate mystery of Christ coming to us for our salvation. In the past he did come to suffer and die for us. And in the future he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

It is a struggle as much of our society will celebrate Christmas up till December 25th while we are trying to prepare for it! We prepare then we celebrate!

Advent is a time to deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer. Every one of us can spend quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in church. Perhaps, we can attend Mass and receive Him in Holy Communion more often during Advent. Or, we can pray the Rosary each day this season. Pope St. John Paul II used to say that in the Rosary we look at Jesus through the eyes of His Mother.

Advent is also a season of penance, similar to Lent. The priests will wear purple vestments for Mass. No Gloria will be sung at Mass. As we prepare for the Christ's Birth in a cold, poor stable, we strive to identify a bit with the inconveniences that He, His Mother and Foster Father endured. It is good to give up a little something during Advent. In a particular way, the sacrifices we make should enable us to do acts of love for others as Christ did for us by becoming one of us and being born in Bethlehem.

As I begin once more this journey of Advent I ask myself, 'where am I going?' Am I walking straight to Him, 'the way, the truth, and the life'? Or am I am turning my back just in order to fit in? The Lord is always with us. Are we always with Him? Have a blessed Advent.

Fr. Pawel

Sacred Heart Church Nativity Play: Please see the insert in our bulletin or go to our website sacredheartrockaway.org for information on how to sign up and rehearsals.

Ornaments: Our Christmas ornaments are now for sale, the cost is $25.00 each. They are available to purchase after the masses or in the rectory office.

Giving Tree: Thank you to everyone who took a name from our Giving Tree. Gifts are due by Sunday Dec.4th. Please make sure that you place the ornament tag on the gift.

2023 LITURGICAL CALENDAR – Copies of the 2023 Liturgical Calendar have been supplied to our parish through the generosity of the Kanapaux Funeral Home located on East Main Street in the Borough. We are most grateful for their kindness and generosity.

Advent Retreat– Let's get ready for Advent by attending this year's retreat which will be given by Father Nico Quintos on Saturday, December 3rd. The retreat is entitled: Advent: A Time Filled with Reversals of Life. We begin with the celebration of the Holy Mass at 8:00 in the morning followed by breakfast in Hayes Hall. The retreat will conclude at 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is $25.00 per person and can be made by calling the St. Cecilia parish office at 973.627.0313 or Pat Zayac at 973.625.4572.

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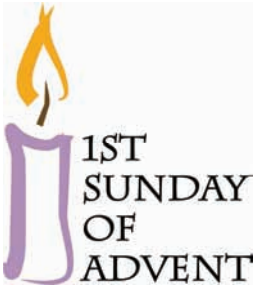

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We await the Savior
EMMANUEL

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

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