

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

Wholesome Holiness. Holy can be defined as “dedicated or consecrated to God or a religious purpose; sacred.” We received the gift of holiness on the day of our Baptism, wherein God gave us His Spirit & dwelt in us. But we still need to be formed & grow in this gift of holiness, it is not a one-time deal, it is a deal of a lifetime. The readings in today’s Mass invite us to **strive for holiness as a way of life**, a lifetime of commitment.

How to be holy from the Word of God:

Book of Leviticus 19

- i. **The Lord said...Be holy, for I the Lord, your God is holy.**
- ii. **Bear no hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.**
- iii. **Though you may have to reprove someone, do not incur sin because of him.**
- iv. **Take no revenge & cherish no grudge against anyone.**
- v. **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3

- vi. **You are the temple of God...the Spirit of God dwells in you...do not destroy God’s temple...**
- vii. **Let no one deceive you...the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.**
- viii. **Let no one boast about human beings.**

Gospel according to Matthew 5

- ix. **Give to the one who asks you & do not turn your back to the one in need.**
- x. **Love your enemies & pray for those who persecute you.**

Guided by the Word of God, inspired by His Holy Spirit, let us all strive for holiness as a way of life. It may be a lifetime of commitment, but it is a deal of a lifetime, for to those who choose & follow this path will not only grow in holiness but achieve wholeness through the grace of God, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fr. Eric Crelencia

Fr. John Gruben

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

PRAYER SERVICES:

9:00am Mass
12:00pm Service
4:00pm Service
5:30pm Mass
7:15pm Mass (In Spanish)
7:15pm Mass in Gym if needed

LENTEN REFLECTION EVENING

Tuesday, March 7th AT 7:00PM
Thursday, March 9th at 7:00pm (Spanish)

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:

April 3rd – 2pm to 4:00pm –6pm to 8:00pm

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout
Wednesday, April 5th –12:00 noon to 1:00pm

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS’ NAME

6th Ordinary Time – \$11,744.

Last Year’s – \$11,002.

Peter’s Pence - \$3,756.

Last Year’s-\$2,758.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19

Monday, February 20 President's Day Closed

Religious Ed. – Grade 6 – 4:30 **Closed**

Tuesday, February 21

Religious Ed. – Gr. 3-5 – 4:30pm **Closed**

Religious Ed. – Gr. 7 & 8 – 7:00pm **Closed**

CYO – 5pm in the gym

Wednesday, February 22

IHM – 7:30pm in the church

CYO – 5pm in the gym

Thursday, February 23

CYO – 5pm in the gym

Friday, February 24

CYO – 5pm in the gym

Saturday, February 25

Rel Ed Grades 1 & 2-9:30am

CYO – 11- 4pm gym



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

You may have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan already asking for a donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$104,000.00 Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese can help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps. Please consider donating. As always, we graciously thank all our parishioners for their continued kindness.

SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 21ST, 2023

On May 21, 2023, 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: FEBRUARY 22 – APR. 2, 2023

To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com or contact the Spring Valley campaign leader Eileen Peterson (845) 492-6709; Rachelminister1@aol.com

LENTEN SEASON 2023

Lenten Fast and Abstinence – During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

"FASTING" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

"ABSTINENCE" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH, PEARL RIVER

A SIX WEEK Bereavement Support group dates: Feb. 21, 28, and March 7, 14, 21. To register: 845-735-4746 x 112.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Healing Weekend: Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spousal relationship to an overnight weekend retreat held at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY from April 21 to 23. Registration required Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Betty at 973-903-3941.

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH 115 W. CENTRAL AVE. PEARL RIVER

Is hosting a pilgrimage to **The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA** on Monday, March 20th. Bus leaves at 8am. Trip includes bus, Mass in Our Lady of Grace Chapel, lunch, museum with cultural & religious relics, outdoor Votive Candle Wall and gift shop. Returns to St. Margaret's at 6pm. Cost: \$75pp. to register call: 845-735-4746 x 112.



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.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Theresa Anselmi, Emil Boss, Joe Bauer, Baby Braven Ryan, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joel Crawford, Fr. Frank Cregan, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Nick Gravina, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Kathleen Keane, 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, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Tracey Pavetti, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Tom Pendle, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Louis Paturzo, Charles Picarelli, Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, 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, Christopher Yan, Laura Zangrilli.

ALTAR MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of ALL PARISHIONERS

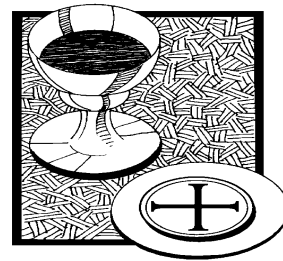
FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.



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

Especially: **PHILOMENA BALDUCCI, ALLEN PANICO
JOHN BANNON, JOEL CRAWFORD,
JOSEPHINE SIMON**



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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00am – † Peggy McGrath

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5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Francis Sweeney

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – Intenciones del Coro Emanuel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30am – † Herriot & Edith Eveillard

10:00am – † Thomas Witt

11:30am – † John Cappello

4:00pm – Intenciones del Coro Fe y Esperanza

5:30pm – † All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00am – † Doug Muir

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00am – † John Riggio

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00am – † Catherine Howard/Fr. John Quinn

12:00pm – Service with Ashes

4:00pm – Service with Ashes

5:30pm – Mass English with Ashes

7:15pm – Mass / Ashes – † Carmelo Reyes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00am – † Deceased Members of Boano Family

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross - Hispanic

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00am – † James Edward Cheesemen

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross - English

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00am – † Andrew L. Kravic

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Rosanne &

Robert Moscato, Jr.

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Vincent DePaul

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30am – † Ann Amalfitano

10:00am – † Special Intention Philly Pelzer 100th

11:30am – † Debbie Stewart & Carry Daly

4:00pm – † Spanish – Barcelona Chuan Hinojosa

5:30pm – † Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB WEEK 12 – MARY FINNERAN