

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2023

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

The long board meeting is over. A general approval awaits the CEO's decision. The production team is geared up. Right then the CEO turns to her Vice-President for communications and says: "Charlie, get the word out!" With that comes a flood of TV commercials, online ads, signs on buses and trains, not to omit printed come-ons for consumers. That scenario is common in the business world: A pattern laid out for the company's positive bottom line.

Our Lord, who by His own admission is the Word, needs to get His message out to the world, needing no more than loving and dedicated disciples like us. He began with His Chosen Twelve and then moved on to the great St. Paul. There followed a long line of preachers and teachers worthy of sainthood, right up to you and me.

The Holy Spirit lets us in on a masterful presentation that Jesus makes through a farming parable all about seeds and sowing. He does it under a smiling sun in the great outdoors, which He seems to prefer to an enclosed academic setting. His rural audience is entranced as He speaks.

In response to His apostles' query, Jesus explains to them (and us) that the various soils represent the kinds of response the Word generates among people. From faith-filled conviction all the way to apathetic yawning.

There is a story of the poet Samuel Coleridge, who one day listened to a visitor's vehement argument against the religious education of the young. His acquaintance had concluded with a statement of his determination not to prejudice his children toward any faith or religion, but to let them make up their own minds when they reached maturity.

Coleridge made no immediate comment, but shortly afterward asked his visitor if he would like to see his garden, and then led him to a strip of lawn that was overgrown with weeds.

"Why, this is no garden. It's nothing but a weed patch," said his guest. "Oh," replied Coleridge, "that's because it hasn't come to maturity yet. The weeds, you see, have taken the opportunity to grow, and I thought it would be unfair of me to prejudice the soil toward roses and strawberries."

God love you and give you His guidance on getting the Word out.

In His Love & Grace,

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor
Fr. Eric Crelencia
Fr. John Gruben

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

MASS BOOK

2024 MASS BOOK will open August 1.

The 2023 Mass book is almost completely full. When there are no Masses available for a particular date, there are Altar Memorials available to remember your loved ones.

Altar Wine \$40.00
Altar Bread \$30.00
Altar Candles \$20.00
Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00

...Together With an Unannounced Mass.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**July 2nd Collection- \$11,492.
Last Year's-\$12,985.**

**July 9th Collection - \$14,129.
Last Year's -\$14,098.**

**Missions Among Black & Indian - \$2,915.
Last Year's - \$ 2,723.**

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$78,600**, toward our goal of **\$104,000**. Please support this important effort for the church in New York and our own parish.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

Wednesday, July 19

IHM – 7:30pm in the church

Thursday, July 20

Friday, July 21

Rectory Office closes at 2pm

Saturday, July 22

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2023 - 2024

For All New & Returning Students

Baptismal Certificate is required at time of registration for all First Grade and New Registrants.

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Please contact the Religious Education office to schedule an appointment.

Registration will be held in the Religious Education Office in the school. Please go to the Clinton Place entrance (the side street) of the school and ring the bell. Please call the Religious Education Office at **845-357-6044** if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment if you cannot make any of these dates.

Re-registration forms were emailed to the families of children already in our program. Please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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INVITE TO SERVE AS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT MONTEFIORE NYACK HOSPITAL

Fr. Ravi Dasari Catholic Chaplain for Montefiore Nyack Hospital is seeking individuals to step forward and volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers. Due to the global pandemic Eucharistic ministry was essentially on pause. At this time the full ministry is needed. Ministers serve a vital role in bringing communion to those who cannot attend Mass. This is a role that requires empathy, understanding, and dedication to the teachings of our faith. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Dasari at 845-467-3952 or email at frravikiran@gmail.com



DONATING ONLINE WITH WE SHARE!

Have you considered making your contributions online? It is so easy to do and goes a long way to minimize any human errors in accounting and gives you the ability to view your contribution any time. At the end of the year, you still receive a complete accounting of your donations for tax purposes. For the parish it helps with reducing costs associated with sending the envelopes out through our envelope company. So many parishioners forget to use the envelopes. Sometimes people have moved, and the church was not informed and have sent envelopes out already. So please consider donating online. Easy, Safe and Secure. Please visit our website: www.sacredheartparish.org and look for the donating tab. Thank you for considering online donating.

A PRAYE FOR OUR COUNTRY

Father of all nations and ages
Today we rededicate ourselves to your service
And to the works of justice and freedom for all.
As you have called us from many people
To be one nation,
Help us to give witness in our lives
And in our life as a nation
To the rich diversity of your gifts.
Grant that under your providence
Our country may share your blessings,
With all the peoples of the earth.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.

Amen

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:

JHOSUE MATEO NAULA CUZCO

Child Of Naula and Ana Mariana



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, Fr. Frank Cregan, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Nick Gravina, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Kathleen Keane, 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, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, 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 and Michael Zavoski Jr..

ALTAR MEMORIALS

JULY 16, 2023

**Altar Candles in Memory of
HERMAN JONGEBLOED**

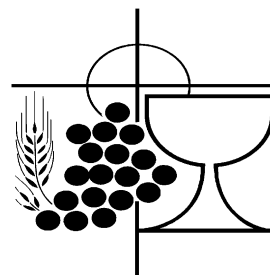
**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
JOHN BUKOWSKI II**



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

**ANNE M. TALIERCIO,
CATHERINE "KATE" MCCARTHY.**

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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, JULY 15

9:00am – † Diana Selleck

SATURDAY, JULY 15

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Ana Stillo

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Trinidad y Segundo Lopez

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:30am – † Frances & Vito Lanzisera

10:00am – † Dianne Messina

11:30am – † Herman Jongebloed

4:00pm – † La Virgen del Carmen
y Luis Carmen Morín

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, JULY 17

9:00am – † John Bannon

TUESDAY, JULY 18

9:00am – † Daniel Greeley

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

9:00am – † John Bukowski II

THURSDAY, JULY 20

9:00am – † Joseph Greeley

FRIDAY, JULY 21 – † Florence Mohan

SATURDAY, JULY 22

9:00am – † Josephine Simon

SATURDAY, JULY 22

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Elizabeth Mattioti Mendolia

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Arcesio Lopez

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:30am – † Richard & Eileen Doran

10:00am – † Ana Stillo

11:30am – † Ray Mazzei

4:00pm – Juan y Virginia Alvizures

5:30pm – † All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 5 – DOREEN DI BENEDETTO