

# TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY

## OCTOBER 1, 2023

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

While there is no such thing as a caste system in the "land of the free and the home of the brave," it is so fundamental a belief that it is enshrined in our founding declaration. There it states: "all men are created equal." Dare I say, "except when boarding a plane, train or cruise ship?"

Just think of your latest long-distance flight. The boarding agent announces: "*Now boarding first class passengers.*" Soon a relatively small group will get up from their scattered places in the waiting area and calmly board. Meanwhile, the rest of us will wait to be called up in sections of numbered rows. As we head there, we walk by the first-class privileged ones scanning their reading material or their phone screens, sometimes looking up from their extra wide comfort seats to stare at us "peons" walking back to our row of 3 narrower models.

But when it comes to the matter of entering the kingdom of God, all is reversed. The poor go first. The only qualification for a good seat is belief in the way of righteousness. John the Baptist, the man so admired by His Divine Cousin, had evidently preached a bright new message of salvation. But the "chief priests and elders of the people" did not believe John's word. Who did? The tax collectors and prostitutes. The sinners; the lower class; the great unwashed. Those whose humility was real and deep. It also led them to believe and even rejoice in Jesus.

We know all about the righteousness of Our Lord Jesus. He was and is the very fulfillment of the Baptist's preaching. The one with the only actual key to paradise. Earthly power, wealth and fame have no interest in Jesus. They certainly do not offer any attraction for the person who says in prayer: "*Have mercy on me, O God, for I have sinned.*"

The next time you get jealous of the people seated in first class, consider this story called "The Death of a Hapsburg." *In Vienna, Austria, you will find a church in which the Hapsburgs, the former ruling family of Austria, are buried. It is recorded that when royal funerals finally arrive at the church for the burial rites, the mourners leading the procession knock at the door to gain entrance.*

*"Who is it that desires admission here?" a priest asks through the locked door. "His apostolic majesty, the emperor!" calls the guard. "I don't know him," answers the priest.*

*A second knock follows, and a similar question is asked. This time the funeral guard announces the deceased as "the highest emperor." Again, "I don't know him" echoes throughout the vaulted burial chamber.*

*Finally, a third knock is heard. "Who is it?" "A poor sinner. your brother," comes the final answer. Then the door is opened, and the royal burial is completed.*

God love you and help you accept His ways.

*Jppc. reflection*

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the lord; thus, he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

### OCTOBER 1ST, RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

***ST. JOSEPH, DEFENDER OF LIFE  
PRAY FOR US!***

**Life Facts:** After conception:

- 18 days a Baby's heart beats
- 8 weeks all organs function
- 9 weeks has individual fingerprints
- 10 weeks a baby can feel pain
- 12 weeks a baby can smile



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  
IN HONOR OF  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
WEDNESDAY  
October 3<sup>RD</sup> at 3:00pm  
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

### OUR LADY'S GUILD

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild of Sacred Heart will be on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the gym. There will be a presentation by Sacred Heart's volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. All the women of the parish are welcome.

### 'RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating, please call the Rectory (357-0035). There is still time to join and all those interested can call the rectory office.

## PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Bella Orkofsky	Philomena Pelzer
Dorothy Orkofsky	Michael Overmars
Michael Anton	Nicholas A. Donofrio
Brandon Boots	John Carlson
Mary Gerling	Robert Neil
Greta Dixon	Vincent Cappola
Frances A Shea	

### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

September 24<sup>th</sup> Collection- \$10,515.

Last Year's-\$11,312

St. Joseph's Seminary - \$2,760.

Last Year's -\$3,436.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 1

Ultreya, 9am at Tagaste Monastery

### Monday, October 2

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm to 6pm

Grupo Carismático -7pm cafeteria

### Tuesday, October 3

Rel Ed. Grades 3-5 4:30pm to 6pm

Rel ED. Grade 8 – 7pm to 8:30pm

### Wednesday, October 4

Blessing of the Animals – 3pm in the parking lot

IHM – 7:30pm in the auditorium

Grupo Bíblico -8pm in the cafeteria

### Thursday, October 5

Friday, October 6 First Friday

Exposition – 4pm to 7pm

Holy Hour 7pm

### Saturday, October 7

Rel Ed. Confirmations – 11:30am Gym

7:30am to 9am St. Joseph's men's scripture group-

Rectory pre-k

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

OUR BIGGEST MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER OF  
THE YEAR!

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory  
Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 2:00pm in the school  
gymnasium on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

## SUFFERN STREET FAIR

The street Fair will take place on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Again, Sacred Heart will have a spot at the Fair. We hope all our parishioners will stop by and maybe bring a friend. Our Community of Suffern and our faith Community are important and being together and spreading the Word of Our Lord amongst our community is important. Please stop by and say Hello!

## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS WRESTLING EVENT

A family friendly event at St. Lawrence Center in Torne Valley Hillburn on **Sat Oct 7** first match at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance available online (<https://www.ecpw1.com/ecpw-live-october-7-2023/>) at Nicky's Pizza. \$20 at the door.

## SACRED HEART ALL CLASSES REUNION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

MASON JAR MAHWAH NJ

12 NOON TO 5PM

1PM Buffet Lunch

1 – 4pm – Live Music with Erol & Jillian

Cash Bar – 50/50/ raffle for S.H. church

All this for \$41 per person. We are asking for a \$10 donation towards the music etc. Reunion payment: Check or credit card: Ask for IRA OR REBECCA over the phone – 201-529-2302 Check: Mason Jar 219 Ramapo Valley Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The pantry needs several food products. If you can donate, we need your assistance. The following items are most needed: Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish, Dried Milk, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta and Sauce. **Monetary donations welcomed INCLUDING FOOD GIFT CARDS FROM SHOPRITE ACME OR WALMART.** Thank you! For food emergencies call the Rectory. 845-357-0035



## 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](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277. [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).



SOPHIA SARRUBBO & BRETT RUSSO

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### NIKOLAS MUNOZ PINTO

Child of Alex and Gabriella

### GODRICK RADLEY CHARLES

Child of Rodney and Stephanie



*Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: 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, Joseph Duarte, John Duffy, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, 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, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael sister), 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

OCTOBER 1, 2023

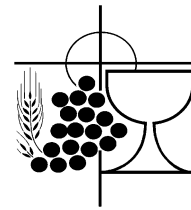
Altar Wines In Memory of  
**THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
CONTE & D'URSO FAMILIES**

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of  
**EILEEN DORAN**



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

**BOOSTER CLUB  
WEEK 16- MICHAEL HECK**



## ALL MASSES ARE IN THE GYM 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, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00am – † Ken Kovis

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5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † John T. Crotty

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Luis Espinoza Zevallos y  
Hermelinda Ordoñez Leon

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30am – † Anthony Soriano / Anthony Stabile

10:00am – † Joseph P. Billy

11:30am – † James David Toner

4:00pm – † Guntenberg Vera

5:30pm – † All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00am – † Joe Armend

9:00am – Special Intention Alan Petukh

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00am – † Blanche Vespucci

9:00am – † John "Henny" Hendrickson

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00am – † Bella L. Kramer

9:00am – † Community of Franciscans of Renewal

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00am – † Edward Albecht

9:00am – Special Intention Immaculate Heart of  
Mary Prayer Group

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00am – Special Intention Isabel Mathew

9:00am – † Eileen Doran

4:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00am – Spec. Intention Margaret Petukh & Family

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Angelina &  
Angelo Mendolia

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Victor Falcon Cobos  
y Victoria Aguilar Rosas

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30am – † Diane Selleck

10:00am – † Eileen Doran

11:30am – † Mary Ann Blanton

4:00pm – † Almas Del Pulgatorio

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial