

5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

Today's Gospel narrates what St. Mark wishes to portray as a typical day in the life of Jesus. The setting was the town of Capernaum, the place Jesus had chosen to live after having been rejected by the people of his hometown of Nazareth. That day Jesus came in contact with a great many people—people whose lives had been disrupted by illness and suffering, people who were in the grip of evil and darkness. And whether that meeting with Jesus was a private one—as it was for St. Peter's mother-in-law—or whether it was part of a crowded and noisy gathering—as it was for the people of Capernaum who came in the evening hours—in each case it proved to be a time of healing, a time of hope, and a time of renewed life for those privileged to be present on that long-ago day. The fevers departed and the demons were banished. People were enabled to get on with their lives, to discover new possibilities, and to believe that there was hope for the future because there was a God who cared for and loved them, and that this God was being revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

And as usually happens in small towns, it was impossible to keep a secret. Before long all of Peter's neighbors were spreading the word about what happened to his mother-in-law and, within a short time, all were crowding around his door to seek a favor from his now-famous guest, Jesus. In the end the people of Capernaum were so impressed by Jesus, by his words and his actions, that they didn't want him to leave their town. Yet he told them something important: God's healing is not to be limited to one place or to one time since his love and mercy are infinite. "'Let us go on to the nearby villages," he said, "that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come."

All of us are no doubt looking for some kind of healing in our own lives. It is our belief that Jesus as the Divine Physician can bring healing to our whole person: to the physical, the emotional, and the spiritual. For Jesus the basis of all healing resided in the soul; to be cleansed from the wounds caused by our sins and failings. As we anticipate the beginning of Lent in just a few short weeks, may we anticipate those words which will accompany the blessed ashes that will be placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday: *"Repent and believe in the Gospel!"*

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The Lord sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4

Ultreya, 9am at Tagaste Monastery
CYO Clinic – Grs.1 and 2 at 1pm gym

Monday, February 5

Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass Mondays only

Religious Ed. Grade 6 -4:30pm to 6pm
CYO – Gym 5pm

Grupo Carismastico-Cafeteria 7pm

Tuesday, February 6

Religious Ed. – Gr. 3-5 – 4:30pm

Religious Ed. – Grs. 7 & 8 – 7pm

CYO – Gym 5pm

Wednesday, February 7

CYO – Gym 5pm

Estudio Bíblico – 8pm cafeteria

Immaculate. Heart Group- 7:30pm

Thursday, February 8

CYO – Gym 5pm

Friday, February 9

Prayer Shawl Meeting – Gym 1pm

CYO – Gym 5pm

Saturday, February 10

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 9am Mass- Sat. Only

Religious Ed Grades 1 & 2- 9:30am to 11am

Rel Ed. First Penance 12pm

CYO – Gym 11am to 4pm

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Soledad Esperanza de Romano
Rosemary O'Reilly
Edmund Hibbet
Vittoria Dominijanni
Charles McCormack
Christopher Moore
Robert Dowd

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**4th Sunday Ordinary Time – \$11,099.
Last Year's-\$13,449.**

MEMORARE



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother, to you do I

come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me.
Amen

OUR LADY'S GUILD

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild of Sacred Heart will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the gym. We will be having a tea party in celebration of St. Valentine's Day, and we will also be playing bible bingo. Please bring a donation of food for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and or diapers for Birthright if you are able. All the women of the parish are welcome.



the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

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 \$107,100. 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 generosity.

ANointing OF THE SICK JESUS CAME TO HEAL THE WHOLE PERSON BODY AND SOUL

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of aging. If you are having surgery or dealing with a serious illness, please call the Rectory to speak to a priest. 845-357-0035

SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 19TH, 2024

On May 19, 2024, 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.

2023 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2023 from the envelope company and parish pay (WeShare) if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2023 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GROUP

Beginning, Monday February 5th the group will lead all in an Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after the 9am Mass on Mondays.



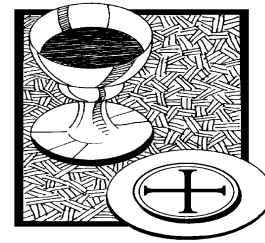
SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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



ANTHONY NICOLAS TENEZACA-FLORES

Child of Henri and Alba



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Elantoniette Camagong, Dan Carney, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan

Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Debbie, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, Joseph Duarte, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, 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, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, 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, Louella Planas, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Louis Paturzo, Charles Picarelli, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Geri Savino, 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, and Yolanda Yarleque.

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.

ALTAR MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of

THOMAS WITT



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially:
BOBIN CHERIAN, NILDA BARRERA

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

SATURDAY – 9AM

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)
AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00am – † Lester Bernstein

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Peggy McGrath

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – Angel Hernandez - Salud

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30am – † Diana Selleck

10:00am – † All Souls in Purgatory

11:30am – † Albert & Carmela LaBruna

4:00pm – †

5:30pm – All Parishioners/Parish Memorial

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00am – † Spec. Intention Jaqui Elder

9:00am – † Corrado De Robertis

Rosary to follow 9am Mass on Mondays

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00am – † Josephine Califano

9:00am – † Gail Vosler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00am – † Michael Buckley

9:00am – † Renée Oster

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00am – † Luka Paul Muricken

9:00am – † Spec. Intention in thanksgiving
Marlene Richiez & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00am –

9:00am – † Nicole Santa Maria

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00am – † John Bannon

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Elaine & Charles Jock

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Victor Miguel Once

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30am – † Dianne Messina

10:00am – † Daniel & Catherine Greeley

11:30am – † Thomas Witt

4:00pm –

5:30pm – Vigil - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 3- JOHN LOSONSKY JR.**