

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers...

This one's been around for ages but just in case, SOMEONE hasn't heard it: Why did Peter deny Jesus?.. Cause Jesus cured his mother-in-law! BA-DUM-DUM! But aren't these words of The Lord in today's Gospel startling doozies!? Not here to bring peace but rather, Division!- And yes, in that divisive mix in-laws are pitted! And fathers- And brothers- And sisters! And yes- EVERYONE! Jesus, You certainly DO know how to give our heads a-scratchin'! We also know that Your love for us defies adequate description!

Speaking of doozy words...Here are some remarkably helpful ones by the outstanding author, John Shea:

"Therefore, Jesus' anguish takes on a double meaning. His impending death certainly causes him trepidation. He is human, and he is not exempt from the natural fears associated with loss and death. But this distress is taken up and transformed by the more profound concern of fulfilling his mission. His sufferings are part of a divine plan that he is eager to take to the next stage. Therefore, he does not shrink from his foreseen passion. He moves toward it, accepting it as the sacrifice that will open up the earth for his revelation. The fire that is in his bones is eager to find the wood of the people of the world."

Lord, help us, too, to discover the fire in OUR bones to always proclaim that You are Lord forever and ever...Amen!

Friends, we deeply thank you for your abundant kindness of last week's special collection for our brothers and sisters in Africa.

God blesses us all.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Creencia, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me.

Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

Monday, August 18

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass
Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Tuesday, August 19

Basketball 5 to 9pm gym

Wednesday, August 20

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church
Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, August 21

Basketball 5 to 9pm gym

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

2025 – 2026

Open Registration

For all Grades-1 through 8

Monday, August 18th – 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 19th – 12 noon – 2:00pm

New Registrants: Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

Re-Registrants: Please drop off the completed re-registration form sent to you by email, or you may fill out the form when you come to re-register.

Please go to the Clinton Place entrance of the school and ring the CCD bell.

Thank you and God bless.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

19th Sunday– \$14, 080.
Last Year-\$12,645.

Solidarity in Africa - \$3,479.
Last Year's - \$3,110.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. 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). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **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).

MASS BOOK

2026 MASS BOOK will open September 1.

The 2025 Mass book still has Masses available. When there are no Masses available for a particular date, there are Altar Memorials available to remember your loved ones.

Altar Wine - \$45.00
Altar Bread - \$35.00
Altar Candles \$25.00
Sanctuary Lamp \$15.00

...Together With an Unannounced Mass

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry will open soon. We are in great need of supplies. If possible, please donate dry goods. The following items are most needed: Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish, Dried Milk, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta and Tomato Sauce. **Monetary donations welcomed INCLUDING FOOD GIFT CARDS FROM SHOPRITE ACME OR WALMART**

For food emergencies please call the Rectory at 845-357-0035



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP 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. To date: \$62,118. has been donated.

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. Please visit our website: www.sacredheartparish.org and look for the donating tab. Thank you for considering online donating.

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 **“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

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.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:

SAPHIRA SKY SEGOVIA
Child of Segundo and Maria

GENESIS MONSERRATH MOROCHO LUCERO

Child of Ana

JADE BETSABETH CAJAMARCA CHILUIZA

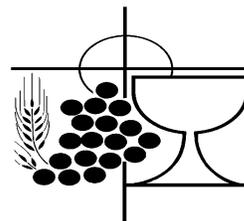
Child of Victor and Maria

GRAYSON MICHAEL DORIA

Child of Joseph and Kaitlyn

JUSTIN ALEJANDRO JACHERO

Child of Segundo and Maria



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM

SUNDAYS

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00am – † Mary Lewis

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

5:30pm – † Benjamin Harvey

7:15pm – † Alejandro Carreño / Virgen del Cisne-
Acc. De Gracias de Familia Guambo-Rocha

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30am – † Arthur & Dolores Mendolia

10:00am – † Dr. Leo Greco

11:30am – † Nicholas A. LaBruna

4:00pm – † Valentina Ramos

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00am – †

9:00am – †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00am – † Fr. Ivan de Jesus Vasquez Jimenez OAR

9:00am – †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00am – †

9:00am – Special Intentions Marion & Michael Seman
65th Wedding Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00am – † Fr. Ivan de Jesus Vasquez Jimenez OAR

9:00am – † Tom Rohloff

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00am – † Fr. Ivan de Jesus Vasquez Jimenez OAR

9:00am – † Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00am – †

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5:30pm – † Patrica Verkey

7:15pm – † Aurora Menendez

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30am – † Dianne Messina

10:00am – † Philomena Joseph

11:30am – † Aline & John Hendrickson

4:00pm – † Gisela, Isabel Mary & Luis Moran

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 25- LOU ANN DIAMOND



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helene Marie Biby, Andrew

Bylec, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Creencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Gina Gasparre East, Jacqui Elder, Ginny & Sonny Figula, , Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Dennis O'Connell, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr., Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Barbara Veraldo Strano Lissette Taylor, Elisa Greco Wegman Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

AUGUST 17, 2025

**Altar Wines, Breads, Candles
and the Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of**

JANET TAMBURRO



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