

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart.

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." This statement of Jesus goes to heart of what today's Gospel is all about. "Humility" is, no doubt, among the most misused words in our vocabulary. It is a word that may conjure up such negative terms as servile, timid, or even weak: in summary, "humble" describes a person who suffers from low self-esteem and has a negative self-image. The reality, however, is quite different. In theological vocabulary, humility refers to maturity—physical, emotional, and spiritual. In other words, it connotes self-knowledge and self-acceptance, and self-actualization.

We might ask how many people really know themselves; how many people are willing to accept and appreciate who they really are; how many people try to be their own best selves rather than someone or something that they are not. Unfortunately, today's rising suicide rate especially among young people may indicate that confusion about identity and failure to see the good in oneself, in others, and in our world, may tell us how much our society has drifted from that remarkable statement in the 1st Chapter of Genesis which states: "God looked at everything he had made and found it very good." Humility, then, is the virtue that grounds us in reality—in God's reality—enabling us to see our true strengths and weaknesses; what we can achieve and what are our limitations. Perhaps one of the most false and misleading statements circulating in a democratic society is that you can be anything you want. . . but it ain't necessarily so. I may want to be a brain surgeon or a piano virtuoso or an Olympic gold medalist, but it may simply exceed my capabilities no matter how hard I try, or how much time and money I dedicate to those goals, because they're not realistic for me. That doesn't mean I shouldn't strive, I shouldn't try, I shouldn't dream. It does mean that I shouldn't feel crushed, or guilty, or brand myself a failure if things don't always go the way I planned them to go.

To know our place in the world is not to limit but rather to free us, since it empowers us to sort through the infinite and marvelous possibilities which reveal themselves to us over the course of our lives—to make informed choices about what we can realistically attain, and then to pursue it with all our heart.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God chant praise to his name, whose name is the Lord

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 31

Monday, September 1 Labor Day - Closed

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

Tuesday, September 2

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

Friday, September 5 First Friday

Exposition – 1pm

Holy Hour 7pm

Saturday, September 6

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k
4:00pm – Adoration and Confessions along with the Holy Rosary with the IMH group.

SACRED HEART YARD SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

10AM TO 3PM

YOU'RE INVITED TO RENT A SPACE IN OUR PARKING LOT TO SHOWCASE NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS YOU WISH TO SELL

Imagine the exposure and ease of a yard sale where you don't have to advertise, or even have a yard! Rent a parking spot or two to sell items from your FALL cleaning.

Space Rental:

Private Household: single - \$45 / double \$80

LLC: single - \$90 / double - \$165.

Please see Rental forms in the back of the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION
2025 – 2026

Open Registration

For all Grades-1 through 8

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

21st Sunday– \$10,067.

Last Year-\$11,540.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS

R.C.I.A. 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).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 17TH

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

INCREASED OFFERING CAMPAIGN
IOC

Beginning this month of September, we are conducting what is referred to as an **Increased offering Campaign**. As we are all aware costs have increased over the last few years, yet donations have not.

Over the next eight weeks, we invite all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on how increasing your weekly offertory can strengthen both the spiritual and financial foundation of our parish community. Our parish is blessed with dedicated stewards who generously support our mission. Whether your family has been part of this parish for generations, or you have recently joined us, we pray you will participate in this important initiative, ensuring our parish remains vibrant for years to come.



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: \$64,293. has been donated.

SACRED HEART CHOIR

CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025

If you are interested in being part of the choir please join the group at 7pm in the church on September 9th at 7pm.

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 child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM JACHERO

Child of Rosa and Segundo



Remember Our Sick 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 Crencia, 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, Rana Haddad, 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.**

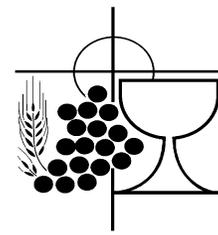
ALTAR MEMORIALS

AUGUST 31, 2025

Altar Candles In Memory of
PALMA & HENRY HECK
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
NICHOLAS LABRUNA



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



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 30

9:00am – † Richard J. Lynch, Jr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:30pm – † Nick LaBruna

7:15pm – † Presly Vaquero

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30am – † Gerry Roemer

10:00am – † Colin Cunningham

11:30am – Spec. Intentions Antoinette LaBruna

4:00pm – † Manuela Montanes Hurtado

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 LABOR DAY

7:00am – † Terri Menzie Meyer

9:00am – † Debra Liv

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00am – In Thanksgiving Ruiz Family

9:00am – † Richard J. Lynch, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00am – † Andrea Pacheco

9:00am – †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00am – † Bertram Creighton

9:00am – † Michael Selleck

8:00pm – Solemnidad – Virgen de Consolación

Spec. Int. Ministerio de Jovenes y Familia

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00am – † Jesus Alvarado Ramirez

9:00am – †

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00am – † Joseph Greeley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:30pm – † Patrica & Louis Diamond

7:15pm – Spec. Int. Andrea y Anthony Pacheco

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30am – †

10:00am – †

11:30am – † Frances Howley

4:00pm – Spec. Int. David Avila

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial