

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

"We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ for he is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free." These words, taken primarily from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, sum up the meaning of the cross in Christian spirituality. The cross, which formerly had been a gruesome device of torture and death used primarily by the Romans against their enemies in ancient times, was transformed by the death of Jesus Christ into the symbol and instrument of Christian faith and hope. Tradition tells us that the actual cross of Christ was discovered by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, the first Christian emperor of Rome, on her journey to the Holy Land in 326 A.D. Shortly afterward, her son would build the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, a church which still stands today as a major site of Christian pilgrimage. Since that time, relics of the "True Cross" have been circulated throughout the world. The cross is the most recognized symbol of Christianity and one that we ourselves reinforce every time we bless ourselves "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Jesus told his disciples in last Sunday's Gospel: "Whoever does not carry his/her own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In this admonition Jesus was telling his first followers as he is telling us today that "our cross" represents the unavoidable difficulties, the troubles, and the challenges of life that we all face, that should be seen by believers in the light of faith, and "carried" with trust and confidence in God. We can lighten one another's' burdens (crosses) by our support, our encouragement, and our personal accompaniment of those who are suffering. The next time you are present at Sacred Heart look up at the crucifix—one of our church's greatest treasures—and thank God for bringing about our salvation through the suffering and death of his Son Jesus upon the cross.

In His Grace,

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old.

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But he being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not; Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused.

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REGISTRATION 2024-2025

**K, 1ST, 2ND, GRADE CLINIC
3RD- 8TH GRADE BOYS / GIRLS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
SACRED HEART GYM / CAFETERIA
6:00PM TO 8:30PM
CALL BARRY TESSEYMAN - 845-304-3793**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION

2025 - 2026

**CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15**

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**

**22ND Sunday- \$10,067.
Last Year-\$13,233.**

**23RD Sunday - \$ 13,897.
Last Year's - \$13,496.**

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception - \$2,211.



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).

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.

A **Pro-LIFE Family Event, Rockland's 33rd LIFE Chain** to be held on **Sunday, October 5th, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM** on Route 59 in Nanuet. Help us put an end to abortion. For more information call 845 429-2077 or email RachelMinister1@aol.com.

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 4pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 1:00pm in the school gymnasium on Sunday, November 30.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

Monday, September 15

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr 6 -4:30pm

Tuesday, September 16

Rel Ed. Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grades 7 & 8 -7:00pm

Wednesday, September 17

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, September 18

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

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



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: \$64,568. has been donated.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

KATHLYN DAYANA QUIZHPI YUPA

Child of Angel and Joselin

ZAMIRA GUADALUPE VILLA CHICAIZA

JEREMAYA JERALDY VILLA CHICAIZA

Children of Jerry and Cristina



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, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00am – Spec. Int. Kathie Iannaci

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:30pm – † Robert Byrne

7:15pm – † Almas Benditas Del Purgatoria

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30am – † Thomas B. Collins

10:00am – Spec. Int. Pope Leo XIV (Bday)

11:30am – Spec. Intentions Kathie Iannaci

4:00pm – Spec. Int. Jorge Nazart

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am – † Michael Benincasa

9:00am – † Edna Harvey

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Mary C. & Thomas B. Collins

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am – † Javier, Goizueta, OAR

9:00am – † Vito DiGiovanni

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00am – In Thanksgiving Familia Pacheco

9:00am – † Peggy W. Osborne

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00am – † Steve Statham

9:00am – † Maryann Whipple

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00am – † James Matteotti

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:30pm – † Louis Diamond

7:15pm – † Alejandro Carreño

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30am – † Dianne Messina

10:00am – † Alphoso Iannone

11:30am – † John Platholi

4:00pm – † Imelda Avarva, Elva y Raul Nava

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial



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 Crelencia, 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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of MARIANNE WHIPPLE



Remember
Our Deceased...

Let us pray for our deceased
parishioners, and family members and
loved ones, especially: **Dorothy
Gannon, Dolores S. Harty,
Todd P. Robillard.**