

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 18, 2026

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear Sacred Heart Sisters & Brothers in The Lord:

John the Baptist is still here with us even after the Christmas season has passed- He's still here reminding US to "call out in the wilderness" of our lives~ During the daily ups and downs, the refreshed breaths and hiccups..."Behold, The Lamb of God...& our response to that proclamation of John: "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you..." Yet, He continues to feed us, in Word and Sacrament, to be His pilgrim people.

In this world of danger and strife, it is important to keep calling out to The One- The ONLY One who takes away the sin of the world...Here's another cliché: NOW MORE THAN EVER...But I firmly believe that that cliché fits- It fits because we must "pray without ceasing"- NOW MORE THAN EVER!- For peace in the world...For end of war and bloodshed...What heartache we see in the news! A friend recently told me: "I am not watching much news and I am avoiding social media. I am praying and I am crying. I'm troubled, Michael. I'm sick about it." Hmm. She's not wrong to feel this way, is she? Keep praying, Friends...Keep on praying and beholding The Lamb- & trusting...Behold The Lamb, said John...May our hearts reply: My eyes see a small round piece of bread, my faith sees The Christ.

Friends, your Christmas offerings were incredibly generous and we are profoundly blessed by your kindness...BEHOLD, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7) That's you, Friends, that's YOU! Thank you. A blessed New Year to you and our BEHOLDEN Sacred Heart friendship!

In His Grace,

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR
Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
The Church Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th. 7am & 9am Masses are as normally scheduled.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18

CYO Clinic – Gym 1pm

Monday, January 19 Martin Luther King Jr.

Office Closed

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr. 6 – 4:30pm

CYO –gym

Tuesday, January 20

Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-

CYO –5pm gym

Wednesday, January 21

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, January 22

Friday, January 23

CYO – 5pm gym

Saturday, January 24

Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am

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

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'
NAME

Baptism of the Lord – \$12,594.

Last Year's - \$13,034.

Catholic Communications/ University – \$2,966.

Last Year - \$3,056.

Behold
the Lamb of God



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE



The Feast of St. Blaise falls on Tuesday, February 3rd. There will be a general blessing of the throats as the final blessing at the end of each Mass on Sunday February 1st.



Friday - January 23rd, 2026

~ more info will be shared in the near future ~

Questions: email-rocklandrighttolife@gmail.com

The Respect Life Office bus will depart at 5:00AM from **St. Joseph's Seminary**, 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY (new location!) and return between 9:00PM and 10:00PM. A bus will also be leaving from St. Francis Assisi in West Nyack at 5:45am for tickets call Gayle 845-634-1283 or Eileen at 845-492-6709.

DEBT AND DEFICIT REDUCTION COLLECTION

TODAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

PRAYER FOR RESPECT FOR LIFE

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his Incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen!

2025 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2025 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2025 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!**

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

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



*Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest
until it finds You,*

*Who are its center, its love, and
its happiness.*

*By The wound in Your Heart
Pardon the sins that I have
committed*

*Whether out of malice or out of
evil desires.*

*Place my weak heart in
Your own divine Heart,*

*Continually under Your protection and guidance,
so that I may persevere in doing good and in
fleeing evil until my last breath.*

Amen.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



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

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call

Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

www.goodcounselhomes.org



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, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, , Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, 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, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, 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, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
JANUARY 18, 2026**

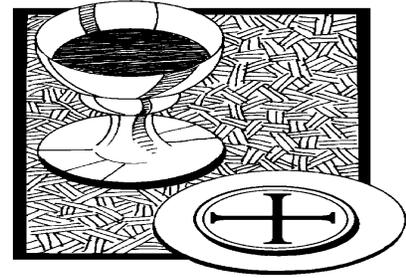
**Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of**

ANGELA & AUGUST D'ALELIO



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

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 18
JOSEPH NAPPO**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MON. – FRIDAY)
SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)
SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)
& 5:30PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00am –

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5:30pm – † Roger Carney

7:15pm – Karla Jackelin Martinez / † Maria Sanchez

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30am – † Knights of Columbus

10:00am – † Dennis O'Connell

11:30am – † Michael D'Avanzo

4:00pm – † Alejandro Carreño

5:30pm - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 Martin Luther King Jr.

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Eugene & Rose Magurno

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00am – †

9:00am – †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00am – – †

9:00am – † Francine McDermott

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00am – – †

9:00am – † Carmelo Rios

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00am – † Fr. Esteban Soria Ullate, OAR

9:00am – †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00am – † Ann Marie D'Angelo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

5:30pm – † John Pittinger

7:15pm – Victor y Krissna Ramirez- Cumpleaños /

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30am – †

10:00am – † Dennis O'Connell

11:30am – † Rita Santucci

4:00pm – † Armando Recinos

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial