

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

LAZARUS, COME OUT!

Jesus's dear friend, Lazarus, of Bethany...Raised from the dead...Friends, I often choose this Gospel for funerals (Make that: Masses of Resurrection!- & Usually deliver to the family of the deceased, these words: Friends, how you wish, too, that The Lord were to have given a "Lazarus moment" for your beloved (deceased)...Jesus, in full active ministry, provided such a moment, such a MARVEL, to teach...To help them, to help US, "come to believe."

Saint John makes one comment here that gives me head scratch: Jesus, just informed that Laz (I bet Jesus called his buddy that!) was ill- But He "stayed two more days where he was." Why didn't Jesus "move on up" to Bethany? Well, He knew his plan...Reminds me of when we, unable, for whatever reason, to have visited a friend shortly before he or she died, that we might pass through a "guilt trip" period- I SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE HOSPITAL, I COULD HAVE MADE A PHONE CALL...But we mustn't do that to ourselves! Our ill loved ones KNOW THAT WE LOVE THEM- & Pray for them & Accompany them! ALWAYS! Can you feel Jesus's "LAZARUS, COME OUT!" cry to us?- Come out of our fear, our doubt, our confusion...

Three words more- Uttered by The Lord: AND JESUS WEPT. No further commentary necessary.

Thank you for your Sacred Heart fellowship in The Lord. God blesses us all.

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that's faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue, me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

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I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his work More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord.

LENTEN REFLECTION EVENING

In Spanish

Thursday, March 26th at 8:00pm with Holy Hour

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday Evening at 7:00pm English, Every Friday Evening at 8:15pm in Spanish (except Good Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Reconciliation Monday:

March 30th – 2pm to 4:00pm –6pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday, April 1st –12:00 noon to 1:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 4th – 3:00pm-5:00pm

PALM CROSS SALE

TODAY, March 22nd we will again have our Annual Palm Cross Sale. Crosses will be available in the back of the church for purchase before or after Masses. Crosses will be available in purple and white and cost \$25 each. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

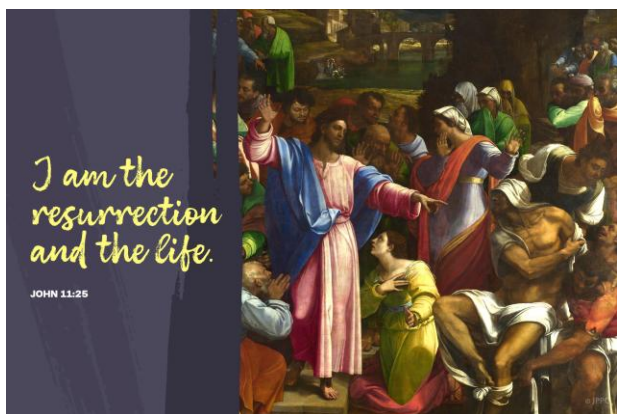
4th Sunday of Lent - \$11,258.

Last Year's -\$11,325.

Updated Catholic Relief - \$3,960.

LENTEN TALK WITH FR. TED

On Friday March 27th at 4:45pm please Join Fr. Ted of the Adorno Fathers for a Lenten talk in the gym and then proceeding to the Church for Stations of the Cross, at 7pm.



BIRTHRIGHT

Our Parish and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Lenten fundraising drive for Birthright of Rockland County starting Ash Wednesday, February 18. Last year, Birthright ministered to over 300 women and their babies with free pre-natal classes, one-on-one emotional support and material help. Please take a Birthright Baby Bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check payable to Joyce Kilmer council #1177 and return it to the church or rectory by April 5. The monies collected will enable Birthright to continue helping women in crisis pregnancies. We will be saving precious lives. Thank you so much for your support of our mission. *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 22

Youth & Family Movie Night -gym

Monday, March 23

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr. 6 – 4:30pm

Tuesday, March 24

Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-

Wednesday, March 25

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 26

Hispanic Lenten Evening – 8pm church

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am

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

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Please consider donating!

Our goal this year is \$107,100. 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: \$26,193. has been donated.

40 DAYS OF LENT, 40 DAYS OF PRAYER, 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join pro-life supporters as we peacefully pray for LIFE at 25 Perlman Drive, Spring Valley. We pray 9 AM - 6 PM seven days per week until March 29.

Contact Eileen Peterson, 845 492-6709 to give us 1 hour of your time in thanksgiving to God for the gift of LIFE.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY EASTER BASKETS

We are asking for donations of Hams, Turkeys and trimmings for Easter Baskets.

We will have "drive in donations" of food on:

March 22nd – 1:00pm to 4:00pm

March 28th – 11am – 1pm

The baskets will be distributed on Monday, **March 30th from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through only). Please contribute if possible. This event is to help the needy in our midst. Thank you for your help!

MITE BOXES

Did you know that Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) was established by the 18 parishes to alleviate poverty and to serve as a "safety and support net" for all Rockland County residents who have either lived in poverty all their lives or fallen into poverty due to unexpected circumstances?

You can help make a difference by picking up a Lenten offering box at Mass or at your Religious Education program. Your donations will help to prevent evictions, feed the hungry and address basic emergency needs in Rockland.

SACRED HEART PARISH

25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION MAY 17TH, 2026

On May 17, 2026, our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the **10:00am Mass**. 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.**

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:

AITANA MARTINEZ DE LOS SANTOS

Child of Rafael and Angelica

DYLAN GAEL AJUALIP HERNANDEZ

Child of William and Dolores

EDGAR MISAEL JACOME BAEZ

Child of Edgar and Cassandra



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

Biby, Andrew Bylec, John Bacchus, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Crelencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Margaret Conarty, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Mary Donato, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Mary Erskine, Mary Fraser, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, Mary Ellen Geelan, 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, 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, Joe Miraglio, 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, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Deacon Joseph Verboys, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Lissette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

MARCH 22, 2026

The Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of DAVE ECKERT



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



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, MARCH 21

9:00am – † Frankie Simone

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

5:30pm – † Patricia Diamond

7:15pm – Aura Ramirez (Cumpleanos)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:30am – † Thomas Howard

10:00am – † Dennis O'Connell

11:30am – † Joan cummings & Elaine Dusold

4:00pm – † Dayanira De Oliveira

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:00am – † Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

9:00am – †

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7:00am – † Debra D'Avanzo Tiagwad

9:00am – † Robert Heintzelman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00am – † Cruz Bonilla

9:00am – † Teresa Schmitt

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

7:00am – † Fr. Acacio Pinto Garcia, OAR

9:00am – † Marc Pierre Thevenot

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00am – † James Edward Cheeseman

9:00am – † Eugene & Rose Magurno

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

8:15pm – Via Crucis

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am – † M.L. George Murichken

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

5:30pm – † Frank A. Battaglia

7:15pm – † Edy Romelio Lool Patzán

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 **PALM SUNDAY**

8:30am – † Erlindo Ocampo

10:00am – † Charles Picarelli

11:30am – † Palma & Henry Heck

4:00pm – † Adolfo Degante Flores

5:30pm - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial