

# Sacred Heart Church

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

**May 8, 2016**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end."*

*...Revelation 22:13*





**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 10:00AM, 12:00PM  
 1st Sunday 8:00 AM Italian/English Mass  
**Monday-Saturday:** 9:00 AM in the Chapel  
**Holy Days of Obligation:** Mass times will be listed in the bulletin on the Sunday prior to the holy day.

**Pastoral and Administrative Staff**

Rev. Andrew Kurzyna, Pastor  
 Rev. Clifford Ekwueme, Parochial Vicar  
 Peter R.C. Haight, Deacon  
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 Deacon John Sadowski - Parish Business Manager  
 Mrs. Wendy Timperio, Secretary

**Sacred Heart Regional School**

24 South Robinson Avenue 845-561-1433  
<http://shsnewburgh.org>  
 Mrs. Lori DiMarco-Evanko, Principal  
 Mrs. Beth DaSilva, School Secretary

**Sacred Heart Religious Education Program**

24 South Robinson Avenue 845-561-2589  
 Mrs. Lynda Piper, Coordinator  
**Trustees**

Mr. Robert Ruckdeschel and Mrs. Maureen Nepl

**Sacred Heart Convent**

15 Stori Road 845-565-5034  
 Sr. Alba Danese, F.M.I., Pastoral Assistant  
 Sr. Anna Sasso, F.M.I., Pastoral Assistant

**PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place on the First Friday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Rosary** prayed following the 9:00 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday in the Chapel.

**Purgatorial Society Mass:** First Saturday at 9:00 AM

**Stations of the Cross:** (Lent Only) Fridays at 7:00 PM

**BULLETIN ITEMS**

Items you wish to place in the parish bulletin **MUST** be submitted, in writing, to the rectory by **4:00 PM** on **Mondays for the following Sunday**. Email address is

**sacredheart.newburgh@verizon.net**

Every effort will be made to get your item in the bulletin in a timely manner and as space allows.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** Communal celebrations of Baptism take place on the first and third Sundays at 2:00 PM. To arrange a Baptism, please call the Rectory. A Baptismal Instruction Session is required before the Baptism. Because Godparents play an important role in the child's Christian life and education, Godparents must be practicing Catholics who have been confirmed, are at least 14 years of age and, if married, must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. If there is a question about the suitability of someone to be a Godparent, please call the Rectory before asking the person to be a Godparent.

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of Penance takes place on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 PM. At other times, the person should make the request directly to a priest.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples should contact the Rectory at least six months in advance. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** If a parishioner is in the hospital or homebound, please contact the Rectory. Arrangements can be made for the person to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, Holy Communion can be brought to our homebound parishioners.

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

Parishioner registration is important to the parish as well as the parishioner. All parishioners are encouraged to register. Once you have registered and continue to participate by attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist regularly; you will find it helpful for the enrollment of children in the Religious Education Program, and to obtain the necessary documents to become a Godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation.

If you would like to register please stop by the rectory during regular business hours. Monday thru Friday 9am to 4pm.

If you are presently receiving envelopes and would like them discontinued please call the rectory and we will assist you. (845-561-2264)

**KEEPING UP WITH EXPENSES**

The parish effort to closely manage day to day expenses continues. However, expenses such as utilities, property insurance and our archdiocesan assessment for central services (in some months totaling as much as \$15,000) put a strain on our ability to keep current with all expenses. Our objective is to achieve that goal without any assistance from the Archdiocese. The continued generosity of every parishioner and increased giving whenever possible will make that possible. Thank you for your continued support.

**SILENCE IS GOLDEN and APPRECIATED**

Our Eucharistic Community invite you to be **"FULLY PRESENT"** during our Mass, we ask that you kindly turn off **all** electronic devices. Thank you for your cooperation.



<b>MONDAY, May 9</b>	
9:00	Salvatore Chillemi
<b>TUESDAY, May 10</b>	
9:00	Castrenze Amato
<b>WEDNESDAY, May 11</b>	
9:00	Catherine Clark
<b>THURSDAY, May 12</b>	
9:00	Trina Rosario
<b>FRIDAY, May 13</b>	
9:00	Stephen Prokosch Jr.
<b>SATURDAY, May 14</b>	
9:00	<i>Robert Kopcho</i>
5:00	1. Sharon Cox 2. Rosemarie Moffa 3. Irene Parisi
<b>SUNDAY, May 15</b>	
10:00	(no intentions listed) <b>Adult Confirmation</b>
12:00	Concetta Rosmarino <b>REP First Communion</b>

**UPCOMING EVENT**

Please see the bulletin for more information as the date approaches

May 15 Pentecost Sunday Adult Confirmation 10am  
First Communion 12pm Mass

May 21 Cash-N-Cocktails Fr Gallo Hall 7pm

May 22 First Communion 10am and 12pm Masses

May 29 Catholic War Veterans Memorial Mass 10am

June 3 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart  
Parish Feast Day Mass at 9am

June 3 Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

June 3-5 Sacred Heart Italian Feast

June 10 Sacred Heart Regional School  
8th Gr. Graduation 6pm

June 22 Last Day of School Mass 9am

**R.C. I.A. News**

In our parish, the process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is available to anyone who would like to have the opportunity to learn about the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is open to any adult who is unbaptized, or a member of a denomination other than the Catholic Church, or a baptized Catholic who has not completed reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, (Eucharist and/or Confirmation).

The formal aspects of the RCIA program will take individuals through various stages of study, prayer, and spiritual formation culminating in baptism (for non- Christians) or full reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

If you know a man or woman who has expressed some personal interest in Catholicism please contact the rectory at (845-561-2264). Informal introductory sessions will acquaint the inquirer with the RCIA process and will be the first step in their journey of faith.

**Weekly Offering**

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Weekend April 30 & May 1 \$6595.00  
Second Collection \$1389.00

Attendance 863

**Catholic Daughters**

The Catholic Daughters will be meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh. We will have our traditional May crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother- followed by the recitation of the rosary. A short business meeting will follow in the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center. New members are always welcome. For further info call Maureen Kelly at 845-562-9462

**The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**

We have received 111 pledges with \$24,567.00 pledged. We are still \$31,933.00 short of our goal of \$56,500.00. If we go over our goal, 60% of that amount is given to the parish for our use! "Thank you" to all who have generously responded to the **Appeal**

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St. Anthony

**Festival  
of  
St. Anthony  
and  
Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**

*Our traditional St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival will take place on Friday, June 3 from 6 PM to 11 PM, Saturday, June 4 from 4 PM to 11 PM and Sunday, June 5 from 1 PM to 6 PM. There will be fun for the whole parish and community- delicious food, games with prizes and children's activities.*

*On Sunday, June 5th, our traditional procession in honor of St. Anthony and Our lady of Mount Carmel, will take place immediately following the 12 Noon Mass. A Special invitation is extended to the children of our REP and school to walk in the Procession.*

*Children who received their First Holy Communion this year may honor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony by wearing their Communion outfits as a symbol of their innocence and closeness to God.*

*Please come out and support this wonderful tradition in our Parish.*



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Pot of Gold Raffle**

Once again our annual **Pot of Gold Raffle** is underway! Raffle books have been mailed.

Tickets will also be sold before and after all Masses on the weekend and are available at the rectory during regular office hours.

**1st Prize \$2,500  
2nd Prize \$1,000  
3rd Prize \$500**

Drawing will be held on **Sunday, June 5, 2016**

**6:00 PM  
St. Anthony - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
Italian Feast.**

**3rd Annual Cash-N-Cocktails**

It's that time again! Please buy one or more raffle tickets to this memorable event sponsored by the Sacred Heart PTO and help support Sacred Heart School. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$100 each, with prizes as follows\*:

Grand Prize \$10,000  
2nd Prize \$2,500  
3rd Prize \$1,000

Tickets are available now and each ticket admits two to a reception, to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, 7-10pm in Father Gallo Hall, where the winning tickets will be drawn. Please contact Mary Gould(914-805-2332) or Dr. Gina Cook(845-541-4216) or e-mail ptosacredheart@gmail.com \*If<200 tickets are sold prize becomes 50/50 with one prize only. **You do not need to be present to win!**

**REP Notes**

***This year our second grade students will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Sunday Mass during the month of May. Our parish family will celebrate with these students and their families.***

***First Holy Communion will take place at the following masses:***

***May 1 Sacred Heart School 10am  
May 15 REP 12pm  
May 22 REP 10am and 12 pm***

***Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.***



The following parishioners are in need of our prayers

Charles and Joanna Armanda, Donna Bohomne, Deacon Dominick Casadone, Pam Denisi, Theresa Di Chiaro, Janie Favoino, Marty Finnerty, Catherine Fossella, Bernadette Gallagher, Pat Garziona, Barrington Green, Ingrassia and Brenda Hermida, Frank Honkus, Deacon Larry Kawula, Frances Marino, Tom Marino, Joann Fayo-Perry, Gloria Presutti, Raymond Shideler, Wendy Timperio, Mary Venticenque, Marc Verlinger, Rudy Warren, Keith Weber, Patricia Young

*We ask family members of those on our prayer list to please call the Rectory Office (561-2264) to confirm that these names should continue to remain on our list. (revised November 1, 2015)*

**Fatima's Centennial Tour Of Peace**

*The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years.*

*St. Francis of Assisi Church, in Newburgh is hosting the tour on May 16, 2016. A special Mass will be held at 5:30pm. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might never be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you!*

*Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on St. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community.*

*Contact (St. Francis, 845-561-1317) for more information.*

**Thank You**

The adult Faith Formation Senior Breakfast, on Saturday April 30, was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all those who helped make it a success. Rockland Bakery for their donation of assorted pastry, donuts, muffins and croissants; parishioners who baked breads, cookies and scones; and Adams Fairacre Farms for their donation of flowers for each table. Thank you also, to the representative from the Office of the Aged who provided pamphlets and information on the services that are available for senior citizens. We look forward to next year's breakfast.

**Adopt A Baby Shower**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a baby shower during the month of May. Baskets will be at the doors of the church to accept your donations. Please see the flyer that is inserted in this week's bulletin for further information. Your donations will be given to our Catholic Charities outreach which operates on Tuesday mornings in our Activities building.

**MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES**

Please remember the following members of the armed services in your prayers

- Maj. Benjamin Jackman, US Army
- PV 2 C. J. Kozlik US Army
- Pfc. Nicholas Kozlik US Marines
- Lt. Thomas O. Mennerich US Navy
- Lt. Abby K. Mennerich US Navy
- AA Nicholas Mossa US Navy

We ask that family members of those on our **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICE** prayer list call the Rectory Office (561-2264) to confirm that these names should continue to remain on our list.

**College Fair**

Our Lady of Lourdes High School College Fair will take place this Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Find the college that is the right for you! Our Lady of Lourdes High School invites all parents and students to its annual college fair. The fair will run from 7pm till 8:30pm. Representatives from over 55 colleges and universities will be available to speak with students and parents regarding academic offerings, admissions profiles, student life, athletics, financial aid and more. Everyone is welcome!! For more information, visit [www.ollchs.org](http://www.ollchs.org).

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

**REVISITING OUR BAPTISM**

A mere seven weeks ago thousands of new Church members were baptized. Their new life in Christ has once again infused new life into the Church. Their new-found faith has inspired and bolstered the faith of those who have followed Christ for many years. As the Easter season nears its end, we revisit the scene of our baptisms. In the second reading we hear Christ calling us: “Come. . . . Let . . . the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water” (Revelation 22:17).

But our baptism is not one of water only. John refers to washed robes, and we know that this washing is to be “in the blood of the Lamb.” To make sure we get this message, we have today’s first reading from Acts. It is the story of Stephen, the first Christian to be killed for his faith in Jesus. We remember the promise and also the cost of being a disciple of Christ.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

**Second Reading** — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

**Gospel** — Father, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one, that they may be brought to perfection (John 17:20-26).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. This encouragement for creativity has deep roots in our tradition, and some attempts at reform show great promise. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ’s passion, a contemplative experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a *Via Lucis*, or “Way of Light,” has developed as a companion to the *Via Crucis*. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the Apostles’ wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime!

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**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER**

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United each day, throughout the year, we pray for the members of our beloved clergy here in the Orange County Vicariate:

- May 9 Rev. Robert Traudt, O.Carm.  
Rev. Mark Connell
- May 10 Rev. Mark Nacarato  
Deacon Dennis White
- May 11 Rev. Joseph Fallon  
Rev. Augustine Grapp, O.Carm.
- May 12 Rev. Joseph Komonchak  
Deacon Leonard Farmer
- May 13 Rev. John Vondras  
Rev. Msgr. Bayani Valenzuela
- May 14 Vocations and Seminarians
- May 15 Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro

Father, in your plan of salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers to your altars, ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. To those clergy among us who have answered your call, grant joy and perseverance in your service. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son and Eternal High priest. Amen