

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

## Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic Faith Community of Sacred Heart of Jesus welcomes all! Guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through Eucharist, Worship, Education and Service.

We are committed to build the Kingdom of God in our world.

*Sacred Heart is not just a parish—it's a way of life.*

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil—5:00pm  
Sunday  
8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon  
Monday—Saturday at 9:00am  
Holydays  
Eve of Holyday at 7:30pm  
Holyday at 9:00am & 12 Noon

## Devotions

**Rosary:** Monday—Saturday before 9:00am Mass

## Miraculous Medal Novena:

Mondays after 9:00am Mass

**Thursdays:** Holy Hour for Vocations 1-2pm  
Exposition, Rosary, Benediction

## First Friday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart Novena after 9:00am Mass  
Benediction at 10:00am

## First Saturday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Rosary-Fatima Devotions after 9 am Mass,  
Benediction 10am

## Confession

Saturdays 3:30pm—4:30pm/ Or by appointment

**Baptism: is celebrated at 12 pm on the Second Saturday and 2pm on the Third Sunday of each month.** Call to inquire & register.

## Marriage

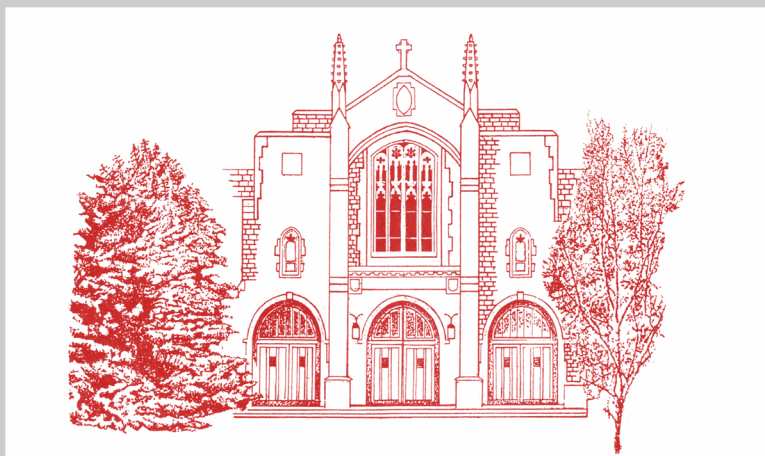
Arrangements must be made six months prior to the wedding. Contact rectory for details.

## Anointing/Communion for the Sick

Anointing of the seriously ill: call rectory.  
Communion for the homebound: call S. Kathleen.

## Rectory Office Hours—Daily

open 9:45 to 1pm closed 1pm to 2pm  
open 2pm to 4:30pm  
By appointment Saturdays and evenings



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

215-35 38th Avenue

Bayside, NY 11361

718-428-2200 718-428-5840 (fax)

[www.sacredheartbayside-queens.org](http://www.sacredheartbayside-queens.org)

[www.facebook.com/SHBayside](https://www.facebook.com/SHBayside)

Twitter: @SHBayside

## Pastoral Staff

718-428-2200

- Rev. Msgr., Thomas C. Machalski, Jr., Pastor
- Deacon Kevin Hughes, (Part-Time)
- Deacon John DeBiase, (Retired)
- Sr. Kathleen Masterson RSM, Pastoral Associate  
(718-631-4804 & press 6) [siskate913@gmail.com](mailto:siskate913@gmail.com)

## School

- Mrs. Alexandra Conlan, Principal 718-631-4804

## Religious Education

- Mrs. Georgette Lyons, Director 718-631-1307

## Music Ministry

- Mrs. Angelina Fusco, Director 718-428-2200

## Parish Pastoral Council

Mrs. Marianne Cooney, Facilitator

## Parish Secretary

Ms. Catherine Sorge 718-428-2200

Fifth Sunday of Easter—April 28, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 27th

5:00 Dennis Donoghue (Family)

### Sunday, April 28th

8:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

10:00 Collective Mass

Charles DeBenedittis (Fressle Family)

Intentions of Stanley Oles

(John & Jeannie Machalski)

John Bubolich (Dunham Family)

Nancy Maniscalco (Family)

Deceased Members of the Heslin & Maguire Families (Maguire Family)

Jacinta Egan (McAuley Family)

Charles Caminiti (Calviello Family)

12:00 Rita Rogers (Family)

### Monday, April 29th

9:00 Fred Koury (Davi Family)

**7:30 St. Peregrine Novena**

### Tuesday, April 30th

9:00 Raymond Stankes

(Joseph & Janis Machalski)

**7:30 St. Peregrine Novena**

### Wednesday, May 1st

9:00 Dec. Members of the Espinel Family  
(Pastor Family)

**7:30 St. Peregrine Mass**  
**(Celebrant Bishop DiMarzio)**

### Thursday, May 2nd

9:00 Josephine Gulino (Family)

### Friday, May 3rd

9:00 Demarista Fusco (Cardone Family)

### Saturday, May 4th

9:00 Romolo Catalano (Family)

5:00 Francesco Davi (Davi Family)

### Sunday, May 5th

8:00 Allan Paliotta (Cardone Family)

10:00 Collective Mass

Catherine Lyons (Lyons Family)

Joseph Furci (Sandi Furci)

Anka Selestrin (Family)

Mary Smircich (Family)

Intentions of Mary Ann Oles

(John & Jeanne Machalski)

Lucila Tofino De Toro

(Diana Toro-Sepulveres)

Rose O'Connor & Annie Rowland

(Brady Family)

12:00 Victor Miozzi (Edie Miozzi)



Millie & Frank Pennachio, Trina Den,  
Marion Colegari, Msgr. Marchese, John  
Izzard, Gerry Vissar, & Daniel Mongelluzzo



Carolyn Walsh LaGrotta  
Andrew Staruch



The Altar Candles &  
Sanctuary Lamp for this  
Week's liturgies are  
offered  
In Memory of  
James Dulligan  
(Carol Marian)

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Group will meet on  
**Tuesday, May 7th, at 7:30 pm** in the Church  
Hall. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of  
each month. For information contact Sr.  
Kathleen Masterson at 718--631-4804 & press  
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Item 1

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Saturday, May 4- 11:00 a.m.-  
FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, May 5- 10 A.M. Mass-  
MAY CROWNING

Thursday May 9- ASCENSION THURSDAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>-  
ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD of  
DEACON TOBE OFFIAH-  
St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Brooklyn.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> – FEAST of the SACRED  
HEART of JESUS- DAY of PRAYER for the  
SANCTIFICATION of the CLERGY-  
ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT  
- AFTER FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS until  
3:00 P.M.- At 3:00 P.M.- Chaplet of Divine  
Mercy and Benediction.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - Father Tobe will  
return to Sacred Heart to offer a Mass  
of Thanksgiving and impart his first  
priestly blessing to us at the 12 P.M.  
Mass. A light reception will follow in  
the Church Hall.

Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>-  
7:00 P.M.- GRADUATION MASS

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>-  
7:00 P.M.- GRADUATION

Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>-  
CONFIRMATION- 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M.  
– Most Rev. Witold Mroziewski, D.D.

### Item 2

EASTER DUTY – After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent (February 18, 2024) to Pentecost (May 19, 2024).

### Item 3

## STARTING TOMORROW..

April 29-30-May 1- TRIDUUM to ST. PEREGRINE- PATRON SAINT of THOSE WITH CANCER- April 29-30-May 1. ON APRIL 29 and 30 we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- pray the Rosary- pray the Litany to St. Peregrine- a brief reflection-Benediction and blessing with the Relic of St. Peregrine. On Monday, April 29 our guest homilist will be The Very Reverend Joseph G. Fonti, V.F., Director of the Office of Priestly Life and Ministry, Dean of Deanery Queens 4 and Pastor of St. Mel's, Flushing. On Tuesday, April 30, our homilist will be The Very Reverend John J. Costello, V. E., Regional Episcopal Vicar of Queens East and Pastor of St. Luke's, Whitestone. On May 1, The Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn will celebrate Mass during which we will also administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick especially for those who are suffering from cancer.

You may also come to pray for those who have lost their lives to this dreaded disease during these days as well. There will be a bulletin board set up where you can pin a picture of someone who has died from cancer. A basket in which you can place the names of those for whom you would like us to pray during these days will be placed in front of the altar. Please plan to join us in prayer on these days and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us too!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Item 4

A word of thanks to parishioner Salvatore Perrone for his generous gift of \$1,000.00 toward the bill associated with the cleaning of all the light fixtures in the church. May God bless him for his generosity!

### Item 5

We are entering the month of May, a month which is particularly dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please take the time to say the Rosary each day this month and ask Her for Her intercession in helping young men and women discern the call to the priesthood and consecrated life and, as Queen of Peace, for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. In addition, to the Rosary, we will pray the Litany of Loreto during our Holy Hour each Thursday during the month of May.

### Item 6

Starting on **Mother's Day, May 12**, we will offer our annual **Mother's Day Novena of Masses** for all those women-living and deceased- who are enrolled in the novena.. You may remember all those women- mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and others who shower/showered you with motherly affection and have blessed you throughout your life-living and deceased. Envelopes for this purpose are in the packet you receive in the mail. Extra envelopes are located in the back of the church.. If you would like to send a Mother's Day Novena card to someone informing them that they will be remembered in the Novena of Masses, they are available in the back of the church.. Please have all these intentions returned to us by May 9.

### Item 7

**On Sunday, May 19- the Solemnity of Pentecost, our parish will have the honor of hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima from 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. The Rosary will be said after the 8:00 A.M. Mass and there will be a short talk on the history of Our Lady and the apparitions at Fatima after the 10 A.M. Mass.**

### Item 8

Thursday afternoon Holy Hours will resume beginning this Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 P.M.

### Item 9

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS- 1550 HENDRIKSON STREET-BROOKLYN-** All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to attend with their families. Special recognition will be given to those celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please contact Monsignor to register to participate in this celebration. The fee per couple is \$35.00.

### Item 10

#### ACA 2024 HAS BEGUN!

Our goal is the same as last year- \$91,954.00.

70 parishioners have already responded to the 2024 ACA and pledged \$74,580.00 and paid \$66,645.00. Of Course, as in the past, one parishioner made a pledge of \$30,000 and paid the pledge in one payment for which, I am, as always, very grateful.to that parishioner and those who have made a pledge thus far.

Again, many thanks to those who have already participated in ACA 2024 by making a pledge. If you have never made a pledge before to the ACA please consider making this year, the first year, you participate and make a pledge.

### Item 11

117 parishioners and friends have contributed to the appeal regarding the installation of the new A/C system, the fence around the parking lot and the eventual installation of the security cameras., thus far donating \$107,375.00. THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this project thus far. May God reward you for your goodness.



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**  
Continued

**Item 12**

When making your last will and testament please remember your parish. Your parish will be grateful to you and remember you in our prayers.

**Item 13**

Pass along the good word about Sacred Heart Catholic Academy. Registration for the Fall is going on now! For more information call the Principal, Mrs. Conlan at 718-631-4804.

Special dates/celebrations this week:

April 28- **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Orthodox Palm Sunday**

April 29- **St. Catherine of Siena**  
**First Day of Triduum to**  
**St. Peregrine**

April 30- **St. Pius V**  
**Last Day of Passover**  
**Second Day of Triduum to**  
**St. Peregrine**

May 1- **St. Joseph the Worker**  
**International Worker's Day**  
**Closing Mass of Triduum to**  
**St. Peregrine**

May 2- **St. Athanasius**  
**National Day of Prayer**

May 3- **SS. Philip & James**  
**Our Lady, Queen of Poland**  
**Birthday of**  
**Blessed Carlo Acutis**  
**Orthodox Good Friday**  
**First Friday**

May 4- **First Saturday**  
**First Holy Communion**

**MAY CROWNING**  
&



**FAMILY MASS**  
**WILL BE CELEBRATED**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5th at 10 AM MASS**  
Please bring a flower to place in front  
of our blessed Mother Statue.

**SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS**  
**GROUP MEETING**

We invite parents/guardians with children/ adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM on:  
**Tuesday, May 7th & Monday, June 3rd**  
For information contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at shreligiousdbay-side@yahoo.com

**CLOW MASS**

**Join us on the following Sundays at**  
**10 AM Mass**

**May 12, (Mother's Day)**  
**June 16**

**What is CLOW?**

During mass, after the opening prayer, children Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to go to the church hall to hear the readings of the day proclaimed and explained in age appropriate language. The children rejoin their families during the preparation of the gifts at the offertory. *Younger children are often accompanied by their parents.*

# EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We are grateful to the following families  
who generously donated to the Easter  
Flower collection.

**Mrs. Virginia Anderson**

**Ms. Rosalie Arana**

**Dr. & Mrs Nicasio I. Arana**  
In Memory of Felix Medel, Arturo Arana,  
Marielina Medel, Reinfredo Arano

**Eliana Arcila**  
In Memory of Orlando Arcila, Rosalba  
Agudelo, Nohelia Arcila, Guillermo  
Saldaniga

**Mr. & Mrs. R. Bassolino**  
In Memory of The Hoffmann & Bassolino  
Families

**Joseph & Judy Becker**  
In Memory of Joseph G. & Mary Becker,  
Christopher Becker, William & Alma Rit-  
man, Sarah Anne Becker, George  
Blomquist, Jadwiga Stefanskaxz

**Mary & Jim Bitetto**  
In Memory of Anne & James Shield, Noreen  
& James Bitetto

**Ms. Loretta Boehm**

**The Brady Family**  
In Memory of Hugh, Patrick & John Brady,  
Rosemary Lynn

**Mr. & Mrs. Vito Carone**  
In Memory of Leonardo Carone, Benedetto  
Cucinella, Anna Carone, Luigi Carone, Ma-  
ria Cucinella

**Mrs. Romolo Catalano**  
In Memory of Mary & Anthony Miceli, Donta-  
to & Liberata Catalano, Romolo Catalano,  
Eisha Klufas

**Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Cevone**  
In Memory of Benita Cervone

**Mr. Raul Chappell & Family**

**Cecelia Peng-Clapso**  
In Memory of Jennie & Michael Clapso,  
Catherine Ferrara, Paul Clapso, Domenick  
F. Clapso, Nora & Rose Peng

**Marianne Cooney**  
The Cooney Family

**Mr. & Mrs. T. Cronin**  
In Honor of Carol Cronin, In Memory  
of ,Helen & Bill Hanig, Louise & Tom Cro-  
nin, Ellen & Charles Zummer, Erna & Wil-  
liam Hanig

**Teresa Cruz**  
In Memory of Jose Santiago Sulit, Dr. Flor-  
ence Golamco

**Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Dunham**  
In Memory of Helen Dunham, Robert Dun-  
ham, Judy Babich & Raymond Babich

**Mr. & Mrs. James Eckersall**  
In Memory of James F. Eckersall,  
Anthony Bari

**Mrs. Sylvester Evangelista**  
In Memory of Sylvester Evangelista

**Mr. & Mrs. W. Fernandez**  
In Memory of Garardo & Amalia Fernandez,  
Julito & Cora del Rosario, Ester R. Diamante

**Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fischer**  
In Memory of Bogdanowicz Family, Fischer  
Family, Klimkowski Family, Ring Family

**Mrs. Thomas A. Freeman**  
In Memory of Thomas Freeman, Josephine  
& Luigi DellaFera, Adele & Alfred Freem &  
Russell, Andrew Abraham

**Mr. Ethan Fuster**  
In Memory of Ralph Fuster, Evelyn Oldfield,  
Edward Oldfield, Lolly walker

**Ms. Grace Giambrone**

**Mr. Edward Gonzales -In Memory of Sandra  
Smith-Gonzales, Denzil Gonzales, Martin  
Denzil Gonzales, Ruth Superville**

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Mr. Victor Gorman  
In Memory of Florida Paez

Camille & Jennifer Gramlich  
In Memory of Robert F. Gramlich, Helen  
Gallella, Salvator Gallella, Mary DiConza,  
Robert J. Gramlich

Ms. MaryAnne Grossi  
In Memory of Lora Grossi, Ann Carragher,  
Aidan Carragher

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Heavey  
In Memory of Glynn & O'Sullivan Family,  
Heavey & Raitano Family, Kristina Com-  
marato

Ms. Barbara F. Hessler  
In Memory of Frances & Arnold Sr. Robec-  
chi

Mrs. Kathleen Hoag  
In Memory of Alice Williams, James Wil-  
liams, Jack Hoag

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Holewa  
In Memory of Judy Holewa & Walter Holewa

Gisele Kalenka  
In Memory of Richard, Jeffrey & Gary Kalen-  
ka

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Kenny  
In Memory of John & Ann Jennings

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kho  
In Memory of Robinson Cie, Choa Sy Long,  
Po Tee Ong Kho, Kho King Ting, Adela Yu

Mr. Charles Leiser  
In Memory of Ellen I. Leiser, Lloyd P.  
Leiser, Katherine Leiser

Joyce Leonard

Mr. & Mrs. Jon E. Lontok

Emily Mosberg  
In Memory of Harold Mosberg, Peter, Mary  
Katheryn & Peter T. Conticelli

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Vito Mossa

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel McKeon  
In Memory of Mrs Marie Fusti, Ernest &  
Mary Jane Fusi, Ambrose & Peggy McKeon,  
Tom Spinosa, Anna Bilello, George O'Mara,  
Peter Ciccone

Dorothy & Joseph Nemeth- Members of  
Born & Nemeth Families, Andrew Falcetti

Mrs. R. O'Donohue  
In Memory of Lt. Col. Raymond O'Donohue

Mr. & Mrs. Donald O'Neil

Mr. & Mrs. Marc Palumbo  
In Memory of Sean Misciagna, Thomas  
LoMacchio, Rose LoMacchio, Ann Smigel-  
ski

Mr. & Mrs. George Pastor -In Memory of Oc-  
tavio Pastor, Paquita De Pastor, Max Dos  
Santos, Leonor De Jalon

Mrs. Janice Petrovits

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Racan

Sal Romano—In Memory of Sal Romano,  
Luigi Camarotta

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Romano

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sanicola

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sauer  
In Memory of Josheph N. Fristachi, Carmela  
Fristachi, Catherine Sauer, Robert T. Sauer

Ms. Elena Estuita-Shah  
In Memory of Rafaela & Felimon, Marrisol &  
Milo, Maxima & Isabele, Constancio &  
Serafin

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Socci -In Memory of  
Cecilia Socci

Ms. Roberta M. Stark  
In Memory of Living & Deceased Members  
of Stark Family

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Mrs. Michelle Sullivan  
In Memory of Helen Anderson

Ms. Maria Clara Tangorra  
In Memory of Luigi & Antonina DiPietro, Antonio DiPietro, Clara DiPietro, Rita DiPietro

Thomas J. Valenti  
In Memory of Antoinette & Gabriel T. Valenti

Mr. & Mrs. David Valerio  
In Memory of David Valerio, Sr.

Mrs. Chris Vasilas  
In Memory of Angela Kinnally

Mrs. Teresa Veliz  
In Memory of Enrique Veliz

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Warman

Steven & Cecilia  
In Memory of Louie W. Caliguri, Zheng-Hu Peng

Joan Peng & Helen  
In Memory of Noah & Rose Peng, Zheng-Hu Peng, Li-Xin Shiao & Dong-Zhou Wu

## SENIOR CLUB

Our senior club meets every other Wednesday in the lower church from 11:30 to 3 PM. Enter on 215th Place.

**Group meets on the following dates: May, 8 & 22  
June, 5 & 19**

**SOCIAL HOUR** takes place from 11:30 to 12:30 with coffee, tea and pastries available.

### GENERAL MEETING

begins at 12:30 with announcements and a true 50/50 drawing.

**BINGO AND OTHER VARIOUS Table Games** begin at 12:45 and continue until closing at 3:00PM

**For information call  
Sr. Kathleen at 718-631-4080 press 6**

## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy is celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education and has been named Best of Bayside for Education. We are excited to continue with the dedication to Faith, Service and Excellence in Academics that began so long ago. We are thankful to all of the Sacred Heart community for supporting us.



The Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

WALK A THON will take place on

FRIDAY, MAY 10th.

Sponsor Opportunities are available to interested families or businesses. Banners with your family name or business will be affixed to the fencing in front of the school. Those taking Higher Sponsorship levels will be mentioned on our Social Media pages with links to your business site. This is the link to fill out the online form.

<https://forms.gle/eF3j867s8KZmXGQP7>

Visit our webpage, [Sacredheartbayside.org](http://Sacredheartbayside.org), to view the form. Forms will also be available at the back of the Church. Thank you so much for your support. We are grateful to the Sacred Heart community for always supporting the academy endeavors.

Mrs. Alexandra Conlan, Principal  
Sacred Heart Catholic Academy of Bayside  
718-631-4804

**AA BEGINNERS MEETING**

**ST. JOSAPHAT CHURCH, BAYSIDE**

Are you having trouble at work or in your relationship at home? Do you think alcohol might have something to do with it? Are you afraid the answer may be yes? **AA Beginners Meeting Every Friday evening from 7:30to 8:30pm** at St. Josaphat Church, 34-32 210th St., Bayside (enter 210th St.) Call 914-393-3122 for info..

**ST. JOSAPHAT'S CHURCH**

210th & 35th Avenue, Bayside

**ANNUAL "Day at the Races"**

May 2, 2024 Cost \$20.00

Doors open 11:30 , lunch served with 6 races to follow Reservations call Joy 917-921-7631.

**PLEASE JOIN**

**BRIDGE TO LIFE**

**32nd Anniversary GALA**

**Honoring**

**Deacon Kevin McCormack**

**Superintendent of Catholic Schools**

**in Brooklyn & Queens**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**Leonards Palazzo**

**555 Northern Blvd.**

**Great Neck , N. Y. 11021**

**Music Dancing Raffles 50/50**

**Tickets \$125.00 per person**

**You may also register at**

**[www.thebridgetolife.org](http://www.thebridgetolife.org)**

**For information call 718-463-1810**

**FLUSHING FIRST FRIDAY CLUB**

The Club will meet at 12 Noon on May 3rd at Verdi's of Whitestone for the Celebration of Mass followed by lunch. Our speaker is Rev. Frank Tumino, Pastor of St. Augustine-St. Francis Xavier Parish

**MINI**

**CONCERT &**

**ROSARY**

**BROOKLYN DIOCESAN CHOIR**

**SACRED HEART R C CHURCH**

**83-17 78TH AVENUE**

**GLENDALE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND 7:30 PM**

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING**

**The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville**

**Celebrate**

**Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event**

**Thursday, June 13th at**

**The Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury.**

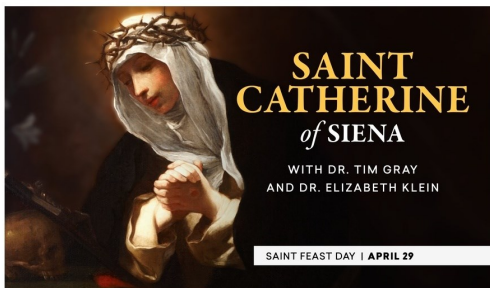
**Keynote Speaker is S.Christine Sammons, OP, Coordinator of parish Social Ministry at St. Bernard's Church in Levittown, N. Y.**

**Each year our program celebrates the beauty of the spirit of women—their strength, compassion & wisdom. Our guests enjoy fantastic auctions and raffles. Proceeds from this event are for the renovation of the 3rd & 4th floors of the Motherhouse in Amityville. For information contact Office of Advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 246**



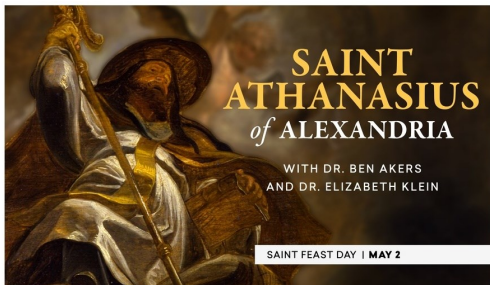
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 28, 2024



## Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



## Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



## Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

## Human Beings, Not Human Doings

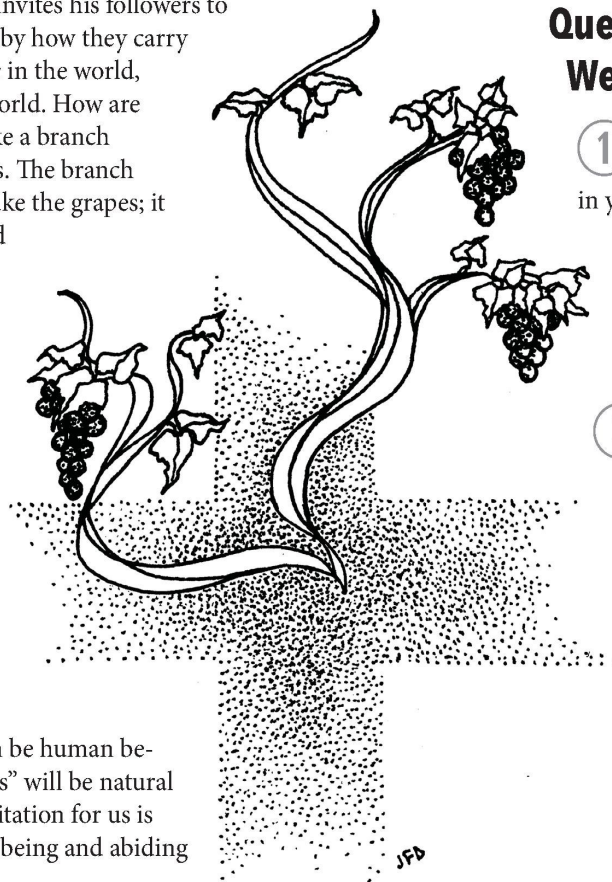
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Acts 9:26-31 - Saul visits Jerusalem
- ▶ 1 John 3:18-24 - The actions of believers
- ▶ John 15:1-8 - The vine and the branches

We hear often from John's Gospel during the Easter season, and Jesus' message to us includes many invitations to abide, rest, and remain in him. The other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke have Jesus giving us many directions for the actions we should be taking as his followers: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love your enemies, forgive others repeatedly, turn the other cheek, etc. They are Gospels for "human doings." John's Gospel, on the other hand, is a Gospel for "human beings."

In John, Jesus repeatedly invites his followers to express their discipleship by how they carry themselves—how they *are* in the world, not what they *do* in the world. How are we to be in the world? Like a branch on a grape vine, Jesus says. The branch doesn't *do* anything to make the grapes; it simply remains connected to the vine and allows itself to be pruned. If the branch stays connected, all it has to do in order to bear fruit is to be open while God works the miracle of creating the grapes.

Jesus is calling us to trust that if we do our primary "work" of remaining in him and allowing him to remain in us, then God's works will automatically flow through us. If we can be human beings first, then our "doings" will be natural outcomes of that. The invitation for us is to relax into that sense of being and abiding with Jesus.



## Questions of the Week

- 1 Which do you more naturally gravitate toward in your sense of discipleship: "doing" things or "being" a particular way? Put another way, are you naturally more active or contemplative?
- 2 When you consider abiding with/remaining with/resting in Jesus, what comes to mind for you? How might you build more time for that into your life?

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