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

Saturdays at 12:00pm. 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 Closed Sundays



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9th

5:00 Antoinette & Michael Scicutella Angela Scicutella & Helen Schleimer)

Sunday, December 10th

8:00 Deceased Members of the Glynn & O'Sullivan Families (Heavey Family)

10:00 Anton & Mare Maracich (Ann Maracich)
Christian & Katrin & Family) (Living)
(M. Cortes)
Mallory Kate Pintteiro
(Diane M. Frattine)
Josephine Della Fera (Freeman Family)
Thomas Freeman (Freeman Family)
Mary & Ron Hughes (Maguire Family)

12:00 Mary & James O'Donnell (Family)

Monday, December 11th

9:00 Luis Echeverria (Pastor Family)

Tuesday, December 12th

9:00 Octavio & Paquita Pastor (Pastor Family)

Wednesday, December 13th

9:00 Deceased Members of the Rutigliano Family (Campbell Family)

Thursday, December 14th

9:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Friday, December 15th

9:00 Rev. Msgr. George T. Deas

Saturday, December 16th

9:00 Peter Cammisa (Family)

5:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, December 17th

8:00 Catherine Raitano (Mike & Sheila Heavey)

10:00 Thomas C. Machalski, Sr.
Dinka & Nicholas Feretic
(Daughter, Lucy & Family)
Rosemary Chapple (Friend)
Patrick Shea, Sr. (Eileen DePaolo)
Virginia Fisher (Family)
Frances Carroll (Fressle Family)

12:00 Lt. Col. Raymond V. O'Donohue (Wife, Sherri)



Please remember

in your prayers those who are ill especially

Millie & Frank Pennachio, Trina Den, Marion Colegari, Mason McCulloch, Fanta Figueroa, Frank Caselli & Sr. Ave Clark

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED





The Bread & Wine for this week's liturgies are offered In Memory of

Thomas Freeman
(McLaughlin Family)

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Group will meet on **Tuesday, January 2, 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 6.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Item 1

Today's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please donate to help thousands of elderly religious individuals retire with dignity. Your donation will provide essential care, medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades—usually for little or no pay. Let us show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much.

Item 2

All are invited to take home some blessed straw/hay to place in their Nativity scene which is available near the altar of St. Joseph.

Item 3

CHRISTMAS NOVENA of MASSES--You may enroll both the living and deceased family and friends in the Christmas Novena. All the Masses of Christmas and the Octave of Christmas will be offered for the names submitted to us on the envelopes. Envelopes for this purpose are in your envelope packet and are also available around the Church. Please have these back to us by December 22nd so we can prepare them to be placed in the sanctuary on Christmas and throughout the Octave of Christmas.

Item 4

You may still contribute toward the cost of the Christmas Flowers and Decoration- for both inside and outside the church and church property. As in the past years those who donate \$30 or more will have their names and the name of the deceased in whose memory the donation was made or the name of the person in whose name the donation was made printed in a special insert in the bulletin after Christmas. Everyone always compliments the beauty of our church at Christmas, but we must remember that it does entail a cost to keep the church and church property looking festive for Christmas. Please be as generous as you can in this collection.

Item 5

The second collection next weekend, December 16-17 is for MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH. This envelope is for your special or extraordinary gift to the parish as we celebrate

Christmas and is dated December 17. It is DIFFERENT from the CHRISTMAS OFFERING envelope that is in your packet and dated December 25. Please be as generous as you can be in giving your parish a Gift this Christmas.

The Christmas OFFERING envelope is for the collection on Christmas Day and is the "regular" holyday offering.

THESE ARE TWO DIFFERENT COLLECTIONS on TWO DIFFERENT DATES with TWO DIFFERENT INTENTIONS/PURPOSES. This seems to always cause some confusion, so I hope this explanation clarifies the situation a bit. Thank you in advance for your generosity to our parish. May God reward you!

Item 6

NEXT SUNDAY......SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17-BAMBINELLI SUNDAY- At all the Masses on this weekend you are invited to bring your statue of the Infant Jesus from your home to be blessed.

Next weekend, envelopes with the Christmas wafer (OPŁATKI) to be shared by you and your families will be available in the back of the Church. Please take one home and make this part of your family's Christmas tradition. There will be a sheet explaining the custom in detail in the envelope.

For those who may be in need of more OPŁATKI than the one wafer in the envelope please see Msgr. Tom or stop by the rectory office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: RECONCILATION MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM.

Item 7

Please remember that the Eucharistic Revival in our nation will culminate with a EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS to take place form July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Diocese is having a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress; please contact Peter's Way: Toll Free: (800) 225-7662; Phone: (516) 605-1551;

Email: peter@petersway.com.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Continued

Item 8

WE ARE OVER GOAL! WE ARE OVER GOAL!

WE have gone over goal in ACA 2023. I cannot, as your Pastor, thank you enough for your generous response to the annual appeal.

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

179 have pledged \$117,995.00 and paid \$113,322.45.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED YET PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO. ALL MONIES DONATED NOW COME BACK TO THE PARISH IN FULL SINCE WE ARE OVERGOAL AND ALSO INCREASE OUR RANK IN GIVING AMONG THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE! AS WE APPROACH THE END OF THE YEAR PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE ACA 2023 (WHICH WILL COME BACK TO US IN ITS ENTIRETY!)

PLEASE PAY OFF YOUR PLEDGE AS WE DRAW CLOSER TO THE END ON THE ANNUAL APPEAL SO THAT WE CAN RECEIVE ALL THE MONEY BACK THAT WE ARE OVER GOAL

Item 9

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 \$104,675.00. THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this project thus far. May God reward you for your goodness.

Item 10

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 11

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

Special dates/celebrations this week:
December 10- Second Sunday of Advent
International Human Rights Day

December 11- St. Damasus

December 12- FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE PATRONESS of the AMERICAS

December 13-St. Lucy-Patroness of those with Eye Difficulties

December 14- St. John of the Cross

December 15- last night of Hanukah

December 16- Simbang Gabi begins-- Simbang Gabi is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas.

Las Posadas begins- celebrated in Latin American countries between December 16 & 24 that commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph before the birth of Jesus.

Las Parrandas begins- The festival began in the 18th century when Father Francisco Vigil de Quiñones, who just so happened to be the priest of the Grand Cathedral of Remedios, was disappointed with the turnout for Midnight Maass. He gathered all the children from the village and provided them with jars, pans and wooden spoons the louder the utensil, the better. He implored the children to run around the streets making as much noise as possible. His goal was to encourage adults to attend the Midnight Masses the week before Christmas .Over the years, the tradition has grown and developed into the massive street party it has become today. Now, in the days before Christmas, Cuba erupts into an eclectic celebration of lights, lively gatherings and carnival inspired performances... Imagine conga groups, rumba dancing, decadent and colorful floats, bright lights and of course, one of the

most explosive and creative fire-

works displays. (taken from web-

site of Revolución de Cuba)

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

Begin by inviting family members to gather around the unlit Christmas Tree.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:



God of all creation, as we gather around this tree, we ask your blessing upon us.

(A family member should light the Tree, and another family member should place a new or special ornament on the Tree.)

May all who gather here with us enjoy the beauty of this tree, the warmth of laughter, and the gift of friendship.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LABYRINTH A PATH TO PEACE



Prayer Labyrinth

Labyrinth..a powerful archetypal symbol that can quiet the mind and soul.

Lost to history until recently, the Labyrinth is a life-changing tool for prayer and meditation. Labyrinths now serve the spiritual needs of those in diverse religious communities, health care facilities and retreat centers. They are used on school campuses to enhance concentration and creativity, in public parks to build community, and in memorial gardens to help during emotional turmoil. The Labyrinth benefits walker in many settings. Its only limits are our imaginations.

Come experience the labyrinth here at Sacred Heart during the week of January 21st.

It is located in the Church Hall and will be open at the following times:
January 21st, Sunday,
6 to 7:30PM
January 22 - 25th,
Monday thru Thursday:
9:30AM to 12 Noon
& 7:00 to 8:30PM

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



Blessing of the Christ Child Saturday, Dec., 16th & Dec., 17th at all masses.

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at home to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses the people and the figurines. All are invited To bring the Baby Jesus figure from home to mass on the above dates for the Blessing. (Blessing will be livestreamed)

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:

Thursday, January 11th Tuesday, February 13th Tuesday, March 19th

For information please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at shreligious-edbayside@yahoo.com

SENIOR CLUB

Our senior club meets every other Wednesday in the lower church from 11:30 to 3 PM. Enter on 215th Place. Mark your calendars for the following meeting dates:

December 13th
January 3rd, 17th & 31st.

SOCIAL HOUR takes place form 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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR INFORMATION CALL SISTER KATHLEEEN AT 718-631-4804 & Press 6

Lessons & Carols & Cookies
OH MY!
Brooklyn Diocesan Choir
Concert
Friday, Dec., 15, 2023 7:30 PM
Location
St. Kevin RC Church
45-21 194th Street
Flushing, N. Y.

\$20.00 suggested donation

FAMILY MASS

Our Family Masses are held on Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass.

The Family Mass schedule for the 2023/2024 school year follows:



January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2.

Please join us in the Church Hall after mass. Light refreshments will be served.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes have begun

Our program is for children in public or private schools. The Diocese requires two years of religious instruction to receive the Sacrament of Communion and Con-



firmation. This program is for children first thru eighth grade, older children and special needs children.

If you wish to register a child for classes, you can submit the registration form electronically by going to the Parish website, or call Mrs. Georgette Lyons, Director of Religious Education at 718-631-1307 or email shreligiousedbay-side@yahoo.com.

CLOW MASS

"Sometimes, moreover, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Word**, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant room. Then, before the **Eucharistic Liturgy** begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own liturgy of the word."

—Directory for Masses with Children, #17

The above permission, which appeared in 1973, lies behind a phenomenon which has emerged in many Catholic parishes over the past few years, namely the celebration of a separate Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during Sunday mass.

Please join us on the following Sundays at the 10:00 mass.

What is CLOW?

During mass, after the opening prayer, children Pre-K through 6th 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.

Join us on the following Sundays:

January 21, February 11, March 10, April 21, May 12, (Mother's Day) June 16



Sacred Heart Catholic Academy Is Celebrating Its 100 Year Anniversary!

We are excited to share some of the festivities we have planned! Please save the date for the following celebration.

Tickets are now on sale.

Ticket and sponsorship information are available on flyers in the back of the Church and on our website: sacredheartbayside.org.

Space is limited, so please purchase your tickets soon.

We hope that you will join us for this special celebration!

100th Anniversary Gala

Friday, January 26, 2024—6:30—10:30 PM
The Inn at New Hyde Park
Honoring: Our school's founders, The Sisters of Mercy
and
Our beloved former Principal, Mr. Dennis Farrell

Anniversary Mass

Sunday, January 28, 2024, Sacred Heart Church 10 am

* As this is also our Catholic Schools Week Mass please join us after Mass in the school for our Open House and light refreshments



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FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

All class materials and textbooks are provided. For placement and registration please stop by the CLACS OFFICE in St John's Hall B 7, Queens Campus, near Gate 1.

Or call 718-990-5829

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A Long Road Ahead

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Promise of salvation
- ▶ 2 Peter 3:8-14 Christ will come in judgment
- ► Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah addressed the Jewish people, who were captives in Babylon. It was a time of great darkness in the history of our Jewish ancestors. Their country had been conquered, and their people were captured and taken away to a foreign land. Isaiah was speaking to people who knew what hopelessness felt like, people who understood personal and national darkness and despair. They didn't know if their nation would survive the conquest or if they would ever see their homeland again. Home was 500 miles across the wilderness as the crow flies, but a 900 mile trek because of the terrain.

Isaiah proclaimed words of comfort, and promised that their ordeal was about to end. He knew the journey back home would be long and hard. The people would have mountains to climb and valleys to cross as they passed through the rugged landscape, but Isaiah promised that God would be with them to smooth the way. He assured them that their God was coming with power, and like a shepherd, would feed his flock and lead them with care.



"Prepare the way of the Lord ... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sheepish Question:

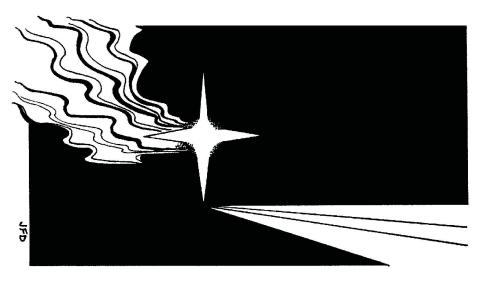
How can I recognize and follow the urging of the Holy Spirit within me?

Questions of the Week

Of all the disturbing situations in the year 2020, which one(s) disturb you the most and make you long for God's relief or comfort?

In what personal situation(s) are you experiencing mountains, valleys, and rough country?

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Week of December 10, 2023



The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



Our Lady of Guadalupe | Littlest Saints

A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?



Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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