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

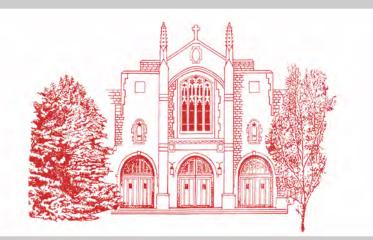
Arrangements must be made six months prior to the wedding. Contact rectory for details.

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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Rev. Msgr. Richard Marchese

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23rd

- 9:00 Purgatorial Society
- 5:00 Deceased Members of the Tonry Family (Family)

Sunday, December 24th

- 8:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- 10:00 Christmas Novena
- 12:00 Raymond Smith (Smith Family)
- 4:00 Family Mass—Christmas Novena
- 5:30 Mass—Christmas Novena
- 12:00 Midnight Mass—Christmas Novena

Monday, December 25th

- 8:00 Christmas Novena 10:00 Christmas Novena
- 12:00 Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00 Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 27th 9:00 Christmas Novena

Thursday, December 28th 9:00 Christmas Novena

Friday, December 29th 9:00 Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 30th

9:00 Christmas Novena 5:00 Christmas Novena

Sunday, December 31st

- 8:00 Peggy Buckley (Mike & Sheila Heavey)
- 10:00 Collective Mass Helen Machalski Doreen Wasserman
- 12:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart



Please remember in your prayers those who are ill especially

Millie & Frank Pennachio, Trina Den, Marion Colegari, Mason McCulloch, Fanta Figueroa, Frank Caselli, Msgr. Richard Marchese

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED





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

Deceased Members of The Machalski 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

THE CONFUSION THAT COMES WITH CHRISTMAS EVE FALLING ON A SUNDAY-I will try to explain this to you as simply as I can (although, as a Canon Lawyer, that might not be possible-□). It is basically this- YOU CANNOT FULFILL TWO OBLIGATIONS AT ONE MASS. If you go to the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass it cannot be to fulfill both your Sunday and Christmas obligation.

Item 2

Fr. Kieran, and I would like to thank you for the cards, fruit and food baskets, cakes and cookies, wine and candy, gift cards and monetary gifts that you have given to us on Christmas. It means a lot to both of us since Fr. Kieran's family is in Nigeria and he is far from them, and all my immediate family has gone home to the Lord so, you made us feel like we are part of your families. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Fr. Kieran will, however, be going home to Nigeria right after Christmas and will return at the end of January. We wish him a safe trip and a relaxing visit with his parents, siblings, family and friends. Please extend our warmest wishes to your mom and dad Fr. Kieran- from all of us here at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Item 3

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26. & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27. The office will reopen on THURSDAY, December 28. THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1 and reopen on Tuesday, January 2., 2024.

Item 4

The second collection last weekend, December 16-17 was 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. You may still drop these in the collection or drop them off at the rectory. 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 5

CHRISTMAS NOVENA of MASSES--You may still 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 place your Christmas Novena envelope in the collection basket or drop it off in the sacristy or at the rectory. PLEASE DO NOT put your envelopes in the basket on the altar with your monetary offering inside the envelope.

Item 6

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. The bill for putting up the outside decorations, taking them down and then having them kept in storage- the wreaths are too large to be stored here- has already arrived - \$ 4, 903.50. Please be as generous as you can in this collection.

Item 7

On Wednesday, December 27, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, please bring your bottles of wine from home to be blessed at Mass. The custom of blessing wine on this day stems from the fact that the miracle of the Wedding Feast at Cana- the changing of water into wine is only recorded in the Gospel of St. John, hence the blessing of wine on his feast day.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Continued

Item 8

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY (NEW YEAR'S DAY) falls on a Monday in 2024. Therefore, while it is a holyday there is NO obligation to attend mass on that day. The only Mass on January 1, 2024, NEW YEAR'S DAY- THE SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD will be at 9:00 A.M.

Item 9

A great big thank you to our parishioner TIM PARKER and his children GRACE and JOHNNY who put up the outdoor stable. We are indeed grateful to TIM for doing this each year. THANKS TIM! THANK YOU GRACE AND JOHN-NY for assisting your dad.

Item 10

A great big THANK YOU to the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society, our parishioner and landscaper, Mark Michalic and his workers, and our cleaning company, Premium Cleaning and owner, Michael Benedito and his workers, especially Giovanni for the beautiful job they did in decorating our Church for Christmas. May God reward you for your hard work and goodness.

Item 11

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.

Item 12

WE ARE OVER GOAL! 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.

181 have pledged \$118,375.00 and paid \$113,509.45.

THERE ARE 16 OPEN PLEDGES- PLEDGES THAT ARE NOT YET PAID IN FULL- AMOUNT-ING TO \$4,865.55. PLEASE PAY OFF YOUR PLEDGES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

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 INCRESAE OUR RANK IN GIVING AMONG THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE! AS WE AP-PROCAH 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

The next update will be in the bulletin after the new year; bulletins had to be sent in early because of the printing company's holiday schedule.

Item 13

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 \$104,975.00. THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this project thus far. May God reward you for your goodness.

Item 14

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 15

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.

Sacred Heart School/Academy is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in January 2024. There will be a Dinner- Dance and special Mass as part of the celebration. There are fliers around the Church with more detailed information.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Continued

Special dates/celebrations this week:

December 24-Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Simbang Gabi ends Las Posadas ends

December 25- SOLEMNITY of the NATIVITY of the LORD (CHRISTMAS)

- December 26- St. Stephen Kawanza begins Las Parrandas ends Second Day in the Octave of Christmas
- December 27- St. John Third Day in the Octave of Christmas

December 28- Feast of the Holy Innocents Fourth Day in the Octave of Christmas

December 29- Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

December 30- Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS GROUP MEETING

We invite parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IE-P'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 shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com



The Gift that Changed the World



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 6^{th} 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

FAMILY MASS

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

The Family Mass schedule is listed below:



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.

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: January 17th & 31st.

SOCIAL HOUR takes place form 11:30 to 12:30 with coffee, tea and pastrie available. GENERAL MEETING beginS at 12:30 with announcements and a true 50/50 drawing. BINGO AND OTHER VARI-OUS Table Games begin at 12:45 and continue until closing at 3:00PM ALL ARE WELCOME!

WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU.

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

THE LABYRINTH A PATH TO PEACE



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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, from 1:15 to 3 pm January 22 - 25th, Monday thru Thursday: 9:30 am to 12 Noon & 7:00 to 8:30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are ongoing.

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



ment of Communion and Confirmation. This program is for children 1st thru 8th grade, older children and special needs children.

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

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY 8000 Utopia Pkwy, Jamaica, N. Y. 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

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.) Please call 914-393-3122 for info.

The Flushing First Friday Club Will meet on Friday, January 5, 2024 12 Noon at Verdi's of Whitestone for the celebration of Mass followed by lunch, Speaker is Rev. Msgr. Kevin Noone, Ret., in residence at St. Mel's parish.

> PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER ANGELICA, EWTN & SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT! BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA APRIL 16—19, 2024 \$1,999.00 PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) SINGLE ROOM \$2,299.00 (\$250.00 DEPOSIT PER PERSON)

Pilgrimage Cost Includes:

Nonstop roundtrip airfare from LaGuardia Airport, bus transportation, breakfast, dinner & 3 catered lunches, accommodation at the "Hyatt Place—Hoover, Al." All Gratuities Contact A & G PEACE TOURS INC. 718-423-5077 AGPEACE TOURS@YAHOO.CO



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

JOIN US AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OLBS PARISH CENTER for this VIDEO series by FORMED.

JANUARY 11 -- Episode 1: God Is with Us JANUARY 18 -- Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist JANUARY 25 – Episode 25: Bread for the Journey FEBRUARY 1 – Bonus Episode: Biblical Foundations with Dr. Tim Gray

Please register using the link below, the QR code, or by calling the rectory at (718) 229-5929. <u>https://forms.gle/</u> f8tR7ADBYCC78GaF9

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center 203 Street between 34th and 35th Avenue, below the church.

Sponsored by the OLBS ADULT FAITH





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



Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name. December 24, 2023 • 4th Sunday of Advent • Year B

We're All God's Favorites

This Week's Readings at Mass

- 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 The Lord's promises to David
- Romans 16:25-27 To God be the glory
- ► Luke 1:26-38 The Annunciation of the Lord

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Can you imagine God looking upon you as a "favored one"? Maybe not, because you know you don't live up to Mary's example and her ability to say yes to whatever God is asking of her. It's easy to dismiss even the possibility that God would come to us like the angel Gabriel came to Mary. Okay, it's true, the angel Gabriel won't come to our town and ask us to birth God's son, but that doesn't mean God looks on us as any less worthy of favor. The Scriptures tell us in many ways that God looks upon us all as "favored ones," that the Lord is with us now, and that we need not be afraid of whatever life's circumstances are.

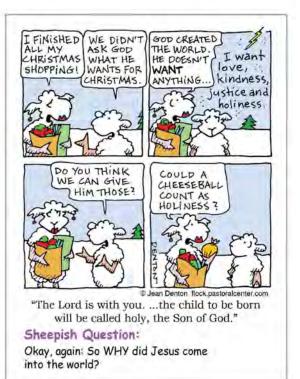
Jesus went out of his way to spend time with those whom most of society considered unworthy. Isn't that one way of telling them that they were favored? He traveled all over Galilee on foot with a rag-tag crew he called friends—poor, illiterate fishermen whom most people wouldn't

have considered "favored." As he did so, he stopped to heal and teach and remind his listeners that God loves them beyond

the capacity for humans to love them. Jesus also repeated what angels in the Old Testament and the angel Gabriel said to Mary. "Do not be afraid," they all said, when the people they addressed had every reason to be troubled or afraid.

Then there are all the times Jesus praised the people he taught, healed, and met. He praised their simple faith, their honesty ("I believe. Help my unbelief," one





man told Jesus), their courage in challenging him (the Syro-Phoenician woman), and their willingness to help their friends (those who lowered the paralytic man through the roof). In Jesus' appreciation and amazement at other people, wasn't he telling them they had found favor with God too?

Rather than distancing ourselves from Mary in this reading, what if we imagine ourselves being ad-

dressed by an angel, Jesus, or God in this way? God calls us favored ones and tells us the Lord is with us. God encourages us to not be afraid and tells us we have found favor with him. Can we believe it?

Questions of the Week

What is your response to this idea of being personally addressed by God as favored?

When in your life have you felt yourself particularly blessed or favored by God somehow?

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