

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Labor Day Weekend to everyone! That means Summer for the most part is over, especially for our children returning to school. What an exciting time this is for our young people who are beginning high school or college for the first time. May they walk always with our Lord Jesus as He leads them toward the beautiful plan He has for their lives. We especially look forward to the return of our children here in Sacred Heart School this Thursday, and the children of our Religious Education Program beginning the following week. We will start the School year off right with the Mass of the Holy Spirit for the entire School and Faculty on Friday, September 8th, the Feast of the Birth of our Blessed Mother.

As we prepare to get back into the more hectic pace of a new School year, Jesus has some challenging words for us in today's Gospel: *"Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."* There is no Christianity without the Cross. Jesus does not ask us to do anything that He did not first do Himself. We don't understand why suffering has to come our way, but we have to look to Jesus and follow Him. Jesus showed His power as God by his many miracles. He cured the sick, gave sight to the blind, made cripples walk, calmed the seas, and raised the dead to life. But, paradoxically, His most awesome display of power was His *powerlessness* on the cross to which He submitted out of love for you and for me, a Love more powerful than all the forces of evil, more powerful than death, itself. As St. Paul put it, although it seems absurd to the thinking of the world, *the Cross of Jesus is the Power of God and the Wisdom of God.*

In the Gospel today we hear St. Peter express the thinking of the world. After Jesus told His disciples that He was heading to Jerusalem to face His Passion and Death, Peter understandably says: *"God forbid that any such thing should happen to you."* And Jesus says to Peter in reply: *"Get behind Me Satan, you are thinking not as God does but as human beings do."* We cannot truly follow the way of Jesus without accepting our share of the Cross in our lives. And some have a larger share than others. The Cross is a blessing for it is the instrument of our

Salvation. Contrary to the thinking of the world, we find true and lasting peace when we embrace the Cross, for we are closest to the Heart of Jesus when we are with Him on the Cross, when we unite our sufferings to His.

This truly is living the Mass in our daily lives, as our whole life becomes in the words of St. Paul from today's second reading: *"A living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."* And our sacrifices become holy and pleasing to God when united with the One, Perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross renewed in our midst at every Mass. That is why the Mass, especially on the Lord's Day, is the source and summit of the Christian life. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

FAREWELL FR. JAVIER & FR. BENEDICT

We thank the Fathers for their priestly presence here this summer and we promise our prayers. Safe journey!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter.

If you are interested in participating please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held once a week from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Classes begin on September 16, 2017 for 1st and 2nd Grade. If you have not registered your child / children, please call the office at 357-6044.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

21st Sunday Collection – \$12,066.
Last Year's Collection - \$13,652.

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

Here at Sacred Heart

*We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday, Sept. 11 beginning at 9:30am and ending with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, The Holy Rosary, and Benediction at 3:00pm
Please join us!*



VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

The Village of Suffern 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held on **Monday, September 11, 2017** at Donna Hallett Park. The ceremony will begin at **7:00PM**.

NEEDED!!

As you all are aware we are celebrating the 150th Year of our Parish. Many events have been planned in celebration and we need volunteers to assist us in bringing these events to life.

- 1st- We need man power to construct a large cross and outdoor stage.
- 2nd – Volunteers to be part of an re-enactment of the Passion and Live Stations of the Cross
- 3rd - We need help to decorate a flatbed truck for the Village Christmas Parade
- 4th-Volunteers to help at the Fall Harvest Weekend October 20-22.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Closed – No 7am Mass and No Novena

Tuesday, September 5

SH School – Teacher Conference Day

Wednesday, September 6

SH School - Teacher Conference Day

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the Church

Thursday, September 7

SH School – Full Day Grades 1- 8

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9


St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Sunday, September 10

**PRAYER GROUP OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The first meeting of a New prayer group here at Sacred Heart will begin on September 12th at 7:30pm in the rectory Chapel. Everyone is Welcome!

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Boys and Girls: Clinic Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades/
3rd thru 8th Grades 

Tuesday, September 12th: 6-7:30pm

Wednesday, September 13th: 6-7:30pm

(In the school cafeteria)



SAVE THE DATE!!

**UPCOMING EVENT
HONORING THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY
YEAR OF CELEBRATION
FALL HARVEST WEEKEND
OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 2017**

Pumpkin decorating, pie baking contest, games and a petting zoo will be featured. Stay tuned for more details.

Please be sure to visit our online store for memorabilia honoring our 150th Anniversary!
www.sacredheartparish.org and look for the online store link in the **About Tab**.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Dear Father Furey,

Congratulations to Sacred Heart Parish on reaching your 2017 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal goal! Thank you for your dedication to this vital effort. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal affects all our parishes, whether it is through the assistance they receive from one of our ministry groups, the education our priests received from the seminary, or taking care of a retired priest who formerly served at your parish. The outreach is endless and all of this would not be possible without your hard work. I am blessed to know that I can count on you to fulfill our responsibility to spread the mission of Jesus Christ.

With renewed gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

ST. ZITA'S VILLA ADULT HOME FOR WOMEN -

**OPEN HOUSE & FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

St. Zita's Villa, a Rockland County, Catholic owned and operated adult home for mature women, invites everyone to join them for its annual Open House and Gala Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 16, from 11am to 4pm. Co-sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, the festivities will include a Fall Bazaar, Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Games and fun-filled activities for the entire family. The barbeque will be hosted by Knights of Columbus Joyce Kilmer Council 1177. **Prospective residents and their families are encouraged to visit and experience the spirit of St. Zita's.** In case of heavy rain, festivities will be held on Sunday, September 17 (same times). St. Zita's is located at 50 Saddle River Rd, Monsey, NY. For information, contact Sr. Maureen (845) 356-2011.

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 9 de septiembre 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

KELLY-ANNELISE HERNANDEZ CUBIAS
Daughter of Jose and Flor

COLE JAXON LEONE
Son of Christopher and Danielle



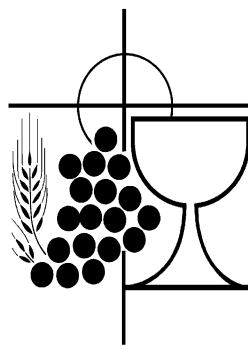
We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for

them: **Merrie Alfieri, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Helen Bauer, Michael Brady, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Gerrie Freeman, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Roy Harris, Carrin Holborn, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kiernan, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Marion Lauterborn, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Donna Manthey, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joe Mondello, Fr. Estella Morales, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Bill Peden, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, William R. Sichel, Jr., Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Marcus Theoc, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Fr. Wing.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

**Altar Wines, Altar Breads & Altar Candles
And the
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
STEPHEN KARAS**

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 15-JOHN D'ADAMO**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00am – Philippe & Joan Mauroux

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Robert O. Colbath

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Patricia Diamond

10:00am – Nancy D'Anna

11:30am – Rose & Joseph Formichella

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Tony Russo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 LABOR DAY

7:00am – **No Mass**

9:00am – Eileen Carbery

7:15pm – **No Novena**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00am – Dominico Lopardo

9:00am – Nancy & Leonardo DiRe

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00am – Katherine Sullivan

9:00am – Victor Smith

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00am – Stephen Karas

9:00am – Frank McAvoy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00am – Catherine Halloran

9:00am – Winifred Furman

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00am – Felicia Rourke Ausbury

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Frank, Anna & Robert Colbath

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Caterina & Andrea Calabretta

10:00am – Special Intentions Matthew Huffine

11:30am – Pauly Joseph

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Eileen Nunes



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

Especially: