

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

With the Christmas Season behind us now, we are back in Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Ordinary Time sounds so “ordinary”, but our lives are anything but ordinary after what we celebrated at Christmas and what we will celebrate at Easter.

“*Behold the Lamb of God.*” These are the words of John the Baptist in today’s Gospel as he points out Jesus. Two of John’s disciples immediately followed Jesus, and Jesus turns to them and asks, “*What are you looking for?*” They respond, “*Master where are you staying?*” And Jesus invites them to “*Come and you will see.*” Bishop Fulton Sheen used to say that the first word Jesus spoke to His disciples was “*Come,*” and the last word was “*Go.*” Before they could go out and preach the Gospel to all nations, they first had to come to Jesus, to stay with Him, to learn from Him, and come to know and love Him. And once they came to know Jesus they could not help but go out and share Him with others. That is what we are all called to do.

Every human heart, whether one realizes it or not, has a deep down desire for God. But the truth is that God desires us even more. St. Mother Theresa would say that God thirsts for our souls, for our faith, and for our love. As St. John so beautifully put it in His Gospel: “*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that we would not perish in our sins, but might have eternal life in Him.*” That is what Christmas and Easter is all about. That is how infinitely valuable each and every human soul is to God.

This is what stands behind the Church’s relentless defense of human life from the moment of conception in the womb to natural death and at every point in between. This is why on Friday of this week, January 19th, hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world will descend upon Washington, D.C. for a peaceful and prayerful “March for Life” to mark the 45th anniversary of “*Roe vs. Wade,*” the Supreme Court decision which made abortion a constitutional right in our great Nation. In the words of Pope Francis: “*Every unborn child, condemned unjustly to being aborted, has the face of the Lord...they are conceived in His image and likeness...they cannot be discarded!*” All of us in the Church are asked to observe this sad anniversary as a day of prayer and

penance for an end to abortion and for healing for those suffering from having an abortion. If you cannot make the March in Washington, please try to stop into the Church at some time during the day on Friday after the 9:00am Mass to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and join us at 3:00pm for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary for Life, and Benediction. May the prayers and witness of so many bring about a change in mind and heart in our leaders and in all the people of this great Nation. For every human life from the very moment of conception in the womb is an image of God, is loved by God, and is intended by God to live forever. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The Church Rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 15th. There is 9am Mass only. No 7am Mass and No Novena on the 15th. Sacred Heart School and the Religious Education Department classes are closed as well.

2017 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2017 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2017 for envelopes on which parishioners’ numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS’S NAME

**JANUARY 7TH COLLECTION –\$13,280.
LAST YEAR’S COLLECTION-12,793.**

**Catholic Communications & Catholic University
Last Week’s Second Collection -\$3,676.
Last Year’s Collection – \$3,397.**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PRAYER GROUP HERE AT SACRED HEART

Meets every Tuesday evening from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the rectory Chapel. Please considering joining us for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. On Tuesday January 16th we will begin at 7pm followed by a pot luck dinner in the rectory. New members are welcome at all times and for the potluck dinner. Please call Margaret at 551-804-1631 if you wish to attend and for more information.

**DEBT AND DEFICIT REDUCTION COLLECTION
JANUARY 20 & 21, 2018**

**The Parish Debt and Deficit Reduction second
collection will take place on January 20 & 21.**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14

Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King Jr.

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – closed

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm Rectory

Tuesday, January 16

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

150th Anniversary Mtg. – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:00pm in the Rectory Chapel with Pot
luck dinner following

Wednesday, January 17

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's Choir – 5:00pm Church

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Choir Practice – 7:00pm Church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, January 18

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

RCIA -7:00pm in the Rectory

Friday, January 19 Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament 9:30am to 3:00pm

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

SHS Mother/Son Event – 6:00pm

Saturday, January 20

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

Rel. Ed – Grades 1 & 2 -9:30am

Knights of Columbus Hoops & Shoots – 7:00pm

Sunday, January 21

UPCOMING

150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

We are now beginning preparations for what will be an amazing event here at Sacred Heart Church. On Good **Friday, March 30th, 2018** we hope to present a live Passion Play along with the Stations of the Cross. This will all begin with a procession of the Cross up Lafayette Ave to the parish grounds. If you are interested in being a part of the event we ask that you please call the parish after the new year. We need many hands to bring this event to life. Please consider being a part of this moment in our parish history. Please call 845-357-0035. God Bless and Happy New Year!

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS

JUNE 8, 2018 7:30PM

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

MAIN CELEBRANT

ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO

(Graduate of Sacred Heart School)

150TH GALA DINNER DANCE

JUNE 9, 2018 CROWN PLAZA 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the Rectory Office.

**RESPECT LIFE OFFICE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**

The Archdiocese of New York is hosting a prayer vigil here in New York for all parishes of the archdiocese to come together to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. St. Pope John Paul II has said that **“prayer is the most powerful force in human history!”** The prayer vigil will be at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, January 21, 2018, beginning with Holy Mass at 5:30pm., followed by Adoration with music by the Sisters of Life. For those who could not be present at the March for Life in Washington D.C., this event offers a local pilgrimage for the building up of the culture of life in our nation. The event is open to all parishioners, families, parish groups, the young and the young at heart.

WASHINGTON D.C.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

On the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 19, 2018. Bus leaves from St. Francis Assisi at 6am and returns at 11pm. Cost \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

**For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or
425-1322 (para español). For more info, visit**

www.RocklandRTL.org

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart for
An End To Abortion and a Greater Respect for
Human Life**

In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.

Marking the 45th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 9:30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction beginning at 3:00pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JOYCE KILMER COUNCIL 1177

FREE THROW CONTEST

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in this free competition on Sat. January 20 at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Gym. Winners of each age group advance to regional competitions. All contestants are recognized for their participation. For info contact Jerry Reilly 845-709-7423/
grandknight@kofc1177.com

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29, 2017 - February 4, 2018

Will be celebrating Catholic Schools week with several events. Please stop by for a tour and an application. The school will also be hosting a Book Fair available to parishioners on Sunday, January 28th.

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 17 de febrero 2018 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

CONGRATULATIONS! AUDRA JULIA NAKAS

AND

MATTHEW JAMES DUGANCZIC

Were married at St. Dominic's Church
in Washington D.C.
JANUARY 6, 2018

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

ADDISON FINCH & SKYLAR FINCH

Daughters of Christopher and Kate



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, Carrin Holborn, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Susan Jarkiewicz, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, , Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Bill Peden, Philomena Pelzer, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Eleanor Scelza, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, William R. Sichel, Jr., Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, and Fr. Wing.

ALTAR MEMORIALS JANUARY 7, 2018

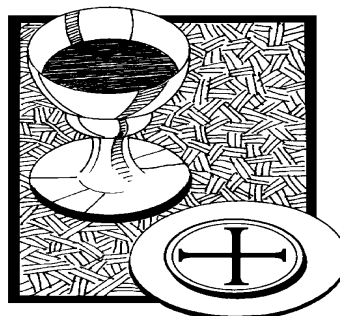


Altar Candles In Memory of
JEAN VARISCO

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
PALMA M. HECK

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 6 – FRANK VARANO



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00am – Ramona Zuño

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Roger Mason

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Palma M. Heck

11:30am – Margaret M. Murphy

1:00pm – Joseph Dugandzic

5:30pm – Parish Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 Martin Luther King Jr.

7:00am – No Mass

9:00am – Special Intention Pansy Frank

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00am – Rev. Brian Coffey

9:00am – Andrew L. Kravic

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00am – Bettina Di Giuseppe

9:00am – Catherine Howard & Rev. John Quinn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00am – Olga Poretto

9:00am – George Hutchinson / Mr. & Mrs O'Hara

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00am – Carmela Cogliano

9:00am – Michael DeCicco

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00am – Special Intentions

Schiller Christopher Joseph

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Donald & Helen McCormick

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Francine McDermott

10:00am – Sondre Andresen

11:30am – Theodore Buonocore

1:00pm – Angelica Calfa

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society



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

Especially: Rose Gauci
Domingo Figueroa
Raymond Goetz