

Sacred Heart Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2015

God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— *John 3:17*

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St. Joseph Table

We will honor St. Joseph on today, **March 15** with our traditional **St. Joseph's Table** in Fr. Gallo Hall from **12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**.

The meal is provided by St. Michael's Italian American Club, the Sacred Heart League and the Sons of Thunder.

Prices remain the same:

**\$10 for adults,
\$5 for children ages 5 to 12
and children under 5 are free.**

Tickets are available after all the Masses

The Sons of Thunder

The Sons of Thunder is a Catholic Men's group under the spiritual direction of Father Bill Scafidi of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Churches. They meet bi-weekly at the Sacred Heart Activity Center on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. The group uses Scripture and catechism references, short real life stories, DVD movies and challenging questions to aid in group discussion. We discuss: Man and God, The Measure of a Man, Man and Family, and Man and his World.

The group host First Friday Eucharist Adoration at Sacred Heart Church from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM and have an active outreach program feeding the needy within the City of Newburgh.

On May 15, 2015 they are hosting a Theology on Tap lecture on Mariology.

The Sons of Thunder use Pope Francis' strategy as our mission statement:

"The Church must be in the streets: seek the people, go to homes, visit families, go to the outskirts. She must be the Church that not only receives; but gives."

All Catholic men from surrounding parishes are welcome. Please call 845-527-5064 for further information.





Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00AM (Italian/English) 10:00AM, 12:00PM
Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM in the Chapel
Saturday: 7:00 AM in the Chapel
Holy Days of Obligation: Mass times will be listed in the bulletin on the Sunday prior to the holy day.

Pastoral and Administrative Staff

Rev. William A. Scafidi, Pastor
 Rev. Clifford Ekwueme, Parochial Vicar
 Peter R.C. Haight, Deacon
 Lawrence J. Kawula, Deacon
 Thomas L. Neppel, Deacon
 Sr. Mary McCarthy, P.B.V.M., Pastoral Associate
 Deacon John Sadowski - Parish Business Manager
 Mrs. Wendy Timperio, Secretary

Sacred Heart School

24 South Robinson Avenue 845-561-1433
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 Ms. Catrina Rocco, Principal
 Mrs. Beth DaSilva, School Secretary

Sacred Heart Religious Education Program

24 South Robinson Avenue 845-561-2589
 Mrs. Lynda Piper, Coordinator

Trustees

Mr. Robert Ruckdeschel and Mrs. Maureen Neppel

Sacred Heart Convent

15 Stori Road 845-565-5034
 Sr. Alba Danese, F.M.I., Pastoral Assistant
 Sr. Anna Sasso, F.M.I., Pastoral Assistant

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Chapel each Monday beginning after the 7:00 AM Mass at 7:30 am to 12:00 Noon except *during the months of July and August -NO ADORATION -Novena prayers will be said after the 7:00 am Mass.*

Miraculous Medal Novena and Eucharistic Devotion: Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Chapel (except during the months of July and August when Novena prayers will be said after the 7:00 AM Mass).

Rosary prayed following the 7:00 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday in the Chapel.

Fatima Mass and Rosary for Peace: First Saturday at 7:00 AM in the Chapel.

Stations of the Cross: (Lent Only) Fridays at 7:00 PM

BULLETIN ITEMS

Items you wish to place in the parish bulletin **MUST** be submitted, in writing, to the rectory by **4:00 PM** on ***Mondays for the following Sunday***. Email address is

sacredheart.newburgh@verizon.net

Every effort will be made to get your item in the bulletin in a timely manner and as space allows.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Communal celebrations of Baptism take place on the first and third Sundays at 2:00 PM. To arrange a Baptism, please call the Rectory. A Baptismal Instruction Session is required before the Baptism. Because Godparents play an important role in the child's Christian life and education, Godparents must be practicing Catholics who have been confirmed, are at least 14 years of age and, if married, must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. If there is a question about the suitability of someone to be a Godparent, please call the Rectory before asking the person to be a Godparent.

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament of Penance takes place on Saturdays and on the day before First Fridays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. At other times, the person should make the request directly to a priest.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should contact the Rectory at least six months in advance. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: If a parishioner is in the hospital or homebound, please contact the Rectory. Arrangements can be made for the person to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, Holy Communion can be brought to our homebound parishioners.

Please remember
 Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart School
 in your Estate Planning.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN and APPRECIATED

Our Eucharistic Community invite you to be **"FULLY PRESENT"** during our Mass, we ask that you kindly turn off **all** electronic devices. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Parishioner registration is important to the parish as well as the parishioner. All parishioners are encouraged to register. Once you have registered and continue to participate by attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist regularly; you will find it helpful for the enrollment of children in the Religious Education Program, and obtain the necessary documents to become a Godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation.

If you are not already registered, please call the Rectory Office at 845-561-2264 to make an appointment to come in and register. Hours for registration are:

MONDAY	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
TUESDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
THURSDAY	9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 Sr. Anna V. Oncia, OP
7:00 PM Novena

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day

7:00 Health and Blessing for
Jordan and Renee Ruwe and family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 Daniel Monzet

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 Deceased sisters of the
Daughters of Mary Immaculate

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

First Day of Spring

7:00 Aniello and Virginia Fusco
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 Elizabeth Suarez
5:00 1. Ruth Copeletti
2. Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
3. Edward Cardinal Egan

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 Dominick Foti (54 anv)
10:00 Marlene & Michelle Vanacore
12:00 Salvatore Castellano

Weekly Offering



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Weekend March 7 & 8 \$11,077
Attendance 601 Adults and 69 Children

**DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS
THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015.**

**PARISH PAY WEEKLY OFFERINGS THROUGH AUTO-
MATED GIVING:** is available to parishioners. Please log
onto: www.parishpay.com to enroll online.

Second Collection

The **Second Collection** this weekend will be taken up for the Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENT

Please see the bulletin for more information as the event date approaches

- Mar 15 St. Joseph's Table - Gallo Hall
- Mar 20 Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- Mar 27 Fish Fry - Sons of Thunder @ Gallo Hall
- Mar 27 Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- Mar 29 Palm Sunday
- Mar 29 **Sacred Heart Church Blood Drive**
- Mar 30 **Archdiocesan Confessions 3-9 PM**
- Mar 31 Chrism Mass - St. Patrick's Cathedral

- Apr 2 Tenebrae - 9 AM
- Apr 2 Mass of the Last Supper - 7 PM
- Apr 3 Tenebrae - 9 AM
- Apr 3 Passion of our Lord 3 PM
- Apr 3 **Stations of the Cross 6 PM**
- Apr 4 Tenebrae - 9AM
- Apr 4 **Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM**
- Apr 4 No Confessions
- Apr 5 Easter Masses - 8, 10, and 12 Noon
- Apr 5 Easter Egg Hunt - front lawn after 12 Mass
- Apr 8 Senior Citizen Breakfast - Gallo Hall 9 AM

Annual Golden Wedding Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20 or Sunday, June 21 at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

2015 Cardinal's Appeal

To date our parish has received \$18,300.00 in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 75 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.



*Remember
Our Sick*

The following parishioners are in need of our prayers

We ask family members of those on our prayer list to please call the Rectory Office (561-2264) to confirm that these names should continue to remain on our list. (revised January, 2015)

- Patricia Carman, Deacon Dominick Casadone,
- Margaret Donahue, Adele Esposito,
- Joann Fayo-Perry, Janie Favoino, Kiersten Furey,
- Frank Girona, Frances Marino, Sr. Mary Angela,
- Tom Marino, George Mele, Rosemarie Moffa,
- Gloria Presutti, Jordan Ruwe, Delia Sifre,
- Emma Studtmann, Mary Venticenneque,
- Rudy Warren, Keith Weber

Bus Trip to St. Patrick Cathedral

The Mass of Chrism at St. Patrick's Cathedral will be celebrated on **Tuesday** of Holy Week, **March 31, 2015** at 4:00 pm. At this Liturgy the Holy Oils used in the celebration of the Sacraments during the year throughout the Archdiocese are blessed.

The bus will **leave** our parking lot on Tuesday, March 31, at **11 AM**. There will be an opportunity before the Mass to have lunch. The bus will **leave from** the **Cathedral** at **6:30 PM** to return to our parking lot.

To reserve a seat, **\$25 per person**, please call the rectory at 845-561-2264. **Payment is due** by Friday, **March 27**.

Palm Weaving

Parishioners skilled in this art are working in the St. Anthony Room of the Activity Center. Please see schedule below.

March 16 thru March 27 (Monday thru Friday) from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**.

If you would like to learn this craft and/or volunteer, please come to the Activity Center during the times listed above and someone will be there to assist you. Any amount of time you can volunteer; mornings, afternoon, one or two hours or all day, would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information please call the rectory at 845-561-2264.

Unable to join us for the reception of the sacrament of Holy Communion; then join us spiritually with this prayer.

***Act of
Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

**MEMBERS OF THE
ARMED SERVICES**

Please remember the following members of the armed services in your prayers

- SA James Alberts, USN
- MDN Tina Alberts, USN
- LCPL Christian Cunningham, USMC
- LT Thomas O. Mennerich, USN
- LT Abby K. Mennerich, USN
- AA Nicholas J. Mossa, USN
- LTJG Michael A. Ponessa USN

We ask that family members of those on our MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICE prayer list call the Rectory Office (561-2264) to confirm that these names should continue to remain on our list. (revised January, 2015)

Easter Flowers



It is our custom to accept memorial donations in memory of your loved ones to defray the cost of our Easter decorations. If you would like to make a donation, please use the envelope included in your contribution envelope packet or pick up an envelope at the entrances to the Church. The list of memorial donations will be printed in the bulletin.

Your generous donations enable us to beautifully decorate our Church for the Easter Season. The monies that we have over and above the cost for this holy day are used for the flowers that are planted outside of the Church which bloom all summer.



Lenten Season 2015

Stations of the Cross

Friday evening at 7:00 PM
Good Friday Stations 6:00 PM

Confessions:

Saturday afternoon from 4-5 PM
Reconciliation Monday :
March 30, 2015 from 3 - 9 PM

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 29, 8, 10 and 12 noon

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015

9:00 AM Tenebrae
7:00 PM Mass of the Last Supper
Adoration until 11:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

9:00 AM Tenebrae
3:00 PM Passion of our Lord
6:00 PM Stations

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

9:00 AM Tenebrae
8:00 PM Easter Vigil
(NO 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

Masses are 8, 10 and 12:00 Noon

God Upholds Me

I take for my sureties:

*The power of God to guide me,
the might of God to uphold me,
the wisdom of God to teach me,
the eye of God to watch over me,
the ear of God to hear me,
the word of God to give me speech,
the hand of God to protect me,
the way of God to go before me,
the shield of God to shelter me.*

—St. Patrick

Fish Fry Friday

- The Sons of Thunder will be hosting a Fish Fry during Lent on **Friday, March 27** from **5:30 PM to 8:00 PM**.
- Fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potatoes, coleslaw, soda or bottled water for \$7.50.
- All proceeds will be used to feed the homeless and needy.

Senior Citizen Breakfast

Adult Faith Formation is inviting our parish's senior citizens for a **Celebration for Senior Citizens of Sacred Heart and St. Mary Parishes**.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in Fr. Gallo Hall, (entrance from the school parking lot) for a 9 AM Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Scafidi followed by a Continental Breakfast (a free-will offering is appreciated) and a talk and prayer at 11 AM by Deacon John Sadowski. Please RSVP to Sacred Heart Rectory at 845-561-2264 by Monday, April 6, 2015.

Please join us as we celebrate our Senior Citizens and welcome Spring!

Cash-N-Cocktails

It's that time again! Last year's event was a huge success and now you can get in on the fun too! Please buy one or more raffle tickets to this memorable event sponsored by the Sacred Heart PTO and support our school. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$100 each, with prizes as follows*:

Grand Prize \$10,000
Second Prize \$2,500
Third Prize \$1,000

Tickets will be sold from now through April and each ticket will admit two to a reception to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015, 7-10 PM in Fr. Gallo Hall, Sacred Heart School, where the winning tickets will be drawn. Please contact:

Mary Gould (914-805-2332) or
Dr. Gina Cook (845-541-4216) or

you may also email ptosacredheart@gmail.com for further information.

*If <200 tickets are sold, prize becomes 50/50 with one prize only.

You do not need to be present to win!

RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalms — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 - Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 - Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 - Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 - Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 - Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 - Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
- Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the dissipation of the catechumenate's energy since almost everyone was born into the Church, Lent began to be seen more as a preparation to follow the Passion of Christ with devotion. In the city of Rome, creative spirits settled on "stational churches" as a way of keeping the energy flowing. Everyone would be directed to a certain "station" each day, and the name of that church provided a theme for the liturgy. So, for example, on certain Saturdays in Lent, everything centered on the church of St. Vitale. Now, this poor fellow had been thrown into a hole and covered in stones at his martyrdom, so the readings recalled Joseph thrown down the well by his brothers, and the wicked servants killing the son of the owner of the vineyard. Gradually, travelers to Rome noted the celebration and worked it into liturgical schedules back home. Eventually, calendars everywhere bore the curious footnote on a Lenten Saturday: "Station S. Vitale." This served the priority of getting ready to hear the Passion fairly well, but was hardly satisfactory for Lent's baptismal character. Now, at last, our liturgy is re-organized to serve the deepest level of our tradition exceedingly well. Lent, once again, is all about baptism.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

United each day, throughout the year, we pray for the members of our beloved clergy here in the Orange County Vicariate:

- Mar 16 Rev. Frank Nacarato
Rev. Richard Zuk
- Mar 17 Rev. Nogzi Osuji
Deacon Donald Halter
- Mar 18 Rev. Joseph Komonochak
Rev. Joseph McAndrews
- Mar 19 Rev. Bernard McDonald
Deacon Dennis White
- Mar 20 Ill and suffering Deacons
- Mar 21 Priests and deacons who have served in the Vicariate
- Mar 22 Pope Francis

Father, in your plan of salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers to your altars, ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. To those clergy among us who have already answered your call, grant joy and perseverance in your service. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son and Eternal High priest. Amen