

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018



Saturday, February 3

- 5:30 Aidan Boyce, Edward Stephen Bachorik
7:00 Para todos los miembros de nuestra iglesia
Sagrado Corazon – Bilingual Mass

Sunday, February 4

- 8:00 Mildred Rivera, Sacred Heart Volunteers
10:00 Dawn Punzone, Ellen Huvane
12:00 Rocco and Teresa Lombardo, Tina Ferraro
6:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, February 5

- 9:00 Mary Ellen Ferraro

Tuesday February 6

- 9:00 Antoinette O'Dell

Wednesday, February 7

- 9:00 Anna Langels, Sacred Heart Holy Souls Society especially Celia M. Palazzola, Djemil Daccarett, Elias Abdel-Massih, Helen Daccarett Abdel-Massih, Abdellah & Farideh Daccarett, Michael & Sarah Abdel-Massih Geraldine & Curtis Shope, Joseph Robert Compito, Maria Teresa Versace, Carmen Hernandez, John Cooney Jr., Bill Lietzak, Tom Ladka, Thomas Michael Tracy, Patrick Hayes, John Ryan Jr.

Thursday, February 8

- 9:00 All Catholic School Teachers

Friday, February 9

- 9:00 Intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 10

- 9:00 Michael Koperski
5:30 Phyllis Theyn
7:00 Para todos los miembros de nuestra iglesia
Sagrado Corazon – Bilingual Mass

Sunday, February 11

- 8:00 Edward Mazzella Jr.
10:00 Werner Langels
12:00 Charles James Beams, Luke Hermos
6:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Dear Parishioners,



May the Lord give you His peace. As I mentioned to you at Mass this weekend, Sr. Rose's community thought it best, given the severity of the stroke she suffered that she retire from her position as Director of Religious Education here at Sacred Heart. Although this was somewhat anticipated and understandable, receiving the definitive word about the reality of her situation is not so easy to accept. We will not only miss her as the Director of Religious Education, but as "Sister" Rose who served in so MANY ways over her 38 years here at Sacred Heart through her religious vocation. Sister Rose is now residing at the Mother House at Sparkill with the Dominican Sisters where she can be with her community and receive round the clock care and attention. When it is possible for visits to see her I will let you know...for now the Sisters want to give her more time to recuperate and get stronger...too many visitors might overwhelm at this time. Cards, notes, and gifts will continue to be forwarded to Sr. Rose...you are welcome to mail things directly to her at Sparkill or bring them to our Parish Office and we can get them to her directly. Your continued prayers and care for the children and families Sacred Heart Parish (whom she loves so much!) are the gifts that would bring her the most joy.

Many people of course have been wondering and asking who will be replacing Sr. Rose and the answer is: *No one!* Sister remains a part of our parish family and I look forward to welcoming her back to Sacred Heart for whatever occasion or opportunity should present itself in the future. We do, however, need a Director of Religious Education and given the enormity of the program, this position would have to be filled quite soon. Sister Rose would most certainly want and expect that we would continue to provide our very best for the children of the parish. Back in September, Sister Rose and I by God's grace, were introduced to Ms. Angelica Frausto by Sr. Kevin John Shields O.P., the Regional Director for the New York Archdiocesan Catechetical Office. Both Sr. Rose and I were looking for someone with a background in catechetical work who would be able to minister to the Spanish speaking families in our parish and more specifically in our religious education program. We were so pleased when Angelica accepted the invitation to minister here at Sacred Heart. During Sister Rose's illness, Angelica, given her certification as a Director of Religious Education, was truly a Godsend in helping us "manage" in Sister Rose's absence. When the time came for me at the end of last week to make a decision as to who to hire as the new D.R.E. for Sacred Heart Parish, it was a very easy consideration. I am happy to announce that Ms. Angelica Frausto is now our new Director of Religious Education! As with Sr. Rose during 38 years of service, your continued support and dedication to both Angelica and our religious education program will continue to provide all of the many wonderful spiritual enrichment opportunities that have benefited our children for so many years. Let us keep Angelica in our prayers as we welcome her to our parish. We look forward to the many ways that God will work through her as He did through Sr. Rose so that the children of our parish may come to know and appreciate how much they are loved by God. Peace.

--- Fr. Tom



Fundraising Volunteers Needed

We are trying to create a Sacred Heart Fundraising Committee for upcoming events. Some of the things a volunteer would do is sell raffle tickets, help at events with decorating, cleanup, running the event, etc. If you would be interested in joining this group, please e-mail Bernadette.marasco@sacredheartchurch.org.

Income Tax Charitable Contributions

Sacred Heart will gladly give you a letter of your 2017 contributions for income tax purposes. Call the office or stop in and your name will be put on the list. A letter will be mailed to you or you can pick it up in the office.

Respect Life March for Life

The March for Life took place Friday the 19th and it was a fantastic day. Forty-four pilgrims from Sacred Heart, St. Anastasia, Holy Rosary and St. John's made the journey to Washington DC on our bus and was joined by 5 other buses from Orange County. We joined with 200,000 other pilgrims to show their support for all the unborn children who are in grave danger of being aborted. It was a beautiful day weather-wise and spiritually. We were addressed by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the Speaker of the House Ryan, as well as many other speakers. The thing we most took away was the young people who attended. Our bus was full of them as well as the huge number that were at the rally. They came from as far away as South Dakota, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri and Texas. If you have never been to the March for Life, it is something you have to experience at least once in your life. It is a most uplifting experience. Please pray about coming with us next year; you will not be disappointed. Thank you for all your prayers and support that make this possible.

Please join us as we pray the Rosary for Life every second Saturday in front of Sacred Heart after the 9:00 am Mass and after the 9:00 am Mass in front of St. Anastasia on the fourth Saturday of every month. God Bless you all.

Rich Strobel

Hear Our Prayers O Lord



The Deceased

Michael Koperski, Off. Glenn Doss Jr. (MI), Dep. Sheriff Keith Gumm (CO). Dep. US Marshal Christopher David Hill (PA), Det. Michael R. Doty (SC)

The Military

We have placed our military roll honoring the men and women of our parish family currently serving our country in the Church's military shrine. If you would like to add someone to the roll, please call the parish office.

The Sick

Rachael Snitofsky, Erica Jane Burns, Heiner Lakas, Barbara Stilo, Francine Stilo, Jennifer Kanzler Miller, Blossom Johnson, Talia Phelan, Lisa Shina, Pat Stanton, Mary Ferrigno, Melody Gerakaris, Dorothy Neuwirth, Stanley Englert, Teddy Bonner, Norma Diaz Perez, Michael, Marti Brannick, John Turner, Michael Reed, Lawrence Grosso, Michael Mele. Carol Licata, Christine Moore, Phyllis DiLucca, Kelsey Berger, Virginia DiLorenzo, Veronica Maria Donoghue, Rev. Terrance McCarthy, Gloria Montalvo, Christine Barry Furlano, Anthony S. Ruscito, Paul Kosara

In Loving Remembrance

The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of **January** is in memory of Enrico DiLello. Lovingly requested by Antoinette DiLello.

Anyone wishing to memorialize the sanctuary candle, the flowers or bread and wine is asked to contact the parish office.

Adoration

At Sacred Heart we have two weekly opportunities to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition with Benediction will take place on Wednesday mornings from 8 am to 9 am followed by the morning Mass and on Fridays from 8 pm to 9 pm. Please note as well that on First Fridays of the month, All Night Adoration takes places from



The Choice Wine: 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage

Brought to us by Paradisus Dei, the creators of "That Man is You", "The Choice Wine" is a 9-week program to SUPERCHARGE our marriages with the JOY the Lord intends. Integrating the latest findings from modern science with the timeless teaching of the faith and the wisdom of the saints, The Choice Wine places authentic marital happiness within every couple's reach. Starting on February 11th at 6:00 pm, just up the road at St Patrick's in Highland Mills, the timing could not be more perfect. St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day! This Lent, let's get our marriages to shine like beacons, calling our community to closeness and passion, with our Lord, and each other. For more information check it out on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGNoAfDcEvg> or to register please e-mail Lisette Quinones at ptb13@hotmail.com with your contact information

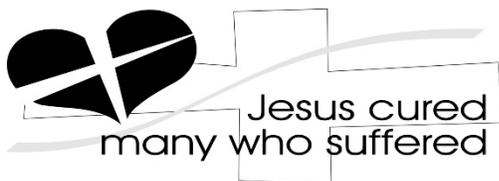
Sacred Heart Youth Group

GAP (God and Pizza) Program

GAP (God and Pizza) program for 7th & 8th graders meets at 4:30 pm on Sundays at the Parish Center and for high school students at 7:00 pm. Teens interested in music ministry at the 6:00 pm Mass are invited to come to practices at 5:30 pm in the main Church on Sundays as well. For more information about Youth Ministry contact the parish office and ask for either Ivy Marrero or Fr. Tom. Information is updated and posted on our parish website regularly.

NOTICE

We ask of those of you who generously donate food to Parish Outreach NOT bring the food to the parish office. There is no place to store it there and there is no one to bring it down to the kitchen at the chapel. In the future please bring your food donations to the chapel. Thank you.



Preparing the Church for Mass The Items Used during the Celebration of the Mass

Candles

Candles are to be used at every liturgical celebration as a sign of reverence and festiveness. Symbolically candles represent Christ as the light of the world which is most prominent at the Easter Vigil. On or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a holy day of obligation. If a diocesan Bishop celebrates, seven candles should be used.

Corporal

The term corporal is a Latin word that means 'body'. It is an additional smaller cloth that is placed at the center front of the altar for the paten and chalice to be placed on. The chalice and paten will hold the Body and Blood of Christ once the words of consecration are prayed at the Eucharist.

Purificator

This cloth functions like a liturgical serviette. It is used to wipe the lip of the chalice after each person drinks from the chalice. There is always one purificator for each chalice used at a Eucharistic celebration. It is used again for the drying of the vessels when they are purified or cleaned at the end of Mass.

Together at One Altar Website

Rosary - To the Interior: For the Purification of the Church

On February 2nd which is the day celebrating the double Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will occur throughout the United States the gathering of faithful in their parish churches to pray the rosary for the intention of the Purification of the Church, and the Triumph of the Light of Christ over all sin and error.

While being inspired by the Rosary on the Borders in Poland, this Rosary event – titled *Rosary To the Interior: For the Purification of the Church* – does indeed have a different and very specific intention. Recognizing that the Catholic Church alone in this world was blessed and commissioned with the Light of Christ necessary for triumph over the darkness of sin and error, and that this light has now been severely obscured by the sin and errors of its own members, this Rosary asks us to turn our eyes inward in order to effect that interior purification which alone can once again make Christ's light manifest in its fullness to the world.

A website has been established, which offers a more complete explanation of both the nature and structure of this event. It is found here: www.rosarytotheinterior.com

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Sacred Heart Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser



Friday, February 9, 2018
Inclement Weather Date February 16
No Ticket Refunds.
Please give or sell your ticket to someone else.

Sacred Heart School Gym
26 Still Rd., Monroe, NY

Doors Open at 6:00, Bingo Starts at 7:00
Cost: \$40 per person which includes one bingo card set
Bring your Own Food and Beverages
Door Prizes, Raffles, 50/50

Winners will receive a new designer handbag. Coach, Kate Spade, Anna for Anushka, Michael Kors, Dooney and Bourke, G.I.L.I., Vera Bradley

TWELVE CHANCES TO WIN A DESIGNER HANDBAG!!

Reserve Your Table Today!
Cash or checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church.
Please include your name, phone number and a list of all guests at your table with your payment.
Must be 18 years of age to attend.
Contact Bernadette at
bernadette.marasco@sacredheartchurch.org or 845-238-5630



Praise
God
who heals
the broken-
hearted

Mom's Goup



We all have busy lives but consider our small group as a mini retreat to refresh, rest and receive graces that come from sharing scripture, prayers and friendship offered up to Him. We encourage discussion and reflection on Sunday's scriptures and provide a place to come together to feel connected to God and one another. Babies and children welcome to come with mom or grand mom. Future meetings Feb. 13 & 27, Mar. 13 & 27, Apr. 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, June 12. For more info, contact the parish office or Cindy at 845-662-6768.

Sacred Heart Lucky Draw

2018 Raffle



Sacred Heart is starting a year-long raffle for 2018. Tickets will be \$52 (One dollar a week). Purchase of a ticket enters you in a weekly drawing for \$100. The last drawing in December will be for \$1000. You can win multiple times.

Because we are starting late, we will not start drawing winners for a few weeks while we are selling tickets. But, we will have double drawings some weeks until we catch up.

For the raffle to be successful we need to sell 300 tickets. Consider selling them to family members and friends.

NOTICE --

We are getting a very slow start in selling our raffle tickets. This raffle is very important to Sacred Heart. The profit from the raffle will be used towards the installation of a handicap ramp at Sacred Heart School. The ramp will be a welcome addition for our students at the school and in the religious education program along with those attending functions at the school. Please consider participating in this worthwhile endeavor. And of course, you get the chance to win too!!

Social Awareness Ministry (SAM)

Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ. My name is Frank DiPeri. I serve as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister here at Sacred Heart. Our parish statement is building a community of hope. In honor of that statement, Fr. Tom and I have been talking about introducing a new ministry here at our parish called SAM, which stands for Social Awareness Ministry. The purpose of the ministry is to bring awareness of the social injustices and how we as Catholics can respond and take action. Human Trafficking, Persecution, the Plight of Refugees are just some of the injustices that are happening in our world to our brothers and sisters, God's very own sons and daughters.

For now this ministry will be mentioned once per month in our parish bulletin with a couple of websites in the bulletin related to the social injustice being mentioned. We will see where God will take us on this journey.

We would like to start SAM this month of February by bringing to light Human Trafficking for a couple of reasons. Lent starts in February, so it is something that you can pray for during Lent. Another is February 8th is the day the Catholic Church recognizes as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. February 8th is also the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita who was a Sudanese-born former slave who became a Canossian Religious Sister in Italy. Every human is created in the image and likeness of God. These poor victims need to be reminded of that truth and what each person's worth is to Him. They are all precious in His sight.

"Human Trafficking is modern day slavery. With 21 million victims worldwide, there are more slaves today than any time in history. Our Catholic Faith calls on us to defend life and human dignity, to fight conditions that lead to the enslavement of human beings." (Catholic Relief Services)

"Human Trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity." – Pope Francis

Here are some website links for more information and where you can help including one where you can join other Faith leaders to join them in signing a pledge to eradicate Human Trafficking:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/>

<https://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/slavery-and-human-trafficking>

<https://www.globalfreedomnetwork.org/declaration/>

If you would like to join SAM or have any comments or suggestions you can contact me on my cell 845 344 7684 or email fdiperi@yahoo.com.

Thank you and God bless you and your families.

Quote from St. Josephine Bakhita:

If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today... The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate!

Saint of the Week



Saint Josephine Bakhita February 8

On February 8, the Church commemorates the life of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan.

Josephine Bakhita was born in 1869, in a small village in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was kidnapped while working in the fields with her family and subsequently sold into slavery. Her captors asked for her name but she was too terrified to remember so they named her "Bakhita," which means "fortunate" in Arabic.

Retrospectively, Bakhita was very fortunate, but the first years of her life do not necessarily attest to it. She was tortured by her various owners who branded her, beat and cut her. In her biography she notes one particularly terrifying moment when one of her masters cut her 114 times and poured salt in her wounds to ensure that the scars remained. "I felt I was going to die any moment, especially when they rubbed me in with the salt," Bakhita wrote.

She bore her suffering valiantly though she did not know Christ or the redemptive nature of suffering. She also had a certain awe for the world and its creator. "Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: 'Who could be the Master of these beautiful things?' And I felt a great desire to see Him, to know Him and to pay Him homage."

After being sold a total of five times, Bakhita was purchased by Callisto Legnani, the Italian consul in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. Two years later, he took Bakhita to Italy to work as a nanny for his colleague, Augusto Michieli. He, in turn, sent Bakhita to accompany his daughter to a school in Venice run by the Canossian Sisters.

Bakhita felt called to learn more about the Church, and was baptized with the name "Josephine Margaret." In the meantime, Michieli wanted to take Josephine and his daughter back to Sudan, but Josephine refused to return.

The disagreement escalated and was taken to the Italian courts where it was ruled that Josephine could stay in Italy because she was a free woman. Slavery was not recognized in Italy and it had also been illegal in Sudan since before Josephine had been born.

Josephine remained in Italy and decided to enter Canossians in 1893. She made her profession in 1896 and was sent to Northern Italy, where she dedicated her life to assisting her community and teaching others to love God.

She was known for her smile, gentleness and holiness. She even went on record saying, "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today."

St. Josephine was beatified in 1992 and canonized shortly after on October 2000 by Pope John Paul II. She is the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of the country.