



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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March 3, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church
Saturday: 9:00am in the church,
5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session.

Preparation: in the church at 7:00pm

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
Mar. 30 (8:30PM), Apr. 14, May 5, Jun. 9

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS

We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Depending upon our situation at different times in our lives, we can find comfort and be encouraged by one or more of the many artistic interpretations that we have of Jesus. We always look for the image that speaks to our needs. But would there be a time in our lives when we would search out an image of Jesus running through the temple with a whip of cords in his hand driving out the merchants and money changers? Not the most approachable image of Jesus, is it? Well, at least not at first glance.

John paints many versions of Jesus throughout his gospel. Mostly they show Jesus in control of the situation he is in - even when he is hanging on the cross. Today's may be the most unsettling for a lot of us who prefer a picture of Jesus who is more compassionate, more predictable and easier to take. Here Jesus seems to be out of control as he swings a whip, drives out the money changers, sheep and oxen, spills the coins, overthrows the tables and tells those who sold the doves to get out. For those of us who like an orderly and predictable religious experience, this gospel reading makes us squirm.

But in fact, Jesus isn't out of control. It is zeal that fires his action and words. Maybe it is his zeal that so unsettles us. Will he expect us, his followers, to be equally zealous? Looking to the scriptures might help us to understand what is happening in this scene and how it may be speaking to us.

Unlike the synoptic gospels, John places the temple cleansing at the beginning of his gospel. In this way, the story helps set the stage for what is to come in the narrative and helps interpret Jesus' identity and mission. The long-awaited messiah has arrived and he is burning with zeal for God. Jesus' fierce dedication is to the God reflected in our first reading from Exodus. This is not a God who wants to delight in the obedience of the people just because God likes subservience.

The commandments begin with three "words" that stress our relationship to God. Despite the multitude of gods worshiped by their neighbors, Israel has one God. This is the God who has chosen, protected and formed them into a people. These commands begin with a reminder of what God has already done for them. "I the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery." The people of Israel will observe these commands to show their reverence for God and express their thanks for God's gifts to them. Their observance will keep them in strong relationship to God and hold them together as a people. Keeping the commandments are the people's response to God's goodness towards us." This is the God of Jesus, the One for whom his zeal burns.

Jesus' actions are prophetic. They announce that a new time has come. God is going to accomplish in Jesus an act of pure worship, a cleansing act that will do what the temple was meant to do - praise God in loving worship and be a place of encounter between God and humans.

Now is the time for us to encounter Jesus entering into our lives. Now is the time to allow Him to sweep out what is crass, unnecessary and formalistic in our lives and in our community. His Spirit wants to cleanse our very being, firing our spirits with a new enthusiasm for God and God's ways. We cannot do this ourselves. Our zeal is not enough.

Christ has entered our lives, has forgiven our sins, and has re-created each one of us as a cleansed temple, a cleansed spirit. Now is the time to consider how we might serve and promote the gospel by making our "cleansed spirit" a welcome place for all peoples, with the same zeal that fired his action and words.

SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION - FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Sacred Heart Home-School Association presents their Annual Spring Auction on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Ave. Tickets are \$15 per person - no one under 18 will be admitted. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets includes one sheet for 1st level prizes, Coffee/Tea and dessert. If you are interested, please call the school office at 201-939-4277 or Patty at 201-803-9580. **Ticket deadline is March 11th.** No tickets available at the door.

CABRINI FILM IN THEATERS

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of *Sound of Freedom*, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. This powerful film will be in general release in theaters across country starting on Thursday, March 7th. Near us it be shown at the: AMC Clifton Commons 16, 405 Route 3 East, Clifton, (973) 614-0966, AMC Ridgefield Park 12, 75 Challenger Rd, Ridgefield Park, (551) 999-6481, AMC Newport Centre 11, 30-300 Mall Drive West, Jersey City, 201-626-3258

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 10:30 AM

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR GOD
MAINTAIN LOYALTY AND JUSTICE
AND ALWAYS HOPE IN YOUR GOD
HOSEA 12:7**

10 MILES WITH JESUS

www.10mileswithJesus.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

The Archdiocese's 2024 Annual Appeal, is currently underway. You may have already received at home a letter from Cardinal Tobin explaining the important role the Annual Appeal plays for our Archdiocese. Gifts to the Annual Appeal play a critical role in the delivery of programs and ministries provided by the Archdiocese that are at the heart of the mission of our local Church.

Our Goal for 2024 \$34,720

If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 AM. Please **remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday, March 9th before you go to bed.** It is also a good time to check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

MUSIC FOR MS FUNDRAISER SAT., APRIL 20TH, REDD'S IN CARLSTADT

Rock to the sound of No Politics band performing classic rock favorites from Eagles, Doors, Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers, Tom Petty, Rolling Stones and More! Doors Open 5pm show at Approx. 8pm. Cash Bar & Kitchen Tickets are \$20 and are limited. Please reserve yours by March 27th. Call Rosemary at 201-893-7620 for tickets and more details. Proceeds donated to MS Society Walk MS 2024, Team NJ MOM

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE LONG BRANCH, N.J.

MARCH 8-10, 2024 ---- RESERVE YOUR SPOT!!!

Ladies:

Happy New Year and you are invited to attend our annual women's retreat at Sal Alfonso Retreat House. The registration for our retreat (March 8-10, 2024) is open. The cost is \$300 for the weekend. "The theme: The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart. The retreat will offer you an opportunity to get in touch with the hungers within your own heart and how an encounter with the living Christ through prayer, scripture, community and most importantly, the Eucharist satisfies those hungers." Registration is open online!! If you have any questions please call Margaret Dacchille at 201 456 2399. **Space is limited so register as soon as possible.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Joins us as we reflect on the passion and death of the Lord as a community during the Fridays of Lent. The Stations of the Cross will follow the 12:00 Mass on Friday: Mar. 8, 15, 22. ****PLEASE NOTE THAT STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL REPLACE ADORATION DURING THE FRIDAYS OF LENT****

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Buco, Sr., Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., John Scivetti, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Norma Altreche, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre, Fely Czeslowski, Ely Ongoco, Perpetua Aspile, Anne Montillo, Margot O'Hara, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Colleen Branigan, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Raymond Santelli, Sr., Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Maria Frances Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania

DECEASED: Barbara Moretto, Francis Donald Wynne, David V. Vaccari, Sr.

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

In Honor of: Victor G. Brocoli, Jr.

Donated by: Rosemary & Andrew Paleologos

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

We are stocking up the pantry for the cold winter season. Can you help us assist our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity?

Items needed most, at this time, are: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly. Food items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church.

Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked! **We would not be able to help local families without your generosity.** As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE THIS SUNDAY

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies this Sunday for \$6 a box at the entrances to the church. Indulge your sweet tooth and help the Girl Scouts

YOUR HELP REQUESTED

Planning for our St. Patrick's Day fundraiser is well underway. We need your help to make it a fun and successful event. If you would like to volunteer to help with this effort, or would like to donate some desserts, please give Sabina a call at 862-249-1186.

MARCH 3, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Anna Houlihan

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rosetta Murray

10:30 am Sabatino Sammarone

12:00pm Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

1:30 pm Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Casimir

12:00pm Christopher Meister (Living)

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Victor G. Brocoli, Jr.

WEDNESDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Pettigrew Family

THURSDAY - Lenten Weekday/Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

12:00pm Jaime Canal

FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. John of God, Religious

12:00pm EWTN/USA

SATURDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00am Anna Marie Faller

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Daniela Raszkievicz

10:30 am Jane Valenti

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Rufina Mercedes Hernandez

STEWARDSHIP

FEB 18

Sunday - \$6,592

Ash Wednesday - \$2,536

Central & Eastern Europe -\$1,475

FEB 25

Sunday - \$5,232

Reminder: We need \$7,900 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thank you for your continued generosity!!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Corned Beef Dinner - Irish Music - BYOB

50/50 Raffle - Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Gift Baskets Auction -- Tickets for the dinner

\$30 for Adults \$10 for kids 12 and under

and are on sale now.



In conjunction with this major fund raising event, the parish is requesting donations for gift baskets that will be auctioned off that night. If you're interested in donating a \$25, \$50, or \$75 basket, please drop it off at the Parish Center. If you'd like to contribute new items to make up a gift basket, you can also drop them off at the Parish Center. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sabina at 862-249-1186. Thank you for your generosity which will contribute to the success of this fund raising which will benefit Sacred Heart Parish.



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NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS
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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The **days of both Fast and Abstinence** during Lent are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. *If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.*
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals, which added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*