

Church of the Sacred Heart

Hartsdale, New York, 10530

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart Parish is a Community of Disciples of the Lord, who invites us all, to gather as one, to hear His word, to give thanks for that word amid prayer and praise, and to offer a loving hand of comfort and support to all, especially those in need.

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Karan Chin

Folk Group Director

Jonathan Goldwasser

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. in Spanish
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.,
12:30 and 7:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. in Korean

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday
7:00, 8:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

When the Holy Day is a work day
Vigil at 7:30 p.m.,
Day: 7:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:10,
and 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Arranged one month in advance.

Marriages

Arranged six months in advance.
Call rectory for appointment.

Reconciliation

Saturday between
4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
Anytime upon request.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the rectory.

Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Please notify the rectory when someone is homebound or being admitted to the hospital. A priest or Eucharistic Minister will bring Holy Communion.

DECEMBER 25, 2016
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

- 4:00 Robert and Aldo Barbieri, Lidia and Ferruccio Monti
 7:00 Romelia España (+)
 9:00 Jean and John Reilly (+)
 10:30 **Korean Mass**

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 Martin Tori (+)
 9:30 The Gaffney Family
 11:00 **Sacred Heart Parishioners**
 12:30 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Maistre and Family (L)
 4:00 Korean Mass
 7:00 **No Mass**

Monday, December 26 - St. Stephen

- 7:00 Marina Mihailescu (+)
 8:30 Eugene Hughes (B) (+)
 12:10 Patrick Kindelan (+) and Family

Tuesday, December 27 - St. John the Evangelist

- 7:00 Brian Flores (+)
 8:30 Theresa Panicker (+)
 12:10 Rose Zeoli (A)

Wednesday, December 28 -The Holy Innocents

- 7:00 R. John Armstrong
 8:30 Immacolata Constanzo
 12:10 Laura Burke

Thursday, December 29 -St. Thomas Beckett

- 7:00 Bob Michalik
 8:30 Msgr. Edward M. Connors (A)
 12:10 Rose Zeoli (A)

Friday, December 30 - Holy Family of Jesus

- 7:00 Quinones Family (L)
 8:30 Pasquale Ruvo (B)
 12:10 The Higgins and O'Connor Families (L) (+)

Saturday, December 31 - St. Sylvester

- 8:00 Chad Ayn Reyes (+)
 9:00 Ernst Auer (+) (A) (B)
 5:00 Ron Baker (+)

Sunday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 8:00 Victorio (+) and Quinones (+) Families
 9:30 Joan Harnett (+)
 11:00 **Sacred Heart Parishioners**
 12:30 Gladys Mompont (1st A) (+)
 4:00 **Korean Mass**
 7:00 **No Mass**



THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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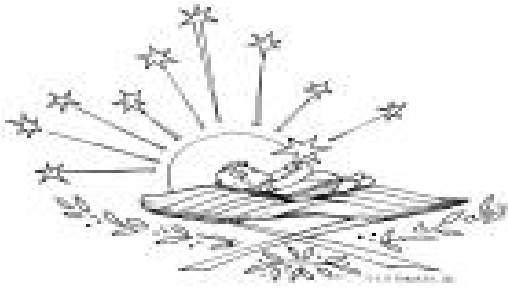
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Reference Key

- A - Anniversary (Deceased)
 B - Birthday (Deceased)
 L - Living
 + - Deceased

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Merry Christmas

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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The clergy and staff want to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

What is the true meaning of Christmas?"

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

The real Christmas story is the story of God's becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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Mass Attendance

Last weekend our Mass attendance was 1254.



Weekly Offering



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Our collection last Sunday was \$12,299.79.
Same Sunday last year was \$ 8,952.42.

Thank you for your continued financial support to our Parish and its many needs. Your financial generosity for the upkeep of our Parish buildings and programs is essential and greatly appreciated.

Rectory Office

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th.

Youth Group

Our mission is to help teenagers to grow in their relationship with God. We provide a safe, nurturing environment where they can explore their faith, values and their role in the church today through group meetings, service and social events.

All teenagers grade 8-12 are invited to join us for faith, fun, and food. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 12, 2017, from 7pm - 8:30 pm. The group will meet in the Sacred Heart School's large meeting room. Please enter thru the red doors on Central Ave.

If you have any questions please call Jon and Emily Goldwasser at (914) 414-5211 or email eflora616@yahoo.com

Giving Tree

The Sacred Heart Church Community has once again shown the true meaning of Christmas by its kindness and generosity to those who are in need. The Giving Tree project Committee collected over \$9,500.00. Thank you to all who helped make this possible.

The Choirs of Sacred Heart Parish

We are looking for new members to help sing for Christmas! Do you like to sing? Then why not consider joining the adult or children's choir here at Church of the Sacred Heart. The purpose of the choir is to help lead the congregation in song and to help add to the beauty of the Mass. By being in the choir, you not only experience the Mass on a whole different level, but you are also offering your gift of song with others that love to sing. By being in the choir you learn more about music and its place in Church worship. The **Children's Choir** rehearses each Tuesday from 3:30-4:15PM in the Church and sings on the 1st Sunday of the month. Students from 2nd grade through 8th grade are welcome to join. The **Adult Choir** rehearses each Saturday from 11:00AM- 12:00PM and sings at the 11AM Mass each Sunday. Anyone in 9th grade or older is welcome to join. New members are welcome in all four parts of the Choir: Soprano, (higher women's voices), Alto, (lower women's voices), Tenor, (higher men's voices) and Bass, (lower men's voices).

If you enjoy singing, then please join us! If you have any questions, please stop by to see our choir director, Karan Chin after any of the weekend Masses. "He who sings prays twice!" – Saint Augustine

Leisure Club Trip Frank Loyd Wright's Falling Water and Heinz Chapel

The Leisure Club of Sacred Heart Church is planning a 2 night trip to Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water & Heintz Chapel, a visit to Flight 93 National Memorial Site, and also, Quecreek Mine Rescue Foundation. It will take place April 25th thru April 27th, 2017, (Tuesday thru Thursday). Includes: deluxe Motor-coach transportation, 2 nights accommodations, and some meals, (2 breakfasts, and 2 dinners).

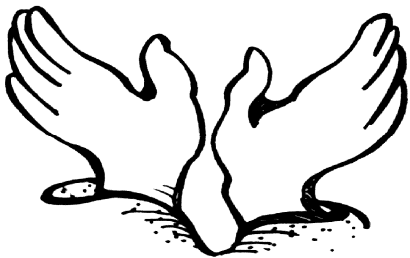
The cost is \$529.00 per person Twin/\$669 per person single. If interested, please contact Mary Keehan at: (914) 693-4328.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joan Allgaier
John Bogetti
Joyce Bogetti
Mary Brady
Isabella S. Braga
Catherine Bryceland
Renee Cambridge
Kathryn Capofari
Geshika Chirinos
Richard Colonna
Margaret P. Craig
Mary Cremin
Jessie Crisci
Elizabeth De Vito
John De Vito
Alda DeScenza
Kaelynne Driscoll
Vivienne Dupre
Joseph Falzon
Michelle Floriano
Jeff Fox
Joseph Gjelaj
Marion Gruber
Diana Haydon
Angela Jones
Maria Kucharzyk
Jocelyn Laetzo
Agustin Lago

Maria A. Leite
Luis Llamoca
John McManus
Anita Moranski
Christine Morgan
Thomas Motta
Barbara Murphy
John A. Pascucci
Judy Petersen
John Petriccione
Dolores Piazza
Amalia Piomelli
Russ Reid
Ben Rivera
Rosa Maria Santos
Richard Shellenberg
Thomas Sorrentino
Nicole Spano
Vita Spano
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Pray Always
Always Pray



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