

Church of the Sacred Heart

Hartsdale, New York 10530

Parish Mission Statement

Church of the Sacred Heart 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,

Served by

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Camille Coppola
Thomas Celestino
Lauren Meade

Adult and Children Choirs

Karan Chin
Folk Group Director
Jonathan Goldwasser

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm in Spanish
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm
4:00 pm in Korean

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday
7:00 am, 8:30 am and 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am and 9:00 am

Holy Day Masses

When the Holy Day is a work day:
vigil at 7:30 pm,
Day: 7:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:10 pm and 7:30 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Sunday at 2:00 pm
Arranged two months in advance.

Marriages

Arranged six months in advance.
Call rectory for appointment.

Reconciliation

Saturday between
4:00 pm and 5:00 pm
Anytime upon request.

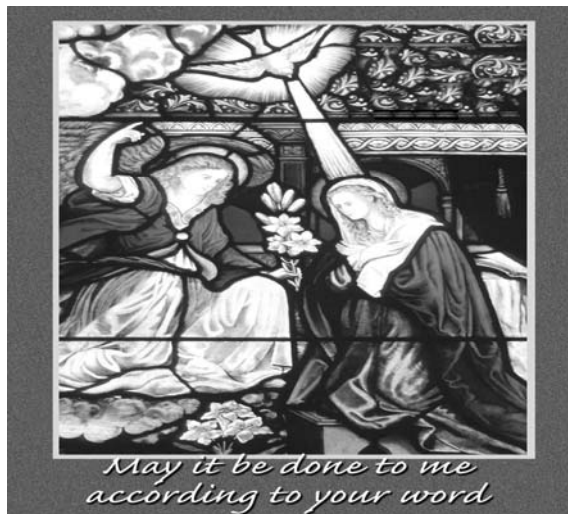
Anointing of the Sick

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 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Saturday, December 23: Vigil Masses

5:00 Joan Hartnett (B)
7:00 Luis Trujillo (+) (Spanish Mass)

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Frank Santospirito (+)
9:30 Susan Serafin (B)
11:00 Sacred Heart Parishioners
12:30 Ermalinda Lanzara (A)
4:00 Jane and Bob Gaffney (L) (36th Wed Ann)
7:00 Jane and Hank Goldwasser (+)
9:00 Quinones and Victorio Families (L)
10:30 Korean Mass

Monday December 25: Nativity of the Lord

8:00 Gaffney Family
9:30 Martin Tori (A)
11:00 Sacred Heart Parishioners
12:30 Rosa Giglio, Donato Giglio and Michael Rubino

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen

7:00 Julia Sessa (+)
8:30 Rita Boettger, Anesia and Carlito Benito Labao(+)
12:10 Rose Zeoli (A)

Wednesday, December 27: St. John the Apostle

7:00 Lisa Tyler (L)
8:30 Giovanni Di Nunno(+)
12:10 Gina Perri and Bernard Guarascio, Sr. (+)

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

7:00
8:30 Deceased Members of the Harold Family (+)
12:10 Lourdes Salonga McMillan (L)

Friday, December 29:

7:00 Msgr. Edward M. Connors (A)
8:30 Pasquale Ruvo (B)
12:10 Samuel Nadel (A)

Saturday, December 30:

8:00 Ron Baker (+)
9:00 Vivienne Dupre (+)
5:00 Giulette and Lopopolo Families
7:00 Gloria Cardona (+) (Spanish Mass)

Sunday, December 31:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 Ernst Auer (B)(A)
9:30 Ron Baker (2nd A)
11:00 Sacred Heart Parishioners
12:30 Nora Murphy (+)
4:00 Korean Mass
7:00 NO MASS

God's Promise

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13- 18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128: 1-5

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).

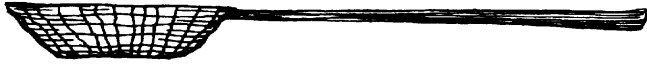
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Mass Attendance

Mass attendance last Sunday was 1,276.

Weekly Offering



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Our collection last week was \$ 8,402.84.
Same Sunday last year was \$ 12,299.79.

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.

What Holy Days of Obligation fall during the Advent and Christmas Seasons?

In the United States, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a holy day of obligation. Mary is the patroness of the US under this title. The others are Christmas Day, December 25, and Mary, Mother of God, January 1. In years when January 1 falls on either Saturday or Monday the obligation is lifted.

Rectory Office

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and will reopen on Tuesday, December 26.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree Committee wishes to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for the incredible generosity that was shown in the form of nearly \$9500 and the multiple carloads of gifts that were collected for those in need. This was truly a manifestation of the Christmas spirit and a prayer for the blessings of the holy season. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "For it is in giving that we receive." Thanks! Linda Collins

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From
the
Pastor



Leaves are down. Trees are bare. Winter is here. I hope everyone is healthy and well, as you prepare for another wonderful Season of Christmas.

As this year comes to a rapid closing, I would like to thank all our parishioners for their prayers and generous support to our parish this year. In addition a huge thank you for your generous gifts to those in need during this season of thanksgiving.

As the cold and flu season has begun, I have received a number of questions about, "Are you still going to make available the precious Blood during the winter months? Others have said to me, "So many people are getting sick during this time of the year, sharing of the chalice may spread germs and disease."

We will follow the procedure outlined in the "Guideline for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion." It instructs "Distribution of Communion under both Kinds is recommended in all celebrations of the Eucharist; but, it is the Communicant's option to receive from the Sacred Cup with the proper understanding."

We receive the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, but receiving from the Sacred Cup has a deeper meaning than just receiving the Real Presence of Jesus. It is in response to the question that Jesus asked the Apostles James and John, "Can you drink the Cup that I am about to receive?" (Matthew 20:22); In other words: "Are you willing to share the Martyrdom that I am about to face?"

Though we are willing to, we should all try to be mindful that we should abstain from receiving the Precious Blood if one feels sick, has a cold, flu, or anything that may be contagious. Thank you for your understanding. May God continue to bless our parish community.

Pray for the Sick

Joan Allgaier
Beverly Barna
Leonor Beltran
Vidal Billalovos
Joyce Bogetti
Mary Brady
Isabella S. Braga
Rachel Brown
Catherine Bryceland
George Busler
Renee Cambridge
Kathryn Capofari
Carlos Cardenas
Mary Casale
Geshika Chirinos
Agada Chun
Margaret P. Craig
Frank Crea
Mary Cremin
Jessie Crisci
Thomas DelGuidice
Elizabeth De Vito
Alda DeScenza
Raymond Diggs
Ambrogio Domenicano
Reilly Dowd
Kaelynne Driscoll
Joseph Falzon
TJ Finan
Michelle Floriano
Jeff Fox
Elizabeth Garrett
Joseph Gjelaj
Marion Gruber
Victoria Guerrero-Smith
Rosalie Hallacy
Diana Haydon
Angela Jones
Herman Jones
Maria Kucharzyk
Jocelyn Laetzo
Agustin Lago
Alexa Langiulli
Maria A. Leite
Theresa Leuzzi
Flora Liberatore

Lilia Lopez Orola
Joseph Madappatt
James Mallon
Veronica Marasciulo
Fabiana Mazzocco
John McManus
Kathleen McManus
Joan McPhillips
Patricia McQuade
Anita Moranski
Thomas Motta
John A. Pascucci
Judy Petersen
John Petriccione
Virginia Piccini
Thomas Pieczynski
Amalia Piomelli
Andrew Pisacreta
Ben Rivera
Nancy Rizzari
Linda Rodrigues
Lourdes Salonga McMillan
Rosa Maria Santos
Charles Saumel
Grace Scoppa
Denise Soranno
Thomas Sorrentino
Nicole Spano
Vita Spano
Christopher Terracciano
Lisa Terraciano
Maria Terracciano
Richard Terraciano
Marcilio Testa
Erica Torres
Geraldine A. Towey
Joy Noel Travalino
Helena Trindade
Stanley M. Wiecinski
Frank Wilcox
Enrico Zaluski
Silvia Zaluski
Carmen R. Zapata
Fanny Zappi
Vincent Zappi