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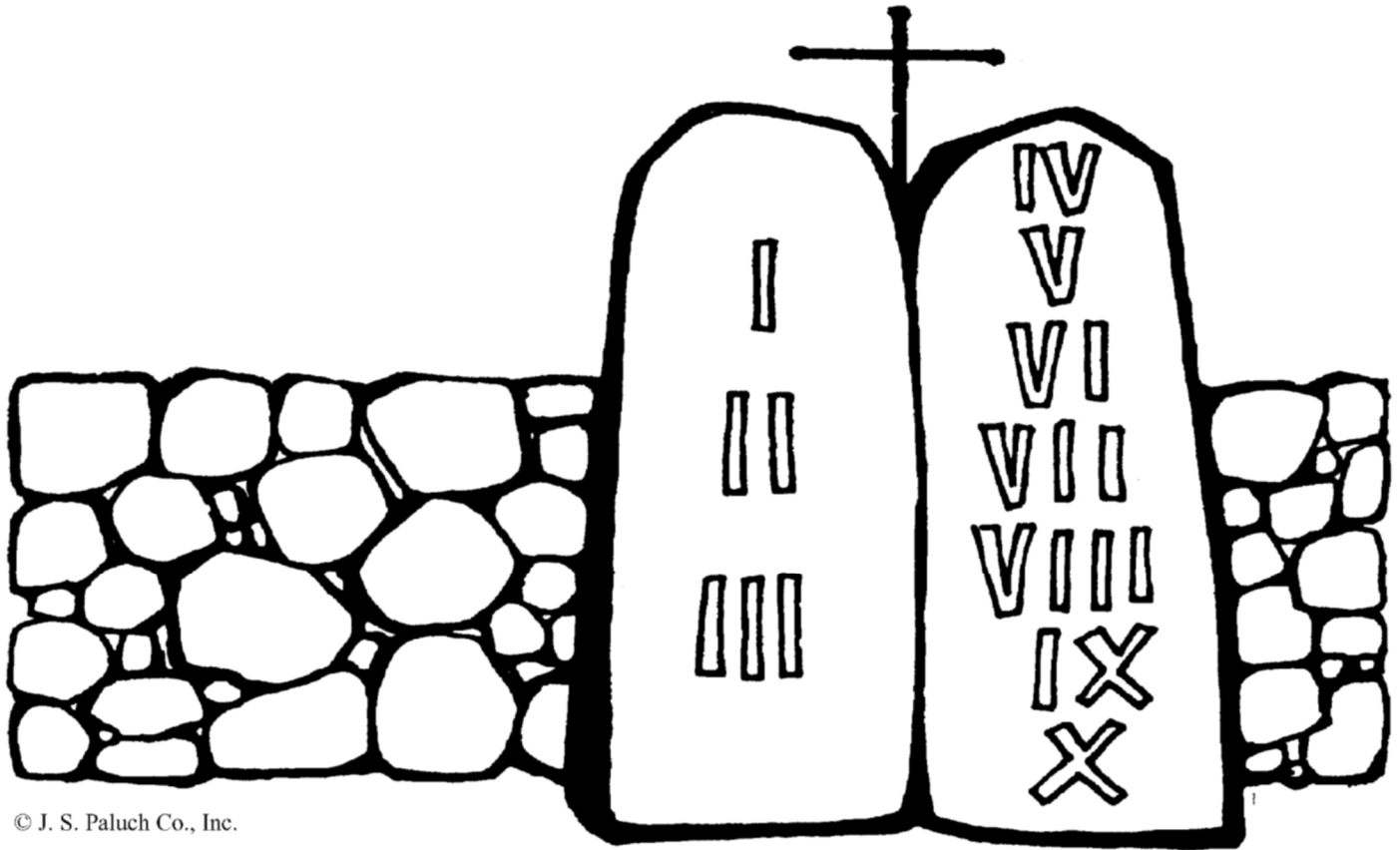
Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2015

I, the LORD, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*



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St. Joseph Table

We will honor St. Joseph on **Sunday, 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



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
 www.sacredheartschoolnewburgh.us
 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 9

7:00 Elvira Lince
7:00 PM Novena

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 Joseph Timperio

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 John DeMarco

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 Mary Foster

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 Elsie Barden
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 Priests and Deacons of Sacred Heart
5:00 1. Joseph Timperio
2. Paul Goff
3. Pope Francis

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 Joseph and Mary Ann Roscino
10:00 The Families of Sacred Heart Church
12:00 Edwin Casanova

UPCOMING EVENT

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

Mar 9 Novena 7:00 PM
Mar 13 Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
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

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 the call rectory at 845-561-2264. **Payment is due** by Friday, **March 27**.

Weekly Offering



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Weekend February 28 & March 1 \$7,197
Maintenance \$1,634
Attendance 454 Adults and 52 Children

Second Collection

The **Second Collection** next **Sunday, March 15, 2015**, will be taken up for the Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

2015 Cardinal's Appeal

To date our parish has received \$14,285.00 in pledges/ gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 67 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.

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.

Heaven

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman



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, Frank Gironda,
- Frances Marino, Sr. Mary Angela,
- Tom Marino, George Mele,
- Rosemarie Moffa, Gloria Presutti,
- Jordan Ruwe, Delia Sifre,
- Emma Studtmann, Mary Venticenque,
- Rudy Warren, Keith Weber

Meeting Notice (location change)

The Catholic Daughters will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7 PM in **Gallo Hall**. Please note change of meeting location. Father Bill will be giving a Lenten talk. New members are always welcome. For further information, please contact Maureen Kelly at 562-9462.

Palm Weaving

Parishioners skilled in this art will begin work on Monday, March 9 in the St. Anthony Room of the Activity Center. Please see schedule below.

March 9 thru March 13 from **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

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

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.

RCIA Announcement

As we journey through the Lenten season, our catechumen, Priscilla Bellamy, and our candidate, Catherine Langham, begin their final preparation for the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. A part of this preparation has already been completed. On Saturday evening, February 21, at the 5:00 PM Mass, our catechumen and candidate participated in the Rite of Sending. Our catechumen as one of hundreds throughout the Archdiocese sent to St. Patrick's Cathedral on February 22 to participate in the Rite of Election officiated by Cardinal Dolan. These catechumens have elected to become full members of the Catholic Church.

Our candidate, along with the candidates from the upper counties, was sent to St. Kateri Tekakwitha on March 1 to Bishop Dominick Lagonegro for the Rite of Calling to continuing Conversion. This Rite reminds her that she has been chosen by God to receive the special sacramental graces for which she has been preparing.

Today, and for the next two Sundays at the 12:00 PM Mass, our catechumen will participate in the Scrutinies. The Scrutinies are brief rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. By the end of the Scrutinies the elect should progress in her perception of sin and her desire for salvation. The Scrutinies help the elect come to know Christ the Redeemer who is the living water, the light of the world, and the resurrection and the life.

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!

Sacred Heart Parish has a website, Facebook Page and Blog. The Facebook Page and Blog can be easily accessed from the Links provided on the website navigation bar. All questions and concerns should be directed via email to our Web Master, Frank Iovine at frank.j.iovine@gmail.com.

THE PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked “Does the phrase ‘the Ten Commandments’ appear in the Bible?” would likely get it wrong, because the answer is “no.” “The Ten Commandments” is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today’s passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God’s law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God’s path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God’s freedom through Christ.

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TODAY’S READINGS

- First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7.*
- Psalms** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95.*
- Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*
- Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
- Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across the centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of the rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Weekday Mass was only at designated “stations.” The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church. In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were pre-baptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord’s Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

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APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

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

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| Mar 9 | Very Rev. Mario Esposito
Rev. Thomas Zalewski, O.Carm |
| Mar 10 | Rev. Christopher Byrnes, O.Carm
Deacon Jack Seymour |
| Mar 11 | Rev. Paul Denault, O.Carm
Rev. Robert Traudt, O.Carm |
| Mar 12 | Rev. Mark Connell
Deacon William Glover |
| Mar 13 | Deceased priests and deacons |
| Mar 14 | Retired priests |
| Mar 15 | Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD |

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