

RADIATE THE LOVE



1936 - 2018

82nd Anniversary



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2018

PARISH CLERGY

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RECTORY HOURS

9 AM - 12:30PM, 1:30PM - 5PM
(M- F)

FAITH FORMATION

Sr. Vilma Orejola, FLP

Director

Ms. Mona Martin

Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs. Yvonne Russell-Smith

Principal, SH Academy

MASSES

Monday to Saturday
9:00 AM in the Chapel

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM in the Church

Sunday
English Mass
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Creole Mass 12:45 PM

Holy Days
English Mass 9:00 AM
Bilingual Mass 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Saturdays at 4:00 pm in the Church
Every 1st Friday after the 9 AM Mass



Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Church, Cambria Heights is a diverse, vibrant, family united in faith. Drawing from our rich cultural backgrounds, we proclaim Christ as Lord, celebrate His living presence in the Sacraments, and serve others in his name.

RENOVATION

Sacred Heart Church



Your **Generations of Faith Pledges** and payments are a huge part in the renovation of our church. Thank you to all of you who faithfully make your payments. If you have not yet started paying your pledge, please consider doing so now, and if you have not yet signed up, you can do so today.

TAX LETTERS

Tax letters will not be mailed this year. Please call the rectory if you require a letter, and we will immediately get it to you. Thank you for your kind consideration and patience in this process.

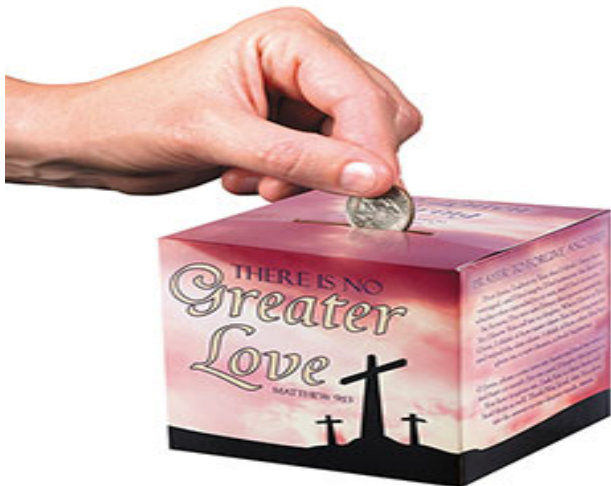
Parishioner Membership Database

It is that time of the year to update the Sacred Heart Membership database. This process is important to assure our membership count is current and to minimize mailing expenses of parish envelope packages. Therefore, anyone who has not used envelopes in a year or more will have their status changed to “inactive”, and will no longer receive envelopes. If at any time you want to change to an active registered member and receive envelopes again, please contact the rectory. If you are a new to the parish and would like receive tithing envelopes, please complete a new member card. You can an usher or call the rectory for a temporary package. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



Bread and Wine
 were offered in Thanksgiving
 for the birthday of
 Marie-Quenelle Roc

**Lent is a season for
 PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING**



**Pick up a Lenten Box
 in gratitude to God for his
 LOVE to us!**

**Drop your savings from your FASTING in
 this box and bring it back to the church on
 or before Holy Thursday.**

This collection will go to the needy.

***“As you do it to the least of these who are
 my brothers and sisters you have done
 it unto me.”***

-Matthew 25:35

**MASS INTENTIONS
 FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, February 17, 2018

5:00 pm Anselme Connor (D)

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:00 am Irlande Louis (In Thanksgiving)

10:00 am Tanisha Kendra (B)

12:45 pm Angie Daniel (B)

Marie-Quenelle Roc (B)

Martine Volmar (B)

Carmelle Bruno (B)

Monday, February 19, 2018

9:00 am Patrice Milord (D)

Marie Fenela Lucien (D)

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00 am Franklyn Christopher Wilson (B)

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

9:00 am Marie C. Presendor (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, February 22, 2018

9:00 am

Friday, February 23, 2018

9:00 am

Saturday, February 24, 2018

9:00 am Henoche Elysée (D)

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



SACRED HEART'S YOUTH MINISTRY

**The Parish's Annual
Black History Month Celebration**

sponsored by Teen Club

**Theme: "Complacency has no place in
the economy of salvation"**

When: Sunday, February 25th, 2018 - 4PM

Where: School auditorium.

Meals will be sold.

SACRED HEART RC CHURCH

115-58 222 STREET (221ST STREET & 115TH ROAD), CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411

ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

RECOLLECTION WEEKEND 2018

"Responding to His call" | Sam. 3:1-7

Inspired Teachings, Fellowship, Prayers, Bible Study, Praise & Worship, Holy Hour, Mass, and lots more... *Rev. Fr. Hyacinth Jemigbola*

Fri-Sun, February 23- 25, 2018

@ Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington NY \$180 Single Room Occupancy

For more Information Please Contact, Mike Mekako- (917) 593-5108, Claudette Archer- (718) 217-1982, Elisa Ward (516) 462-6589

Please join us

this Lent for

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Together in Christ,

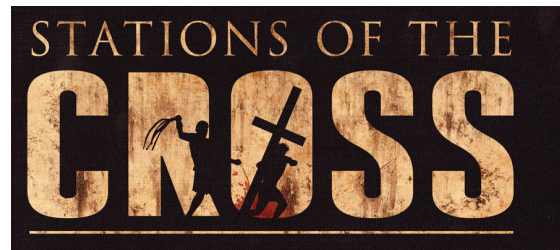


the process of spiritual renewal and
evangelization that has spread
across our diocese.

Please contact Sister Vilma at 718-528-0577

for more information.

**Meet New Friends • Pray & Read Scripture
• Deepen Faith • Encounter Christ Today**



**Every Friday of Lent
at 7:30 pm
in the church**

**Schedule for
Children's Stations of the Cross
FRIDAY @ 6:30 pm in the Church**

Feb. 23rd, Mar. 9th and Mar. 16th

Movie night - March 23rd

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS FOR LENT 2018

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24: 12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”.[1] Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (*Jn 8:44*), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

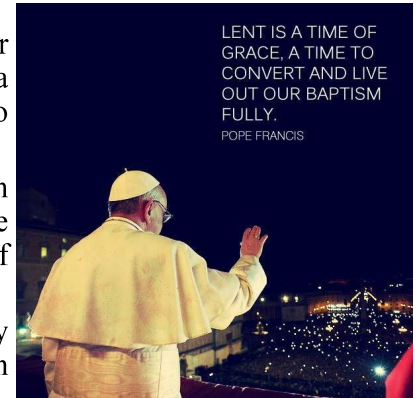
A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice,[2] in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, “the root of all evil” (*1 Tim 6:10*). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments.[3] All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God’s plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.[4]



Continuation of the Message of the Holy Father...

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception,[5] and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.[6]

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

The fire of Easter

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds",[7] and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE LENTEN RETREATS**

Creole

March 12, 13 & 14, 2018

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Speaker: Fr. Firtio Regis

English

March 19, 20 & 21, 2018

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Speaker: Fr. Trevor



JESUS, the musical stage adventure about the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever.

Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater, PA
Saturday, March 17, 2018

Fee: \$100 for Children under 12 & \$150 for 13 yrs. old & above
Please call the rectory at **718-528-0577** for more information or reservation.



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in English on the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 PM, and in Creole on the 4th Saturday at 1:00 PM. If you are planning to have your child baptized in the parish, please call the rectory.

Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM in church, or by appointment in the rectory.

Matrimony

If you are planning to get married, please schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. If you are not in a valid marriage (a marriage not celebrated in church by a priest or deacon), please call or write the rectory for an appointment to see a priest.

Communion for the Homebound

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Please call the rectory.

UPCOMING BAPTISM SCHEDULE

English Baptism Celebration

Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 1:00 PM

Baptism Preparation:

(for Parents) Thursday, April 5th - 7:30 pm

((for Parents & Godparents) Thursday, April 12th -7:30 pm

Creole Baptism Celebration

Saturday, April 28, 2018 1:00 PM

Baptism Preparation:

(for Parents) Thursday, April 19th - 7:30 pm

((for Parents & Godparents) Thursday, April 26th -7:30 pm

Please call the rectory to register.

Rite D'Initiation Chretienne Pour Adultes

Êtes-vous membre d'une église différente? N'avez-vous pas été baptisé? Voulez-vous devenir Catholique? Jésus vous appelle à un cheminement spirituel. Veuillez vous rejoindre à nous chaque mercredi soir à 7 heures pour le Rite d'Initiation Chrétienne pour adultes. Pour plus d'information, appeler le diacre François ou le diacre Paul.

Gwoup Konsolasyon

Pou konsole moun ki pèdi yon moun chè nan fanmi yo. Gwoup Konsolasyon an kapab ede w. Rankontre nou chak dènye Jedi nan mwa a nan basement presbitè a 7è di swa.

Ministry of Consolation

A group of caring, compassionate volunteers assist families in planning the funeral liturgy of their loved ones. For further information please contact the rectory or Angela DePeaza at 718.525.4311.

Bereavement

We invite the bereaved to join us for reassurance and support on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in Father Nolan's Unity Room.

Facility

Wish to reserve a room for your next function?
Please call Fritz Kernizan at 718-406-5277.

Annual Catholic Appeal

This campaign supports specific needs in the diocese and in our parish. This year, our parish goal is \$48,551. We have only received \$46,459.00 in pledges. Please consider making a pledge to the ACA 2018. For we budget on the rebates. To make a pledge please contact the rectory at 718-528-0577.

Generations of Faith

If you have already submitted your pledge card for the Campaign, please send all future payments directly to the Generations of Faith office at: Generations of Faith: Diocese of Brooklyn, **P.O. Box 7356 Berlin, CT 06037**