

RADIATE THE LOVE



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Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2017

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Hilaire Belizaire
Pastor

Rev. Fr. Franklin Ezeorah
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Fr. Joseph R. Bruno
In residence

Deacon Francois G. Cajoux
Deacon Paul Dorsinville

Deacon Roy Dudley
Deacon Marcus Mordan
(Retired)

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RECTORY HOURS

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

FAITH FORMATION

Sr. Vilma Orejola, FLP
Director

Ms. Mona Martin
Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs. Yvonne Russell-Smith
Principal, SH Academy

MASSES

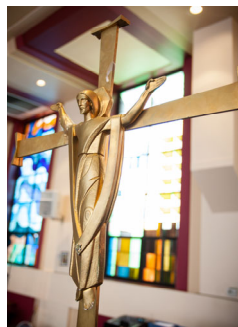
Monday to Saturday
9:00 AM in the Chapel

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.



PASTOR'S LENTEN MESSAGE

My dear parishioners of Sacred Heart,

Every year, the church gives us this graceful season of Lent to remind us of the infinite love of God manifested to us in Jesus' death and resurrection, and to deepen our faith in it.

In the long history of the Church, Lent was introduced by the Council of Nicea in 325, as a period of forty days before Easter. The time chosen seems to have been based on the forty fasting days of Moses, Elijah, and most particularly the forty days of fasting and praying of Jesus in the desert after his baptism. That's how Jesus was prepared for ministry and for his mission to redeem the world through the cross.

Every year we have this opportunity to join Jesus in the desert of our own lives to fast, pray, and do good, and thus prepare ourselves to celebrate the great mystery of our salvation at Easter. It is in that spirit I am inviting you once again to participate in our parish's Lenten Mission Project – a project that helps various organizations of the parish help the less fortunate around the world. As you fast from spending much on food, store your saving in the Lenten offering box, and return it before Holy Thursday when we celebrate the mass dedicated to the poor.

I am excited to share with you this season of renewal and spiritual enrichment.

I hope that Lent 2017 be a special time of grace for all of us people who love God or are searching for God.

Fr. Hilaire, Pastor

**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
April 15th.

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, March 4, 2017

5:00 pm Martin C. Presendor (D)

Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:00 am Jean Claude &
Christine Laforestrie
(Wedding Anniversary)

10:00 am For The People Of The Parish

12:45pm Louis Joseph Nicolas (D)

Monday, March 6, 2017

9:00 am Franklin N. Wilson (B)

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

9:00 am

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

9:00 am Jolette Ulysse (B)

Thursday, March 9, 2017

9:00 am Alex S. Urbain (D)

Friday, March 10, 2017

9:00 am

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9:00 am Anne-Christele Antoine

(In Thanksgiving for her birthday)

**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:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,

7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

PRAYER LIST

Deacon Roy Dudley, Deacon Marcus Mordan, Myriam St Louis Juste, Yolande Pierre, Hubert Mills, Mythe Ste Rose, Irma Ali, Saintecile Joseph, Sade Jean-Raymond, Jahlil Nahser, Brenda Alleyne, Elliot Haynes, Ann Gutman, Candie Olmstead, Augustina Pitt, Gloria John, Clarence Hoggard, Lela Moton, Narque and Patrick Jean, Carolyn Keller, Carolin Edith, Steve Ste Rose, Raymonde Bertrand, Carmene Muscad, Genevieve Morin, Marie Kernisant, Cecilie Campayne, Monarque Jean, Ucile Pierre-Louis, Kingsley Joachim, Denise Briggs, Marie Yolaine José, Clelie Fougère Cauvin, Wilford Shillingford, Alain Beaubrun, Stephon Ducasse, Josette Numa, Janet Greene, Gilberte Clérier, Claudette Perrin, Patricia Donellan, Murat Raymond, Jean Halle & Margaret John. May God restore their physical & spiritual health.

LENTEN CALENDAR

March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

2nd Season of ARISE Together in Christ Small Christian Community begins

March 10 – Friday - 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

March 10 – 12 – Fri - Sat - English Charismatic Prayer Group Annual Retreat

March 17 – Friday - 6:30 PM Children's Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Adult/bilingual)

March 24 – Friday - 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Adult/bilingual)

March 27-29 – Monday to Wednesday - Lenten Retreat (Creole)

Lenten Retreat in English – to be announced

March 31 – Friday - 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Adult/bilingual)

April 7 – Friday - First Friday: Eucharistic Adoration

Following 9am Mass till 6:30pm

6:30 PM Children's Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Adult/bilingual)

April 9 – Palm Sunday

April 10 – Holy Monday - Reconciliation Monday

April 13 – Holy Thursday - 7:30 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 14 – Good Friday - 12 Noon – Living Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm (English) and 7:30 PM (Creole) Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

April 15 – Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 pm

April 16 – Easter Sunday

LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Roman Catholics who are 14 years of age and older.

Fasting allows for only one full meal and two lighter meal each day and in addition, eating between meals is prohibited. Roman Catholics who are between the ages of 14 and 59 are asked to fast on 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.



Pope Francis: MESSAGE FOR LENT 2017

'May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ, [Who is] present in our brothers and sisters in need.'

The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift'

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (*Joel 2:12*), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. *Homily*, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. *Lk16:19-31*). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

1. The other person is a gift

The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called *Lazarus*: a name full of promise, which literally means "*God helps*". This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast (cf. *Homily*, 8 January 2016).

Lazarus teaches us that *other persons are a gift*. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbor or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.

....Pope Francis Lenten message will be continued next week

JOIN US FOR LENT TO "CHANGE OUR HEARTS"

Don't just give something up this Lent! Do something!
Become a part of an ARISE Together in Christ Small Christian Community
1st Meeting will begin on the 1st week of Lent

JOIN the conversation about connecting faith with life and moving our faith to action.

ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP ANNUAL RETREAT

The parish English Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to its annual retreat in Mt. Pocono with Fr. Hyacinth Jemigbola from **March 10th to the 12th**. Theme: "My Grace is Sufficient for you." The price is \$210 for shared room & \$230 for private room. Bus will leave in front of the church at 1pm on Friday the 10th. Please contact Mike Mekako - 917-593-5108; Claudette Archer -718-217-1982; Elisa Ward - 516-462-6589 to make reservation.

300 CLUB DRAWING

Numbers for the 300 club drawing scheduled are now being sold. Please reserve your number today. Each number is \$80. The grand prizes are \$800, \$1,800, & \$8,000. There will also be numerous other smaller prizes. You can see a member of the committee after mass.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

We are encouraging every ministry in the parish to participate in the upcoming Divine Mercy Pilgrimage at Eden Hill Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts sponsored by "Groupe Miséricorde" **on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017.** Buses leave in front of the Church at 6 AM. There's a participation fee of \$55. For more information please contact Evelyne at 347-682-3644 or Marie Louise at 718-527-3108 or Mike Mekako at 917-593-5108

FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION

There will be a short presentation about FIRE SAFETY after the 10am Mass on March 12th in the auditorium. This is an opportunity for all attendees to have FREE SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS installed in your homes. Learn about Fire Safety as you enjoy our monthly fellowship. For more information, please contact Claudia Ashby at 917-202-8835.

Sacred Heart Church 10-Day European Vacation !!! October 1-11, 2017

Rome, Barcelona, Marseille, Savona

**4 Nights Hotel in Rome & 5 nights Cruise
to Barcelona, Marseille, Savona**

R/T Air & Transfer, All Tax & Port Charges, 5 Nights Ship Accommodations, Breakfast, lunch, Dinner in ship, 4 hotel night in Rome, Tour of Rome, Papal Audience Breakfast & Dinner in hotel, Pool Parties, Casino, Disco Movies, Live Entertainment

Inside Cabins: \$4,009: Ocean View: \$4,199: Balcony Cabins: \$4,299(Prices are per person based on two in the cabin)

Register Now! Early Bird Discount

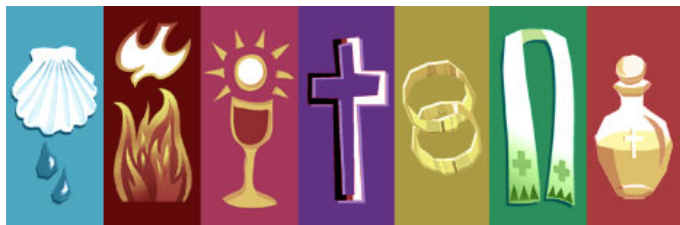
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT



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 SCHEDULES

Creole Baptism Celebration

Saturday, February 25 - 1:00 PM

Baptism Preparation:

(for Parents) Thursday, February 16, 7:30 pm

(for Parents & Godparents) Thursday, February 23, 7:30 pm

English Baptism Celebration

Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 1:00 PM

Baptism Preparation:

(for Parents) Thursday, May 4th - 7:30 pm

(for Parents & Godparents) Thursday, May 11th - 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 Capital 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 \$25,689 in pledges. Please consider making a pledge to the ACA 2016. 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**