THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP

JOHN R. McGANN

BISHOP OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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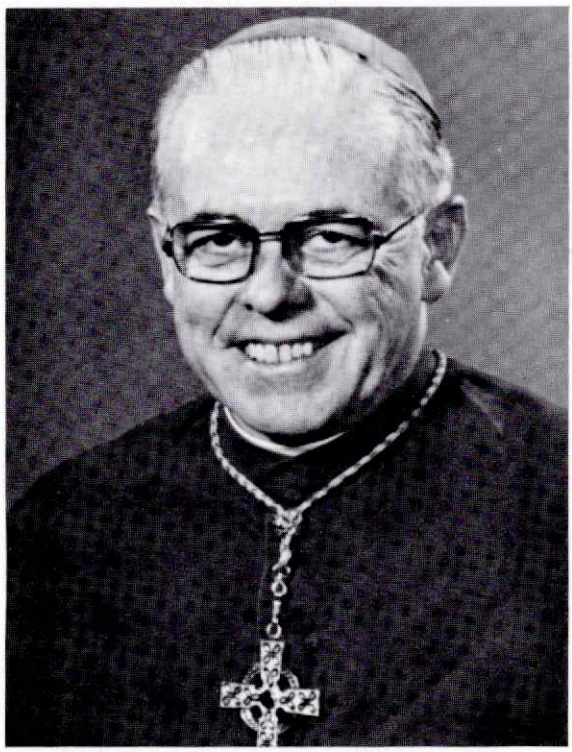

We the parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart Church wish to extend our heartfelt welcome to our Bishop, The Most Reverend John R. McGann on the occasion of the celebration of the opening of the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of the Parish of Sacred Heart.

OFFICIAL BISHOP'S WELCOME

Ecce Sacerdos Magnus
by Stadler

Ecce Sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo: I deo jurejurando fecit illum Dominus crescere in plebem suam. Benedictionem omnium gentium dedit illi, et testamentum suum comfirmavit super caput ejus. Gloria Patri, et Filil, et Spiritu i Sancto. Ideo jurejurando fecit illum Dominus crescere in plebum suam.

Welcome to the Bishop by: Mr. John Roache - Vice-Chairman of the
50th Anniversary Celebration
Mayor Michael Parente - Mayor of Island Park

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Penitential Rite:

All: I confess to you Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sister, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask the Blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

Kyrie: by Joseph Loffl

Gloria: by Joseph Roff

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, you gave to your people a parish and a beautiful Church so they could worship and give glory to your Holy Name. In your goodness continue to pour your blessings on this parish and its faithful people, who, today gratefully and joyfully give you thanks, celebrating their parish's Golden Jubilee. We ask you this, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introduction To First Reading:

Respectfully, we quote the Holy Scriptures and we make a comparison between the Temple of God in Jerusalem and Sacred Heart Church in Island Park. David bought the land in Jerusalem on which to build the Altar of Sacrifice and later the Temple of God. Our grandparents and parents bought the land on which to build Sacred Heart Church.

First Reading: 1.Ch. 21:13-24, 21:25-22:12

A reading from the First Chronicles,

First Chronicles 21:13-24

Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and rear an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. So David went up at Gad's word, which he had spoken in the name of the Lord. Now Ornan was threshing wheat; he turned and saw the angel, and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David and went forth from the threshing floor, and did obedience to David with his face to the ground. And David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the Lord - give it to me at its full price - that the plague may be averted from the people." Then Ornan said to David, "Take it; and let my lord the king do what seems good to him; see, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing sledges for the wood, and the wheat for a cereal offering. I give it all. But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will buy it for full price; I will not take for the Lord what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings which cost me nothing." So David paid Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the site. And David built there an altar to the Lord and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the Lord, and he answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. Then the Lord commanded the angel; and he put his sword back into his sheath.

At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he made his sacrifice there. For the Tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were at that time in the high place at Gibeon; but David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the Lord. Then David said, "Here shall be the house of the Lord, God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The following Liturgy of the Word replaces that printed in the booklet.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4/32-35 (45)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The community of believers were of one heart and one mind. None of them ever claimed anything as his own; rather everything was held in common. With power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great respect was paid to them all; now was there anyone needy among them, for all who owned property or houses sold them and donated the proceeds. They used to lay them at the feet of the apostles to be distributed to everyone according to his need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 118/1

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures for ever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures for ever."
Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His mercy endures for ever." - Response.

The right hand of the Lord is
exalted:
the right hand of the Lord has
struck with power."
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord. - Response

Though the Lord has indeed
chastised me,
yet he has not delivered me to
death. - Response

The stone which the builders
rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has
made;
let us be glad and rejoice
in it. - Response

SECOND READING: 1 John 5/1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God.
Now, everyone who loves the father
loves the child he has begotten.
We can be sure that we love God's children
when we love God
and do what he has commanded.
The love of God consists in this:
that we keep his commandments---
and his commandments are not burdensome.
Everyone begotten of God conquers the world,
and the power that has conquered the world
is this faith of ours.
Who, then, is conqueror of the world?
The one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.
Jesus Christ it is who came through water and blood---
not in water only,
but in water and in blood.
It is the Spirit who testifies to this,
and the Spirit is truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 27 (26): 1,4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? - Response.

One thing I ask of the Lord:
this I seek;
to dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life. - Response.

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple. - Response

I believe that I shall see the bounty
of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. - Response.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introduction to Second Reading:

King David asked noble people to donate precious things, gold and silver, money and materials to build the temple of God. Fifty years ago, our people donated materials and their skilled work to build our own Sacred Heart Church.

Second Reading: 1.Ch. 29:1-12, 15-17

A reading from the First Chronicles.

First Chronicles 29:1-12

Then King David said to the whole assembly, "Solomon, my son, whom alone Yahweh has chosen, is young, of tender years, and the work is great; this palace is not for man but for Yahweh God. With all the resources I have, I have provided for the house of my God, adding gold to gold, silver to silver, bronze to bronze, iron to iron, wood to wood, onyx, inlaid stones, coloured and striped stones, precious stones of every kind, masses of alabaster. What is more; what gold and silver I have in my own treasury I give out of love for the house of my God, over and above what I have provided already for the holy Temple - three thousand talents of gold, gold of Ophir, seven thousand talents of refined silver for planting the walls of the buildings. Whatever gold you have, whatever silver, or workmanship of the craftsman's hand, which of you today will undertake to consecrate it to Yahweh?"

Reading from the First Chronicles (continued)

Then the heads of families, the officials for the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and those who managed the king's affairs, undertook to give for the service of the house of God five thousand talents of gold, ten thousand darics, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, a hundred thousand talents of iron. All this, with what there were in the way of stones, they paid into the treasury of the house of Yahweh, for Jehiel, the Gershonite to administer. The people rejoiced at what these had given so readily. since their generous gift to Yahweh had been made wholeheartedly. King David too was filled with joy. In sight of the whole assembly David blessed Yahweh and said:

"May you be blessed, Yahweh, the God of Israel, our ancestor, for ever and for ever! Yours, Yahweh, is the greatness, the power, the splendor, length of days, glory for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours. Yours is the sovereignty, Yahweh; you are exalted over all, supreme. For we are strangers before you, settlers only, as all our ancestors were; our days on earth pass like a shadow, and there is no hope. Yahweh our God, this store we have provided to build a house for your holy name, all comes from your hand, all is yours."

This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Homily by Reverend Harold F. Langley

Profession of Faith

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of Heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from Heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into Heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS;

Gratefully O Lord, we offer you this bread, fruit of the prairies and this wine made by our hands. Accept them on behalf of your people and make them holy, so that they may become the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER;

Priest; The Lord be with you.
People; And also with you.

Priest; Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest; Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.
People; It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
We thank you now for this house of prayer
in which you bless your family
as we come to you in pilgrimage.
Here you reveal your presence by sacramental signs,
and make us one with you
through the unseen bond of grace.
Here you build your temple of living stones,
and bring the Church to its full stature
as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,
which is the vision of your peace.
In communion with all the angels and saints
we bless and praise your greatness
in the temple of your glory.

Sanctus - Gregorian

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

(Continue with Eucharistic Prayer.)

Agnus Dei - Gregorian

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You blessed us, O Lord in your goodness and we praise your glory forever.

COMMUNION SONGS

O Sacred Heart! O Love Divine

O Sacred Heart! O Love Divine!
Do keep us near to Thee,
And make our love so like to Thine
That we may holy be.

Refrain:
Heart of Jesus hear!
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine.

O Temple pure! O House of gold!
Our heaven here below!
What sweet delights, what wealth untold,
From Thee do ever flow.

Refrain

Heart of Jesus, Hear

Arr. by C. R.

Heart of Jesus, meek and mild,
Hear, oh hear, Thy feeble child,
When the tempest's most severe.
Heart of Jesus, hear!

Refrain:
Sweetly we'll rest on Thy Sacred Heart,
Never from Thee, Oh let us part,
Hear then Thy loving, children's prayer,
Heart of Jesus, Heart of Jesus, hear!

Make us, Jesus, wholly Thine,
Take this wayward heart of mine,
Guide me through this world so drear.
Heart of Jesus, hear!

Refrain

Ave O Maria

by Rev. E. Della Rosa

Ave O Maria piena di grazia,
il Signore e con te
tu sei benedetta fra le donne,
e benedetto e' il frutto
del tuo seno
e benedetto e' il frutto
del tuo seno, Gesu.
Santa Maria, Madre di Dio,
prega per noi peccatori
prega per noi peccatori,
adesso e nell'ora della nostra mostre,
adesso e nell'ora della nostra morte.

Immaculate Mary

Arr. by L. D. Gagnier

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor with Jesus, our King.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

Mother Of Our Redeemer

by Elizabeth A. Mullen