Sacred Heart Church

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Ms. Andrea Caracciolo, Coordinator
Monday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sat. Eve.	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:15 p.m.
Mon. – Sat.	8:00 a.m.
Holy days	7:00 p.m. evening before 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. of Holy day

Confession

Saturday	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and as posted

Baptism

2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:15 p.m.
Pre-register for preparation classes.

Holy Matrimony

Arrangements at least six months in advance

Care of the Sick

Emergency calls anytime. Holy Communion for shut-ins on a weekly basis. Please call to make arrangements.

Devotions

Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Novena and Adoration	Sat. 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart (Mass)	First Friday 7:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration	First Friday 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Rosary	Mon. – Sat. 7:25 a.m.

Funerals

Arrangements are made through the funeral home. At Sacred Heart, the Mass of Christian Burial is seen as a time of prayer and reflection on the mysteries of death, resurrection, and eternal life. Family remembrances, favorite songs, poems and eulogies are incorporated into the wake service.

Parish Membership

We encourage every Catholic to register with us, use the parish envelopes, and inform us regarding changes of address.

Parish Activities

Adult Instruction (R.C.I.A.), Altar Servers, Altar Society, Choir, Folk Group, Children's Choir, Lectors, Right to Life, Rosary Society, San Gennaro Feast Committee, Ushers, Assistance Program, AA Women's Serenity Wed. 10:30 a.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m., "No Matter What Club" AA (Nov.-Apr.) Mon.-Sun. 8:15 a.m., "Undercover Group" AA Mon., Wed., Fri. 7:15 p.m. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Al Anon "Double Winners" Women's Fri. 10:30 a.m.,

Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Announced Mass Intentions for The week of March 30th, 2025

Monday, March 31st
8:00 ✝ Paul J. Marino
r/b Rae Marino

Tuesday, April 1st
8:00 ✝ George McGowan
r/b Anne Reap

Wednesday, April 2nd
8:00 ✝ **Bella Perosi**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

Thursday, April 3rd
8:00 ✝ **Monserate Del Valle**
r/b Nydia Del Valle

Friday, April 4th
First Friday: Sacred Heart Devotion
No 8 AM Mass
7:00 ✝ **Purgatorial Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, April 5th
8:00 ✝ **Jacqueline O'Grady**
r/b Marty O'Grady

5:00 ✝ **John Gallinaro**
r/b MaryAnn Krause
✝ **Graziano Abitabile**
r/b Maria Cantone Kelly
✝ **Antonio Galea**
r/b Judith Garfield

Sunday, April 6th
5th Sunday in Lent
8:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

10:00 ✝ **Pietrina Battaglia**
r/b Friend
✝ **Rose & Anthony Mingione**
r/b Family
✝ **Alf Winterfeld**
r/b Edith Roth

12:15 ✝ **Jack Cutrone**
r/b Maria Iacobellis
✝ **Dottie Barriscale**
r/b Anne Reap
✝ **Donna Reilly**
r/b Erik Reilly

Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles.

Holy Spirit, please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

"If only we knew how God regards this sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."
– St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church Saturday's at 3:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary

The **Rosary** is recited **in the Church** Monday through Saturday mornings at **7:25 AM.**
All are welcome to come and pray!

Feast Days Celebrated this week:

March 30th	**Laetare Sunday**
April 2nd	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
April 4th	St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
April 5th	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

"The duty of fasting is rendered acceptable to God when it is made perfect by the fruits of Charity."
St. John Cassian

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Speaking for the whole parish, I want to express our thanks to the Paccione family for donating the bread which was blessed and distributed on St. Joseph's Day.

At the same time, we renew our thanks for the beautiful landscaping (and snow removal!) this family donates each year. Their beautification of our parish campus is most generous and very much appreciated.

Father John

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class Schedule this week:

Grade 1 – Monday, March 31st, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 2 – Wednesday, April 2nd, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 3 –Tuesday, April 1st, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 4 – Tuesday, April 1st, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 5 - Wednesday, April 2nd, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 6 - Monday, March 31st, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Reminder: The next Class/Mass for **5th Grade** is on **Sunday, March 30th at 10 AM**. ***Parents,*** *please attend Mass as well*.

Upcoming **Class/Mass** for the following Grades in **March & April**:

4th & 6th Grades – April 6th

1st & 3rd Grades – April 13th

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Confirmation Class of 2025 - 7th Grade

The **next Religious Education Class** will be on **Sunday, April 6th in the Church at 9 AM. Students will stay for the 10 AM Mass.** This is a **requirement for all Confirmation Classes**. ***Parents****, please attend Mass as well*.

Any questions, please contact Andrea Caracciolo (516) 431-7877

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

First Friday's Purgatorial Mass for the souls enrolled in our Parish Purgatorial Society is:

April 4th, at 7 PM

Followed by Sacred Heart devotion & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please come and spend some quiet moments adoring Our Savior present in the Sacrament of the Altar and offering reparation to the Sacred Heart. May this be an opportunity of tremendous graces for our parish.

There will be No 8 AM morning Mass.

HEART OF JESUS,
SON OF THE ETERNAL FATHER
ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, MAY WE
NEVER CEASE TO
LOVE AND SERVE YOU.

WHAT IS LAETARE SUNDAY?

(Rose color chasubles and stoles are worn.)

Laetare Sunday (/liːˈtɛːri/ or /lʌɪˈtɑːri/) is **the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent**, in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. ... "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from Isaiah 66:10

AMAZING EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF

A new eucharistic miracle in Latin America?
[source: Catholic News Agency]

The first bishop of the Diocese of Gracias in Honduras, Walter Guillén Soto, has recognized a new eucharistic miracle that occurred a year ago in a rural parish in the small town of San Juan.

Gracias, in the department of Lempira, is a town and "municipio" of just over 57,000 inhabitants in western Honduras. Its foundation dates back to 1536, and its original name was "Gracias a Dios" (Thanks Be to God).

Instead of states and counties, the administrative districts in Honduras are called departments and "municipios."

Just 22 miles south of Gracias is the town of San Juan, in the neighboring department of Intibucá. There in the chapel of the El Espinal community is where the eucharistic miracle declared by the prelate occurred: a blood stain on a corporal.

The moment of the miracle

On the afternoon of June 9, 2022, when the Catholic Church was celebrating the liturgical feast of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (celebrated the Thursday after Pentecost), José Elmer Benítez Machado arrived before anyone else at the chapel of the El Espinal community to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and distribute to the faithful the hosts previously consecrated by the priests of the diocese.

About 60 families live in El Espinal, spread throughout the mountainous region, dedicated mainly to agriculture and raising cattle, pigs, and poultry. Barely 15 families attend the Liturgy of the Word every Thursday conducted by laypeople, since they don't have a priest based in the town.

Benítez was appointed an extraordinary minister of holy Communion two years ago to attend to the pastoral needs of the chapel dedicated to the Apostle James.

At about 5 p.m. local time, the Liturgy of the Word began. When it was time to distribute the Eucharist, Benítez opened the tabernacle and noticed that the corporal (sacred linen cloth), under and folded over the wooden ciborium and on a white satin cushion, showed large stains that seemed to be of human blood.

"I was amazed," he told "EWTN Noticias," the EWTN's Spanish-language news program. "My first hope was: 'It's the blood of Christ." However, in the confusion of the moment, and to complete his ministry, he continued with the celebration and distributed the Eucharist.

Before concluding, at the time of making the parish announcements, Benítez asked those present if they had seen any water leaking into the church or if they knew of anyone who had entered before. He then told what he had seen.

"Several of us responded that we had not seen any water leaking, and when he explained what had happened, we asked him to show the corporal," Reginaldo Aguilar Benítez, parish coordinator and sworn witness in the investigation process, told "EWTN Noticias."

Pedrina García, who was in the chapel at the time, said she did not doubt that it was a miracle. "This is something that God has put there for us," she said. (to read more click below.)

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/254867

GOSPEL ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025
THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SON
LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

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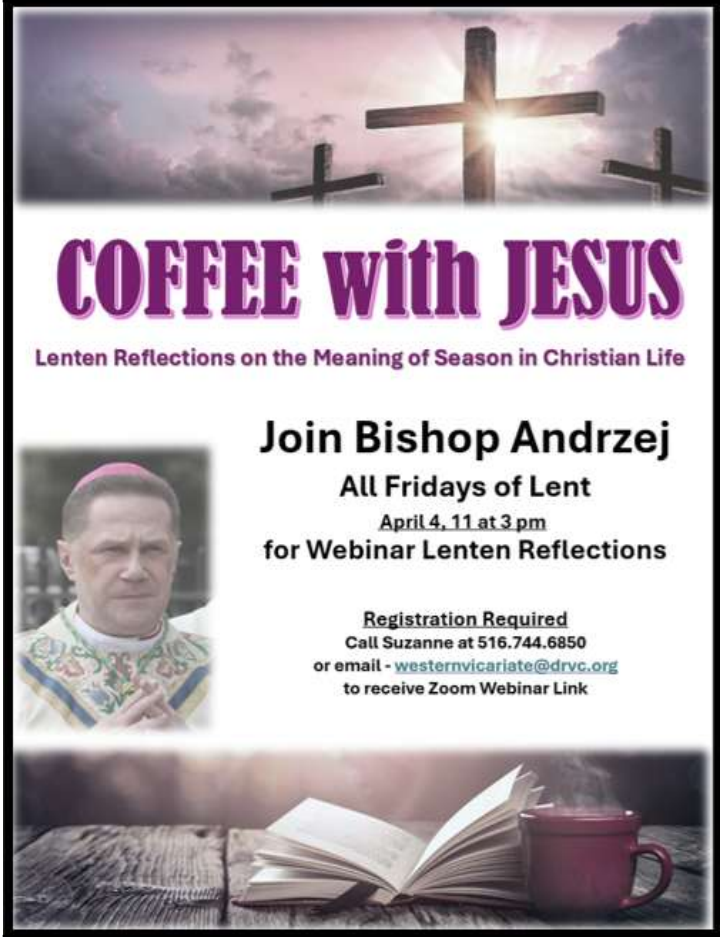
Father	Feast	Found
Hungry	Inheritance	Kissed
Lost	Rejoice	Ring
Sinned	Son	Spent
Swine		

Visit CatholicMom.com for more resources for you and your family
"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

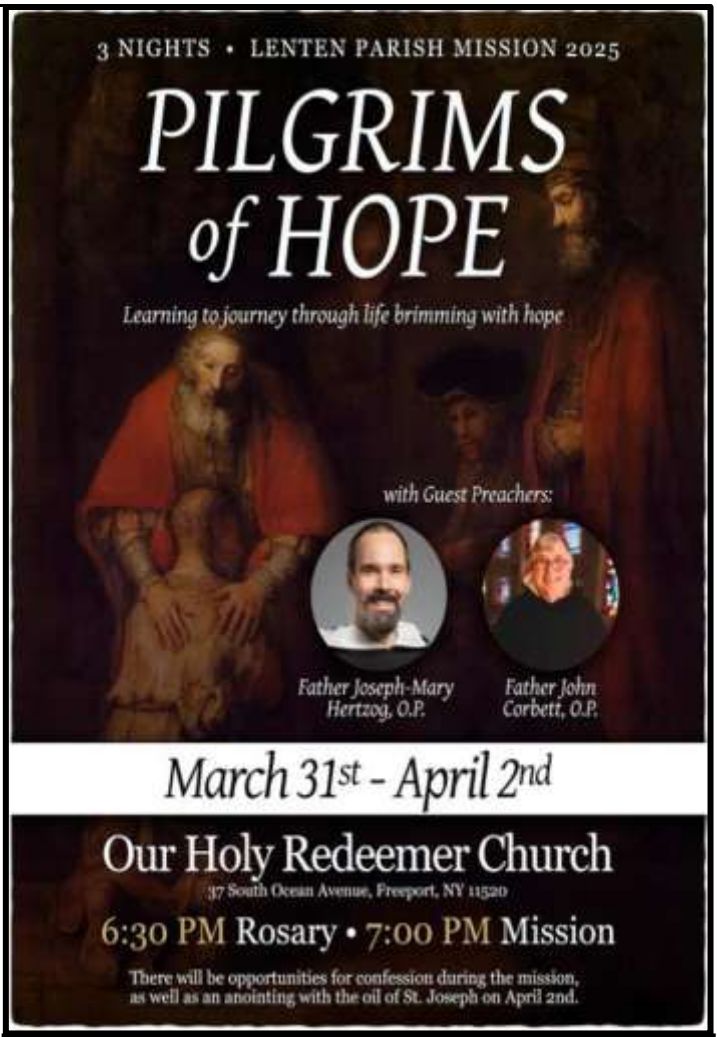
This week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



MORNING PRAYER

Dear Lord,

You have brought me to the beginning of a new day. I ask you to renew my heart with your strength and purpose. Forgive my errors of yesterday and help me to walk closer in your way today. Shine through me so that every person I meet may feel your present in my soul. Take my hand for I cannot make it by myself. I Love You!



SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

The April Gathering Saturday, April 5.

Full Info: Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 8:30PM (after the 7:30PM Mass if you wish to attend Mass)
St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596

If possible, please bring a can or box of food for the St. Aidan Food bank. Thank you.

Ages 40+; $10.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served.
Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

SMILE CORNER

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has volunteer opportunities for our "**Friendly Visitor Program**" to offer bi-monthly companionship to homebound senior citizens in our Meals on Wheels program in the Lynbrook, Elmont, Franklin Square and Floral Park areas.

A friendly companion would offer socialization and conversation for seniors and would not include cooking, housekeeping or transportation. If you are available to offer volunteer hours, please contact: Tricia Callahan, Volunteer Coordinator @ 516-733-7044.

Your gift of time will be greatly appreciated!

AD ALTARE DEI CAMP WEEK

JULY 20TH-26TH, 2025

Located at the incredible Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, this week of special program will allow Catholic Scouts to work on the major requirements of the *Ad Altare Dei* Religious Emblem while also enjoying a week's worth of camp!

Who Can Join?

The program is designed for Catholic Scouts who are 13-14 years old, but is open to all Scouts (from any Council) who have completed 6th grade and have been in a unit for at least 6 months.

What to Expect?

Led by expert Scouters, the week will include the major requirements for the AAD Emblem, as well as all the other fun activities that come with Scout Camp (including swimming, target sports, camp fires, and life-long memories.

What does it Cost?

The cost of camp is $550 (before June 1st) or $575 (after June 1st). The cost of the *Ad Altare Dei Youth Manual* is included in the cost of camp.

To Register, go to
https://www.sccbsa.org/specialty-camp

For more information contact:
Jim Grimaldi (Camp Director) -- James.Grimaldi@scouting.org
John White (Lead Emblem Counselor) -- jmtwhite@optonline.net
Fr. Joe Catafago (Chaplain) -- jcatafago@drvc.org

This Emblem program aims to help Roman Catholic Scouts grow in their understanding of Sacraments and understand their "duty to God" through an active faith life.

BAITING HOLLOW SCOUT CAMP

CATHOLIC SCOUTING

"... let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them."
- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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