Sacred Heart Church

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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 APRIL 6TH, 2025

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH
8:00 ✝ **Maureen Dayton**
r/b Linda & Neale Treadway

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH
8:00 ✝ **Kathleen M. Egan Wright**
r/b Jeanne & Michael McGinty

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH
8:00 ✝ **Anne Gawronski**
r/b Josie & Gene Matier

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH
8:00 ✝ **Rev. Kilian McGowan**
r/b Anne Reap

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH
8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

7:00 ✝ **Stations of the Cross & Exposition**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
8:00 ✝ **Donald & Mary Church**
r/b Phil & Lori Treglia

5:00 ✝ **Rose Moran**
r/b Barbara Ried
✝ **Troy Coleman**
r/b Anne Reap
✝ **Donald Davies**
r/b Larry & Betty Davies

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
PALM SUNDAY
8:00 ✝ **Salvatore Scuderi**
r/b Donna Rees
✝ **Matt & Wyn Drankwater**
r/b Mary Beth Ferrante
✝ **Monserate Del Valle**
r/b Nydia Del Valle

10:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

12:15 ✝ **Anna & Frederick Wilbret**
r/b Pat Hackett
✝ **Joseph Lynch**
r/b Anne Lynch
✝ **Theresa & Edward Earley**
r/b Pat & Russell Accetta & Family

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:

April 6th	**5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)**
April 7th	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
April 11th	St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
April 13th	**Palm Sunday**

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class Schedule this week:

Grade 1 – Monday, April 7th, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 2 – Wednesday, April 9th, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 3 –Tuesday, April 8th, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 4 – Tuesday, April 8th, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 5 - Wednesday, April 9th, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 6 - Monday, April 7th, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Reminder: The next Class/Mass for **4th & 6th Grades** is on **Sunday, April 6th at 10 AM**. ***Parents,*** *please attend Mass as well.*

Upcoming **Class/Mass** for the following Grades in

1st & 3rd Grades – Palm Sunday, April 13th

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Confirmation Class of 2025 - 7th Grade

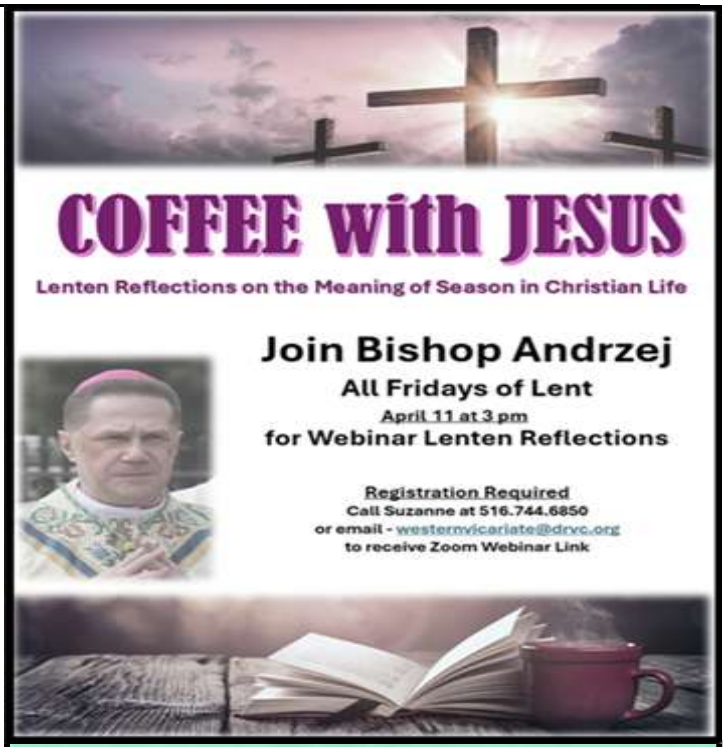
The **next Religious Education Class** will be on **Sunday, April 6th in the Church at 9 AM. Students will stay for the 10 AM Mass.** This is a **requirement for all Confirmation Classes**. ***Parents****, please attend Mass as well.*

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

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

VOLUNTEER WATCHMEN ARE NEEDED

Volunteer watchmen are needed for **one-hour** shifts, from **Holy Thursday**, **April 17**, **9 PM** until **Good Friday morning at 9 AM** for visits to the Altar of Repose. Please sign up at the rear of the Church.



SMILE CORNER

Anyone else have prayer ADHD ? Like you start praying, wander off, come back and you're all like "God I'm sorry, where was I?"

THIS 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT IS PASSIONTIDE WHERE WE COVER THE STATUES.

Why Do We Cover Crucifixes and Statues During Lent?
(Source Article by Philip Kosloski and Copyright (c) 2016 Aletia (March 19, 2016))

Veils over sacred images keep our minds on the promise of Easter. It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is miniscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent.

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise, we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

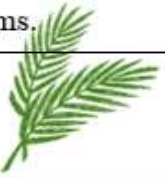
The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, **April 11th**, we have the **Stations of the Cross** at **7 PM** followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM**
Invite family & friends

SACRED HEART CHURCH
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

CONFESSIONS	
Saturday, April 12th	4 PM
Confession Monday, April 14th	**2 PM to 4 PM & 5:30 PM to 9 PM**
Religious Ed **Students & Parents** - Grade 6&7	5:30 PM
Tuesday, April 15th **Religious Ed** **Students & Parents** - Grade 3 Grade 4	4 PM 5 PM
Wednesday, April 16th **Religious Ed** **Students & Parents** - Grade 5	5:30 PM
Good Friday, April 18th	4 PM

HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES		
Saturday April 12th	5 PM	Anticipated **Mass for Palm Sunday** Blessing and distribution of palms.
Palm Sunday April 13th	8 AM 10 AM 12:15 PM	Palms distributed at all Masses. 
Holy Thursday April 17th	7 PM ***(No 8 AM Mass)***	**Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper** Church will be open until 9:00 AM on Good Friday for visits to the Altar of repose.
Good Friday April 18th	3 PM ***(No 8 AM Mass & No Sacred Heart Prayers)***	**Passion Liturgy** Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts Veneration of the Holy Cross
	7 PM	**Stations of the Cross** ***(No Exposition)***
Holy Saturday April 19th	7 PM ***(No 8 AM nor 5 PM Masses)***	**Easter Vigil** & Mass of the Lord's Resurrection ***(No Novena or confessions)***
Easter Sunday April 20th	8 AM, 10 AM, 12:15 PM	***He is Risen! Alleluia!***

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Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Our celebration of Easter rekindles our hope each year.

The Tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen!

A wealthy man and a member of the Sanhedrin, St. Joseph of Arimathea is one of those Gospel characters with a very brief but very important role.

In John 19:38-42, we see that after Jesus' Crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for permission to take away Our Lord's Body. This was a bold and courageous act of faith from a man "seeking the Kingdom of God." (Mark 15:43)

Joseph and Nicodemus together place our Lord's Body reverently in linen cloths prepared with myrrh, aloes and spices: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there."

In his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, Fr. Simeon Leiva-Merikakis gives tribute to Joseph of Arimathea. He writes: "And how can we fail to do homage to Joseph of Arimathea? In performing a very humane corporal work of mercy by seeking out and burying the corpse of his beloved Teacher, Joseph becomes for all time a living icon of the eternal Father himself, stooping with compassion to enfold within his throbbing breast the mangled body of his beloved, Son, whom he himself handed over to sinners out of love for mankind. At long last, the Son of God on earth has fallen into the hands, not of a sinner, but of a just and compassionate man! Joseph of Arimathea enacts the justice and love of God himself."[1]

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season, let us remember and ask the intercession of the great Joseph of Arimathea who prepared the Tomb of Christ and the Body of Christ with such sensitive care and compassion, such faith, courage and reverence. The Tomb is Empty! He is Risen!

Sincerely in Christ,

+John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

[1] Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, 564. *Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word:Meditations on the Gospel According to St. Matthew.*

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".. 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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