

SACRED HEART CHURCH

MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK

SERVED BY

REV. MONSIGNOR HOWARD W. CALKINS, PASTOR
FR. BENJAMIN U. UZUEGBUNAM, PAROCHIAL VICAR
SISTER ELIZABETH MCCARTHY, R.S.M., PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 12:15 p.m.
Weekdays: Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m.,
12:10 p.m.
Saturday - 12:10 p.m.
Feast Days: 8:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily - 12:00 noon
Saturday - 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Other times by request.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal - Every Monday
St. Anthony - Every Tuesday
Mother Cabrini - Every Wednesday
Sacred Heart - Every Friday
Our Lady of Fatima - First Saturday
All of the above at Noon

BAPTISMS:

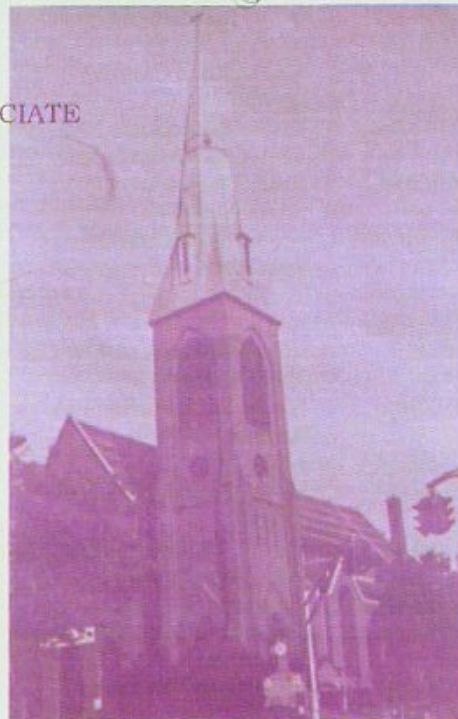
By appointment. Parents are asked to attend instructional programs before the date of Baptism. Baptism is conferred more appropriately at the weekend Mass. Special arrangements can be made at the Rectory.

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

VISITATION MINISTRY:

To the Homebound - call **668-7440**



PARISH HOUSE

115 Sharpe Blvd. So.
668-7440

To contact Sr. Elizabeth McCarthy, call
803-1194

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sharpe Blvd. So. & 2nd Street
Principal: Ms. Lisa Cornelius
667-1734

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult - Special Program (RCIA)
Children - Sunday School Program
Alison Nicholas, Coordinator

Mass Intentions First Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY—February 25

5:00 p.m. Special Intention of Ray & Marie Cassidy
and Family
(Ray & Marie Cassidy)

SUNDAY—February 26

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Sacred Heart Parish
9:30 a.m. +Daniel DeFreitas
(Mom, Stella)
12:15 p.m. For the Special Intention of
Ruth Baron—Birthday
(Family)

MONDAY—February 27

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Eric Chiamulera
(Mom, Dian)
12:10 p.m. For the Suffering Souls in
Purgatory

TUESDAY—February 28

8:30 a.m. For the Suffering Souls in
Purgatory
12:10 p.m. Special Intention of Brian Simpson
(Ann Marie Powell)

WEDNESDAY—February 29

8:30 a.m. For the Suffering Souls in
Purgatory
12:10 p.m. +Genevieve Borngiorno
(Sr. Elizabeth McCarthy)

THURSDAY—March 1

8:30 a.m. For the Suffering Souls in
Purgatory
12:10 a.m. +Daniel O'Neill
(Family)

FRIDAY—March 2

8:30 a.m. For the Suffering Souls in
Purgatory
12:10 p.m. +Francis & Kathleen Moran
(Family)

SATURDAY—March 3

12:10 p.m. +Mary Reilly
(Moran Family)

SATURDAY - March 3

5:00 p.m. +Theresa Como
(Joseph C. DeEttore, Jr.)

SUNDAY—Mar h 4

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Sacred Heart Church
9:30 a.m. +Aelred McCauley
(Cynthia McCauley)
12:15 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Altar Rosary Society

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing

February 19, 2012

Tithe: \$4,360.90

Adults: 289

Children: 62

Envelopes: \$3,437.00

Other: 923.90

(last year: \$4,866.38)

Expenses: \$5,631.12

Additional Fuel Collection amounted to: \$249.00

Pastor's Comments: Lent is here and it is time for repentance and time to share. Lent is also a time to sacrifice something for the sake of something Greater. Thank you for your support.

Parishioner Comments: Lenten season is a season for me to put aside my frivolous spending and think of sacrifice to increase my tithe. It is a time for almsgiving and a time for me to count my blessings.

Please remember in your prayers:

Sarah Walter, Kevin Duffy, Denise Wyche, Mary Reed, Gary Walker, Pat Marlar, George Walker, Rita Hoyer, Sister Mary Meyler, Beulah Nedd, Marieann Russell, Juliette Bazon, Kathy O'Grady, Benedicte Sangu, William Saunders, Robert Howard, Doris and Tony Applebey, Terry Harris, Nicole Rocci, Margaret Campagne, Robert Hayes, Veronica Horsford, Pedro Martin, Etlle Neil, Amy Greco, Dorothy Reese, Mark Francis, Ruth Armstrong, Leila Tebout, Sister Marge Moon, Fr. Joseph Hagga, Maria Rondon, Rita Godwin, Horace Roundtree, Sal DiPietro, Fr. Owen J. Lafferty, Tina Rweyemamu, Bernie McCormack, Marcus Wyre, Sister Greta Kelleher, Sitinnika Beckett, Anthony Liverpool, Michael Thomas, Barbara Carey-Hamby, Angelina Costantini, Kevin Fenwick, Juanita Clay, Jean Arrizaga, Jean Sooklall, Michael Greelish, Anatalie Desir, John Tombak, Wallace Davenport, Jean Claude Harabaud, Evelyn Small, Lucia Calvano, Eloise Callaway, Jeanne Fluoranges, Debra Franz, Kevin Lowther, Ainsley Smith, Marc Torchon, Jean Ketel, Avondale Abraham, Diva Walters, Angela Brammer, Gladys Aloisi, Henry Bazon, Ann Ettore, Carlos Perez

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Gen 9: 8-15; 1 Pt 3: 18-22;
Mk 1: 12-15
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday: Is 1; 10, 16-29; Mt 23; 1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18; 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28
Thursday: Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16; 19-31
Friday: Gen 37; 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21; 33-43; 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15; 1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Gen 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Rom 8: 31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week In Memory of
Fred Oliver requested by Mary Collins

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence. "Fasting" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but those two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

"Abstinence" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who are reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

Good Friday is a day of **fast and abstinence.** Fridays in Lent are days of **abstinence.**

Quiet Time and Prayer

Six times a week we are invited to spend some time with our God...reflecting on the Word, interceding for our needs, emptying ourselves and inviting God to enter. Eucharist Adoration 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. morning prayer.

Daily Eucharist

How blessed we are to celebrate Mass each day...so many cannot. Try making the sacrifice to attend daily Eucharist as often as possible...8:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

To Walk the Walk

Each Friday evening we gather for the *Stations of the Cross* at 7:00 p.m. **Bible Study** will follow at 7:30 p.m. Father Benjamin is offering an impressive course in Bible study in the Fr. Murray Room. All are invited to attend...bring your Bible and a hunger for the Word.

Operation Rice Bowl gives us the opportunity to offer alms on a regular basis during Lent. Placed in a central part of your home the little box stands as a reminder of our call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and to care for the poor.

Meetings:

Monday, Feb. 27th—Legion of Mary—4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28—Jesus Caritas Lay Fraternity—7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3—Children's Choir Rehearsal—3:00 p.m.

Philadelphia International Flower Show: We are planning a trip to the *Flower Show* in Philadelphia on Monday, March 5th, 2012. Cost per person is \$60.00. Departure from Sacred Heart is at 7:30 a.m. For reservation, please contact Sister Elizabeth at 914-668-7440.

The Office of Black Ministry, Southern Westchester Committee is inviting you to join them for *Sights and Sounds*, new musical, *Jonah!* The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the cost of \$145.00 per person. Departure from Sacred Heart is promptly at 7:15 a.m. for Lancaster, Pa. The cost includes coach transportation, luncheon and show. Please call Maureen Webb at 914-513-7279 or email at mwebb61@aol.com for reservation. A deposit of \$75.00 will hold your space, and balance must be received by Monday, March 12, 2012.

Our Teen Group reported that our Valentine Breakfast was successful with a total of \$1,097.00 raised to benefit our Sacred Heart Church. Our teens are the greatest!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is the first Sunday of Lent, a time we are particularly called to make our relationships right...with God and with one another. It is a time of grace of God's special movement among his people, calling them to repentance so as to enter more deeply into the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. During these forty days, we are called to fast (to die to ourselves and live for God) to pray (daily Mass whenever possible,) morning prayer, (the Stations of the Cross) and to give alms to share our riches, (whatever they may be, with others.) As a parish we will try to deepen our identity as a people called, a pilgrim people, as we share Bible Study each Friday evening after the Stations of the Cross. We will accompany and pray for our catechumens and candidates who are preparing for Baptism and entrance into the Church and for ourselves, to live more fully the power of our own Baptism. It is a time to deepen our faithfulness to the Lord by celebrating Eucharist each Sunday as a grace-filled and grateful People of God. May the transforming power of the Risen Lord be with us!

Monsignor Calkins

The Cardinal Spellman High School's Dramatic Society (The Cardinal's Players) will present *Fame*. Performances of *Fame* will be held on Friday, March 17th at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for Adults are \$10.00 and Students/Senior Citizens are \$8.00. Tickets at door are \$15.00. Please enter the school through the Bronze Doors located on Baychester Avenue. For additional information, please call 718-881-8000, ext. 265.

Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement—Graymoor. The Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y. and Vincent Mitchell Entertainment invite all to the 9th Annual Benefit Concert for the Sisters at Graymoor. Back by popular demand, the Concert will feature Andy Cooney with Ireland's singing sensation, The Irish Sopranos, and the Andy Cooney Band. The concert will be at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, N. Y. on Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. and all proceeds will benefit the ministry of The Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement and the care of their senior sisters. Tickets are \$25.00 each are on sale now at the Sisters Gift Shop at Graymoor or by call 845-230-8228. Tickets are also on sale at the Paramount Box Office, Peekskill, N. Y.

St. Catherine's Church, 25 Second Ave. Pelham, N. Y. is announcing their Lenten Program Monday evenings of Lent 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This program is designed to enhance the spiritual life of every participant. In the parish center, the Rev. Robert Barron's ten part series DVD entitled "*Catholicism*" will be presented. Following each episode there will be half-hour set aside for participants to respond and discuss. "*Catholicism*" is a vivid and compelling exploration—celebration of the teaching, spirituality, art and beauty of the Catholic Church that was filmed on fifty locations in fifteen countries. All are welcome to join. For additional information, please call 914-738-1491.

Today our Catechumens will celebrate the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. Let us keep them in our prayers and continue to support and help one another to keep growing in the Lord.

Members of Pax Christi wrote letters to elected officials in Washington, D. C. reminding them that the way to peace in the Middle East is mutual disarmament and inter-religious dialogue.