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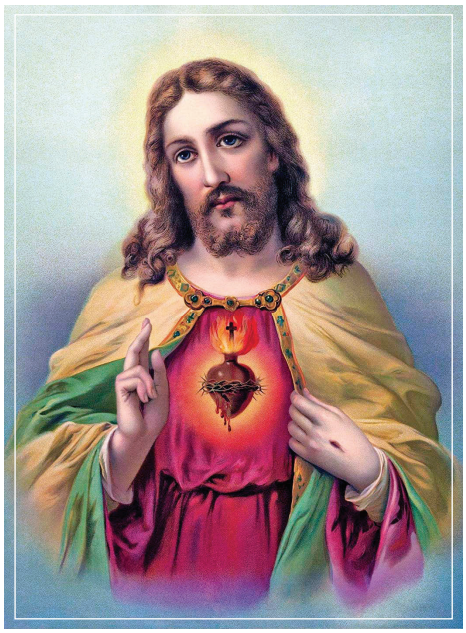

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekday: Monday - Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 8:00 am *(No Masses on Thursday)*

Holy Days *(except Christmas & New Year's)*: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
By Appointment Only

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made with the Parish Secretary by calling the Rectory during office hours. Baptism can take place either on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

Marriage: Following the Common Policy, a marriage should take place in the parish of either the bride or the groom. Marriage preparation is generally one year. Please call the Rectory as soon as possible after the engagement to discuss your wedding plans.

Hospital Visits and Communion Calls: The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated twice a year for anyone who may have a chronic condition (October & Easter Season) and is for the healing of body, mind or spirit. If someone is admitted to the hospital, due to the Patient Privacy Law, the priest can only make a visit upon the request of the family. If someone hasn't been to Mass due to illness, please call the Rectory to have a Minister or the priest bring the Eucharist.

Faith Formation is open to all children of the parish. Class is held in the lower church on Sunday morning at 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Any child preparing for a Sacrament (Eucharist or Confirmation), as per Archdiocesan Policy, there is a two-year preparation period. If a child has received the Holy Eucharist but has not kept up with Faith Formation through the years, a test will be administered covering the material before admission into the process for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Membership: Anyone who worships with us should consider becoming a registered member of the parish. Unfortunately, unless there is a formal registration into parish we are unable to write letters of recommendation and/or fill out sponsor forms for Baptism and Confirmation.

Mission Statement

We are a welcoming multi-ethnic Community of Believers, that in our diversity we are united in our discipleship in following in the footsteps of the Lord as we worship in the Catholic tradition. As we come together to celebrate the Eucharist we are empowered by our life and our witness to be living disciples of Gospel values.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

4:30 PM Matilda Fizulich
By Zeljka Marusic
9:00 AM Alice Bernard
By Marriane Hall
12:00 PM Mary J. & John J. Lane, Jr.
By Mary Lane

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

8:00 AM For The People

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

8:00 AM Joseph Kirincich
By Josephine & Maurice Toic

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

8:00 AM Nicolina Picinic
By Antonia Picinic

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

NO MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

8:00 AM Lydia Busanic
By Mario & Anna Basich

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

8:00 AM Martino Matesic
By Erminia Matesic

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

4:30 PM Chris Picinic
By Steve & Maryann Hall
9:00 AM Art Suriano (Living)
By Antonia Matesic
12:00 PM May Ruth Koegler
By Charles & Claudia Koegler

IN MEMORIAM

The Bread & Wine, The Sanctuary Lamp and The Blessed Mother's Candle Were Donated By:
Marriane Hall
In Memory of:
Alice Bernard

MESSAGE FROM FR. KEVIN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we move toward Holy Week, we can feel the tension rising between Jesus and the leaders of the Jewish people. This week, we hear of Jesus coming to Bethany where there is much sadness, his friend Lazarus has died. The Lord is met by Martha, a sister of Lazarus, who says: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus, then has a discourse with her, in which he tells her, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me, will never die."

He then asks Martha "Do you believe this?" She answers: "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God." This confession of faith, sisters and brothers on Martha's part is important for all of us, for it spells out our Catholic understanding of Life beyond Life for a true believer.

We can say we believe, but do we really? For Martha to say those words, on her part spurs Jesus to raise Lazarus to life again. So often, especially at funerals, we hear this quote from Scripture and while it is a comfort, do we really know and believe the full impact it can have on our lives.

There is an old expression, "Talk is cheap." Jesus not only talks the talk, but also walks the walk. Can we say the same for ourselves?

God's Peace!
Fr. Kevin

OUR LADY OF PEACE PRAYER

Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus, and our loving Mother, being His mother, you shared in His universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed Him King of peace. With loving fervor in our hearts, we salute and honor you as Queen of Peace. We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice, which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our President and other leaders as they strive for world peace. Glorious Queen of peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world. Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your motherly love. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Maritza Castillo
Crista Tell
Joyce Schiable
Carla Kelly
Ingrid De La Cruz
Billy Cosgrave
Art Suriano
Michele Augustiniak

ROSARIAN SOCIETY

COME PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosarians will lead the Rosary on Sunday, April 2nd @ 8:30am. All are invited to participate

ATTENDANCE

March 18th & March 19th

Saturday –4:30PM – 34

Sunday – 9:00AM - 40

Sunday – 12 Noon – 66

Total – 140

REGISTRATION FORM

TO REGISTER PLEASE FILL OUT FORM

Name_____

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Home Phone _____

Number of Family Members _____

Email_____

☐ I have someone at home who wishes to receive Holy Communion.

☐ I have an issue that I would like to discuss with a priest. Other:

If you would like, you can provide us your information through our website email which is info@shpnb.com and we will register you.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I am pleased to inform everyone that we have some good financial news for our Parish. We have been hit recently with some very high bills from PSEG, especially for the ParishCenter. After contacting PSEG and having them read our meter, we received a credit of nearly $1000. In addition, we had a problem with our Church with the thermostat. Apparently, no one was ever aware that the Upper Church was also controlling the heat in the Lower Church, causing us to waste money on additional heat. This issue has been resolved, and we anticipate our heating bills will be considerably lower in the future. Lastly, since we are now in Spring, we were very fortunate to have had a mild winter, saving us money on snow plowing.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their support, texts, emails, cards, and prayers during my recovery. I plan to return for Holy Week in some capacity, and I look forward to seeing all of you.

Joyfully in Christ,
Art Suriano

PLEASE HELP US WITH A GOOGLE REVIEW

*Please write a **Google Review.** Just go on your browser, type in Sacred Heart North Bergen in the search (not our website), and on the right sight of the page, you will grateful see **"Google Reviews."** Please write something that expresses a reason why you worship at Sacred Heart Church. Several Parishioners have written very nice reviews and we are! We just need more. The more people who learn about our Parish, the greater the chance we have to increase our attendance.*

PARISH ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

Our Next Assessment Collection Is April 1st & 2nd

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Our goal each month is $1465.

We thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection from March 11th – March 19th

$ 3960.00……. First Collection

$ 427.00 ..... Peter's Pence

$ 122.00..... Candles

$ 460.00 ..... Maintenance Fund

$ 1247.00 ..... Easter Flowers

$6216.00 - Total

Thank you for your generosity

ANNUAL APPEAL:
As of March 20, 2023
This year Target Goal: $10,770
This year Stretch Goal: $14,408
Over goal: 100% back to the parish
Donors: 40
Total pledges: $9465.00
Suggested donation: $75 or more

HELP WANTED!

Looking For People Dedicated To The Future Of Sacred Heart!
Looking For People Willing To Give Time And Share Their Talent!
Looking For People Willing To Serve On The Pastoral Council Of Ministries!
If Interested, Please Fill Out Below:

Name_____

Contact Information
_____

I am interested in the:
Welcoming Committee___

Parish Life Committee___

Spiritual Life Committee__

Lazarus Ministry___

I see a need and would like to start_____

Experience not necessary!

MARCH EVENTS

This is what is happening here at Sacred Heart during the month of March:

MASS BOOK FOR 2023

This Weekend We Are Booking Masses:

The donation for each Mass is $10.00. Parishioners may book up to Two Sunday Masses and/or Three Weekday Masses each time we book masses.

This will take place after the 4:30 mass, 9 AM mass and 12 Noon mass this weekend of:
March 25th and March 26th.

FOOD DRIVE

A reminder that Food for the Franciscan Sisters Development Service is collected each weekend. Please remember those who have less that we do

DURING LENT AT SACRED HEART

COME & PRAY

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Holy Hour from 8:30 – 9:30am concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday evening at 7pm, we walk the last 14 Steps the Lord took as he carried the Cross for us.

KID'S KORNER

Year A

Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 11:1-45

Jesus went to the home of Martha and Mary four days after their brother Lazarus was buried. They were all very sad and crying. Jesus went to the tomb and called in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" When Lazarus came out of the tomb many people saw and **believed**.

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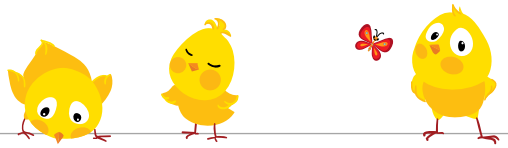
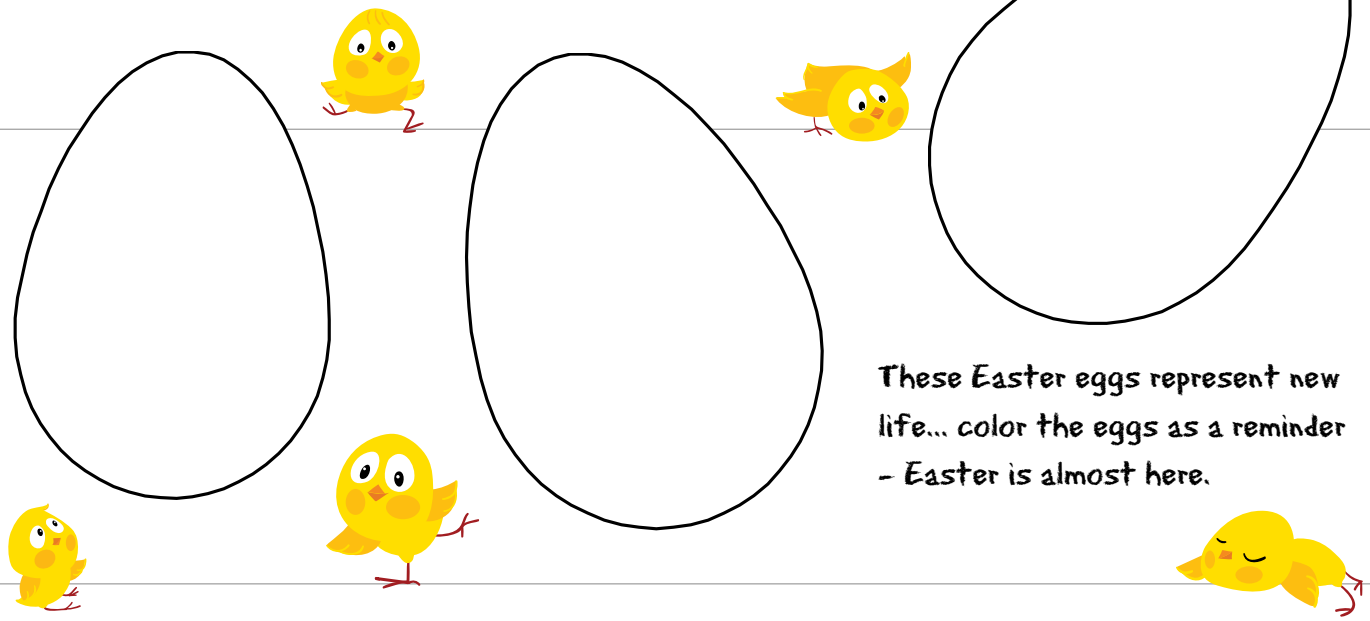
Believe... in new life



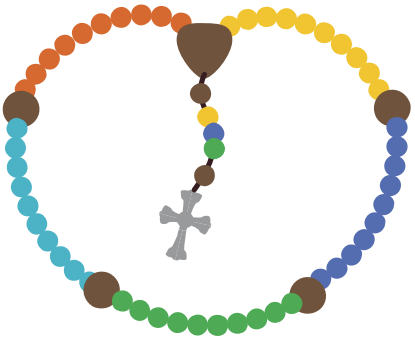
Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life... whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Yes Lord, she told Him, "I believe." *John 11:20-27*



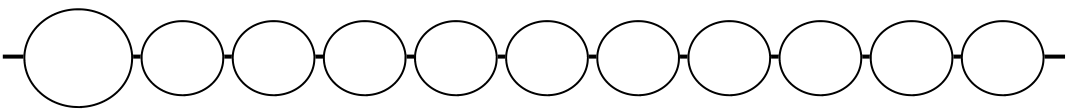
These Easter eggs represent new life... color the eggs as a reminder - Easter is almost here.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery - The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord

Think about how today we see Lazarus come back to earthly life and we know that following the sadness of the death of Jesus, He will rise and bring us new life - eternal life.



Lent is almost over - are you prepared?



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

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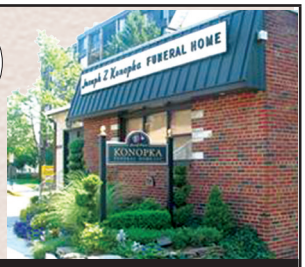

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