



HEARTBEAT

News, Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Music for The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – September 9/10

Suggestions for Hymns are always welcome

(We will recite the Gloria, the Creed and the Our Father)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ALLELUIA (Gaelic)

OFFERTORY

This Day God Gives Me

HOLY – ACCLAMATION – AMEN *(Let all that is within me...)*

AGNUS DEI *(Latin)*

COMMUNION

Amazing Grace

RECESSIONAL

They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Because of the Eid holidays, **Heartbeat** had to go to the printer early this week. So those of you who get the newsletter via the website, or via email or at our Facebook page are getting some items that the print readers will miss.

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER

For Parishes - That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Ignatius always said that God listens to our prayers, and when something important was coming up, he would encourage the early Jesuits to “storm heaven with prayer.” can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you.

For a young woman, Kaitlyn, fighting cancer

For Paul undergoing cancer rehab therapy

For family members who have died

For a man who is recovering from cancer surgery

For a woman concerned about her daughter and her grandchildren

For Colleen, who is in great pain unable to find relief

For all those looking for work

For those working for faith and justice

For Ward, having his knee replaced

For the safety of all who are traveling

For an injured 91-year old grandfather

For Fr. Zumat, recovering from surgery

For all expectant mothers in our parish

For Catherine, 93, who fractured her neck

For the Dadsons, celebrating 16th anniversary

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Saturday – 8:30 AM – Jesuit Center

Saturday at 5 PM– Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth

Sunday – 6 PM - Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle

Most weekend Masses have confession for 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass. Fr. John or other Jesuit priests are available to hear confessions by appointment as well.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

September 6 – Singing with Father John, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

Fr. Peter Schineller returns from the U.S.

September 8 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 9/10 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 12 – Parish Planning Meeting, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

September 13 – Singing with Father John, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

September 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

September 16/17 – Catechetical Sunday – Formal Installation of Lectors

September 16 – Welcome Back! Reception at Sweifieh after Mass

September 19 – Meeting of parents of First Communion Candidates, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

September 20 – Singing with Father John, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

September 21 – Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle

September 29 – Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

October 6 – First Friday - Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass

October 8 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION AT DE LASALLE CHURCH

October 13 – 100th Anniversary of the miracle at Fatima

October 14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION AT SWEIFIEH

October 18 – Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – On Saturday, October 21, we will have a special Mass to celebrate and honor all Alumni of Jesuits schools, anywhere in the world. Anyone who attended a Jesuit school or a certificate program is most welcome. There will be reserved seating for alumni and a reception after Mass. Additional details to follow. If you are a graduate, certificate holder or simply attended a Jesuit school or institution, please let me know so I can list your school or institution in the program for that day. Please spread the word with others at places where you work or socialize. We would love to have a great representation of alumni to help be a part of this world-wide celebration.

PLEASE REGISTER!!!

There are usually registration slips at the back of the Church. There are four ways to register:

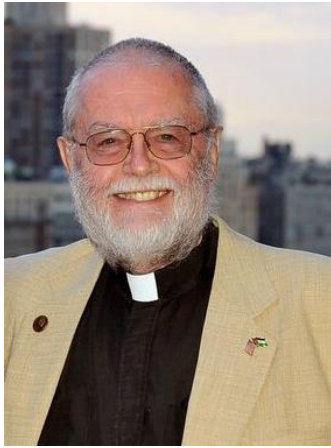
- 1) Fill out the slip of paper and give it to me.
- 2) Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online. Easiest.
- 3) Send me an email with the basic information that is on the slip – don't skip questions
- 4) If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and leave me a message. I will admit you to the group and you can leave your details in a private message there as well.

SIMPLE SINGING SESSIONS

Three Sessions of Singing



Starting on Wednesday, September 6 and going for three weeks (September 6, 13 and 20) there will be an informal meeting of anyone who wants to get together and sing. We will work on basic vocal technique, blending voices, and simple harmonies and rounds. The idea is to get together and sing for fun. No commitment, no obligation. Ability to read music not necessary. Desire to sing a bonus. If anyone thinks, “Oh I can't sing” come and see. I might be able to help you discover you CAN sing, and if you already sing, you might find ways to sing better. We will meet at the Jesuit Center, Al Razi Street, at 7 PM. I'll provide the music – bring your voice.



RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR

When I was in the Jesuit Novitiate (a 2-year program) we were required to change our rooms every six months. It was a useful exercise, both to make us aware of how much “stuff” we had accumulated, and to help us be detached about where we lived. (That was harder; in a Syracuse winter, with snow up to your knees, living in the main house was much nicer than in one of the houses down the block and up the hill). We were never sure if the room assignments were random, or if the fine hand of the Novice Master had some deep psychological or spiritual plan.

I am reminded of those days as, for the third time in about two years, I am preparing to move. It's not a big move, I am moving from the bottom floor of the Jesuit Center to the roof. Now that the renovation and construction is finished, the room on the top has been refurbished and I will be its first – and hopefully long-term – occupant. It will give me the privacy to be able to sing more (without disturbing my Jesuit brothers) and will add an extra flight of stairs, which will hopefully help in the continuing fight to develop straight lines in my body where nature seems determined to maintain curves.

As I prepare to once again re-organize my belongings and my schedule, I find myself thinking that this moving business is still a good thing. And not just for me, but for us all. Not that we should all pack and move on a regular basis, although many in our parish community do precisely that as part of their work and their lifestyles. It is good to keep track of what we have and if we own our belongings or if our belongings own us. It is good to be free enough to go to another place, whether two flights of stairs up or two airplane flights to the other side of the world. It doesn't mean we don't love the things we have, the people we are with or the places where we hang out hats. But we need to be reminded occasionally that there is a greater scope of existence in which these are not the most important items.

When I was in grammar school, I was the proud possessor of a card I kept in my wallet. (In grammar school I had very little else to keep in my wallet.) It said (and I apologize for the language but this is what it said) “When you are up to your ass in alligators, it is difficult to remember that your initial objective was to drain the swamp.”

In our daily lives, when all too often we are up to our neck in problems and pressures and schedules and commitments, it is sometimes difficult to remember that no matter where we live or what we are doing, our ultimate destination is heaven and our most important work is getting there, and helping others find their way as well. There are moments when life reminds us: the birth of a baby, the death of a loved one, a medical diagnosis that changes our life. Regular attendance at Mass is certainly a help, but each of us needs to find the personal ways to keep that goal alive. For me, apparently, God wants to help me by making me pack and move and pack and move until I get it right. What works for you?

Let us continue to pray for one another.

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Website: Jordanjesuits.org and there is a separate section for the Sacred Heart Parish

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and on your first visit you will request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.

PARISH PLANNING GROUP

As you may have heard – I am not perfect. So I need a group to advise me and make suggestions about upcoming holidays, liturgies, and special events. Just because “we did it last year” doesn’t automatically mean we will do it again. But I also gather there are things we “used to do” that have disappeared, and it may be that those could/should be revived. Brand new (but we’ve never done THAT before!) ideas are also welcome – I might even have one or two of those myself. And the freedom to tell the Pastor that his brainchild is a REALLY bad idea is one of the perks of coming together.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00PM and EVERYONE is welcome. Please drop me a note to say a) that you are coming (so I can be sure we have enough space) or b) if you would REALLY like to be part of this group but cannot make this first meeting. Every topic is up for grabs – music, liturgical style, altar servers, the role of other volunteers, special events, observance of major feasts and seasons and whatever you might bring to the discussion.

Just to keep things in context – last week we unwrapped an Advent wreath and I have already started working on Christmas. It is never too late to start planning ahead. (I know, how can you plan behind. Sorry)

Attending this meeting does not mean you are on a committee or have any other commitment beyond this gathering. Hopefully it means you have an idea, an observation, a memory, a suggestion that we could profit from hearing. One of the gifts of being a community where people come and go is that people bring with them the experiences of other parishes in other places. Some things may not work here – but others may help invigorate and excite us. Some please come and share your experience with us who need it.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Please mark your calendars.

For parents who have children they think are ready to begin preparation for First Holy Communion, there will be a meeting at the Jesuit Center at 43 Al Razi Street on **Tuesday, September 19th at 7 PM**. This is a required session to discuss the program and outline what will be required of parents and candidates. Please bring a copy of your child’s Baptismal certificate for us to keep – we can make a copy if you only have an original. This is a meeting for parents, there will be a meeting with the children that will be announced at the meeting. If a parent cannot absolutely make the meeting, contact Fr. John – but this is an important commitment, and parents have to be actively involved.

ANOTHER SERENITY PRAYER

God,

Grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up for not doing things perfectly

The courage to forgive myself because I’m working on doing better

And the wisdom to know that you already love me just the way I am.

WHAT ELSE should we be planning for?

Potluck suppers?
Birthday celebrations?
Special commemorative Mass?
Advent ceremonies?
Midnight Mass at Christmas?
Picnics? Activities for children?
Ecumenical projects and celebrations?
Adult discussion sessions?
Adult religious ed classes?
All Saints Day?

Ministers for the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ministry	Mary of Nazareth	Jean Baptiste de LaSalle	Notes or Special Events
Coordinator	Marian Karmandarian		
Hospitality 1 ¹			
Hospitality 2			
Leader of Song			
Lector 1 ²	Ian Hopkins	Johnny Church	
Lector 2	Karen Hopkins	Volunteer Needed	
Lector 3	Marian Karmandarian	Volunteer Needed	
Offertory Gifts	Khoury Family		
Collection 1		Volunteer Needed	
Collection 2		Volunteer Needed	
Eucharistic Min.			
Eucharistic Min.			
Altar Server	Austin Pulickal		
Altar Server	Athan Pulickal		

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Jordan Academy of Non-linguistic sciences offers scholarships for those interested in the BA in Music. If young people of our parish community want to study music, they can avail themselves of a 50% reduction of fees for the year, after the required 75 dinar fee. Applicants are required to volunteer to play (music) in their (parish) communities. Those who wish to avail themselves of the offer (can) write to the secretariat of the mutrania: latinvicam@lpj.org

The Jesuit Center offers
The Arts of Theatre 2017

Meetings are: Tuesday-Saturday of each week.
Registration and Launch: Saturday September 9, 2017 @ 7pm Sharp

Dance:
All Genres

Drama: Acting skills,
Theatre Arts, Props
& Set Design

**Singing &
Voice
Training**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (0796793436)



The Custody of the Holy Land and the Franciscan Friars in Jordan
invite you to celebrate the Solemn Mass of

Saint Moses Feast

Under the parsonage of

Bishop William Shomaly
Latin patriarchal vicar for Jordan

September 3rd, 2017 – Sunday - Solemn Mass: 17:00pm, Memorial of Saint Moses – Mount Nebo - Jordan