

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



PERSONAL PARISH OF THE LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM ENTRUSTED TO THE JESUITS OF THE NORTHEAST UNITED STATES

## Week of September 9/10, 2017 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

### MUSIC FOR THE 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – September 16/17, 2017

	SONG TITLE
Entrance Hymn	Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
<i>Alleluia (Gaelic)</i>	
Offertory Hymn	Blest Are You, Lord God of All Creation
<i>Holy, Acclamation, Amen</i> <i>"Let all that is within me..."</i>	
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	
Communion Hymn	Here I Am, Lord
Recessional Hymn	They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

### CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

*Feel free to share you special needs and intentions, so they can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you. Individual names are welcome but not necessary.*

For a young woman, Kaitlyn, fighting cancer  
 For Paul undergoing cancer rehab therapy  
 For family members who have died  
 For a man 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 Fr McChesney's brother who is very ill  
 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 those making critical life decisions



### SIMPLE SINGING SESSIONS - ~~Three~~ Two Sessions of Singing

We've had the first session, and it was great fun. Two more chances to come and join us on Wednesday, September 13 and the 20<sup>th</sup>. No commitment, no obligation. I might be able to help you discover you CAN sing, or sing better. 7 PM. Jesuit Center. I'll provide the music – you bring your voice.



## Pope Francis' FOR SEPTEMBER

### MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

### **September 9/10 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

September 9 – Registration and information meeting for THE ARTS OF THEATRE 2017

At the Jesuit Center at 7 PM. Call 079 679-3436 for more information.

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 – 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 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the miracle at Fatima

### **October 14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION AT SWEIFIEH**

October 18 – Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

October 21 – Mass Honoring All Jesuit Alumni from schools and programs around the world

October 28 – Feast of S. Simon and Jude, Apostles

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints – Mass at 8:30 AM and 6 PM at the Jesuit Center

November 1 – Father John away on retreat until November 10

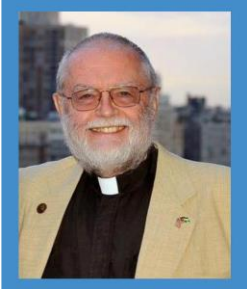
November 2 – All Souls' Day

**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. All graduates, certificate holders or who attended a Jesuit school or institution, please let us know so we can list your school or institution in the program. Please spread the word with others at places where you work or socialize. We will be one of hundreds of Jesuit parishes who will coming together to celebrate on this weekend, and our parish is included in the list of parishes taking part.

### **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** - Please mark your calendars.

For parents with children who 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN ADVANCE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING SO WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH OF THE MATERIALS PREPARED.**



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

WELCOME BACK! If you were away, we are delighted to see you. If you are new to the parish, just WELCOME! And if you've not gone anywhere, isn't it nice to see all these familiar and new faces?

These days I find myself spending a lot of time trying to look into and prepare for the future. Next week we will have the installation of Lectors, those who have taken the Lector Training Workshop. We are also celebrating Catechetical Sunday, and after the Saturday Mass at Sweifieh, we will have a Welcome Back! reception in the hall next to the Church. If you would like to help out with organizing or contribute something for the table, please get in touch.

We've had one Singing with Father John session, and there will be another one this Wednesday, at 7 PM at the Jesuit Center (and another on September 20). And the day before that, a very important Parish Planning Meeting at the Center, also at 7 PM. Attending the meeting does not commit you to anything. I just need your ideas and thoughts and suggestions and perhaps reactions. Parents of First Communion candidates have a meeting with me on September 19.

So there is a lot going on. It is important to remember that all of these different activities, and others that may be coming along in the near future, are all aimed at helping us come together more deeply as a community, helping us find ways to pray better and put the teachings of Christ into practice in our lives. There will be a class for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We have a dispensation from the Bishop to use men for this ministry, and the dates for that will be announced shortly. We have the Mass for Jesuit Alumni in October, and the week after that, a special narrated Mass – more on that in a bit as well. I want to introduce a ministry of Hospitality and prepare people to fill that important role.

The most important thing, however, is to make sure I have an idea about what YOU want our parish to be, what you want us to do, and how you think it should be done. Some parishes are big on pilgrimages, short trips to sites in Jordan that have religious and historical significance. Some people are very interested in smaller study or discussion or prayer groups. When I was directing retreats, I always had one session where people could just ask questions, and sometimes those were very rich and rewarding. Some parishes or groups have asked about a day of recollection, a mini-retreat, to prepare for Christmas during the Advent season or during Lent.

Given the talents of the many people in our parish, and the fact that we have a full-time employee who is dedicated to making things happen (that would be me!) I suspect we can do whatever we want. However the ideas, the visions and the suggestions need to be shared so we can find out who else is interested and how we can go forward.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

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**Website:** [Jordanesuits.org](http://Jordanesuits.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 request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.

## Mass Schedule:

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday to Saturday	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Confessions are 30 minutes before weekend Masses, or available by appointment.		

## Parish Registration

There is a **NEW** registration form. There are **2 ways** to register:

1. Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online. This is the best and the easiest.
2. Fill out the registration form at the back of the Church and give it to Fr. John or the presiding priest.

You can also send Fr. John an email or check in at the parish Facebook page (Parish Group)

## 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.

### 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?