

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 20/21, 2018



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JANUARY

Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

OUR PARISH PRAYS TOGETHER

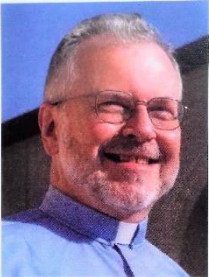
Feel free to share your special needs and intentions, so they can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you. Individual names are welcome but not necessary.

For victims of natural disasters and violence
For family members who have died
For all those looking for work
For a woman concerned about her family
For those suffering from the cold
For the end to abortions

For a peaceful solution to conflict
For the safety of all who are traveling
In thanksgiving for the arrival of Fr. McChesney
For those preparing for sacraments
For all those in pain
For justice for immigrants and refugees

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- January 19 – 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde
January 21 – 11:30 AM – English Mass at Jabal Amman
January 21 – Anniversary of the death of Fr. Kevin O’Connell, SJ - 2016
January 23 – Day of Prayer for the protection of unborn children
January 25 – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
January 26 - 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde
January 26 – 7 PM - ONE BIG FAMILY HAVING FUN at Terra Sancta – a performance by the Theatre Arts Workshop and the Jesuit Center. Free admission. You are advised to come early.
January 28 - 11:30 AM – English Mass at Jabal Amman
February 2 – First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of Candles during Mass
Bring candles to be blessed.
February 2 – Confirmation class meets at 3 PM
February 3 – Feast of St Blase – Blessing of throats after all Masses
February 17/18 – Mass celebrated in Latin
February 18 – Fr. Gerald returns from vacation
February 21 – Ash Wednesday according to the Orthodox schedule
Ashes will be distributed following the 8:30 AM and the 6 PM Masses at the Jesuit Center
February 24/25 – First Sunday of Lent
March 3 – First Confessions for our First Communion candidates



Fr. Kevin G. O'Connell, S.J.
22 May 1938 – 21 January 2016

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. KEVIN

Because the anniversary of Fr. Kevin O'Connell's death is on a Sunday this year, there will be a Memorial Mass on the day following, Monday the 22nd, at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Chapel in Jabal Hussein. All are welcome.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

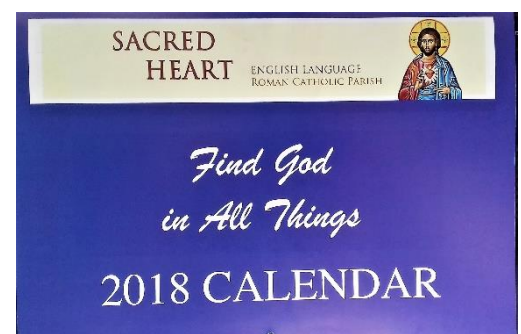
Go to www.jordanjesuits.org, go to the link for SACRED HEART PARISH and on the right side is a direct link so you can register on line.

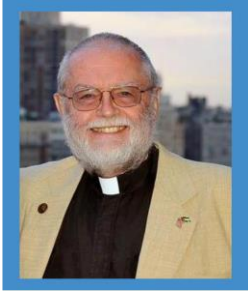
Couldn't be easier. Thank you.

LAST CALL!!!

The SACRED HEART PARISH 2018 CALENDAR

has arrived. It is available after Mass, and at the Jesuit Center. We ask for a contribution of 2 JD for one, but 3 copies for 5 JD and 10 copies for only 15 JS. Help promote the parish and spread the word that we exist. We still have copies available but we won't keep on advertising.





RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

In some ways, the Jesuit Center is a very strange place to live. There are always a lot of people around, there are often many different activities going on simultaneously, and while this is the “home” of the English language parish, the dominant language is, not surprisingly, Arabic. There is also the additional movement of people in and out of the JRS classrooms at the edge of our compound and some of the most interesting and unusual people and requests come to our door and our computers. We are sandwiched between two mosques, and the bells of the nearby churches sometimes seem to compete with the Muezzin for volume.

Jesuits are known as “contemplatives in action,” and our lives often have that tension between the desire for prayer and the equally strong desire to be active. Over the last several months I have been involved in one of the programs that the Center has been running for several years, to involve refugees and others in the arts. In the past it was primarily dancing. This year the program expanded to include acting, stagecraft and singing, and instead of working for two months to create a production, this year we had several additional months for training.

It has been a wonderful experience. It has taken WAY more time out of my life than I had anticipated, but I have always loved teaching, and since to me, teaching and doing nightclub work are very similar, it seems I’m good at it. I’ve had the opportunity to meet a lot of people I would not otherwise have gotten to know, I’ve been part of an exciting and rewarding way of getting people involved with folks from other groups, and along the way, I have watched people take chances, learn not just new skills but new confidence, and seen them discover whole new horizons and cultures and possibilities.

And it has all taken place right here in the place where I live.

On January 26, the dancers and actors and singers and stage managers and crafts people will come together at Terra Sancta to show what they have learned since late August when this adventure began. There is a subtle ad in this newsletter with the pertinent details – including the fact that it is free – and I hope you might come and join us. It’s not Broadway – and many of the participants are taking a chance in doing in public what five months ago they could not do at all. But I have seen rehearsals of the groups I didn’t work with, and I have watched with the pride of a parent as beautiful moments have been created. There may be some problems or failures – that is part of the excitement of live theatre. But there may also be some very moving and touching and exciting moments, since much of the program comes out of the lives and experiences of the people who are dancing and acting and singing.

Lest you think this is simply a commercial announcement, it is also what the lived experience of being a Catholic ought to be about - helping other people be better in their own lives, in their own gifts. Helping other people come together. Sharing in the joy of growth and discovery. And being with others as they step outside their comfort zone and invite you to come along too.

So let us continue to pray for one another, and also for the performers on January 26.

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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
Mon - Sat	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

LATIN MASS

One of the great traditions of the Church is the heritage of our Latin Mass, harkening back to a time when a common language was seen as a symbol of a universal Church. The weekend Mass on February 17 and 18 (the last weekend before Lent) will be celebrated in Latin. We will have a special Order of Worship available so that all can participate. (Note: This is NOT the Tridentine Mass, which can only be celebrated with special permission, but the current Mass celebrated in Latin. Readings and the homily will be in English.)

ADVENT BASKET UPDATE

On Friday, January 12, a group of volunteers and members of the Care for the Poor group met at the Jesuit Center, and spent several hours sorting and organizing the many (many!) items that had been donated. Each category was then labeled (in English and Arabic) and bundled and stored. Since then, ten boxes of assorted food items have been purchased and stored and as soon as an order of blankets is delivered, the final arrangements for delivery will be implemented and a group of families will receive our donations toward making their lives a little easier. For everyone who contributed, donated, and helped with this important project –

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

SERVING AT THE ALTAR

Although many people think this is a service for young people, around the world those who serve at the altar are of all ages. It is a wonderful opportunity to be of service to the community, and to learn more about the Mass, which is the central focus of our communal worship. There will shortly be a schedule of workshops to prepare individuals for this great work. Preparation consists of one class, and one practicum session. Think about it – if you want to find out more, contact Fr. John.

LECTORS, MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST, MUSICIANS

In February there will be workshops for Lectors (those who read at Mass), Eucharistic Ministers (restricted to men only) and Fr. John has NOT given up on the idea of a “choir” or at least a group of singers who can meet weekly to practice, and lead the community both in singing and learning new songs. There will also be a “Community Meeting,” a chance for people to share their ideas, suggestions and thoughts about the parish. February 10 will mark Fr. John’s 1st anniversary in Jordan, and he thinks that is a good time to take stock and hear the voice of the parish. Watch for the announcement of dates and times, and think about the best ways you (yes YOU!) can contribute to our parish life.

WELCOME

FATHER ROBERT McCHESNEY, S.J.



Jesuit Father Robert McChesney hails from a large Catholic family in Washington, DC and is a member of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. He was ordained in Baltimore in 1981. He went to the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley (JST) in 2007 where he has been until recently. Before that, he served for eleven years with the Jesuit Refugee Service in the United States, as prison chaplain in a federal immigration detention center located in Los Angeles Harbor and as National Director of JRS/USA. He was a member of the Provincial Staff of the Maryland Province from 2003-2007. As Director of Campus Ministry at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia from 1985-91, he served on the President's Cabinet and chaired the university committee which advised the President on construction of the Michael J. Smith Memorial Chapel.

At JST, Fr. McChesney had two jobs - Director of the New Directions Sabbatical Program, and Director of Intercultural Initiatives. The Sabbatical Program was founded in 1973 as the "Institute for Spirituality and Worship", and in 1990 was redesigned and renamed New Directions. Since its inception, the program has granted Certificates to more than 1000 alumni of 40 countries, including Religious, priests and laity, preparing them to return to the vineyard refreshed and with enhanced skills for the church of the 21st century. "Every semester the sabbatical program welcomes veteran missionary disciples from all over the world who are seeking personal and spiritual refreshment, fresh ecclesial horizons and new skills in ministry. They are a regular stream of wide ministerial expertise and good cheer into the larger learning community, and often serve as wisdom figures for the degree students. In turn, through interaction with the younger degree students the veterans go away renewed with vibrant hope that the church is in good hands."

In his capacity as Director of Intercultural Initiatives, he has overseen a program which offers annual course-based interreligious immersions to countries like Indonesia, Nepal, Israel and India. "In fact, because of its remarkable faculty and visionary institutional leadership, JST has taken the lead nationally in this area. Imagine a future where Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and others interact more thoughtfully, amicably and even prayerfully! JST degree students have heard the church's call to explore interreligious frontiers and know that it's possible, because they've had the opportunity to learn how - in the classroom and library, but also in church, mosque, ashram, stupa and temple."

Here in Jordan, Fr. McChesney's primary focus will be Refugee Ministry, although he will also be available to work with programs at the Jesuit Center and Sacred Heart Parish, as his commitments allow. He also hopes to spend some time learning some Arabic. We are delighted to welcome him into our community here in Amman.

UPDATE: At this point we have six children in our First Communion class, and three late entries who are taking special classes to "catch up." We have four Confirmation candidates, and three who will be baptized at Easter. There have been questions about catechism classes for other children, and possibly a children's Liturgy of the Word. We need teachers. Anyone interested in learning more, contact Fr. John.



One **BIG** Happy
Family

HAVING FUN!!!!

FRIDAY – JANUARY 26 – 7 pm
Terra Sancta Auditorium

Ahmad Shawqi St 26
Near the National Galley

SING

**THEATRE IN
BLACK**

DRAMA

DANCE!!!

FREE!!!

There is even a rumor that Fr. John might sing

**Presented by the Jesuit Center of Amman
And Father Michael Linden, SJ**