

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Flowers at the Blessed Mother and St. Jude are in Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

5:00 JOHN A. KUBASEK & FRANK SOVA

Lectors August 17 and 18

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY
8:30 SUE AMORE
10:00 JOSEPHINE & JOSEPH DeMEO & MARY ANN DeMEO
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 JOHN J. SULLIVAN
5:00 RITA THATCHER

Saturday, August 17

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, August 18

7:00 Theresa Zulch
8:30 Kennedy Apoe
10:00 Roy Hansen
11:30 Maria Montuori
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Bob Mazzuco

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 JAMES (JAY) NOONE
9:00 MARGARET & BABY ELAINE MASTERSON



TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 MARGARET MURPHY
9:00 DOROTHY RICCIARDI

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Robert Pepe, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Frank Mirante

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 JOSEPH WALSH
9:00 FRANK JOHNS
7:00 MATHEW & KATHLEEN DOWD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00 JOAN M. PRENTY
9:00 JOHN (JACK) CAMPBELL
12:00 PATRICK PARKER
7:00 VICTORIA EDERA

Collection for August 4

Regular ..... \$8,569.00
Monthly ..... \$2,912.00
Latin America ..... \$978.00

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 JOHN FINN
9:00 CORINNE A. O'BRIEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 JOHN J. CAMPBELL
5:00 ALICE PERRY 17TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
8:30 MARIE McGOWAN
10:00 XUE QIANG ZHEN
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 EUGENE WHITNEY
5:00 MARY DEIGNAN

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Felicia Phillipps requested by Maria-Elena and Vincent Graziano.

The Sanctuary Candle is for Special Intentions for St. Dominic, Saint of the Rosary requested by Sarah MacDermott.



Thursday, August 15th, is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass Schedule will be: Wednesday, August 14 -7:00PM Thursday, August 15 -7:00AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM

## WE WALK BY FAITH...

I once came across the following tale about a sea monster in the highlands of Scotland. Some people claimed that the monster existed, while others dismissed it as a hoax. Now, one day, an atheist was spending a quiet evening fishing on a lake when suddenly his boat was rocked by the monster. The beast threw him and his boat high into the air. Then, it opened its mouth to swallow them both. As the man fell to certain death, he cried out, "O God, help me!" At once, the terrifying scene froze in place, with the man suspended in midair, held by some mysterious force above the gaping jaws of the monster. A booming voice came from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in me!" The man pleaded, "Oh come on God, give me a break! I didn't believe in the sea monster either!"

The scripture for this Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time speaks of faith - faith professed and faith lived - as the driving force of our discipleship. Through a philosophical reinterpretation of the Passover night, the passage from the Book of Wisdom affirms the central role of faith in the Exodus event. Long before the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, and journeyed toward the land of milk and honey, they believed deep in their hearts that all would go well. They believed. They trusted.

In the second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews continues on the same wavelength and brings forth the great figures of the history of our salvation as true witnesses of the faith. Faith, we are told, is the "realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11,1). We don't need to see to believe. That's exactly what Abraham understood. Heeding God's voice, he left his father's house for a land he knew nothing about; he believed in the promise that he would become the father of a multitude even though he and his wife were advanced in age. And, in a great test of faith, Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son, object of the promise, in sacrifice to God. Only faith moved him and guided him. He believed, as Pope Francis puts it in his first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei," that "the word which could raise up a son to one who was "as good as

dead," in "the barrenness" of Sarah's womb...can also stand by his promise of a future beyond all threat of danger." (Lumen Fidei, n. 11) Faith is thus linked to Hope. It is equivalent to taking a big jump, not knowing where you will land, but believing that when you land, you will be safe on a firm ground, without any broken bone. It's like seeing the light when all is dark around you, and trusting when everyone else sees no reason for hope. Faith is the only thing that can keep us going without asking questions, without willing to know everything, because "when mystery is removed, hope disappears and the future with it."

As disciples, we are called to walk by faith, not by sight. We walk toward our promised land, we walk toward our final encounter with the Lord by faithfully fulfilling our responsibilities. Yet, in that journey, we are to overcome one thing, and that is fear. Our Lord Jesus' call in today's Gospel couldn't be any clearer: be not afraid.

This weekend, ask yourself, what am I afraid of? Maybe I am contemplating retirement, and I am afraid that I don't have enough to live on; maybe I am afraid to call my doctor about the test I underwent last week; maybe I am afraid to explore that new job or business opportunity because I do not want to risk...; maybe, maybe...

May we all turn to Abraham to learn from him; may we be renewed in that faith, without fear, and trust in Christ who does work wonders in our lives!

Father Maurice

### Bible Study



**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will be held on the first Tuesday and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE  
SUMMER HOURS: School Office is  
closed July 12<sup>th</sup>-Aug 11<sup>th</sup>**

The school office will reopen August 12<sup>th</sup>. Limited late applications for Pre-K to grade 7 now being reviewed. Please call the school office for information: 718-442-0347.  
Enjoy a happy and healthy summer!



**REGISTRATION FOR ACADEMIC  
YEAR 2013-2014**

Any questions please call the Religious Education Office at 718-448-1536.

**Children attending Catholic Academies** and wish to register for the Sacraments this year please call the Religious Education Office.

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHETICAL OFFICE** is offering you an opportunity to win \$1000. There will be One-First Prize of \$1000; Two-Second prizes of \$100. Plus there will be Four weekly drawings of \$50. Drawings will be on Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27. For information contact Mrs. Rizzuto at 718-448-1536.

**SACRED HEART SOCCER Last Chance to Register for the Fall 2013 Season.** For information call **Coordinators:**

**Girls:** John or Keri Mullen 718-442-2109  
**Boys:** Jon Field 917-478-3264

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE AUGUST 17 & 18**

**Saturday, August 17**

5:00 Matthew Miller, Rudy Merlino

**Sunday, August 18**

7:00 Timothy Donnelly, Steven Mickel, Jr.  
8:30 Shea Murphy, Albert Cardone  
10:00 Giovanni Ecolano, Victoria Bruno  
11:30 Margaret Donovan, Elizabeth Althoff  
1:00 Thomas Laub, Matthew Miller  
5:00 Luisa Montuori, Peter LaPeruta

**Portugal Choir** sings today, Sunday, August 11, 2013 11:30AM Mass 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time!!

**Portugal Choir** also sings for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 2013 7PM Mass. Some of the music for this mass will be sung in Basilica at Fatima in November during their Great Cathedrals of Portugal Choir Tour- don't miss it!

Put away a Hymnbook! Please take a minute at the end of the mass to put the Hymnbook you are using in its proper location. If you look inside the back cover, there is a small label at the top telling you the correct side; correct rack number(not pew number), and correct position number. Many hands-light work!! **IF EVERY PERSON** returned the book they were using during mass, to its correct location- **A MIRACLE!** All the Hymnbooks would be in their correct locations! Thanks for your help!

Happy Summer

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Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Come sing with us in Portugal 2013! Put a Hymnbook away!



**MILITARY REVIEW** Sacred Heart is proud to renew the *Military Review*. All parishioners with family members in the Armed Services are invited to provide the rectory with the name and military address of their family member on active duty.

**SACRED HEART PARISH PLAYERS PERFORM**

**"AIDA"** in the Sacred Heart School auditorium. Performances are on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM and on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 3PM and 7:30PM. Admission is \$15.00 and \$10.00 for Seniors.

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES** for those in their 30's, 40's and 50's **Ice Cream and Karaoke Night** Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> RSVP by Aug. 12 to info@sgspsi.org.

**Mass and Live Jazz Brunch** Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> Must RSVP by Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$26. For details call 718-981-3131.