

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Dr. Angelo Santoro requested by Irene Santoro.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
5:00 CAREY & DRISCOLL FAMILIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
7:00 MICHAEL RICCIARDI
8:30 HELEN SEUBE
10:00 PETER PELLEGRITO
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 FRESSOLA & MAZZITELLI FAMILIES
5:00 DAWN WALSH

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
7:00 BATTALION CHIEF LAWRENCE M. BYRNES
9:00 EUGENE ESPOSITO

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
7:00 RICHARD TREZZINO
9:00 ERIC JAMES TREVENTI

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
7:00 JOHN J. PRENTY
9:00 DAWN WALSH 10TH ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY
9:00 JAMES KNIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
7:00 VICTORIA & VENANCIO RAMIREZ
9:00 MARTINO FAMILY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
9:00 MARGE SMITH
5:00 IN CELEBRATION OF MR. & MRS. FRANCIS BARRY 4TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MCCAULEY FAMILIES
8:30 ALEXANDRIA YACHMETZ
10:00 PAT MOSCHELLA
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARGARET SIX
5:00 EUGENE ESPOSITO

LECTORS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 29
5:00 Bill Jones Shirley Fennell
Sunday, August 30
7:00
8:30 Don O'Shea Anne Siemer
10:00 Theresa Cunningham Elizabeth D'Antuono
11:30 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki
1:00 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa
5:00 Bob Mazzucco Wanda Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, James Bauer, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Ambre Witte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne

Wedding Banns

II Rosaria Vitale and Kevin Liotta
I Mary Kate McVey and Michael Bellucci

Newly Baptized

Michael John DiCostanzo
Amado Jerry Magbitang

Collection August 16

Regular \$6,760.50
Assumption \$937.00
Building Fund \$1,358.00

FLOWER DONATIONS Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I went to my sister's house in New Jersey the other day for a barbecue and ended up at the table talking to my two teen-aged nephews and their girlfriends. Teenage romance-that's not easy! Drawing from the literature I have read, and also from my experience in marriage counseling, I gave them some advice about getting along well in a relationship. Of course, I waited until the four of them took a break from staring at the screens of their cell phones. First, I reminded them that males and females are different. Of course, modern society (largely divorced from Christ) seems to be downplaying the differences between men and women. Many cultural leaders claim that the only real difference between males and females is bodily difference. If men and women act differently in everyday life, they claim, it is because we have conditioned boys and girls from infancy to behave differently. For instance, they say, boys are given guns and trucks to play with, while girls are given dolls and hairbrushes.

I don't buy that. God created us different, but of equal human dignity, and God knew what He was doing. One of the differences between men and women is that, in general, women use almost twice as many words as men do in order to feel that they have communicated. This is not a flaw or a weakness. It is nature. Therefore, I told my nephews and their girlfriends, men need to be patient with their women when they seem to be overly talkative and women must be patient with their men when their men give them one word grunt answers to their questions.

We also spoke of how in a romantic relationship sometimes men feel the need to draw back. As they grow closer and closer to their girlfriends/wives a sort of alarm bell can ring inside of them indicating that their natural sense of strength and independence is somehow in jeopardy, even if it is not so. Therefore, his instinct tells him to create a little distance. This can be frustrating to his mate, who should refrain from nagging. She needs to give him his space (within reason), which he will appreciate, and then soon he will begin to snap back like a rubber band, and return to the deep emotional intimacy of the relationship. We also spoke of how each

woman has her own emotional cycle. When she falls to a low level her mate may find her a little difficult to deal with. He should give her space to vent a little and not take it personally. Let it pass. Don't argue back when she gripes. After she pulls herself out of the low level she will be grateful to her man for having been supportive during that period of instability.

Of course, we could say much more about how to get along in romance. St. Paul says plenty in the second reading of today's Holy Mass (Ephesians 5). He tells us that marriage means that the spouses are to be subordinate to one another. Why? *Out of reverence for Christ*. In other words, when your spouse becomes difficult, treat him or her with great love anyway-for Jesus. Do it for Jesus, who deserves your best effort, even if your spouse is acting as if he/she does not. Then the Apostle reminds wives to respect the authority of their husbands who serve as head of the household. How countercultural is that notion of authority! On the other hand, he tells husbands to love their wives as Christ loved His bride, the Church. How did Christ love His bride? By bleeding to death for her on the Altar of the Cross. It is no accident that Paul emphasizes respect for husbands and love for wives. He is an expert on human nature. A recent poll was conducted of husbands and wives. They were asked: "In general, would you prefer respect or love from your spouse?" Most men answered 'respect.' Most women 'love.'

The Apostle calls marriage *a great mystery*. This word 'mystery' in the original Greek of the New Testament is translated as 'sacramentum' in Latin. The English rendition is the word 'sacrament.' Hence, *a great mystery* also means *a great sacrament*. Indeed! Marriage is a great sacrament!

I offered advice at the barbeque, allow me to do so here. Thank the good Lord today for the gift of your marriage and tell Him of the various needs of that loving union. And say a prayer today for all married couples, for those preparing for marriage, for those suffering with a divorce, for those married outside the Church, and last, but not least, let us pray for our beloved widows and widowers.
Father Eric



SACRED HEART SCHOOL The

Summer hours are Mon - Thurs 8AM to 12PM. Registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K3, Kindergarten and 1-8. There are 4 seats available in PreK for Free (formerly UPK). Please call the school office for an application and information.

CCD REGISTRATION New Student Registration If you are interested in registering your child (entering 1st-7th grade in Sept. 2015) for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 school year please email Mrs. Rizzuto at shcreligioused@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536. Your child's Baptismal Certificate and transcript if he/she has attended another Religious Education Program is needed. **Re-registration** Reminder all re-registration forms are now due. Please drop them off at the rectory.

SCOUTING SEASON IS UPON US!!! Registration for Pack/Troop 74 will be on Mondays starting Sept. 21, 2015 for first grade to freshman year of high school. Any questions please reach out to Timothy Donnelly TMD426@aol.com (please put in subject-SCOUTING)

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR OKTOBERFEST 2015, please get in contact with Timothy Donnelly tmd426@aol.com (for email, please put in the subject Oktoberfest) or his cell number 718-816-7606.

FAREWELL DINNER FOR FR. JEROME At the farewell dinner there will be a memory book available to write a special message to Fr. Jerome. You may also bring a photo with a caption to be placed in the book. Blank cards will be provided for you to record your thoughts and memories for Fr. Jerome.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY needs to restock its food pantry. Please donate one or more of these non-perishable food items: canned soups, canned vegetables, canned or jar fruit, tuna fish, pasta, rice, canned broth, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned or bottled juices. Donations can be dropped off in the church vestibule. Please check **expiration dates**. We cannot distribute **expired food**. Thank you.

Choir News

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Mark Your Calendars!! Uncle Bill, Aunt Mae, Cousin Vinnie, Baby Rose - please come up to the choir loft to sing a rousing Sept. 6 11:30AM Mass! Bring your visiting families! Grand Prize for the family with the most members in the loft! Treats! Prizes! Coffee!! See you in the loft!!

Kids Praise Choir!! Come up to the loft Sept. 6th, to sing with Family Choir-trade in your medals for prizes! See you in the loft! See you there!

France Voyager Choir sings Sept. 6th 11:30AM Mass! Don't miss it!

Summer is the time for France Voyager Choir to put the finishing touches on their mystical music lenten liturgies (including Latin, French) they have been preparing for their upcoming Choirtour/Pilgrimage to France Feb 16-23, 2016! Thanks so much for your support and good wishes! Come with us! (Details! Pamela VM 24)

Fall Brides Every bride must come to a consultation in the choir loft after any Sunday 1PM Mass, to discuss your music selections for your wedding. You must do so at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding or traditional selections will be made for you. See you in the loft! Questions? Pamela VM 24

Hymnbooks Have you seen your hymnbook lately?! After Easter, Confirmations, 1st Communions, special Feast Days Masses - oh the sheep have scattered! Besides their priceless sentimental value, our hymnbooks have saved us over \$105,000 to date! Please take a moment after Mass and put the book you used in its correct rack/pew number. Is it badly worn? Small donations greatly appreciated to repair/replace your book at your request-See Pamela! VM24 Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Join our Choirtour/Pilgrimage Great Cathedrals France 2016!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE AUGUST 29 & 30

Saturday, August 29

5:00 Steven & Nick Bivona

Sunday, August 30

7:00 David & Billye Albro

8:30 Deirdre & John McCafferty

10:00 Gabriella Fulton, Noelle Ehresman

11:30 Marc Artuz, Samantha Baniswal

1:00 Andrew Fraunberg, Thomas Laub

5:00 Daniel Ramirez, Bernard Daniels