

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

5:00 MARGARET SIX

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

8:30 BEN ZARRELLI

10:00 XUE QIAN ZHEN

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 ANNA & VERONICA BUDNICK

5:00 DONNA LYNN HOLISTER

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 RAYMONDO IBANEZ & ROMEO DELUNA

9:00 CATHERINE SMITH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 KARL REINA II

9:00 EUGENE ESPOSITO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI

9:00 EDWARD GLENNON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 MARGARET RYAN

9:00 ALICE PERRY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 NANCY MCVEY

9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 GREGORY MONAHAN

5:00 JOSEPHINE & JOSEPH DEMEO & MARY ANN DEMEO

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 RAYMOND H. DANNEMANN

8:30 HELEN SEUBE

10:00 MARGARET P. MASTERSON

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 MARGARET SIX

5:00 NICHOLAS & ROSEMARIE GUASTELLA

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of Michael Civello

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Karl Reina II requested by Karl and Betty Ann and Michele Reina.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Elizabeth Lamberti requested by Evelyn and Michael Bilotto and Betty and Tony Mezzacappa.

LECTORS

5:00 Mary Rosso

7:00

8:30 Don O'Shea

10:00 Frank DiSalvo

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

Evelyn Bilotto

Dorothy Tarafa

Regina Torello

Shirley Fennell

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, Julie Scarcella, Ambre Witte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne

WEDDING BANNs

III Caryn Montalbano and Robert Bates

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Joseph Miguel Cardes

Riley Marie Cummings

Alessia Marie DeMayo

Alexa Mae Palmieri

Collection July 12

Regular \$6,741.50

Monthly \$2,824.00

Collection July 19

Regular \$5,817.50

Collection July 26

Regular \$7,577.50

50/50 \$430.00

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Van Wilson on winning the July 50/50

This weekend the special collection will be for Latin America and Home Missions



Friday, August 7, is **First Friday**. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 11 AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM.

Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I am Fr. Eric Rapaglia, your new pastor. I am very happy to be joining you at Sacred Heart!!! They tell me that this parish is a *very* good one. No doubt! I have already received a warm welcome from many of you. Let me say: Thank you! Let me also say that I am sorry for your loss. Whenever a pastor leaves a parish after having ministered there a long time, as Fr. Jerome has done, it is not easy to say goodbye. Many of the parishioners are feeling a sense of grief and loss. I think that is normal and also that it indicates that you have invested much in your relationship with Fr. Jerome and he has done the same with you. I have known Fr. Jerome for a long time and I know that he is a very good priest who cares very much about other people. Therefore, his departure represents a significant loss here. The good news is that he is not going far - only to the South Shore. Hence, we can all keep in touch with him.

You would probably want to know a little about me. I am the third child (there's one younger) of Mario Rapaglia, an Italian immigrant, and Constance Miranda, who was born and bred in Brooklyn (Does that sound familiar?). Born in Port Jefferson in Long Island, I spent my early childhood in Long Island, Brooklyn and Alabama. My parents moved to Great Kills in 1980 and I was confirmed at St. Clare's Church. I then went to Tottenville High School and St. John's University. After college I taught science at I.S. 24 in Great Kills and then, at the age of twenty-four, my calling to the priesthood became very clear to me. Following studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, I was ordained in 2000 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Since then I have been very happy. Jesus never disappoints!!! From 2000-2004, I was stationed at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Huguenot as parochial vicar. That was a great and challenging time. The parish and school were very large and so I was constantly running around, getting very valuable priestly experience while at the same time deepening relationships with many good people. Then I was transferred to the Bronx where I spent the next eleven years working with immigrants of various stripes. From 2004-2008, I

was parochial vicar at St. Barnabas Parish in Woodlawn. This large parish, which also contained a girls' high school, consisted mostly of Irish immigrants. I learned much about Irish culture there and I was blessed with many friendships in the parish. Then in 2008, I was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Belmont, in the Bronx. The church was featured in the famous movie: *Bronx Tale*. Some of the best food in New York could be found on nearby Arthur Avenue. This immigrant parish was very diverse, with Italians, Latinos, Albanians and Africans. Each Sunday, there were Masses offered in several languages. My first experience as pastor was profound. Part of me still misses the people. Following the completion of my six year term, Cardinal Dolan granted me a sabbatical in order to complete my Ph.D. in philosophy. I had been studying part-time since 2004. I defended the dissertation this last April. The subject of the thesis was the metaphysics of creation. Some believe that because goodness diffuses by nature (like sunlight from the sun), and because God is goodness itself, therefore God must diffuse or spread His goodness to others automatically. In other words, He really does not have a choice of whether or not to create the universe. He must do it. Using the philosophical thought of St. Thomas Aquinas I argued that God creates freely, without any necessity or compulsion, even if goodness has a tendency to diffuse. Perhaps you're thinking right now, "I hope he doesn't bring this sort of thing up from the pulpit when he preaches his homilies!" Don't worry. Since February I have been serving as administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Fordham in the Bronx, a community of Latino immigrants.

Please pray for me and for your other priests (daily!). Also, I thank you in advance for your patience. Being so new to the parish I will need time to learn the whats and the hows and the whys of the community, not to mention the whos. I will try my best to be as helpful as I can always and everywhere. It's a great honor and a privilege to be your pastor. I really look forward to getting to know you! May God bless our family of faith - Sacred Heart Staten Island!!!
Father Eric



SACRED HEART SCHOOL The

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

A HEARTFELT THANKS to everyone who supported our Avon39 fundraiser. Your donations will put food on the table of a breast cancer patient and her family, enable access to mammograms and medicine, fuel research, and save lives. Congratulations to our 50/50 winner Christine Mooney. If you would like to sponsor our "Walk for the Cure" go to avon39.org and make a donation to Kim Larsen, Jennifer Rizzuto or Joanne Chatterton.

Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you

are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

THE 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 on all donated food. We cannot distribute expired food. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE AUGUST 8 & 9

Saturday, August 8

5:00 Nick & Steven Bivona

Sunday, August 9

7:00 Timothy & Eric Koleci

8:30 Patrick & Keifer Regan

10:00 Timothy Donnelly, James Esco

11:30 Matthew Kalikas, Samantha Baniswal

1:00 Sarah & Megan Laureno

5:00 Patrick Buzzard, Jack Lottito

Choir News ♪

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Mark Your Calendars!! Uncle George, Aunt Sue, Cousin Vinnie, Baby Emma - please come up to the choir loft to sing a rousing August 2 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 August 2, to sing with Family Choir - trade in your medals for prizes! See you in the loft! See you there!

Summer is also 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)

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!

CYO BASKETBALL Anyone interested in coaching Sacred Heart CYO Basketball in the fall should contact Jeff Franzreb at 917-612-9260. Coaching applications are being accepted.

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