

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers
Weekend of August 18 and 19

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

5:00 JOHN A. KUBASEK & FRANK SOVA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 SUE AMORE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 THOMAS & FLORENCE HURLEY
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 ELAINE MASTERSON
5:00 ANNA RODRIGUEZ

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 GRACE STANGER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 AGNES WATSON
9:00 CECILIA MORELLI
7:00 KATHLEEN & MATHEW DOWD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00 JOAN M. PRENTY 3RD ANNIVERSARY
9:00 WILLIAM & RITA WILSON
12:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF SIX &
BURNS FAMILY
7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 DANIEL MULLEN
9:00 CORINNE A. O'BRIEN 6TH ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00 THOMAS KEENAN
9:00 ALICE PERRY 17TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY
5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MAZZITELLI &
FRESSOLA FAMILIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN &
McCAULEY FAMILY
8:30 THERESE O'SHEA 4TH ANNIVERSARY
10:00 THOMAS LAUB
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARIE SCHUBERT
5:00 IN CELEBRATION OF THE RUFFO &
ESPOSITO FAMILY

Saturday, August 18

5:00 Frank Ponterio Mary Ann Gambardella

Sunday, August 19

7:00 Theresa Zulch
8:30 Kennedy Apoe Barbara Kelly
10:00 Roy Hansen John Caban
11:30 Maria Montuori Evelyn Bilotto
1:00 Charles Sullivan Theresa Cunningham
5:00 John Gurrieri

Sick Relatives & Friends

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, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Grace Ford Seamans, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Elizabeth Wilson, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Sheila Allen, Carol Van Manen, Fred Maley

Wedding Banns

III Nirmali Fernando and Sugath Chandra

Collection for August 5

Regular \$6,489.00
Latin America \$1,415.00

Wednesday, August 15, 2012 is the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**



It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
The Mass schedule is:
Tuesday, August 14 - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 15 - 7:00 AM,
9:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Anna Helewa and Benedict Morstatt** requested by Nora Bocignone.

Flowers on the Altar are for **Special Intentions.**

GOING FOR THE HEAVENLY GOLD...

We have all been enthralled in the last few weeks with the wonderfully talented athletes competing in the Olympic Games in London. Certainly the United States has performed very well with swimmers Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, gymnast Gabby Douglas and others. The coveted prize in the Olympics of course is the gold medal. I am told that Michael Phelps, now ending his Olympic career has garnered 18 gold medals!

Certainly to win that prize is not easy at all – although it seems that way on television. For an athlete to “Go for the Gold” means training, it means physical discipline, determination and a lot of hard work. We could say that all of us Catholic Christians are also involved in a competition in this life. Oh, it’s not swimming, volleyball, gymnastics or running. Rather, we could call it the “Spiritual Olympics.” The final prize is not a gold medal or trophy but rather the reward of Heaven and eternal happiness.

Saint Paul illustrated this idea very well when he wrote in the Letter to the Corinthians: “There are many who run in a race but only one person wins the prize; so run as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things to win a crown that perishes, but we a crown that is imperishable.”

An Olympic gold medal is very nice and can bring a person fame and fortune, but what is an Olympic medal compared to the heavenly golden medal which is open to all of us and will last forever?

The saints of the Church really were the “spiritual athletes” who competed so well during this life and are now enjoying their heavenly prize. This week on August 15th, we honor in a special way the greatest of all the saints - The Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we celebrate the Assumption of Our Mary into Heaven.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, after the completion of Her earthly life, was taken body and soul into Heaven. This great feast is an invitation for all of us to be more intent upon the things of Heaven than the things of



earth. As I was writing this column, I was thinking of just how much all of us (author included) are often absorbed and immersed with the cares of this life. We worry and fret about many things.

The Feast of the Assumption therefore reminds us that it is the “Heavenly Gold” that really is the most necessary thing to aspire to as we make our way on this human journey. Mary can help us in the contest for Heaven because she was really the greatest example and champion of Christian Perfection. She was totally sinless, pure, and holy and centered on God.

Now of course we are not like that at all. Really, even the best of us have many gaps and imperfections. However, when we look to Mary, we see what our human nature could become!

The Feast of the Assumption invites us to contemplate Our Lady after this earthly exile, enjoying the heavenly prize. This is something that we should aspire to. With the help of Mary’s prayers and God’s grace we can be victorious in the Christian contest and receive the ultimate prize!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome





SACRED HEART SCHOOL is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. A private tour of the school can be arranged by appointment only. For additional information please call the school office at 718-442-0347.

GOOD NEWS! Sacred Heart School has been approved for a free UPK program in September!
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Office closed: July 16-August 17 (We will check voicemail daily. Leave a message so we can return your call promptly.)

School resumes September 5th.

SACRED HEART SOCCER

We have limited player availability for the 2012 fall/2013 spring season. PreK 4 - 8th Grade. For more information call Coordinators:
 Girls - John & Kerri Mullen (718) 442-2109
 Boys - Jon Field (917) 478-3264

SAVE THE DATE THE SACRED HEART FAMILY CAMP-OUT will be held on August 18th and 19th at the Kaufmann Campgrounds, 1131 Manor Road. The fee is \$40 per family. For further information contact Tim O'Halloran at 646-206-9374. All parishioners are welcome. Pools are open.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE AUGUST 18 and 19

Saturday, August 18th

5:00 Jackie Sullivan, Caitlin Gould

Sunday, August 19th

7:00 Maeve Butler, Giovanni Ercolano

8:30 Elizabeth Althoff, Chris Riccardi

10:00 Shea Murphy, Andrew Johnson

11:30 Patrick Buzzard, Michelle Moffett

1:00 Dustin Soliven, Juan Cruz

5:00 Olivia & Anthony Scanni



Mark your Calendars!!

Peach pie and cherry pie!! That's what the McCafferty's won in the choir loft last Sunday for having 8 members of their family in the loft singing for 11:30 AM Mass!! (3 in Portugal Choir and 5 in Family Choir!!) Calling all families to the choir loft to sing Sept. 2, 2012 11:30 AM Mass!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! Grand Prize for the oldest choir member!!! See you there!!

Portugal Traveling Choir sings Sun., Sept 2, 2012 11:30AM Mass - (in preparation for singing Masses in Portugal Thanksgiving 2013) Join Us!! Summer Brides!! See you in the loft for your consultation after any Sunday 1PM Mass!!

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

FLOWER DONATIONS The 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.

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SACRED HEART PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012**. We are looking for any parishioners or vendors who would like to rent a table and for all crafters who can make items or donate a raffle basket or sponsor a basket. Please call the rectory at 718-442-0058.