

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 BUD ROSSO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 MARIE MELLO
9:00 THERESE O'SHEA
11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 DANIEL HOLLNSTEINER
5:00 DOMENICO PETRECCA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 LYNNE KNIGHT
9:00 DIANA KISTO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY
9:00 CORRINE A. O'BRIEN & FLORENCE KENNEDY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 SR. THERESE MARY O'ARM
9:00 ANTHONY AJELLO

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 JOAN & JOHN PRENTY
9:00 LOUISE SCHMIDT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI
9:00 MICHAEL & THERESA FRANCIS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 NANCY MC VEY
5:00 MSGR. JAMES DORNEY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 ALICE PERRY
9:00 AL & SUE AMORE
11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 HON. LOUIS JEROME, SR.
5:00 ELIZABETH WIDMAYER

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

Saturday, February 20

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

Sunday, February 21

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Don O'Shea Elizabeth D'Antuono
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa
1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell
5:00 Bob Mazzucco Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pelleccchia, 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, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Frances Bocignone, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar

Collections:

Regular February 7 \$8,042.00
Peter's Pence \$1,803.00

Wedding Banns

I Michael DeMeo and Jennifer Barbato

Newly Baptized

Branden Wayne Barrett
Thomas Martin Xavier Roussel
Olivia Mae Roussel

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 Bread and Wine are offered for Rosaria Vitale requested by JoAnn McAvoy-Delahunt.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

My prayers are with you, as always, that you may have a blessed Lent. Lent is a time of renewal and deepened love. It is a time in which we meditate upon our Savior's sufferings gladly undertaken for us, His beloved. I leave you with a reflection written by a great saint.
God bless you!

Father Eric

Lenten Meditation by St. Thomas Aquinas

The Apostle says: *Think diligently upon Him that endured such opposition from sinners, that you be not wearied, fainting in your minds.* (Hebrews 12:3). We are advised to think diligently, that is, to think upon Him over and over again. In all your ways, says Holy Scripture, *think upon Him* (Prov. 3:6). The reason for doing so is that no matter what anxiety may befall us, we have a remedy in the Cross. For there we find obedience to God. *He humbled Himself by becoming obedient* says St. Paul (Phil 2:8). Likewise, we find a loving forethought for those related to Him, Shown in the care He had on that very Cross for His Mother. We also find charity for His fellow man, for on the Cross He prayed for sinners: *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do* (Luke 23:34). He also showed patience in suffering: *I was dumb and was humbled, and kept silence from good things and my sorrow was renewed.* (Psalm 48:4). Finally, He showed in all things perseverance to the end: *Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit* (Luke 23:46). So, on the Cross we find an example of all the virtues. As St. Augustine says, the Cross was not only the gallows where our Lord suffered in patience, it was a pulpit from which He taught mankind.

The Apostle says: *Think diligently upon Him that endured such opposition from sinners, that you be not wearied, fainting in your minds.* (Hebrews 12:3). But what is it that we are to think, over and over again? Three things: (1) The kind of Passion it was. He endured opposition, that is, suffering from words spoken by others. For instance, they said: *Vah, you that destroy the temple of God...* (Mt 27:40). It is said in the Psalms (18:44) *You will deliver me from the contradictions of the people,* and it was foretold that our Lord should be *a sign which shall be contradicted.* (Luke 2:34). St. Paul [in the text above from the Hebrews] says such opposition, meaning so grievous and humiliating opposition. *O all you that pass by the way, attend, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow* (Lamentations 1:12). (2) From whom He suffered the Passion. It was from sinners, from those for whom He was suffering. *Christ died once for our sins, the just for the unjust* (1 Peter 3:18). (3) Who it was that suffered. Before the Passion, from the beginning of the world He had suffered in His members, but in the Passion He suffered in His own person, who Himself, says St. Peter (1 Peter 2:24) *bore our sins in His body upon the tree.*

To think diligently upon our Lord's Passion is a very profitable employment, which is why St. Paul adds *that you be not wearied, fainting in our minds.* The Passion of the Christ keeps us from fainting. St. Gregory says, "If we recall the Passion of Christ, nothing seems so hard that it cannot be borne with equanimity."



The Rectory office will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

Lenten Regulations

1 - Lent is to be observed as a special season of prayer, penance and Christian charity.

2 - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat. They are also days of fasting, allowing one full meal.

3 - The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday obliges all Catholics 21 years of age until the completion of their 59th year. The obligation of abstinence obliges all Catholics from the age of 14. Those whose health or efficiency of work would be substantially impaired by fast and abstinence are excused from physical mortification. When there is doubt or question regarding an individual's obligation a priest should be consulted.

4 - The Fridays of the year outside of Lent remain days of abstinence from meat. Other practices of voluntary penance may be substituted for abstinence from meat. These practices may be acts of self-denial, temperance, daily Mass, personal prayer, charity or Christian witness.

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016. Re-registration for continuing students is also required.

Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-Kindergarten 3
Kindergarten and Grades 1-8

CCD FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Confirmation Retreat - rescheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 9:00AM

No classes Feb 17th. Classes resume Feb 24th.

Youth Group - will meet today the 11am Mass.

"Jeans" for "Rare Genes":

The Sacred Heart Youth Group has partnered with the SI Giving Circle to collect gently used jeans to raise money for rare disease research. There will be a box in the vestibule after all of the Masses this weekend, February 13 & 14th for your jean donations.

Choir News ♪

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Kids Praise Choir:

Hey Kids Praise! See you Wednesday, February 24th 5-6pm Chapel. We love new members (kids 5- 5th grade)!! Registration form required (available church office). Each rehearsal is like a party - singing wonderful, fun sacred songs in preparation for monthly Mass participation! Treats! Games! See you there! (Questions? Pamela 718-442-0058 VM 24)Please Pray For Us!

France Voyager Choir is completing their final preparations for their Great Cathedrals of France 2016 Choir Tour!! We are so appreciative of your prayers and support to this point. Now we REALLY need your prayers as we share our music abroad!!

And yes - there will be a CD!! So we greatly appreciate your support with that as well!! Le Dieu Soit La Gloire!! Merci, Merci beau coup!!

Parish Choir returns in March!

Don't miss this opportunity to hop on board for Holy Week preparations! Such a powerful, poignant week full of inspiring music liturgy - come join us!! See you Feb. 28th 10:30 AM Loft!!(Questions? Pamela VM 24)

Hymnbooks: Many have commented to me on the disrepair of many of our beloved, treasured hymnbooks - yet when I say would you like to help fix them, there is a lukewarm response!! Just to let you all know, I intend this summer to track down, fix, relocate and revive/or if necessary replace every failing hymnbook!! I can only accomplish this with your financial help and support, of course!! More to follow!! Pamela 718-442-0058 VM 24

Buy a hymnbook! Fix a hymnbook! Put away a hymnbook!
Pray for France Voyager Choir in Lisieux, Chartres and Paris!
Join a choir today!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEB 20 & FEB 21

Saturday, Feb 20

5:00 Siobhan & Ann McCafferty

Sunday, Feb 21

7:00 Margaret Donovan & Kelly Shashaty

9:00 Michele Chen & Veronica Kaleta

11:00 William Hollnsteiner & John Paul Hoey

1:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

5:00 Chris & Matthew Riccardi

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide Workshop:

Tues, Feb 23-May 10, 7-pm

St. Ann's Rectory, 101 Cromwell Ave

Presenter: Anne-Louise DePalo, Facilitator

Cost: \$25.00 (Book & Refreshments)

Register on-line at divorced.nyfamilylife.org