

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTION  
9:00 DOLORES CRISO BELVEIN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY  
9:00 MARY & JOHN KIRINCICH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
9:00 POPE FRANCIS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF SACRED HEART PARISH  
9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY  
9:00 MC CORMICK FAMILY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 JOHN SICILIANO  
5:00 TINA RUSINAK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MC CAULEY FAMILIES & THE SOULS IN PURGATORY  
9:00 LUCY PALMER  
11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 ADDOLOROTO & GIOVANNINA FORTE  
5:00 KATHLEEN GREGORIO

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 27

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, February 28

7:00 Vincent O'Grady  
9:00 Charles Romanelli Maryann Gambardella  
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Pat Jezycki  
1:00 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa  
5:00 Fred Maley Efrain 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, 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 14 ..... \$5465.00  
February Monthly ..... \$2968.00  
Ash Wednesday ..... \$1705.00

*Wedding Banns*

- I Vincent Mazzola and Christine DeLuccio
- II Michael DeMeo and Jennifer Barbato



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be every Friday during Lent. Exposition will start at 9:30AM (barring any funerals) and end with Benediction at 7:15 PM. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30 PM.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Recently a parishioner asked me about abstaining from meat on Fridays.

Certainly the Church requires us to do so in Lent. But what about the other Fridays during the year? After explaining to her where the Church stands on this issue she encouraged me to put something in the bulletin for the sake of clarification for the entire parish. It's a good idea. Here goes.

Many older Catholics can remember a time when no Catholic would even dream of eating meat on a Friday, in or out of Lent. Well, that all changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) right? Not exactly. In 1966, Pope Paul VI (1963-78) in a Vatican document entitled *Paenitemini* (1966) provided for exceptions to the rule of abstaining from meat on Friday, although the rule was not in any way abrogated. He held that since Catholics are obliged to do penance for their sins (see Matthew 9:15, Mark 2:20, Luke 5:35) we are to continue avoiding meat on all Fridays.

However, the Holy Father taught that if we sincerely feel the need to break the obligation for a good reason, we may substitute another penance that particular Friday, one which we would not ordinarily do. For instance, at a loved one's wedding reception taking place on a Friday night we may avail ourselves of the exception to the rule. The Pope provided for a loophole for Catholics to feel free to eat the meat at such important events provided that they engage in some other form of prayer, fasting or almsgiving to replace the sacrifice of abstinence.

This teaching has been the norm in the Church ever since (see *Code of Canon Law* [CIC] canons 1249-1253).

Unfortunately, since this stipulation was added to Church Law a gradual process has occurred in which the exception has become the rule, and now most Catholics do nothing to salute the sacred dimension of the day in which our Savior suffered and died. According to the *United State Bishops' Complementary Norms* of Nov. 18, 1966, abstinence from meat is still the preferred form of penance, but we may substitute other types of penance "especially works of charity and exercises of piety."

Certain Catholics reading this article may wonder if they've been sinning by not performing the appropriate penance on non-Lenten Fridays. Since this precept of the Catholic Church has not been clearly articulated they were probably unaware of this teaching, and so they need not worry about moral culpability. However, now it has been clearly articulated here, and so all of us fourteen years and older should be marking each Friday, not just Lenten-Fridays with penance. Opting for the cheese pizza instead of the pepperoni is not a great sacrifice, however, it can serve to take our attention off ourselves and onto Christ's Cross, which was a great sacrifice. God bless you!

Fr. Eric

## 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

Classes resume Feb 24th.

## Car Raffle:

The Sacred Heart Home School Association is raffling off a 2016 Hyundai Elantra (or \$10,000 cash). Proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart School and Parish. Tickets are \$100 each and only 400 will be sold. The drawing will be held on June 5, 2016 during the Boy Scouts Annual Car Show. Please contact Sean McCafferty at 917-415-0086 or Peter Buscemi at 516-987-5187 for more information or to purchase tickets.

## Chinese Auction:

St. Peter's Boys High School is sponsoring their Annual Chinese Auction on Friday, March 4, 2016. Doors open at 6:00pm and calling begins at 7:15pm. Admission is \$5 per person. Refreshments and parking are available.

## Staten Island Grandmothers Club

Chapter 899 needs you. We are a friendly and fun local not for profit social/fraternal organization. Our main purpose is to assist sick children and their families right here on Staten Island. Please contact Debra Watson at 917-922-1994 for more information.

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.

## Choir News ♪

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## Kids Praise Choir:

Hey Kids Praise! See you Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm Chapel. We love new members (kids 5- 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27 & FEB 28

### Saturday, Feb 27

5:00 Kevin Postler & Patrick Buzzard

### Sunday, Feb 28

7:00 Bernard Daniels & Gabrielle Garcia

9:00 David & Billye Albro

11:00 Jack Lotito & Sean Hartnett

1:00 Sarah Laureno & Laura Laureno

5:00 Patrick Reyes & Chris Basile