

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7:00 BROOK CAROL WILBERGER

9:00 ANTHONY ATELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 FR. RANJAN D'SA OCD & GLORIA SICILIANO

9:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 JOAN M. PRENTY

9:00 THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 ANTHONY MITCHELL

9:00 DERMONT & VERA COONEY

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS

9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF SACRED HEART PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 ISABEL MAY

5:00 HON. LOUIS JEROME, SR.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 THOMAS MC GOWAN

9:00 L. BENJAMIN ZARRELLI

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 WILLIAM WALSH

5:00 KATHLEEN GREGORIO

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 5

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, March 6

7:00 Teresa Zulch

9:00 Charles Romanelli Maryann Gambardella

11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney

5:00 Jane Coyle Efrain Ortiz



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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, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar

Collections:

Regular February 21 \$7,247.00
Building Fund \$766.00

Wedding Banns

- II Vincent Mazzola and Christine DeLuccio
- III 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.

The Bread and Wine are offered for a **Special Request** through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin offered by Margaret Hale.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will gather for the 9 AM Mass Sunday, March 6th and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

There is a story that circulates in clerical circles about a newly ordained priest, who, one Saturday night, received an assignment from his bishop to deliver the Sunday homily at the Bishop's cathedral church the next morning. He was very concerned about this commission because he was so new to the priesthood. He told his bishop, "I have never preached to such a large congregation and I have nothing prepared!" The bishop handed him his Bible and answered, "Trust the Lord. Just trust the Lord." Later that night, the young priest leafed through the bishop's Bible and came upon some typewritten notes that the bishop had tucked into the Bible. He liked them very much and decided to take them to the pulpit the next morning. He delivered an eloquent and uplifting sermon that pleased the congregation immensely. Later, as the people filed past him and complimented his work, the young priest was approached by the bishop himself, who told him that he had just preached the sermon that he, the bishop, was going to deliver that night! "What should I do now?" asked the bishop. "Trust the Lord, Bishop," said the priest. "Just trust the Lord!"

Trust is such an important facet of our relationship with Jesus, a relationship that Jesus cherishes. Saint Faustina (1905-1938) was once going through a trial so painful that she wondered if she could go on living. She prayed to St. Therese of Lisieux (1874-1897) for help. A short time later, St. Therese appeared to Faustina in a dream and comforted her. Faustina asked Therese if she, too, would become a saint. Therese answered, "Yes". Faustina pressed further, "Shall I be a saint as you are, raised to the Altar?" Therese replied, "Yes, you will be a saint just as I am, but you must trust in the Lord Jesus."

On one hand, trusting in Jesus is easy because He has earned our trust a thousand fold. He created us, He suffered and died for us, and He has given so much to each of us on a regular basis. He cares so much for us! In this very political time in which each candidate explains what he or she is "for" we are certain that Jesus

is for us. If that is the case, *who can be against us?* (Rom 8:31). How many times has He answered our prayers? How many times has He come to our rescue when, like Faustina, we were not sure that we could go on? From this point of view, humble confidence in Jesus seems so natural, so normal.

On the other hand, we know from experience that trusting in Jesus is sometimes a challenge because He operates in our lives in a mysterious way, according to His own wisdom that far exceeds our created intellectual ability to understand. He sometimes allows some real bitterness to befall us, like a surgeon who makes a painful incision. Moreover, we cannot see the future, and all the wonderful things Jesus has in store for us. The Apostle once said: *Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it even dawned upon us what God has ready for those who love Him.* (1 Cor. 2:9). It's ironic that in our life journey of existential footsteps we can see behind us, through memory, but we cannot see even five minutes ahead of us into the future. It is ironic, because the opposite occurs in each physical journey that we take with actual footsteps: we can see ahead of us with our eyeballs but we cannot see behind us at all!

Trust the Lord. Jesus once told St. Faustina in 1934, "Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in MY Goodness." [*Diary of St. Faustina*] In spite of all the many trials and tribulations that we suffer, even though we stand in the midst of a world that seems to be traveling in a negative direction, notwithstanding the many times that we are gripped by fear and uncertainty, the advice of the young priest seems very helpful: just trust the Lord. If our hearts do not seem able to the task, let us pray for the grace of humble confidence in Jesus. When (and not "if") He answers that prayer our trust in Him will blossom. 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 MARCH HAPPENINGS

Classes in session March 2, 9, 16 & 23

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.

Regional Day of Mercy:

Cardinal Dolan is hosting a "Regional Day of Mercy" as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Sat, March 12, at Our Lady of Pity Church, 1616 Richmond Ave. You are all invited to attend this celebration, which begins at 2:30pm, and will include reflections from a missionary of mercy, witness talks to the power of mercy, Eucharistic adoration, confessions, and a talk on mercy by the cardinal. The cardinal will close the day by celebrating Mass at 5:30pm, and there will be a light reception to follow. Please come and experience the power of the Lord's mercy and learn how we can become instruments of mercy in the lives of others as well. The event is bilingual, and all are most welcome.

Choir News ♪

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Kids Praise Choir:

Hey Kids Praise! See you Wednesday, March 2nd 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 has returned from their Great Cathedrals of France 2016 Choir Tour!! We are so appreciative of your prayers and support. We REALLY felt your prayers as we shared 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 today, 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!

Join a choir today!

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MAR 5 & MAR 6

Saturday, March 5

5:00 Kevin Postler & Patrick Buzzard

Sunday, March 6

7:00 Hayley Bond & Noelle Ehresman

9:00 Elizabeth Eadicicco & Albert Cardone

11:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

1:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

5:00 Kelly Shashaty & Angela Buscemi