

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:00 WERONIKA & BRONISLAW TYMCZYSZYN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 L. BENJAMIN ZARRELLI  
9:00 MARIE & FRANK BARNARD  
11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 MARY SULLIVAN  
5:00 OLYMPIA FELLINI

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 DONALD HILLIS  
9:00 JOYCE RUSINAK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 NANCY MC VEY  
9:00 MAUREEN GORDON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 CHARLES M., CHARLES & MARY DONOHUE  
9:00 ELIZABETH WIDMAYER  
12:00 ROSARIA VITALE  
7:00 BARBARA J. DOHERTY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE  
9:00 MARY H. NOONE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 HELEN BARTELL  
9:00 FRANCES CHRISTIE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 JOHN COONEY  
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

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Saturday, February 13

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, February 14

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis  
9:00 Anne Siemer Evelyn Bilotto  
11:00 Youth Group Regina Torello  
1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell  
5:00 Jane Coyle Efrain Ortiz



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Collections:

Regular January 24 . . . . . \$3,156.00  
Regular January 31 . . . . . \$8,545.00  
Budget Deficit . . . . . \$792.00  
50/50 . . . . . \$446.00

Congratulations to Theresa Hudik the winner of the January 50/50.

This Sunday - February 7<sup>th</sup>

Special Archdiocesan Collection:

Today's second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world helping victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Nancy McVey requested by Deborah Hyland.

The Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Candle are offered for St. Therese The Little Flower by Sarah McDermot.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Recently we held a Parish Finance Council meeting. We analyzed the financial statement for the fiscal year 2014-2015, which ended August 31, 2015. I have included a copy of that statement as a bulletin insert so that you can see the figures for yourselves. The parish shows a loss in that time frame in the amount of \$46,348. In other words, our expenses exceeded our revenue by that very amount. There are several on-time occurrences that contributed to this result. In 2015, the Archdiocese of New York implemented an early retirement offer to employees who met certain criteria. In addition to an increase in pension benefits, the package included a severance payment based on length of service for those who accepted the offer. We had several employees who opted to retire and so the "Salaries and Benefits" entry on the financial statement includes the cost of the severance and other increased pension costs.

Another factor in the deficit is that the church and school had some major repair expenses during the last fiscal year. Both the church and school buildings needed roof repairs, and the interior of the church sustained damage as a result of vandalism. Moreover, the cost of snow removal last year was very high. While our school is now under the management of the Catholic School Region of Staten Island, the parish is still the owner of the school property and as such, is responsible for major repairs to the building. In addition, the school building is used for many parish programs that bear a proportionate cost of utilities. Furthermore, each year we pay a tax of \$38,000 for the support of the regional schools.

Sacred Heart depends heavily on the support of our parishioners through the regular weekly collection and the Easter and Christmas collections. In the last five years, the regular collections have declined by approximately 3% while the sum of the Easter and Christmas collections shows an increase of nearly 6%. When combined, the total support from our parishioners in 2015 was the same as in 2011. However, many expenses continue to increase.

As our older, long term parishioners leave us, it is critical that our younger and newer members support the parish on a regular basis and fill the financial gap to maintain our vibrant parish. The parish has some significant debt to the Archdiocese. There are loans totaling \$376,800 that are interest bearing. Our buildings are old and these loans were incurred to cover the costs of much needed repairs to the church roof, the school roofs, and upgrades in the school to meet new fire code regulations. We are confident that we will be able to meet the quarterly payments of approximately \$18,000. In addition, we owe the Archdiocese just over \$340,000 for unpaid medical, pension and insurance bills that date prior to 2007. Finally, the Archdiocese provided support to our wonderful school over several years and the grants amounted to \$1,360,600. While constituting further parish debt, these school grants will need to be repaid only if Sacred Heart receives an extraordinary windfall.

Some practical measures to help our parish that were recommended by the Finance Council include an estate planning talk, which would encourage parishioners to list Sacred Heart Church in their wills. An increased giving campaign was also mentioned so that the weekly collection could see immediate gains. The council also urged that we examine the possibility of *Parish Pay*, a system of electronic giving, which usually has a positive impact on a parish revenue stream. I have tried to keep expenses down since my arrival in August. The rectory no longer has a full time cook. I have refrained from hiring a parochial vicar. Moreover, we have eliminated several minor unnecessary expenditures such as newspaper subscriptions.

God bless you!

Father Eric

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at the parish Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am, 12:00 noon and 7:00pm. Ashes will also be distributed in conjunction with a brief Service of the Word at 3:00pm.

## 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 59<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CCD FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

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

### CCD Ash Wednesday Schedule - February 10<sup>th</sup>

In lieu of formal classes, all students will attend the 3pm service at Sacred Heart Parish with an adult. Traditionally Ash Wednesday is very crowded, therefore a parent or another responsible adult needs to be with your child. The teachers will be there to take attendance. If your child attended a different service please send in a note in order for your child to be marked present for class.

**No classes Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Youth Group** - will meet at the 11am Mass next Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### "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 next weekend, February 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> for your jean donations.

## **Choir News** ♪

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Family Choir sings today, Feb 7, 2016 at 11AM- Uncle Joe, Aunt Sue - Come on up & help create an inspiring 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass!!

Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!

### 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 February 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Loft!!(Questions? Pamela 718-442-0058 VM 24)Come to France with us!!

Join a Choir! Buy a CD! Put away a Hymnbook!!

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEB 13 & FEB 14

#### Saturday, Feb 13

5:00 Kelly O'Neil & Albert Cardone

#### Sunday, Feb 14

7:00 Deidre & John McCafferty

9:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

11:00 Maeve Butler & Giovanni Ercolano

1:00 Patrick Reyes & Tim Donnelly

5:00 Patrick Buzzard & Daniel Ramirez

### 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**

### Open House:

**Sunday, February 7, 2016, 11:00am - 2:00pm**