

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
Weekend of February 11-12

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:00 COLLEEN CALLAHAN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 RICHARD MORRISON
10:00 MARIE & FRANK BARNARD
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 DORIS SWEENEY
5:00 MARINO MARANION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS
FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY
9:00 JOSEPH CONTE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS
FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY
9:00 JOHN TWOHY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS
FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY
9:00 MARY SEIP

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 ROBERT BRANEN
9:00 NED THOMPSON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 CLAUDINE GUARD
9:00 CHARLES & MARY DONOHUE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 DAVID VAILLANCOURT
5:00 JOSEPH SOUZA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 THERESE O'SHEA
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 BESSIE ALTHOFF
5:00 MARINO MARANION

Saturday, February 11

5:00 Mary Rosso Mary Ann Gambardella

Sunday, February 12

7:00 Joe Meagher
8:30 Don O'Shea Evelyn Bilotto
10:00 Frank DiSalvo John Gurrieri
11:30 Ken Wisniewski Patricia Hoey
1:00 Charles Sullivan Joan Hughes
5:00 Angela Medina

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellicchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Margaret Shay, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Aurora David, Ruth Irons, Gordon C. Gladden, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Tommy Baratta, Dawn Meade, Rev. Thomas Blessin SJ, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Rose Bradley, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Patsy Jackson, Gabrielle Plumy, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Daniel Gomes, Grace Ford Seamans, Christian Pepo, Joan Romano, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Spec. Michael Biggins, Marie Elaine Jerome, Tom Kopf, Bernard D. Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Jeffrey Schnorbus, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord

Wedding Banns

I George and Amanda Barreto
II Angel Suarez and Nubia Braithwaite

Collection for January 29

Regular Collection \$7,475.00
There will be a Special Collection next weekend for **Peter's Pence**.

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of
Joan Walker
Edger Sweeney
Robert Cox

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of the **Deceased Members of the Blaich and DiBiase Families.**

The following announcement was omitted from last week's bulletin; we apologize for the oversight:
Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of **Anna Shaughnessy on her birthday**, donated by her family.

OBAMA TO CHURCH...DROP DEAD!

Back in 1975, the city of New York was in the midst of a terrible financial crisis and was bankrupt. The mayor at the time, Abe Beame, appealed for funding from President Gerald Ford and was flatly turned down. The next day, the *New York Daily News* ran this famous headline: "Ford to City: Drop Dead!" That headline came to my mind recently when I read again about the actions of our current President Barack Obama and the new health care law.

On January 20th, the Obama Administration, (Health and Human Services) stated that it will indeed require that sterilization and contraception - including controversial abortifacients - will now be mandated under the logo of "preventive services" coverage in employer health care plans. There is a religious exemption, but this exemption is so narrowly defined that it seems that our Lord Jesus and His Apostles could not qualify for it!

As the Bishop of Pittsburgh, David Zubik, put it so well, "The Obama Administration has just told the Catholics of the United States, 'To Hell with you'." Our own Archbishop, Timothy Dolan apparently had a meeting with the President in November and he had seemed to understand the Church's concerns about the new health care plan. But then in a phone call a few weeks ago, Obama changed his tune and flat out rejected the Church's claims. The President proved eminently unreasonable which is the usual case with dictators!

Our Catholic institutions will be given one year to comply with the new regulations. Which means as Archbishop Dolan stated, "That we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences." Since Catholic hospitals and nursing homes provide their services to many non-Catholics, they cannot qualify for the exemption.

Obviously Catholic institutions cannot provide health plans that offer contraceptive

and sterilization procedures! This goes against our moral teaching as Catholics. The government therefore, under the new rules, is going to force us to choose between health care or dismissing our cherished Catholic beliefs. That of course is a violation of our religious liberty.

Furthermore, "ObamaCare" will necessarily involve taxpayers in paying for abortions. Also, because the President has not supported the Defense of Marriage Act, Catholic adoption agencies are threatened as well. For example, how could a Catholic agency allow two gay parents to adopt a child?

Certainly it seems that we as Catholics have to do something about this blatant violation of our religious freedom by the Obama Administration. Many bishops and pastors around the United States have written and spoken on this issue. Actually, the health care issue could be a "blessing in disguise for the Church." Why? Because a serious "wake up call" is needed for many Catholics to become more pro-active in the defense of their faith.

One thing that we can simply do in that regard is to contact our congressman here on the Island and alert him of this "Obama Outrage" that is being perpetrated on the Church. I had a chance at a recent dinner to approach Congressman Michael Grimm to express my dissatisfaction with the President's health care manifesto. The Congressman was sympathetic.

It was once said, that for evil to thrive, all that good people needed to do was to just sit back and do nothing. We cannot afford at this juncture to do nothing! We have our Catholic voice, the power of the press and of course, the power of the voting booth in November!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



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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.



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Classes February 8, 15, 29

This week marks the beginning of the 2012 **Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal** in our parish. You will be receiving a letter from Cardinal-designate Dolan asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the **Appeal** each year. When you receive your letter, please fill out your pledge card and send it. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: will meet on Sunday, February 12th at the 8:30 AM Mass with a breakfast immediately following in the school cafeteria. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend and become a member of the Holy Name Society and help in continuing and expanding one of the oldest and most traditional parish societies in Sacred Heart.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE February 11 & 12 Saturday, February 11

5:00 PM Nick Fortunato, Tullis Gardner, Luisa Montuori, Chris Nevins

Sunday, February 12

7:00 AM Bianca Roman, Ryan O'Neil

8:30 AM Margaret Donovan, Vicky Bruno

10:00 AM Thomas Laub, Joseph Basile, Sam Medina, Andrew Mistler

11:30 AM Alaina Santiago, Michael Dillon, Regie Delamasa, Gabrielle Garcia

1:00 PM Peter Nagengast, Michael Riccardi, Casey Riley, Giovanni Ercolano

5:00 PM Sarah & Emma Newgarden, Alyssa Debrosse



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Kids Praise Choir February 8, 2012

5-6PM chapel across from school. Registration forms required (grades 1-5) Come sing with us!! Prizes!! Treats!! See you there!!

Family Choir sings today, February 5, 2012

11:30AM- Bring your aunts, uncles, cousins Grandpa Joe, newborn sister Liala - help us create an inspiring 5th Sunday Ordinary Time Mass!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!

Hey!! It's February!! Need a night out singing, snacking, nursing a great glass of wine with great people?? Sounds like Parish Choir rehearsal!!

7:30PM - February 8 Basement of Church. See you there!!

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Join the Choir!! Buy a CD!! Put away a hymn book!

FLOWER DONATIONS The following Sunday in February is available for donating flowers for the Altar: Feb. 19. 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.

SACRED HEART TROOP/PACK74 - Feb. 6 - General Meeting

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES - for single men and women in their 30's, 40's and 50's will have its next meeting Thurs., Feb. 23 at 7:15pm at the St. Francis Friary, 500 Todt Hill Road, SI 10304. Cost: \$5.00 minimum. For further information, call 718-981-3131.