

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

5:00 AGNES DRURY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

8:30 AL & SUE AMORE

10:00 FRED BUZZARD

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 JAMES EDEN

5:00 ATHENA SPA

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 ANTHONY SUTERA

9:00 ANTONIA ALTAGRACE PEIGNE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 LEODARIA CONTREAS

9:00 MARGARET SIX

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 SR. EILEEN GRUBERT

9:00 BRENDAN HOEY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 JOHN WICKERT

9:00 MARY CATHERINE FARRELL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS

9:00 HELEN & THEODORE WISNIEWSKI

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 BABY ANDREW GEORGE

5:00 DOROTHY & MICHAEL RICCIARDI

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 JOHN McGAUGHEY

8:30 LAURI O'SULLIVAN

10:00 FRED BUZZARD

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 VICTOR M. TUMAMING, SR.

20TH ANNIVERSARY

5:00 MARIE PARISI

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Mary and Frank Santora Wedding Anniversary** requested by Rosetta Messina and Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of **Baby Andrew George** requested by Great Aunt Lynn and Family.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 24

5:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, January 25

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis

Charlie Blaich

8:30 Charles Romanelli

Mary Romanelli

10:00 Roy Hansen

Pat Jezycki

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

Regina Torello

1:00 Stephen Brown

John Mooney

5:00 Efrain Ortiz

Amal Hanna

Sick Relatives & Friends

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Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Meghan Clark, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Joe Meagher, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Rita Paolini

Collection January 11

Regular \$6,575.50

Monthly \$2,973.00

Christmas \$3,325.00

50/50 \$405.00

Congratulations to Mr. Brian Jones on winning the December 50/50

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of

- Elizabeth Decker
- Sr. Thomas Marian
- Gaetano Sterlacci
- John Cooney

TWO MARCHES FOR LIFE...

Last week at the 7:00 morning Mass, the First Reading was a selection from the Letter of Saint John. Now, at that hour of the day, sometimes I am not at my best! But that particular morning, the reading of the Epistle made a great impression on me. Saint John wrote, "Beloved since God has loved us so we should love one another." Those words stuck in my mind as I was getting my "wake up" cup of coffee some time later and opened the *Daily News*.

The headline screamed terrible news: a horrific massacre of twelve people in Paris who worked for the *Charlie Hebdo* magazine. As we know, Islamic extremists were responsible for this violent attack. As they shot over a dozen people they screamed, "Allah akbar" which literally translated means, "God is great."

When I read the article and this so-called "religious chant" it really did not square too well with the words from the Bible that I heard read at the morning Mass concerning the love of God and one's neighbor. You see, love of God always nurtures life and does not destroy it. A religion that countenances terrorism is not really a religion at all.

A few days after the attack, more than a million people, including 40 Prime Ministers and Presidents took to the streets of Paris to march in protest Muslim terrorism and the loss of life. It is a sad time for the country of France.

In our own country, this week on Thursday, January 22nd we will have our own "March for Life" in Washington, DC. Thousands of Catholics and people of other faiths will descend upon Washington in a peaceful demonstration protesting another sort of violence - the violence that is done to the unborn child in the womb through abortion.

Yes, abortion is also the killing of a human life and like the victims of the attack in Paris

who were universally mourned, so too should we as a country grieve over the more than 56 million victims of abortion who have perished since the Roe vs. Wade decision on January 22, 1973. Yet many people are not upset at all; they don't think twice about the pre-born babies who are sacrificed every day.

As a society we have become immune to a great evil, forgetting that every life is a precious gift from God that we have no right to take away. A priest that I know, Father George Rutler did a little statistical study of the number of those babies aborted and what they might have become had they been given a chance to live.

The estimate showed that in the last thirty-five years, those lives destroyed could have included: two US Presidents, seven Supreme Court Justices, 102 US Senators and 589 Congressmen, 8,123 Judges, 31 Nobel Prize Laureates, 328 Olympic Gold medalists, 6,092 professional athletes, 134,841 physicians and surgeons, 392,500 registered nurses, 70,669 clergy, including 6,852 Catholic priests and 11,010 nuns; 1,102,443 elementary and high school teachers, 553,821 truck drivers, 224,518 maids and housekeepers, 33,939 janitors 134,028 farmers and ranchers, 109,984 police officers and 39,477 firefighters. What all these children could have been! But they were never given the chance.

We need to pray for our poor world and our poor country. Mother Teresa put it so well when she once said, "The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion...If a mother can kill her own child what is left for me to kill you and you kill me - there is nothing between!"

That is something for us all to think about this week as we pray for the victims in France and the unborn victims here in the United States!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



SCHOOL NEWS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL
Now accepting applications for
September 2015

New Student Registration January 2015.

Re-registration for continuing students is also required.

Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for 4 year-olds

Pre-Kindergarten 3

Kindergarten

Grades 1-8

OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Sunday, January 25, 2015 11AM - 2PM

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:15AM -11AM

Tours also available by appointment. Please call the school office for more info: 718-442-0347

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS:

We are happy to announce that we have several students who have honored Sacred Heart School by winning various awards in December. We are very proud of the following:

Casey Shashaty, Grade 8 - First Place in the Catholic School Region of Staten Island Spelling Bee.

Stephen Lauren, Grade 8 - First Place in the CYO Christmas Card Art Contest, Masters Division

Amadea Collado, Grade 6 - Third Place in the CYO Christmas Card Art Contest, Learners Division

Margaret Donovan, Grade 8 - First Place Winner in the 2015 Feeding Our Neighbors Poster Contest in the Archdiocese of New York

Congratulations to all!

World's Finest Chocolate Bars are now on sale at the school. A case of 60 bars is \$60. Anyone who would like to purchase a box may do so during office hours of 8AM -3PM.

CCD January Classes - 21, 28

WILL 2015 BE THE YEAR YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE LONG PROMISED YOURSELF YOU WOULD DO? Come to the March for Life in Washington, DC, January 22, 2015. Call Jack Gordon to reserve a seat on the bus. (\$25) **718-727-7168**. Bus leaves after a special 6:30AM Mass. See the flyer in this bulletin.

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.

Choir News ♪

Happy New Year!!

Have you made your New Year Resolution to join a choir at Sacred Heart yet?? Hope so!!

Parish Choir/France Traveling Choir sings 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time 11:30AM. Don't miss it!!

France Traveling Choir /Family Choir sings Feb. 1st - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time 11:30AM Prizes! Treats!

Coffee! Bring the entire family!!

Kids Praise Choir resumes Wed., Jan. 21st 5PM

Chapel across from school - Kids ages 5-12... Come join us!! (Registration forms required)

Wishing you peace and joy in 2015!!

Pamela and the Choirs (VM24)

CD's available from our Portugal Tour 2013

(including the selections recorded 1st Sunday Advent in Fatima Basilica!!) "Healing... restorative"... just a few comments about this extraordinary CD - pick up a few today for the bedridden, ill, infirm elderly - thank you for your support!!

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT Sponsored by the Sacred Heart YAC Fri., Jan. 23, 2015 in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria. For details and payment contact - Ed Mooney 718-442-8896 or Paul Hoey 917-225-8562. See the flyer in this bulletin.

CAMP VERITAS 2015 one week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens entering 7th to 12th grades. Cost \$400 per camper. For details on camp dates and locations contact Campveritas.com.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JANUARY 24 & 25

Saturday, January 24

5:00 Gabriella Garcia, Bernard Daniels

Sunday, January 25

7:00 Matthew Ahern, Austin Maida

8:30 Kelly & Ryan O'Neil

10:00 Luisa Montuori, Albert Cardone

11:30 Daniel Ramirez, Jack Lottito, Maeve Butler

1:00 Kevin Watson, Rudy Merlino

5:00 John Paul Hoey, Matthew Kalikas

FAMILY LIFE/RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

Sat., Jan. 17 -Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance 1-4 PM St. Augustine Parish, Ossining, NY

Thurs., Jan. 22 - National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thurs., Jan. 22 - March for Life in Washington, DC