

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

5:00 ELLEN TALIERICO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MC CAULEY FAMILIES & THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

9:00 WILLIAM MARSH

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DANIEL HOLLNSTEINER

5:00 GUISEPPINA SEDITA

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 ELISA ZASA

9:00 BILL & PEN GORDON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 HELEN KUBASEK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00 FR. ERIC

9:00 SPECIAL INTENTION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY

9:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTION

9:00 FRANK DUFF, EDEL QUINN & ALFONSE LAMBE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 CHARLES & CATHERINE KRUGEL

5:00 SEAN JOHNSON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 ALBERT PERRY

9:00 MSGR. JAMES J. DORNEY

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 PETER PELLEGRITO

5:00 JEANNE DE LORENZO

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

Saturday, January 30

5:00 Bill Jones Pat Foley

Sunday, January 31

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis

9:00 Theresa Cunningham Elizabeth D' Antuono

11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki

1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney

5:00 Bob Mazzucco 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 January 17 \$7,312.00
Building Fund \$743.00
Catholic Communications (1/3/16) . . . \$1,560.00

2016 Special Event:

The Tree of Life is located in the vestibule of the Church and is a lasting remembrance to memorialize a loved one. A \$300 donation allows for a leaf to be inscribed with a loved ones name. Please contact the rectory at 718-442-0058 for further information.

The Bread and Wine are offered in loving memory of **Dennis Nix** by his Family.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

What a wrenching thing it is each year. Just last month we celebrated the birth of the baby Jesus, fruit of Mary's humble "yes" to God's gift of new life. This month we celebrated the arrival of the Wise Men to greet the newborn King, who "appeared and the soul felt its worth." Then we observe the birthday of a great preacher whose basic message was the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of all human life. And then we turn, as we must each year, to recall a legal decision that said "no" to new life, has led so many women and others involved in abortion to grieve their loss and doubt their own worth, and has deprived a whole class of people – pre-born babies – of their right to life. Such an anniversary cannot be celebrated. But it does offer an opportunity to take stock - - to ask where we are, forty-three years after the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, and where we need to go.

We live in an increasingly divided nation, where people of different views as well as different races, religions, and national origins often seem to lack the patience and good will to respect each other and try to live in harmony. Abortion itself, despite the endorsement of our highest legal tribunal and many political and cultural elites, is as controversial as ever. Most Americans oppose a policy allowing legal abortion for virtually any reason– though many still do not realize that this is what the Supreme Court gave us. Most want to protect unborn children at later stages of pregnancy, to regulate or limit the practice of abortion, and to stop the use of taxpayer dollars for the destruction of unborn children. Yet many who support important goals of the pro-life movement do not identify as "pro-life", a fact which should lead us to examine how we present our pro-life vision to others.

Even as Americans remain troubled by abortion, a powerful and well-financed lobby increasingly insists that there is no real issue here – that abortion is just another part of "basic health care" for women, to be seamlessly integrated into our health system and our lives. Planned Parenthood and other abortion promoters say they will no longer call themselves "pro-choice", apparently realizing that this phrase might allow others to choose a path different from their own. They hold that abortion must be celebrated as a positive good for women and society, and those who cannot in conscience provide it are to be condemned for practicing substandard medicine and waging a "war on women". We see this in the rising opposition of some political leaders to the very notion of a right of conscience on abortion. A few years ago, for example, President Obama pledged to defend the conscience rights of those who do not accept abortion, and his Administration assured us that longstanding federal laws protecting these rights must be fully

enforced. Yet in the final days of 2015, he and other Democratic leaders were unwilling to support the Abortion Non Discrimination Act, a modest measure to provide for effective enforcement of these laws. While this is disturbing, it is also an opportunity.

The great majority of Americans are not committed to this extreme ideology. They do not see the unborn child as an illness or a tumor. They are repelled when they see the callousness of the abortion industry, as in the recent undercover videos of Planned Parenthood officials calmly discussing the harvesting of body parts. They do not want to be pushed into actively promoting and paying for abortion. They do not want doctors and nurses who are sensitive to the value of life at its most vulnerable to be driven from the healing professions. They are open to hearing a message of reverence for life. In taking up this challenge, we who present the pro-life message must always strive to be better messengers. A cause that teaches the inexpressibly great value of each and every human being cannot show disdain or disrespect for any fellow human being. We should celebrate human freedom, always reminding others that this freedom is ours so we can freely choose the good – and that to enjoy this freedom, each of us must first of all be allowed to live. And especially in this Year of Mercy, we recall with Pope Francis that each human life is created by a God whose love is infinite - - and that this same love is a source of unbounded mercy and forgiveness for all who have fallen short of God's plans for us.

For its part, through the healing ministry of Project Rachael, the Catholic Church seeks to offer this gift of God's mercy and reconciliation to all who have been involved in abortion. I invite all who are concerned about the tragedy of abortion to recommit themselves to this vision of life and love, a vision that excludes no one. Catholics in particular can take part in the 9 Days for Life campaign, uniting in prayer and action from January 16-24 for the protection of life at every stage and in every circumstance. Information on the many ways to participate and sign up is available at www.9daysforlife.com.

Finally, let us never be distracted by the false charge that this life-affirming cause is merely a political or partisan issue. It is an essential moral vision that lifts up every human person. With Pope Francis let us remember that "this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right...It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, nos. 213-4). Genuine progress must be progress for all, beginning with those most vulnerable who cannot speak for themselves. May God bless our efforts to uphold human life!
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York, 14 January 2016

CCD JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Due to the Forecast of Snow the Confirmation Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 9:00AM

CCD Classes in session:

January 27th, February 3, 10 & 24

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 Dates:

Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 9:00am - 11:00am

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

YAC Annual Super Bowl Party:

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria -

Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 5:00PM

\$20 per person includes food and beer

For more information call Neil Hartnett

917-519-7770

Texas Hold'Em Tournament

Sacred Heart YAC Event- Friday January 29, 2016

7:00pm Check-in, 8:00 PM Start Time

\$100 entry donation for the 1st 100 players registered

For Details & Payments Call:

Ed Mooney 718-442-8896 or

Paul Hoey 917-225-8562

Goretti Group Event:

Join us for Part II of the Freedom to Love Theology

of the Body series. There will be music in the

Church at 7:00PM followed by Mass at 7:30PM

and a video with discussion at 8:15PM. After-

event fellowship at Jimmy Max bar/restaurant.

Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd., SI, NY

10314)

Happy New Year! A million thanks for all the ways great and small you support the choirs here at Sacred Heart!

Kids Praise Choir:

Hey Kids Praise! See you Wednesday, January 27th 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 VM 24)

Parish Choir/France Voyager Choir sings today,

January 24th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- sure to

inspire!! Don't miss it!! 11AM Mass!!

Family Choir sings February 7, 2016 at 11AM- Uncle

Joe, Ant Sue - Come on up & help create an inspiring

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass!! **Prizes!! Treats!!**

Coffee!!

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

Come to France with us!!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JAN 30 & JAN 31

Saturday, Jan 30

5:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

Sunday, Jan 31

7:00 John & Michael Manning

9:00 Angela Buscemi & Chris Basile

11:00 Kelly Shashasty & Keifer Regan

1:00 Gabrielle Garcia & Austin Maida

5:00 Veronica Kaleta & Bernard Daniels, Jr.

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.