

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

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. TUMAMBING, SR.  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

5:00 MARIE PARISI

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**

7:00 JACK BUTLER

9:00 HELEN KUBASEK

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**

7:00 P.O. RAFAEL RAMOS &  
P.O. WENJIAN LIU FAMILIES

9:00 TOM & PEGGY WALSH

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**

7:00 FLORENCE HUDIK ANNIVERSARY

9:00 MARIE MICILLO

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

7:00 CAROL HARRIS

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 JOSEPH & GRACE ABATE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**

9:00 NELLIE CIPOLLONE

5:00 WILLIAM, ANNA & JAMES MAINE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

7:00 TERESA ESPOSITO

8:30 BEN ZARRELLI

10:00 EFRAIM T. AGUILAR

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 JOSEPH STENTELLA

5:00 HENRY HERMANN

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of  
Carol Harris  
Richard Sause

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of William  
Frickenstein donated by his wife Rosanne, son William,  
daughter Dorothy and Larry Bligh, and his Grandchildren.

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, January 31**

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

**Sunday, February 1**

7:00 Charlie Blaich

8:30 Charles Romanelli Mary Ann Gambardella

10:00 Frank DiSalvo Theresa Cunningham

11:30 Stephen Brown Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney

5:00 Fred Maley Wanda Ortiz



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, Linda Powers

**Newly Baptized**

Joseph Ayobami Idowu

Jonathan Andrew Varvaro

**Collection January 18**

Regular	\$4,847.50
Budget Deficit	\$3,249.00
Building Fund	\$646.00
Christmas	\$1,000.00

## PRAYING HANDS...

We have a wonderful Catholic school here at Sacred Heart with a great principal and a very hard working staff of teachers. This week starts "Catholic Schools" week. I just thought I'd like to mention that! In line with that, a very fine student at our school by the name of Daniel Corbett, told me a very moving story recently.

It seems that Danny had just received Holy Communion at Sunday Mass and was praying devoutly in his seat. Suddenly, he looked up and he saw a man wearing a shirt. The shirt had the picture of an ear on it and the inscription, "I'm Listening!" Danny said that seeing that shirt with that message made him feel good and assured that the Lord would answer his prayers.

When he told me that story I said that I would like to use it in a bulletin article because it does make an important point - namely that God always listens to our prayers! Oh, we might not feel that He is listening at times and that we are praying to the "thin air" but God always answers sincere prayer but in His own time and in His own way. Now, that may not always "square" with our ideas about what we want. Not everything we want might be good for us. Sometimes God has to say "No" or "Not right now."

Since we're on the subject, we might ask, "What is prayer?" A classical definition is, "the elevation of the mind and the heart to God." Praying is conversation with the Lord. But like any good conversation between friends, one person should not do all the talking! We need to listen to what the Lord is saying to us in the silence of our hearts. How important it is that we carve some time out to pray each and every single day.

Speaking of prayer and the Catholic school, in one parish that I served at, Saint Patrick's in Yorktown Heights, there was a wonderful nun by the name of Sister Teresa Houlihan who taught the second grade. Whenever Sister

Teresa wanted the children to pray she would say: "Boys and girls: "praying hands! Praying hands!" And the kids would all fold their hands in prayer.

Well, Sister was on to something because I read recently that Pope Francis suggested a simple form of prayer using one's hand and the five fingers. Here is Pope Francis' five finger prayer guide.

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So pray for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. Praying for those who are dear to us is a "sweet obligation."

2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you and instruct you and heal you. They need support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the President and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It might surprise you, but this is the weakest finger. It should remind you to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5. Finally, we come to the smallest finger - the pinkie. The pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, then you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way!

A simple way to pray from the Holy Father himself. During these busy days of our lives, let us not be too busy for God. May we make our hands "praying hands" knowing that the Lord is really listening!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



**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

**Catholic Schools Week - January 25 - January 31**

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 Class - 28<sup>th</sup>  
February Classes - 4, 11, 25

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will gather for the  
10 AM Mass Sunday, February 1 and afterward  
have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please  
contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047  
with any questions.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JAN. 31 & FEB. 1**

**Saturday, January 31**

5:00 Christopher Basile, Marc Artuz

**Sunday, February 1**

7:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

8:30 Vicky Bruno, Thomas Laub

10:00 Deirdre & John McCafferty

11:30 Nicholas Fortunato, Samantha Baniswal

1:00 Albert Cardone, Patrick Buzzard

5:00 Laura Laureano, Bernard Daniels

**Choir News** 

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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 today,  
January 25, 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
11:30AM. Don't miss it!!

France Traveling Choir /Family Choir sings Feb.  
1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 11:30AM Prizes!  
Treats! Coffee! Bring the entire family!!

Kids Praise Choir resumes Wed., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!!

**RICHMOND COUNTY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**PARADE 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER** Sat.,  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 6PM at Sacred Heart School.  
Admission \$10. Please see the flyer in this  
bulletin.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2015** February 8, 2015  
held at St. Patrick Church 26 Hunter Street,  
Highland Mills, NY. Day begins at 9:00AM. To  
register contact Izabella Nagle 646-794-3190.  
Longest Married Couple Search - The longest  
married couple(s) will be honored on World  
Marriage Day 2015. To enter, couples must be  
sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years  
and reside in the Archdiocese of NY. Entries  
should include couple's name, address and the  
month, day and year of marriage. Mail entries to:  
Family Life/Respect Life Office 1011 First Ave.,  
NY 10022 Attn: Izabella Nagle by Jan. 30, 2015.



Richmond County  
St. Patrick's Day Parade  
51st Anniversary  
Fundraiser

When: Sat., Feb. 14, 2015

Time: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Where: Sacred Heart School

301 North Bergen Ave.

(Corner Castleton Ave.)

Staten Island, N.Y. 10310

Admission: \$10.<sup>00</sup>

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Entertainment by: Celtic Rebels  
Staten Island Pipe and Drums  
Richmond County Pipe and Drums

Food and Beverages  
Irish Vendors