

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

7:00 PETER PELLEGRITO  
 9:00 THOMAS J., VIRGINIA & GERARD CRANE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

7:00 LINA FERNANDER  
 9:00 JOHN MC GARRY

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

7:00 JOHN J. PRENTY  
 9:00 EDWARD GLENNON-25TH ANNIVERSARY

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

7:00 MICHAEL MANLEY  
 9:00 WILLIAM HEALY

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

7:00 JEANNE RIGNEY BENEDETTO  
 9:00 RICHARD P. MORRISON

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

9:00 DR. ALFRED RUSSO  
 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

**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.



Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of **Kathleen Gregorio** requested by Sam Gregorio.

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

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC  
 MINISTERS**

**Saturday, February 6**

5:00 Bill Jones Pat Foley

**Sunday, February 7**

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis  
 9:00 Theresa Cunningham Elizabeth D' Antuono  
 11:00 Scout Sunday 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:** Due to the snow storm the 1/24 collection will be listed in next week's bulletin.

**Next Sunday - February 7<sup>th</sup> Special Archdiocesan Collection:**

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.

This Friday, February 5, is **First Friday**. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 9:30AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.



## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Each year on this day the universal Church celebrates the memorial of St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian order, who died in 1888. Bosco dedicated his life to the youth of his day. The saint was known for his visions and dreams. One of his most famous visions was that of Hell, the existence of which many doubt today. On one occasion his guardian angel woke him up and told him to follow along. He said, "We took the road. The road kept sloping downward. And then, at the bottom of this precipice, at the entrance of a dark valley, an enormous building loomed into sight, its towering portal, tightly locked, facing our road. When I finally got to the bottom, I became smothered by a suffocating heat, while a greasy, green-tinted smoke lit by flashes of scarlet flames rose from behind those enormous walls which loomed higher than mountains. I looked up and read these words: "The place of no relief." I realized that we were at the gates of Hell.

"From here on," he said, "no one may have a helpful companion, a comforting friend, a loving heart, a compassionate glance, or a benevolent word. All of that is gone forever." I was staring in bewilderment around me when a lad dashed out of a gate. Seemingly unaware of anything else, he emitted a most shrilling scream, like one who is about to fall into a cauldron of liquid bronze, and plummeted into the center of the cave; instantly, he became incandescent and perfectly motionless, while the echo of his dying wail lingered for an instant more. Other boys kept hurtling in the same way in increasing numbers, all screaming the same way and then all becoming equally motionless and incandescent. I noticed that the first seemed frozen to the spot, one hand and one foot raised into the air; the second boy seemed bent almost double to the floor. Others stood or hung in various other positions, balancing themselves on one foot or hand, sitting or lying on their backs or on their sides, standing or kneeling, hands clutching their hair. Briefly, the scene resembled a large statuary group of youngsters cast into ever more painful postures. I then recalled what is written in the Bible to the effect that as one falls into Hell, so he shall forever remain. Where the tree falls, there it shall lie. (Ecclesiastes 11:3).

More frightened than ever, I asked my guide: "When these boys come dashing into the cave, don't they know where they are going?" "They surely do," he answered. "They have been warned a thousand times, but they still choose to rush into the fire, because they do not detest sin and are loath to forsake it. Furthermore, they despise and reject God's constant, merciful invitations to do penance." "What advice shall I give my boys to safeguard them from such a tragedy?" I asked. He responded, "Keep telling them that by obeying God, the Church, their parents and their superiors, even in little things, they will be saved." "Anything else?" He asked. The angel answered, "Warn them against idleness. Because of idleness David fell into sin. Tell them to keep busy at all times, because the Devil will not then have a chance to tempt them. "I bowed my head and promised. Faint with dismay, I could only mutter: "Thanks for having been so good to me. Now, please lead me out of here." Leaving that hall, in no time at all we retraced our steps through that horrible courtyard and the long corridor. But as soon as we stepped across the last bronze portal, he turned to me and said: "Now that you have seen what others suffer, you too must experience a touch of Hell."

"No, No!" I cried in terror. "Do not be afraid," he told me; "Just try it. Touch this wall." I could not muster enough courage and tried to get away, but he held me back. "Try it," he insisted. "Look at this wall!" I did. It seemed incredibly thick. "There are a thousand walls between this and the real fire of Hell," my guide continued. "A thousand walls encompass it, each a thousand measures thick and equally distant from the next one. Each measure is a thousand miles. This wall therefore is millions and millions of miles from Hell's real fire. It is just a remote rim of Hell itself." When he said this, I instinctively pulled back, but he seized my hand, forced it open, and pressed it against the first of the thousand walls. The sensation was so utterly excruciating that I leaped back with a scream and found myself sitting up in bed. My hand was stinging and I kept rubbing it to ease the pain. When I got up this morning I noticed that it was swollen. Having my hand pressed against the wall, though only in a dream, felt so real that, later, the skin of my palm peeled off."

Father Eric

**CCD FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS**

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

**CCD Classes in session:** 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

**Catholic Schools Week Activities - Feb 1-5:**

**Monday-** All Grades- Morning Prayer, Badge Making, Cards for Parents Thanking them for a

Catholic Education & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Meets Pen Pals

**Tuesday-**Parent Open House 9-11am

Literary Character Day & Author (Nancy Meyers Benbow) /Illustrator (Patricia Whitehouse)

Meet & Greet- 1pm

**Wednesday-** Feast of St Blaise Throat Blessing

-Grandparent's Day- 1pm Grades Pre-K-5

- International Dessert Expo-Grades 6-8

**Thursday-**Social Studies Fair - Grades 3-8 from 12:15-2:30pm

**Friday-** Dance-a-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis- All Grades

**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

**Goretti Group Event:**

Join us on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

Many thanks to everyone reaching out with support and good wishes for the occasion of my oldest daughter's wedding! It was beautiful and sweet and everything a mother dreams for their daughter's happiness! Including great weather (Baltimore)!! I told her "choirs of angels" held back the snow for one week and then the skies exploded! Thanks again for all your prayers and support for my family!

**Kids Praise Choir:**

Hey Kids Praise! See you Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</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 VM 24)

**France Voyager Choir** sings today, January 31<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- sure to inspire!! Don't miss it!! 11AM Mass!!

**Family Choir** sings 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!!**

Join a Choir! Buy a CD! Put away a Hymnbook!! Come to France with us!!

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEB 6 & FEB 7**

**Saturday, Feb 6**

**5:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern**

**Sunday, Feb 7**

**7:00 John & Michael Manning**

**9:00 Angela Buscemi & Chris Basile**

**11:00 Scout Sunday Mass**

**1:00 Gabrielle Garcia & Austin Maida**

**5:00 Veronica Kaleta & Bernard Daniels, Jr.**

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will gather for the 9 AM Mass Sunday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047.

**Scout Sunday - February 7-11AM Mass**

Next Sunday will be celebrated nationally as Scout Sunday. All Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Sacred Heart are encouraged to attend the 11AM Mass on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate the choice that scouts, parents and leaders have made to commit themselves to the principles of Scouting.