

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JULY 11

5:00 MICHILA & JOSEPH ABATE

SUNDAY, JULY 12

7:00 PAULETTE GENEVE
 8:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SUSAN PELLECCIA
 10:00 HUI ZHEN ZHENG
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 MARY MINARDO
 5:00 CHAMARA (SHAWN) GUNAWARDENA
 1ST ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, JULY 13

7:00 CLAIRE HUGHES REILLY WALCOVY
 9:00 DIANA KISTO

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:00 JOAN M. PRENTY
 9:00 RITA PAOLINI

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

7:00 RONALD BELL
 9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS
 FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

THURSDAY, JULY 16

7:00 JOSEPH & LUCY DIBIASE
 9:00 RITA PAOLINI

FRIDAY, JULY 17

7:00 DOROTHY KEENAN
 9:00 IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH WEDDING
 ANNIVERSARY OF KEN & FRAN WISNIEWSKI

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9:00 AGNES DRURY 1ST ANNIVERSARY
 5:00 JOSEPHINE & JOSEPH DEMEO & CHARLES
 DEMEO

SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
 8:30 MARY ELIZABETH MOORE
 10:00 GLORIA MCKEE
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 JOSEPH SOUZA
 5:00 JOHN J. SULLIVAN

The Bread and Wine are in celebration of Ken & Fran Wisniewski's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Sanctuary Candle is in celebration of Ken & Fran Wisniewski's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, July 18

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

Sunday, July 19

7:00 Theresa Zulch
 8:30 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuonno
 10:00 Roy Hansen Dorothy Tarafa
 11:30 Maria Montuori Ken Wisniewski
 1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell
 5:00 Wanda Ortiz

Sick Relatives & Friends

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, James Bauer, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Julie Scarcella, Ambre Witte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kieseewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Sebastian Lattuga

WEDDING BANNS

III Sasha Mendez and Vincent Gangemi
 III Christie Patterson and Frank Laino
 II Carolina Perdomo and Dylan DeForest

Collection June 28

Regular \$4,931.00
 50/50 \$520.00
 Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCauley on winning the June 50/50

Collection July 5

Regular \$6,473.78
 Pastoral Solidarity \$1,169.00

FAREWELL MASS

On Sunday, July 26th Father Jerome will celebrate the 11:30AM Mass as his Farewell Mass. Following the Mass coffee, tea and cake will be served in the Community Room in the rectory basement. All are invited to attend.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of
 Rafaella (Honey) Tierno
 Gerard Crane

A SAD DAY FOR AMERICA...

On Friday, June 26th, I was driving along the Staten Island Expressway and got stuck in terrible traffic. No surprise there! As we were moving at a snail's pace, I was able to listen to some "talk radio." The entire buzz on the radio of course on that day was about the decision of the United States Supreme Court to legalize gay "marriage." I put quotes around the word "marriage" in this particular case because really "gay marriage" is a misnomer. The word marriage, in the true sense cannot be applied to a relationship or union between two homosexuals.

In any event, listening to the radio on this day, most of the commentary was positive on the decision and that this was a great day for the United States. I thought to myself however, what a sad day for America - a once great country now sliding down the slippery slope into corruption and moral relativism.

Let's get the record straight here. The Church does not condemn homosexual persons. The *Catechism of the Church* tells us this: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity." (CCC#2358) That being said, the Church does condemn homosexual activity as a serious sin against chastity which is sexual self-control.

Very often these days, the Holy Father Pope Francis is quoted on this issue. A couple of years back, Pope Francis on his way home from a trip to South America was asked about the gay issue. His statement, "Who am I to judge?" was widely referenced as to a softening of the Church on this subject. Of course that is not the case.

Actually, I believe that the Holy Father was

really just echoing the words and actions of our Lord towards all sinners. Remember the Gospel story of the woman caught in the act of adultery? The Pharisees and religious leaders dragged a poor woman in full view of the crowds and said that because of her sin she deserved to be stoned to death. They asked Jesus to comment on her behavior. Our Lord said to the woman however, "I do not condemn you but go and sin no more!" No condemnation there; only compassion!

However, Jesus' advice is certainly appropriate to homosexual behavior or any unchastity for that matter - "Go and sin no more." Of course, the Supreme Court does not see it that way, seeing the approval of gay marriage as just a civil issue without any religious implications. However, this decision has serious repercussions for our religious freedom and for our liberty as Catholic Christians. It has dealt a destructive blow towards true family life in the United States and this is a tragedy for vast proportions.

The Church tells us that homosexuality is a "disorder." The dictionary defines "disorder" as a disturbance of the normal or regular functions. Again, without implying hatred towards people with same sex attraction, this definition is appropriate. Let's take a practical example. If I want to operate an appliance such as a vacuum or a blender, I have to plug the cord into the socket. It won't work any other way! That's just common sense. But perhaps in our modern society common sense just is not so common any more.

During the second century there was a great saint by the name of Irenaeus. In the year 180 AD, he wrote words of common sense which are applicable almost two thousand years later in our country. St. Irenaeus said, "Thinking against nature, you will become foolish. And if you persist, you will fall into insanity!!"

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jerome

**FAREWELL DINNER FOR
FATHER JEROME**

Please join us in showing our appreciation for Father Jerome and wishing him a heartfelt farewell as he embarks on his new appointment:

Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 5PM to 9PM
LiGreci's Staaten - \$65 per person (adults only)
Contacts: Sue Pellegrito at 718-273-8388 or
718-887-6143

Susan Hogan at 718-720-5430

Deadline to RSVP with reservations is
August 16, 2015.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL The

Summer hours are Mon - Thurs 8AM to 12PM. Registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K3, Free

UPK, Kindergarten and 1-8. Please call the school office for an application and information.

CYO BASKETBALL Anyone interested in coaching Sacred Heart CYO Basketball in the fall should contact Jeff Franzreb at 917-612-9260. Coaching applications are being accepted.

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY needs to restock its food pantry. Please donate one or more of these non-perishable food items: canned soups, canned vegetables, canned or jar fruit, tuna fish, pasta, rice, canned broth, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned or bottled juices. Donations can be dropped off in the church vestibule. Please check expiration dates on all donated food. We cannot distribute expired food. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JULY 18 & 19

Saturday, July 18

5:00 Luisa Montuori, Gabriella Fulton

Sunday, July 19

7:00 Ryan Virga, Haley Bond

8:30 William Fulton, Kevin Postler

10:00 Mary, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

11:30 Austin Maida, Margaret Donovan

1:00 Timothy Donnelly, Thomas Laub

5:00 Matthew Ahern, Bernard Daniels

Family Choir Many thanks to all who made 11:30 Mass part of their July 4th festivities!! Visitors came from as far as Switzerland (via South Africa)!! The grand prize (4th of July cake) went to Armand and his beautiful children (who of course gave it to Gracie to share with her nursing colleagues at work!!)

Mark Your Calendars!! Uncle Bill, Aunt Rose, Cousin Sal, Baby Chloe - please come up to the choir loft to sing a rousing August 2 11:30AM Mass!. Bring your visiting families! Grand Prize for the family with the most members in the loft! Treats! Prizes! Coffee!! See you in the loft!!

Kids Praise Choir!! Come up to the loft August 2, to sing with Family Choir - trade in your medals for prizes! See you in the loft! See you there!

Summer is also the time for France Voyager Choir to put the finishing touches on their mystical music lenten liturgies (including Latin, French) they have been preparing for their upcoming Choirtour/Pilgrimage to France Feb 16-23, 2016! Thanks so much for your support and good wishes! Come with us! (Details! Pamela VM 24)

Summer Brides T'is the merry month of July! Any bride getting married at Sacred Heart this summer must attend a mandatory music consultation in the choir loft, with Pamela, after any 1PM Mass on Sundays. This must be done no later than 6 weeks prior to your wedding or traditional selections will be made for you. See you in the loft! Pamela 442-0058 Hymnbooks Have you seen your hymnbook lately?! After Easter, Confirmations, 1st Communions, special Feast Days Masses - oh the sheep have scattered! Besides their priceless sentimental value, our hymnbooks have saved us over \$105,000 to date! Please take a moment after Mass and put the book you used in its correct rack/pew number. Is it badly worn? Small donations greatly appreciated to repair/replace your book at your request-See Pamela! VM24 Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Join our Choirtour/Pilgrimage Great Cathedrals France 2016!

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.