

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers  
Weekend of June 30 and July 1

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

5:00 LOUIS MAZZITELLI

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILIES

8:30 EDGER SWEENEY

10:00 ROBERT JOHNSON

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 LORETTA BUDNICK

5:00 EDWARD SWEENEY

MONDAY, JUNE 25

7:00 YVONNE DARMANIE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 ESTHER ALZAGA 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

9:00 SHANNON TOBIN 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 YVONNE DARMANIE

9:00 HERB SMITH III

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 MARY TARASOVIS

9:00 JAMES PALMER

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

7:00 BESSIE ALTHOFF

9:00 GLEN AUSTIN

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 COLEEN McGLYNN LEE

5:00 PATRICK O'CONNOR

SUNDAY, JULY 1

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

8:30 RECOVERY OF SUSAN PELLECCIA

10:00 XUE QIANG ZHENG

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 FRANK DeCATALDO 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

5:00 ANTONIA PEIGNE

Saturday, June 30

5:00 Frank Ponterio Teresa Hudik

Sunday, July 1

7:00 Sr. Iraida

8:30 Charles Romanelli Mary Romanelli

10:00 Frank DiSalvo John Caban

11:30 Stephen Brown John Gurrieri

1:00 Charles Sullivan Theresa Cunningham

5:00

Sick Relatives & Friend

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Grace Ford Seamans, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Elizabeth Wilson, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Sheila Allen, Carol Van Manen

Wedding Banns

- I Amy Reilly and Anthony Ramos
- II Nicole Andrews and Joseph Baratta
- III Tara DiFanzo and Ryan Watson

Collection for June 17

Regular Collection ..... \$6,502.50

Stewardship Appeal

Goal \$90,000.00

Pledge \$70,000.00

Number of Gifts 160

Date June 15, 2012

In the Charity of your Prayers, please pray for the soul of

Al Ross  
Gus Repage

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of St. Alphonse Maria DiLiquori requested by Sarah MacDermot.

The Sacramental Candle is in loving memory of St. Alphonse Liquori requested by Sarah MacDermot.



This Friday, June 29, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church immediately following the 9AM Mass (barring any funerals) and concluding with Benediction at 5PM.

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of Shannon Elizabeth Tobin donated by Mon, Dad, and Thomas.

## FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM...

A few weeks ago, I had dinner with a former parishioner of mine up in Westchester and we were discussing the state of the Church and our country. To put it in a nutshell, this very good Catholic woman did not think that things were going so well in the United States for practicing Catholics. She said, "Oh, Father, it's just like that story about the two frogs." I did not know that story so she told me.

It seems that there were two frogs. One frog was put into a pot of hot water but he immediately sensed the danger and jumped out. The second frog, not so lucky, was introduced to a pot of cold water. The pot was then slowly heated so that the frog did not discern the hazard but eventually he was cooked to death!

That in reality, she argued, was what was happening to Catholics in the United States today. We are immersed in a pot of secularism and hedonism. Little by little, the heat has been turned up against the Catholic Church and many of us have not really recognized the danger. What will happen next? Well, it's obvious. Soon Catholics and other faithful Christians will be "dead in the water" morally speaking!

Recently, the bishops of the United States raised strong objections to the new health care plan initiated by President Barak Obama. The mandate from the Health and Human Services Department will require employers to pay for a plan that provides contraception and sterilization services. The Catholic Church teaches that artificial birth control and sterilization are both moral evils.

The Obama administration has given the Church one year to comply with the new regulations. Basically, as Cardinal Timothy Dolan put it, "We have one year to figure out how to violate our consciences." The Church of course cannot comply with the Health and Human Services mandate.

The Government in effect, wants to tell us how to run our own health care institutions which is against our constitutional rights. Of course, we have to do something about this. The Church is fighting in the courts, but we also have to pray. More things are wrought by prayer than can be imagined!

Accordingly, the United States Catholic Bishops have initiated a prayer campaign from June 21-July 4<sup>th</sup> for our country called, "*Fortnight for Freedom.*" During these fourteen days we are urged by the bishops to pray for our country that our religious liberties as Catholics and Christians might be protected. Obviously, they are in jeopardy now.

This coming Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of two great martyrs of the Church - Saints Peter and Paul. Both these great men were like the foundation stones of the Church. Both of them died a violent death at the hands of a secular power, Rome - because they would not give up their faith in Jesus Christ and His teachings. Today, just as 2,000 years ago, Christians will again have to stand up for what they believe; perhaps at a tremendous price.

On the feast of the great Apostles Peter and Paul, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church immediately following the 9AM Mass (barring any funerals) and concluding with Benediction at 5PM. Please come and pray for our country that we will always be truly "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. A

private tour of the school can be arranged by appointment only. For additional information please call the school office at 718-442-0347.

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will gather for the 10 AM Mass Sunday, July 1, and have their monthly meeting at 11 AM at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

**SAVE THE DATE THE SACRED HEART FAMILY CAMP-OUT** will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kaufmann Campgrounds, 1131 Manor Road. The fee is \$40 per family. For further information contact Tim O'Halloran at 646-206-9374. All parishioners are welcome. Pools are open.

**HOLY LAND GROUP** The final meeting for all those traveling to the Holy Land will be Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm sharp in the Church. All travelers MUST attend. A Collette Vacations coordinator will be on hand with last minute details.

**Reminder:** Departure date is July 11<sup>th</sup>!

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** are Monday to Friday from 9AM to 4PM. The Office Assistant is in the office from 4PM to 8PM.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JUNE 30 & JULY 1

#### **Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 Deidre & John McCafferty

#### **Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 Ryan O'Neil, Margaret Donovan

8:30 Nick Antonacci, Kyle Watson

10:00 Nicholas Fortunato, Maeve Butler

11:30 Caitlin Gould, Patrick Buzzard

1:00 Michael Dillon, Cassidy Zarrelli

5:00 Jonathan Montemayor, Juan Cruz



### Families Young and Old!!!

Aunts, uncles, cousin Joe, Baby Louise-Come on up to the choir loft and sing with Family Choir July 1, 11:30 AM Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!

### Traveling Choir of Portugal

Our Traveling Choir of Portugal will be singing with Family Choir July 1, 2012 11:30 AM Mass - don't miss this glorious Mass!! Better yet, come on up to the loft, check us out and come sing with us in Portugal - Thanksgiving 2013!! See you in the loft!! (Questions? Pamela 442-0058 VM24)

### Summer Brides!!

Be sure to come up to the choir loft following any 1PM Mass on Sundays, to select music for your wedding (please do so at least 6 weeks before your wedding). See you in the loft!!

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

**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.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"My soul also you knew full well..." Learn to know your spouse "full well." The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is August 10-12. For information call toll free 877-NYS-WWME ext 3.

