

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JUNE 29

5:00 RAYMOND G. SYKES

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 MARINO M. MARANION

8:30 BARBARA SCHNEIDER

10:00 COLEEN McGLYNN LEE

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DORIS SABELLA

5:00 ANNUNZIATA BIFULCO

MONDAY, JULY 1

7:00 RICHARD MONAHAN

9:00 SHEILA O'LEARY

TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:00 MARION SARCONI

9:00 VIRGINIA & EDWARD McGLYNN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

7:00 ANTONIA PIGNONE

9:00 OUR LADY OF FATIMA

THURSDAY, JULY 4

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PRIDAY & BORGENSEN FAMILY

9:00 ROSALIE MOREAU

FRIDAY, JULY 5

7:00 GERARD GLASGOW

9:00 IN THANKS TO ST. JUDE FOR MY HEALTH

SATURDAY, JULY 6

9:00 GRACE REILLY

5:00 VICTORIA EDERA

SUNDAY, JULY 7

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

8:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SUSAN PELLECCCHIA

10:00 MARIE MELLO

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 VERONICA BUDNICK & JOSEPH BUDNICK

5:00 MARGARET McVEY

Lectors July 6 and 7

Saturday, July 6

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, July 7

7:00 Sr. Iraida

8:30 Charles Romanelli

10:00 Frank DiSalvo

11:30 Stephen Brown

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00



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, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Robert Pepe

Wedding Banns

I Nubia Braithwaite and Angel Suarez

I Erin Kelly and David Lynch

II Bridget Slevin and Michael Palmieri

Collection for June 23

Regular . . . . . \$6,365.50

Next weekend the second collection will be for Catholic Missions Among Black and Indian people

**2013 Cardinal's Appeal**

Goal \$85,500.00

Pledge \$95,226.00

Number of Gifts 187

The Rectory Office will be closed Thurs., the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in observance of Independence Day. The office will reopen July 5 at 9:00AM.



This Friday, July 5, is First Friday. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 11AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5PM. Come and spend an hour with our Lord.



In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of Rosette Rautenstrauch

The Bread and Wine are for Birthday Wishes for Deidre requested by her sister, Bridget Murphy.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Phyllis Pizzuto requested by her family.

## SOMETHING FOR OUR PROTESTANT FRIENDS...

Just recently, a young lady from the parish gave me a paper that she had received from a friend of hers, a lapsed Catholic. The paper was entitled, "Something for My Catholic Friends." In three typed pages, the writer tries to "take down" the Catholic Church and her doctrines by appealing just to the Bible alone.

In the paper there is a criticism of infant Baptism, Limbo (not an official doctrine of the Church by the way), Purgatory, praying to saints, devotion to Mary, the Mass and the Eucharist, Confession and Confirmation! That really just about takes everything in Catholicism!

Naturally, the author's claim in reference to our Catholic beliefs is, "I can't find these teachings in the Bible." Of course, there are some doctrines that are clearly outlined in the Scriptures and others that are not. It is not at all correct to state that the Catholic Church is "anti-Bible." That is a false interpretation. The Church reveres the Scriptures.

One of the fundamental errors of Protestantism is a failure to recognize that the Church existed before the New Testament! We know that the New Testament contains 27 books, from Matthew's Gospel to Revelation. The Canon of the Scripture was something that the Church gave us. Thus the Church did not come out of the Bible, the Bible really came out of the Church! This is something that many Fundamentalist Protestants cannot understand. They just solely set their beliefs on the Scripture alone (*sola Scriptura*).

The Catholic Church bases her teachings not only on the Bible but also on a thing known as Tradition. What is tradition? It has been defined as "the Church's lived understanding of the deposit of faith, handed on from one generation of Catholics to the next." Many Protestants consider the

traditions of the Church to be "man made." Yet, that is simply not the case. The teachings of the Church come really from the founder of the Church who is Jesus Christ Himself.

Take an example like the Blessed Trinity. As we know, this refers to the teaching that there are three persons in one God. A Protestant could possibly make this accusation, "Well, Father, where do you find this word "Trinity" in the Bible? Obviously this was something that was invented by the Church!" But of course, the Church did not invent the Doctrine of the Trinity at all. It is a belief that is implicit in the Scriptures themselves.

Jesus spoke often about His Father in Heaven. Then as He was about to ascend into Heaven, our Lord discussed the Holy Spirit: "I will ask the Father, and He will send you another advocate, the Spirit of Truth." So while the word "Trinity" is not mentioned in the Scripture, the belief definitely is.

While the teachings of Christ do not and cannot change, there can be a development of those teachings and the way they are expressed. If all this sounds complicated, it's not meant to be. The best thing we could do to reinforce our faith is to pick up a copy of the Catechism of the Church and read it! We Catholics have the truth but we need to know it and to know more about it!

Many Catholics today are very weak in their faith and do not grasp the essentials. So it is that they could be easily swayed by the strong handed tactics of some Bible thumping Protestants who want to win converts. May our Catholic faith be strong; a faith that is always seeking understanding!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE  
SUMMER HOURS:**

Closed July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
June 24<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup>: Open 8:30 AM -  
12:00 Noon (Monday-Friday)

The school office will reopen August 12th.  
Limited late applications for Pre-K to grade 7 now  
being reviewed. Please call the school office for  
information: 718-442-0347.  
Enjoy a happy and healthy summer!



**REGISTRATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR  
2013-2014**

Any questions please call the Religious  
Education Office at 718-448-1536.

**Children attending Catholic Academies** and wish  
to register for the Sacraments this year please call  
the Religious Education Office.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will be held on the first  
Tuesday and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM  
in the rectory. If you are interested in joining  
contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** Monday to  
Friday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The Office  
Assistant is in the office from 4:00PM to 8:00PM

**MILITARY REVIEW** Sacred Heart is proud to  
renew the *Military Review*. All  
parishioners with family members in the  
Armed Services are invited to provide the  
rectory with the name and military  
address of their family member on active duty.



**PASTORAL COUNSELING** a combination of  
psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical  
approach to unite the whole person-both mind and  
soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made  
herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A  
sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling  
sessions will be held in parish facilities. For  
referral, please call 347-210-1127. (We apologize  
that an incorrect phone number for Vera Sabella  
was posted in last week's bulletin)

**Choir News**

Family Choir!! Mark your Calendars!! We need  
you July 7, 2013 11:30AM to fill the loft and help  
create an inspiring 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
music liturgy! Bring the entire family - Aunt Sue,  
Uncle Joe, Baby Moses - there's half a pinata  
filled with candy (remember- Kids Praise  
Choir??!) for the family with the most family  
members in the loft - See you there!!  
Portugal Choir Prepares For Trip!! If you are  
interested in joining our Portugal Tour as choir  
member or supporter, this Thanksgiving 2013,  
come on up and sing with us for 11:30AM Mass!!  
Just a few highlights of our Portugal Tour include  
nonstop flight from Newark to Lisbon; 6 nights 4  
star hotel; an amazing Portuguese/American  
Thanksgiving Buffet Dinner; singing Advent  
choral liturgy in Basilica of the National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Fatima (Fatima). Questions??  
Pamela (VM 24) or even better, see you in the  
loft!!

Pamela 442-0058 VM24

Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Come sing with us in  
Portugal 2013! Put away a hymnbook!

**TO ALL WEST BRIGHTON RESIDENTS** We are  
seeking color photographs from 1960 to the present  
of the West Brighton area, for a new book entitled,  
*Images of Modern America, West Brighton*. If you have  
anything to contribute please contact Jim Harkins  
(718)727-4822 or KinsProductions@aol.com.

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES** for those in their  
30's, 40's and 50's: July 12<sup>th</sup> 8:15PM Killmeyer's Beer  
Garden Social. RSVP by July 9 to info@sgspsi.org.  
\$5.00 cover charge. For details call 718-981-3131.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JULY 6 & 7**

**Saturday, July 6**

5:00 Anthony & Olivia Scanni

**Sunday, July 7**

7:00 Ryan & Kelly O'Neil

8:30 Maeve Butler, Laura Laurenno

10:00 Margaret Donovan, Giovanni Ercolano

11:30 Stephen Laurenno, Gabrielle Garcia

1:00 Jonathan Montemayor, Thomas Laub

5:00 Peter LaPeruta, Rudy Merlino