

PENTECOST SUNDAY



SATURDAY, JUNE 7

5:00 JOHN F. SMITH

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PASCAL & PRENTY FAMILY

8:30 AL AMORE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

10:00 MARINO M. MARANION 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 JOHN MICHAEL SULLIVAN

5:00 DANNY BARRETT

MONDAY, JUNE 9

7:00 PETER HUDIK 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY

9:00 SR. TERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEAL

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

7:00 ELLEN CRIBIER

9:00 CHARLES, MARY & CHARLES DONOHUE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

7:00 JOHN WAUSNOCK

9:00 SR. TERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEAL

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

7:00 SR. ANNE THERESA O'CARM

9:00 JOSEPH SUTERA

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS TO ST. ANTHONY

9:00 EUGENE PERRY

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 LEO C. MASTERSON

5:00 AL ROSS

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

7:00 PATRICIA CLARK

8:30 RICHARD P. MORRISON

10:00 MICHAEL MUSTILLO, JR.

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 LOUIS A. MAZZITELLI

5:00 GUIDO ANGELI & ONORIO MORELLI

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of

Arlene Sullivan

Richard F. Haas

The Bread and Wine are for Special Intentions for Wanda Krasnicka and the Krasnicka Family by the Silvestri Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Maryann Sloane requested by the Franz Family.

Lectors June 14 and 15

Saturday, June 14

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, June 15

7:00 Theresa Zulch

8:30 Kennedy Apoe

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Maria Montuori

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Fred Maley



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, 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, Jim McGinley

*Wedding Banns*

I Katie Bergin and Randall Ginn

I Jennifer Romano and Matthew Charette

Collection June 1

Regular	\$7,151.00
Ascension	\$1,823.00
Pastoral	\$1,475.00

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

<b>GOAL</b>	\$83,000.00
<b>PLEDGE</b>	\$82,973.00
<b>NUMBER OF GIFTS</b>	158

## INCENSE...HOLY SMOKE!

In my last parish, Saint Patrick's in Yorktown Heights, there were many funerals. During a funeral, usually incense is used. One day, I had to say a funeral Mass in the old Stone Church at Saint Patrick's. The parish by the way, had two churches, the new one a few blocks away, and the original, modeled after an Irish church, which was known by parishioners as the "Stone Church."

During the funeral Mass, when it came time to sprinkle incense over the casket, I noticed that the sacristan had stuffed the thurible (incense pot) with too many coals. The pot was smoking furiously even before I put the grains of incense on it. When I swung the censer a few times around the deceased's remains, there was a billowing smoky cloud that filled the church up to the rafters.

As I continued the Mass, I noticed two red lights flashing - smoke alarms! Within a second, the sirens and emergency lights in the church went off which is not really good at a solemn funeral Mass. A few minutes after that, the local Yorktown Fire Department showed up! I told them it was a "false alarm." That incident earned me the moniker, "Holy Smoke!"

Of course, we do use incense in the church here at Sacred Heart from time to time. Truly, we could call it, "Holy Smoke." Perhaps some of you might wonder in fact why we do use it. I know some people like the smell, others, perhaps those with allergies or breathing difficulties, find it a little hard to take! Actually, there are various brands of incense that can be used in church. A favorite of mine is called, "Blue Trinity" which has a rather pungent odor.

But what's the point of incense? Well, for one, incense is biblical - it is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments. Moses for example, was instructed by God to have priests

offer incense at the tabernacle of the Jewish Temple. Most of us are familiar with the story of the Magi and their three "special gifts" to the new born Christ Child - one of them being incense, which signified the fact that Jesus was God.

We use incense in our worship to illustrate in a tangible way the offerings of our prayers and sacrifices to the Lord. As the smoke of the incense rises from the sanctuary, so do our prayers ascend to the heavenly regions. The 141<sup>st</sup> Psalm puts it so beautifully: "Let my prayer arise before you like incense O Lord, the raising up of my hands like an evening oblation."

Besides a funeral, incense can be used in any Mass. It is usually offered at a more solemn Mass, formerly known as a "High Mass." The priest circles the altar and censes the table on which the Eucharistic sacrifice is to be offered. Before the Gospel is read, the Book is incensed to highlight the fact that we are listening to the actual Word of God speaking to us in the Scriptures.

Sometimes, the server incenses the Host and Chalice as they are lifted up by the priest after the Consecration. After all, at that special moment, Christ the Lord Himself becomes present in the Eucharist and deserves our highest adoration and praise so the incense is appropriate. During the service of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, incense is also offered to express our reverence and devotion to such a wonderful Sacrament.

Incense is as Catholic as the Rosary, Novenas and fish on Fridays! The smell of it brings us right back to church and the days of our youth. May this "Holy Smoke" help us to focus on the Lord so that we might be truly holy in word and deed!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** is now accepting Applications for September 2014

Openings in Pre-K 3 & 4

Kindergarten - Grade 7

Early Morning Drop-Off and After-School Care until 6:00PM available

Inquire at school office Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-3:00PM

**PACK AND TROOP 74 OF SACRED HEART**

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUTO SHOW** is **TODAY**, Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 12PM to 4PM in the Sacred Heart School parking lot.

**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 please call the rectory at 718-442-0058.

**2015 MASS BOOK** opens Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-12PM and 1:30-3:00PM. For more than 3 Masses please make a list and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket; Masses will be booked on, or as close to, your dates as possible. Confirmation and payment details will then be sent to you. Thank you, Nora

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JUNE 14 & 15**

**Saturday, June 14**

5:00 Sean Hartnett, Steven Mickel

**Sunday, June 15**

7:00 Mary, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

8:30 Matthew & Chris Riccardi

10:00 John Paul Hoey, Andrew Johnson

11:30 Kristen Gilbride, Kevin & Kyle Watson

1:00 Andrea & Donald Regan, John Altschuler

5:00 Rudy Merlino, Gabrielle Garcia

Parish Choir sings today, June 8, 11:30AM Mass for Pentecost Sunday - don't miss this glorious, spiritfilled Mass!!

Parish Choir ends their singing season with 11:30AM Mass June 22, 2014 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ-Such an inspiring choral liturgy!! Traveling Choir 2016/Family Choir sings for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6, 2014 11:30AM Mass. Calling all families, kids and curious travelers to the loft to create this joyfilled music liturgy!! (Where is Traveling Choir's next trip destination?? Tune in next week for the results of the final vote!!)

Questions??

Pamela (Voicemail 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymn book! Buy a CD! Come on our next International Choir tour 2016!

**ROBERT J. SHAY, JR., MEMORIAL GOLF**

**OUTING** Saturday, June 14 at Silver Lake. Dinner following at The Staaten. Information can be found on the website: [robshayjrgolfouting.com](http://robshayjrgolfouting.com) - email address is [robshayjrgolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:robshayjrgolfouting@gmail.com)

**CYO ANDERSON AVENUE SUMMER STAGE 2014**

Pivotal Productions and CYO Anderson Ave have a 4-week program in which participants **ages 5-17** can experience a professional theater environment - with acting, music, dance, stage craft and team building exercises - leading to a full musical production of Seussical Jr. The program runs from August 4 through August 28 - Monday through Thursday from 10AM to 3PM at the CYO 120 Anderson Ave, Staten Island. The fee is \$300 per child. Space is limited. You can register online at [pivotal-productions.org](http://pivotal-productions.org)

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES** for those in their 30's, 40's and 50's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring-into-Summer Party, June 21 at the Mansion Grand. For further information call 718-981-3131.