

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

5:00 LAURETTA & DANIEL CAREY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PASCHAL & PRENTY FAMILY

8:30 BEN ZARRELLI

10:00 MARGARET & GEORGE & THOMAS KOPF

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 XUE QIANG ZHEN

5:00 PETER HUDIK 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**MONDAY, JUNE 10**

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SR. TERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIEDEL

9:00 CHARLES & MARY & CHARLES DONOHUE

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11**

7:00 JOHN WAUSNOCK

9:00 JERGUN HERTLER

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**

7:00 SR. ANN TERESA O'CARM

9:00 FLORENCE WATERS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

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

9:00 CAROLYN ALBANO INTORCIA

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**

7:00 JOY COSTELLO

9:00 LOUIS A. MAZZITELLI

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

9:00 JAMES GILMARTIN

5:00 MARY KELLY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

7:00 JOHNNY SANTALIZ TORO

8:30 RICHARD P. MORRISON

10:00 MICHAEL MUSTILLO, JR.

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DANIEL KENNY

5:00 KOMSTA GERARD, MONIKA CHRISTIAN & AMY

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of  
Irene Mathies  
Thomas William Loeffel

The Bread and Wine are for Special Intentions to St. Dominic Saint of the Rosary to end Global Warming requested by Yolanda MacDermott.

**Lectors June 15 and 16**

**Saturday, June 15**

5:00 Frank Ponterio

**Sunday, June 16**

7:00 Theresa Zulch

8:30 Kennedy Apoe

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Maria Montuori

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Fred Maley

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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

**Wedding Banns**

II Laura Kendris and John Tully

**Collection for June 2**

Regular . . . . . \$7,427.50  
Monthly . . . . . \$2,712.00  
Pastoral Solidarity . . . . . \$841.00

**2013 Cardinal's Appeal**

Goal \$85,500.00  
Pledge \$92,821.00  
Number of Gifts 177

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Beginning Monday, June 17, the Rectory Office will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The Office Assistant will be in the office from 4:00PM to 8:00PM

## IN THE SECRET SERVICE?

There is a little joke that I have used in a homily or two. Now the humor is meant to get the congregation's attention! Well, this joke is about a priest greeting a man that he hasn't seen in some time at church. Father says, "Tom, listen - you need to join the army of the Lord!" To which Tom replies, "Father, I'm already in the Lord's army." "Then how come I only see you at Mass at Christmas and Easter?" the priest asked. "Oh, Father," he explained, "you see, I'm in the secret service!"

Well, it seems that there are a good deal of people in the "secret service" currently in the Catholic Church because Mass attendance is way down all across the United States. One statistic tells us that perhaps only twenty-five percent of baptized Catholics attend Mass each Sunday which is not a good number considering that Sunday Mass attendance is a Precept of the Church and an obligation.

Recently, going through some old file cabinets here at Sacred Heart Rectory, I discovered some old statistical reports on the parish from the late 1950's and early 1960's. Each year, the parish has to send a sacramental report on the parish and all the numbers involved. What a revelation reading those old reports was for me. In the 50's and 60's Mass attendance here was between 3500-4000 people on a Sunday! Now, it's just barely over a thousand. The times have changed but not for the better as far as the Church is concerned.

I suppose that we could point to many reasons why Mass attendance has declined. Some years ago, it became fashionable to say that going to Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening) was not the best test of whether someone was a good Catholic or not. A priest that I know, Father Joe Wilson, had a first hand experience of this philosophy one time

when he went to do the wake of a parishioner by the name of Fred who was more of a "casual Catholic" when it came to church.

When Father Wilson came over to the widow to offer his condolences at the funeral home, she greeted him this way: "Father, Fred did not go to Mass that often, but that's not the most important thing is it?" Well, as it turns out, it really is an important thing, because the Eucharist is vital to our spiritual life as Catholics.

Perhaps one explanation for the radical drop-off in Mass attendance is the fact that many Catholics today have lost an understanding and appreciation for the Blessed Sacrament. The Church reminds us that the Eucharist is not just a piece of bread and a cup of wine. Rather, it is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. What greater gift could the Lord have given to His Church on Holy Thursday, the night before He died?

We could look at the Holy Eucharist in two ways. One, it is our spiritual nourishment. Just the way we need to eat food every day for our physical well-being, so too, do we need to consume the Bread of Life which is Holy Communion for the wellness of our soul.

Secondly, the Eucharist as a presence. The Lord remains in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle after the Mass is over. We are privileged to have the real presence of Jesus with us at all times in the Church - thank God!

As we soon enter upon the summer months and enjoy some much needed rest and recreation, let us take time to be with the Lord as He is with us!

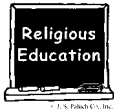
Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

**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.



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL**  
Accepting applications for  
2013-2014 UPK, Pre-K - Gr 8  
You are invited to tour our

outstanding school and meet Mrs. Lacagnino,  
Principal, faculty, staff, parents, and our students.  
Call 718-442-0347.



**REGISTRATION FOR ACADEMIC  
YEAR 2013-2014** Any questions  
please call 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.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW FOR PACK/TROOP 74  
TODAY 12 to 4PM** in the Sacred Heart School  
Parking Lot. Please come out and support Sacred  
Heart's scouting program. Come see scores of cars  
in different genres from classic to classic muscle to  
today's muscle. Music and entertainment provided  
by "Charlotte 9"...BBQ and refreshments provided.  
Vendors on hand. Any questions please call Tim  
Donnelly at 718-816-7606...rain date is June 16th.  
**THE 2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA** will be raffled off  
during the Car Show...some tickets still available.  
Come and enjoy the day and see who will drive off  
in this brand new car.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** "I will praise  
you Lord, for you have rescued me." Rescue your  
sacrament from stress of everyday life on the next  
Marriage Encounter Weekend August 9 - 11. Call  
877-NYS-WWME ext. 3 for information.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JUNE 15 & 16**

**Saturday, June 15**

5:00 Danielle & Michael Riccardi

**Sunday, June 16**

7:00 James Esco, Mark Artuz

8:30 Chris Riccardi, Albert Cardone

10:00 Noreen & Timothy Donnelly

11:30 Sam Medina, Peter LaPeruta, Thomas Laub

1:00 Anthony & Olivia Scanni, Luisa Montuori

5:00 Laura Laurenno, John Altschuler

**Choir News**

Portugal Choir sings a beautiful 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Ordinary Time Mass on June 23, 2013 11:30AM!!  
If you are interested in joining our Portugal Tour  
as choir member or supporter, this Thanksgiving  
2013, come on up and sing with us on June 23 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!!

Grazie Mille, Parish Choir for an outstanding  
choral liturgical season, this year 2012-2013!!  
The amazing "vocal prayer" of three generations  
of parishioners (ages 10-85) created such  
powerful and beautiful music for our Masses this  
year (in addition to their generosity of  
contributions to provide Stuart, strings and  
orchestra for Midnight Mass and Easter Vigil!!  
After a much deserved rest over the summer, we  
look forward to hearing their awe-filled music  
again in the fall!! Hopefully, many more  
parishioners will also hop on board singing with  
Parish Choir in the fall!!

Thank you, thank you Kids Praise and Parents for  
a great choir season this year!! The voices of these  
children renew and refresh us at Mass - we are so  
lucky to have parents that understand the  
importance of our glorious musical heritage in  
children's music for Mass - kudos, Parents for  
getting your kids to all those rehearsals/Masses!!  
May Blessings and Peace abound for you and your  
families for all you give us!!(including all the  
donations of snacks, drinks, prizes)!!See you in  
the loft July 7, 2013 11:30AM for Summer Family  
Choir!! Pamela 442-0058 VM24  
Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Come sing with us in  
Portugal 2013! Put away a hymnbook!

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES** for those in their  
30's, 40's and 50's Spring into Summer Party, June 22,  
at the Marina Grand. Call 718-981-3131.