

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 MATTHEW DRISCOLL

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MC CAULEY FAMILIES & THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

9:00 AL & SUE AMORE

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DENNIS NIX

5:00 CORAZON ARIADO

MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 SR. THERES MARY O’CARM

9:00 JAMES P. NOONE

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 JAMES COWAN

9:00 NICHOLAS TORELLO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 DOROTHY EASOP

9:00 MARY KIRINCICH

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 YVONNE ANDREWS

9:00 ROCCO VITA

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 JOSEPH RUSSELL

9:00 JOSEPH RUSSELL

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 DARRYL BALLINGER

5:00 JOHN MARRONE

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 NANCY MC VEY

9:00 SALVATORE & RAPHAELLA DI LORENZO

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 ANDREW DONNELLY JR.

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MAGUIRE FAMILY

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 19

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer
Bill Jones

Sunday, March 20

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis
Joan Prenty
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D’Antuono
Vincent O’ Grady
11:00 Frank Di Salvo Dorothy Tarafa
Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell
Theresa Cunningham
5:00 Fred Maley



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, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Charles DiClaro

Collections:

Regular March 6 \$.00
Catholic Relief Services \$.00

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 contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent. Exposition will start at 9:30AM (barring any funerals) and end with Benediction at 7:15 PM. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30 PM.

The Bread and Wine are offered for a **Special Request** through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin offered by Margaret Hale.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Anthony Esolen, a professor at Providence College, wrote a provocative article in *Crisis Magazine* entitled, “What Would Our Ancestors Think of Us?” (February 16, 2016) He imagines a time traveler from decades ago in our part of the world having a glance into the future and seeing things of the present time. Dr. Esolen points out that this time traveler would be amazed with the invention of the computer and how it puts in his grip a vast library of human knowledge. But then he would be deeply disappointed to learn that many more persons use the internet for pornography rather than for education, and that fornication, which in his time is abhorred, in our time is celebrated. Esolen points out that the time traveler would enter a neighborhood and be shocked to discover that a majority of the houses have no children in them. Many couples don’t want any. In some of these houses people are pretending to be husband and wife. He sees that there are, by far, more women living alone than ever before. Two men live in that other house. The traveler is aghast to learn that there are boys who are told by their mothers that they are “really” girls and that they want to have their genitals cut off. He is stunned to hear of modern divorce rates.

We will have to explain more to the time traveler says Esolen, who writes: “Then there are things you can’t tell at all, because words would not suffice, or because any attempt on your part to describe them would be met with blank incomprehension or disbelief. So you will have to show them. Bring a single copy of a women’s magazine chosen at random. Bring a copy of *Men’s Health*. Bring pictures from a Gay Pride parade. Bring a five minute clip of a television “comedy” again chosen at random. Bring the sex education curriculum for fifth graders in a school district in the United States or Canada. Bring a five minute clip of *The View*, or of a public high school cafeteria at lunchtime. Bring a typical video game. Bring a picture of the security guard posted at a local high school. Try to explain that some people want to let confused boys strip and shower in a girls’ locker room. Try to explain

same-sex marriage. Try to explain that women are going to be sent to the front lines. Try to explain the fifty or some odd ‘genders,’ two of them genders and the rest of them odd. Try to explain that everything they take for granted about the role of religion in public life is abominated. Bring an ultrasound picture of a child in the womb. Try to explain that the same people who have seen these wondrous pictures believe in the right to cut that child to ribbons, as the fail-safe for fornication or careerism. Try to explain the Belgian Quik-Mart Suicide vans. Place a photograph of an episcopal pederast or protector of pederasts beside a photograph of Fulton Sheen, and try to explain why the former was a media darling, but the latter an object of posthumous scorn. Fall to your knees and beg forgiveness.”

We look at the way our society is going and we grow despondent (perhaps you are nodding your head as you consider the presidential campaign!). On one hand, we know that there are positive developments in the last several decades, such as a growing opposition to unjust discrimination—racial and otherwise, and we are encouraged. On the other hand, there are many indications, as Dr. Esolen points out, which indicate that our civilization is in serious disarray. Of course, we must be careful about comparing epochs. The wise man in the Book of Ecclesiastes (7:10) tells us: *Do not say: How is it that former times were better than these? For it is not out of wisdom that you ask about this.* The truth is that even if statistics show that our nation is in decline, Christ is still in charge of the universe, as He once said: *All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* (Mt. 28:18) For some mysterious reason, He has allowed things to unfold as they have. Undoubtedly, He will bring much good out of the current messiness. Our task is to take the truth and grace of the true religion to our various relationships and to pray each day for a healthier society that lives and breathes according to the words and example of our divine Saviour. In spite of appearances, nevertheless, there is much hope because Jesus is our hope.

God bless you!
Fr. Eric

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8

CCD MARCH HAPPENINGS

Classes in session March 16 & 23

Palm Crosses: The Sacred Heart Youth Group is fundraising through the sale of Palm Crosses which may be purchased after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, March 12th and all of the Masses on Sunday, March 13th (while supplies last) for \$10-cash only please.

Girl Scouts:

The Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all of the Masses this weekend March 12th & 13th in the back of the church.

Chrism Mass

A bus trip to the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on March 22nd leaves Blessed Sacrament Church at 1:30PM. Mass is at 4:00PM and return will be between 6:00 & 7:00PM. Reserved seating at the Cathedral.

Cost \$25 per person. Call Margaret at 718-442-1581 for reservations.

University Hospice:

Are you a good listener? Caring? University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. This care involves a team of professionals and volunteers who address emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patients and their families. University Hospice is recruiting those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as, visiting patients in their homes, nursing facilities, or in the hospital. Volunteers are also an essential part in our office and with our special projects. If interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on April 16, 2016 at University Hospice.

Choir News ♪

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Kids Praise Choir:

Hey Kids Praise! See you Wednesday, March 16th 5-6pm Chapel. We love new members (kids 5- 5th grade)!! Registration form required (available church office). Each rehearsal is like a party - singing wonderful, fun sacred songs in preparation for monthly Mass participation! Treats! Games! See you there! (Questions? Pamela 718-442-0058 VM 24)

France Voyager Choir has returned from their Great Cathedrals of France 2016 Choir Tour!! We are so appreciative of your prayers and support. We REALLY felt your prayers as we shared our music abroad!!

And yes - there will be a CD!! So we greatly appreciate your support with that as well!! Le Dieu Soit La Gloire!! Merci, Merci beau coup!!

Parish Choir returns in March!

Don't miss this opportunity to hop on board for Holy Week preparations! Such a powerful, poignant week full of inspiring music liturgy - come join us!! See you Wednesday, March 16th, 7:30pm basement!!(Questions? Pamela VM 24)

Hymnbooks: Many have commented to me on the disrepair of many of our beloved, treasured hymnbooks - yet when I say would you like to help fix them, there is a lukewarm response!! Just to let you all know, I intend this summer to track down, fix, relocate and revive/or if necessary replace every failing hymnbook!! I can only accomplish this with your financial help and support, of course!! More to follow!!

Pamela 718-442-0058 VM 24

Buy a hymnbook! Fix a hymnbook! Put away a hymnbook!
Join a choir today! Come on our next trip with us!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MAR 19 & MAR 20

Saturday, March 19

5:00 John Paul Hoey & Michele Chen

Sunday, March 20

7:00 Sarah Laureno & Laura Laureano

9:00 Sean Hartnett & Matthew Kailikas

11:00 Bernard Daniels & Gabrielle Garcia

1:00 Kelly Shashaty & Margaret Donovan

5:00 John & Michael Manning