

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 29

5:00 JOHN ANNONE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 JOSEPH LEIGH

10:00 MICHAEL DeROCHA

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 RICHARD RYAN

5:00 TERRENCE CLEARY

MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 PAUL MAZZOLA

9:00 ROSEMARIE BLAICH

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 IRMA SANTALIZ-TORO

9:00 JOANN DELLARGIONE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 PEACE BETWEEN THE UKRAINE & RUSSIA

9:00 ALLEN TERJESEN

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 ANTONIO ANDRIANI

9:00 ABNEL & ELENA AQUINO

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 ARLENE CUNNINGHAM

9:00 XUE QIAN ZHENG

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 WILLIAM DONALDSON

5:00 JOHN KIRINCICH

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 ALEX RUSINAK

8:30 BEN ZARRELLI

10:00 LEO C. MASTERSON

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 ANDREW DONNELLY

5:00 GLORIA PARAMITO

The **Bread and Wine** are in loving memory of **Leo C. Masterson** requested by his children and grandchildren.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is in loving memory of **Agnes Duffy** requested by the Delahunt Family.

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of **Arlene Cunningham** donated by her children.

Lectors April 5 and 6

Saturday, April 5

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, April 6

7:00 Sr. Iraida

8:30 Charles Romanelli

10:00 Frank DiSalvo

11:30 Stephen Brown

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Sacred Heart Youth Group



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, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons

Wedding Banns

II Katie Kiernan and Matt Blaine

Collection March 23

Regular \$7,026.00

Fuel \$226.00

Budget Deficit \$747.00

The special collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent.

Exposition will start 11AM (barring any funerals) and end with Benediction at 7:15PM. Stations of the Cross follows at 7:30PM.

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of
Frances Rossetti

FOOLS...FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!

This Tuesday is the start of a new month - April. Of course, we all know that the first day of April is known as April Fool's Day." I "Googled" some information about April Fool's Day and its origins. Now there were several explanations. One related to a change of the old calendar centuries ago where the New Year was celebrated not in January but in March. However, when the new calendar was adopted there were many who still kept celebrating not in January but in March and they were considered "fools."

A more likely explanation for the advent of "April Fool's Day" is the passage of winter into spring and the change of climate. Some people started playing jokes and pranks on each other as sort of a spring ritual and the idea caught on. Today we know that on April 1st we might have a trick or two played on us-all in good fun!

Now some people in our world today might consider people who follow Christ as foolish and they are not joking! The great Saint Paul the Apostle understood that idea. He wrote in the Letter to the Corinthians: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but those who are saved, it is the power of God." What did St. Paul mean by those words?

Well, the cross is composed of two parts - there is a vertical bar and a horizontal bar. The vertical bar represents the Lord and His will for us; the horizontal bar signifies our own human will and our desires. When those two collide you have a cross!

Our self will needs to be brought into conformity with God's designs and that is not easy. That's where many people think that Catholics and Christians are indeed a little crazy, and from an earthly perspective - they are correct! However, Christian disciples look at things from God's vantage point and not of

this world.

To be a fool for Christ's sake means that we don't take anything in this world too seriously because we know that everything in this world, ourselves included, pass away. We must set our sights higher than the enticements and pleasures of this earthly existence. Many people today live just by what is called "the pleasure principle," so there is little or no self-denial and renunciation.

However, the scripture tells us that "Christ did not please Himself." He did not seek His own ease, pleasure and glory but always put His Father's will first in His life. Doing that meant suffering and the cross for Him despite the fact he could have asked to be spared that fate.

When the Lord hung upon the cross, many of the bystanders considered Him a fool. They said, "Come down from that cross! If you are God why should you suffer?" However the fruit of Jesus' obedience resulted in our salvation despite His pains.

Our obedience to the Lord and His will in this life might render us as "foolish" in the eyes of some people, but we know that we have an eternal destiny to consider!

During Lent, it is good for us to reflect a little bit more on the Passion of Christ. We have some wonderful opportunities to do that - whether by making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary or by meditation on the Gospel accounts of the sufferings of Christ. Let us be foolish in the eyes of God so that we might be wise for all eternity!

Sincerely in the Lord, Father Jerome

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will gather for the 10 AM Mass Sunday, April 6th and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL is now accepting Applications for September 2014

Openings in Pre-K 3& 4, Universal UPK (full day)with extended day 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

CCD - April Classes - April 2, 9, 30

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP The next Mass and General Meeting is Sunday, April 6th 5PM Mass. The meeting follows after the Mass.

PALM CROSSES the Sacred Heart Youth Group is fundraising through the sale of Palm Crosses which may be purchased after Masses April 5th and 6th (while supplies last) for \$10 - cash only please.



SAINT MONICA'S MOTHERS GUILD 2014 Fashion Show "New York, New York" Thursday, April 10, 2014 at LiGreci's Staaten at 7:00PM. Cost \$65.00 per person. RSVP by April 2 to Peggy

Maida c/o the Rectory 718-442-0058.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Sacred Heart School 3rd Grade Girls CYO Novice "A" Basketball Team on winning the NY Archdiocesan State Basketball Championship this weekend at Ursuline Academy vs St. Gregory Barbarigo. Job well done girls (19-0) undefeated season!!

CONGRATULATIONS also go out to Sacred Heart School 3rd Grade Girls Soccer Team the "Rubies" for winning the annual March Madness Indoor Soccer Tournament at Petrides. Keep up the good work. *Go Spartans!!*

YAC NEWS - CONGRATULATIONS to June LoSchiavo the winner of the Sacred Heart YAC St. Croix raffle.

EASTER EGG HUNT The Special Events Committee and the Sacred Heart Youth Group would like to invite all children ages 10 and under to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt after the 11:30AM Mass **EASTER SUNDAY** on the rectory lawn - weather permitting.



Family Choir sings April 6-Bring your aunts, uncles, cousins up to the loft and sing along with the whole family for Mass!! Arrive by 11:15AM and come on up!!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!

Kids Praise Choir resumes rehearsals March 19 5-6PM Chapel - See you there!! (Registration is free - form required for new members!!)

Traveling Choir - See you April 6 10:45AM Loft; for the next fantasy tour presentation - Don't miss it!!

Your vote counts!! (Curious?? Come on up!!!)

Questions? Pamela 442-0058 (VM24)

Spring/Summer Brides Every bride needs a consultation with Pamela in the choir loft, regarding musical selections for your upcoming wedding. Please come up after any 1PM Mass on Sunday-I must meet with you at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding (after that time, traditional selections will be made for you) See you in the loft!!

Portugal Choir Tour: check out:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfJSAGbyLO8

more to follow from this trip!!

Join a choir today! Put away a Hymnbook!!Buy a CD!! Come on our next International Choir tour/Pilgrimage to....!!

SACRED HEART SPARTANS GOLF OUTING

2ND Annual Sacred Heart Edger Sweeney Golf Memorial - Honoring Bruce Delmar - Thursday, May 1 at 8AM. Golf and Lunch at Staaten - \$160 per person, Lunch only - \$60. Please contact KC Senk or Jennifer Senk at 718-720-0960 or Eddie O'Neil at 917-796-9479.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE APRIL 5 & 6

Saturday, April 5

5:00 Matthew Miller, Rudy Merlino

Sunday, April 6

7:00 Gabriella Fulton, Samantha Baniswal

8:30 Guillermo Ward, Andrew Fraunberg

10:00 Giovanni Ercolano, Victoria Bruno

11:30 Margaret Donovan, Elizabeth Althoff, Timothy Donnelly

1:00 Thomas Laub, John & Deidre McCafferty

5:00 Luisa Montuori, Peter LaPeruta