

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, MARCH 30 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:00
8:30 EASTER
10:00 SUNDAY
11:30
1:00
NO 5PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 HELEN & GEORGE CLAFFEY

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SABRINE FARAGALLAH
9:00 FR. WILLIAM C. POOLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 ELENA AQUINO 9TH ANNIVERSARY
9:00 MARGARET, JOHN & SON JOHN GABOR

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 LEO C. MASTERTSON
9:00 XUE QIANG ZHEN

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 BEATRICE SPAGNUOLO

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 ALEX RUSINAK
5:00 JOSEPH ABATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 ARLENE CUNNINGHAM
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 ANDREW DONNELLY
5:00 JOSEPH MEGLIO

Lectors April 6 and 7

Saturday, April 6

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, April 7

7:00 Sr. Iraida
8:30 Charles Romanelli
10:00 Frank DiSalvo
11:30 Stephen Brown
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Jane Coyle

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, John Lewis, 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, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Christian Pepo, Frank Juliano

Collection for March 17

Regular \$7,659.00
Due to an early publication date, the March 24 collection will be posted in next week's bulletin.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY -

On April 7th, in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00PM, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and concluding with Benediction at 4:55PM. Novena began on Good Friday.



Divine Mercy



This Friday, April 5, is First Friday. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9AM Mass (barring any funerals) and ending with

Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

THE RESURRECTION - THE "LAST LAUGH" OVER DEATH...

There is a story told of a group of four year olds who were gathered in a Sunday school class. Well, the teacher looked at the class and asked the following question: "Does anybody know what today is?" A little four year old girl held up her hand and said, "Yes! Today is Palm Sunday!" The teacher exclaimed, "That's wonderful! Now does anyone know what next Sunday is?" The same little girl raised her hand and said, "Yes; next Sunday is Easter."

Once again, the teacher said, "That's fantastic! Now, does anyone know what is so special about Easter?" The same girl replied, "It's special because Jesus rose from the grave..." But before the teacher could congratulate her, she kept on talking and said, "But if he sees his shadow, he has to go back for seven weeks!"

Well, today on Easter Sunday a little humor is appropriate because our Lord Jesus Christ has had the last laugh over suffering and death. The Resurrection, the feast that we celebrate today on Easter Sunday should give us all hope and inspiration. For by rising from the dead Jesus turned His tombstone into the cornerstone of Christianity.

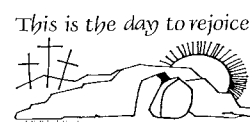
If Christ did not rise from the dead, then really our faith is in vain and I might as well go home and hang up my priest collar! But thank God, we as Catholic Christians know the story, we have read it before and everything came out OK. The Easter story of the Resurrection should be ever new to us, excite us and not become stale and predictable.

A little nine year old girl was asked to write a composition in school on "What Does Easter Mean to You?" She wrote, "Easter is really a pagan holiday with all the bunnies and the chicks. But if you celebrate it in the right way about Jesus it is a good holiday." I think that she was on to something there!

For the secular world, Easter really is a pagan holiday. And if you do shopping in the local stores and malls you know that all the Easter paraphernalia, the candy, the eggs and all the rest make its appearance right after Valentine's Day and then will disappear on Monday, the day after Easter! But Easter and its real meaning is something that should remain in our hearts the whole year round.

The Resurrection is our Good News as Catholic Christians. A great saint by the name of Augustine wrote "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song." Since this is true, let us live as Easter people, with a strong faith and conviction in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The empty tomb on that first Easter morning is our hope.

As believers in Jesus we know that death is not the end, the grave is not the end but just the vestibule to eternal life. On behalf of all the priests here and the staff at Sacred Heart Parish I extend to you and your families my best wishes and prayers for a very happy and joy-filled Easter day! God Bless you all...
Sincerely, Father Jerome





**SCHEDULE FOR HOLY SATURDAY
AND EASTER SUNDAY**



Confessions

Saturday, March 30 - 3:00-5:00PM

Holy Saturday - March 30th

The Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection at 8:00PM. We gather for the most important night of the liturgical year.

There will be NO 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday - March 31st

Masses will be:

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM
and 1:00PM

There will be NO 5PM Mass on Easter Sunday

**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.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Accepting applications for 2013-2014
UPK, Pre-K - Grade 8

You are invited to tour our outstanding school and meet Mrs. Lacagnino, Principal, faculty, staff, parents, and our students. Call 718-442-0347 for more information.

CCD is on Easter Recess. Classes will resume on April 10th.

**MUSIC FOR HOLY SATURDAY AND
EASTER SUNDAY**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil March 30th
8PM Mass**

**Sacred Heart Parish Choir/
Portugal Traveling Choir 2013/
Strings and Trumpet**

Exsultet (Fr. Jerome, Baritone); selected Psalms; Gloria (revised Andrews); Celtic Alleluia; Water of Life; Jesus is Risen; Festival Canticle; In Paradisum (Faure); Three Days; Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**Easter Sunday
March 31, 2013 11:30AM**

All Choirs

Jesus Christ is Risen Today; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach); Alleluia; The Strife is O'er
Easter Blessings and Peace
Pamela and the Choirs

Join a Choir Today! Come to Portugal 2013!
Buy a CD!

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will gather for the 10 AM Mass Sunday, April 7, and have their monthly meeting at 11 AM at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE APRIL 6 & 7
Saturday, April 6**

5:00 Stephen & Megan Lauren

Sunday, April 7

7:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

8:30 Bianca Roman, Giovanni Ercolano

10:00 Rudy Merlino, Peter LaPeruta

11:30 Luisa Montuori, Deidre & John McCafferty

1:00 Sam Medina, Joseph Basile, Vicky Bruno

5:00 Regie Delamasa, Kristen Gilbride