

“M” IS FOR MARY AND MOTHER...

I heard a story recently about two little boys who wanted to give their mom a special gift on Mother's Day. So they saved up their allowance money and were able to order Mom a very beautiful bouquet of flowers. When they arrived, the mother was absolutely thrilled by the beautiful flowers that she received.

However, she was just a little bit confused about the inscription that the boys had put on the arrangement. The card read, “Rest in Peace!” When she asked them about it, the boys replied, “Oh, Mom we know that on Mother's Day you wanted to have a peaceful day so that's what we wrote!” Not a bad explanation. Well, we wish all Mothers today a restful and peaceful day!

I thought of that little story in reference to one of the Gospels that I read at morning Mass this past week. In the Gospel of Saint John, Jesus told His disciples, “Peace, I leave with you and my peace I give to you.” Furthermore, Jesus says that the peace He came to give us is not at all like what the world has to offer. You see, the Lord offers us “peace on the inside” which is a great gift.

Many people today in our world are far from peace. We know that there is a lot of anxiety in our society because of crime, drugs, terrorism and immorality. So how can we be at peace? Well, on this Mother's Day, a good piece of advice would be to listen to our Mother - that is our Heavenly Mother - Mary!

We know that besides our mothers on this earth, we have a Mother in Heaven and that is the Blessed Virgin Mary. One beautiful way to honor the Mother of God during this beautiful month of May is to say our Rosary every day. The Rosary is a marvelous prayer that can truly bring us peace.

As our lips utter the vocal prayers - the Our Father, the Hail Mary and Glory Be our minds

are meant to soar aloft heavenwards in contemplation of a series of Mysteries in the life of our Lord and our Lady. There are four sets of Mysteries in the Rosary - the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious.

One of the criticisms of the Rosary is that it is repetitious. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once told a story about this. A woman came to see him one time and she commented, “I would never become a Catholic! You say the same words in the Rosary over and over and anyone who repeats the same words is never sincere!”

The woman had her fiancé with her and so Bishop Sheen asked her, “Does he love you?” The woman replied, “Certainly he does!” “But how do you know?” She replied, “He told me!” “When did he last tell you?” “About an hour ago...” “Did he tell you before?” “Yes, last night!” “What did he say?” the Bishop inquired. “The woman answered, “I love you.” “But never before?” Somewhat irritated, the woman said, “He tells me every night!” The good Bishop said, “Do not believe him. He is repeating; he is not sincere!” In the Rosary, the very prayers that we say over and over again are a litany of love for our Blessed Mother.

The word “Rosary” means “Crown of Roses.” Many of us this Mother's Day might give a gift of roses or special flowers to our Moms. I am sure they really appreciate it. When we pray the Rosary we are really presenting beautiful “spiritual roses” to our Heavenly Mother and she certainly does appreciate it.

It is very certain that Mary, the Queen of Peace will confer her abundant peace on her beloved sons and daughters. She points to Jesus Her Son and tells us, “Do whatever He tells you!” Let us follow the advice of our Mother!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K3, Free UPK, Kindergarten and 1-8. Please call the school office for an application and information.

CCD May Classes - May 13, 20

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP The next Mass and General Meeting is Sunday, May 17 - 5PM Mass. The meeting follows after the Mass.

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.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

GOAL	\$87,000.00
PLEDGE	\$92, 476.00
NUMBER OF GIFTS	150

PASTORAL COUNSELING is a combination of psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical approach to unite the whole person - both mind and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling sessions will be held in parish facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MAY 16 & 17

Saturday, May 16

5:00 Deirdre & John McCafferty

Sunday, May 17

7:00 Samantha Baniswal, Vincent Caprio

8:30 Luisa Montuori, Gabrielle Garcia

10:00 Matthew Kalikas, John Paul Hoey

11:30 Patrick & Keifer Regan

1:00 Nicholas Fortunato, Marc Artuz

5:00 Nicky & Steven Bivona

Choir News

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Parish Choir sings today for Mothers' Day - 6th Sunday of Easter 11:30 AM. Don't miss it! See you there!!

Parish Choir..France Voyager Choir sings Sunday, May 24 -11:30AM Mass Pentecost Sunday! The Spirit is a Movin' - don't miss it!

All Choirs sing June 7 11:30AM - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Don't miss this one! Mark your calendars!

Summer Brides

T'is the merry month of May! Any bride getting married at Sacred Heart this summer must attend a mandatory music consultation in the choir loft, with Pamela, after any 1PM Mass on Sundays. This must be done no later than 6 weeks prior to your wedding or traditional selections will be made for you. See you in the loft!

Easter Blessings and Peace

Pamela (Questions?? VM 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Join our Choirtour/Pilgrimage Great Cathedrals France 2016!

GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sat., June 20th or Sun., June 21st at 2PM. ***Pre-registration is required.*** Please contact the rectory at 718-442-0058 for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is May 19.**





**3rd Annual Sacred Heart Edger Sweeney Golf Memorial
Honoring Peter Pellegrito
Monday, June 1, 2015**

Silver Lake Golf Course
915 Victory Blvd.
S.I. NY 10301

8:00 Shotgun Start

Team Scramble Format

\$160 per Golfer

Includes: greens fee, cart, lunch, gift and Buffet dinner w/open bar At the Staaten at 2:00

Dinner only \$60

All money raised will benefit Sacred Heart School

Hole sponsorships are \$100

It can be made in memory of someone or a way to advertise your business.

Raffle Donations: Do you have something of value that could be donated to the raffle that would help generate revenue for the outing. Are you a member of a Country Club and willing to host/donate a foursome? Any sports/concert tickets? Sports memorabilia? New Golf equipment?

All gifts are 100% tax deductible

For more information:

K.C. Or Jen Senk718-720-0960 or Eddie O'Neil 917-796-9479

