

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 11

5:00 JOHN F. SMITH 6TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 MARGARET MASTERSON

10:00 XUE QIANG ZHENG

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 JAMES PUCCIO

5:00 CARMEN GARCIA 14TH ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, MAY 13

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

9:00 AL ROSS

TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:00 CARL REINA II 2ND ANNIVERSARY

9:00 ANGELO SANTORO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7:00 MARY D'AMATO

9:00 IRENE AMESSE

THURSDAY, MAY 16

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

9:00 ALICE & FRANCIS HEALY

FRIDAY, MAY 17

7:00 DONALD TARASOVIS

9:00 JANE & JACK GORDON

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:00 WILLIAM & DOROTHY MEAGHER

5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:00 JOHN LORENZO

8:30 PAUL BERNARDI

10:00 MICHAEL PILLARELLA

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 JENNIE YEZZI

5:00 MACCANA HAUPRICH BLESSING FOR HER 8TH BIRTHDAY

The Bread and Wine are for Special Intentions for the new Pope requested by Sarah MacDermott.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Edith and Stanley Modzelewski requested by Rosetta Messina.

Lectors May 18 and 19

Saturday, May 18

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, May 19

7:00 Theresa Zulch

8:30 Kennedy Apoe

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Maria Montuori

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Sacred Heart Youth Group

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

Collection for May 5

Regular \$8,552.50
 Monthly \$2,625.00
 Church in Central and Eastern Europe \$793.00
 Cross Road Foundation Mothers' Day Canister Collection today after each Mass.

2013 Cardinal's Appeal

Goal \$85,500.00
 Pledge \$71,596.00
 Number of Gifts 129

2014 MASS BOOK opens Thurs., May 23 from 10AM-12PM and 1:30-3:00PM. For more than 3 Masses please make a list and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket; we will book the Masses on, or as close to, your dates as possible. Confirmation and payment details will be sent to you. Thank you, Nora

THE BLESSED MOTHER - "UNTIER OF KNOTS"

Recently I was talking with a couple who were planning a wedding for next year. The fiancé was a religious man and mentioned that he always prayed to Mary. Apparently, his grandmother, a nice old Italian woman, had always told him, "Sonny, it's the Blessed Mother who will get you out of any "jams" you get into during this life." No doubt that is very true!

I did not have any occasion to think about his comment until last week, when I was purchasing some items at a religious goods store in Brooklyn. The owner of the store asked me to bless an image of Mary that he was selling. He said, "Father have you ever seen this picture? It's Our Lady, the untier of knots!" I blessed the picture but I told him that I had never heard of such devotion.

The picture showed Our Lady with cords in her hand which she had obviously untied. When I asked the store manager about the devotion, he said, "Apparently, "Our Lady, Untier of Knots," is a favorite devotion of the new Pope." And after doing a little research, I found that to be true.

Pope Francis, when he was Father Jorge Bergoglio, was a student in Germany. In a church in Bavaria, he was stunned by a beautiful painting entitled, "Holy Mary, Untier of Knots." The future pope obtained a copy of the painting, and brought it back to Argentina, where he promoted devotion to Our Lady under this title. Apparently, the devotion caught on with the faithful in Argentina.

The theology of Mary as "The Undoer of Knots," goes right back to the earliest history of the Church. In the second century, there was a great saint by the name of Irenaeus. Saint Irenaeus wrote, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of

Mary...what Eve bound first through unbelief, Mary set free through faith."

I think it's true to say that like that old Italian grandmother put it, we all can get into "jams" in this life. As a priest for almost twenty-five years, I can attest to the fact that some people can get themselves into some pretty tightly wound knots morally speaking! And we all know that some knots are almost impossible to unloosen. But the Blessed Mother Mary can do it! Through her powerful grace and intercession she can unbind any knot, as tough as it might be.

Today on Mother's Day, as we honor our earthly mothers, what a consolation for us to know that all of us have a Mother in Heaven who is so very concerned for her children. Mary does not want any of us to be "jammed up" or bound fast by sin and unhappiness. So let us go to her often in prayer and devotion.

When we feel knotted up by life's problems and trials let us say our Rosary and offer our prayers to the Mother of God. May we reflect upon these beautiful verses,

"In danger, in straits, in doubts, think of Mary, and call upon Mary. Following her, you will not lose your way; praying to her you will not despair, thinking of her you will not go astray, under her protection you will have no fear!"

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

SACRED HEART PARISH MAY CROWNING May 19 on the front lawn of the rectory following the 11:30AM Mass. All children who received First Holy Communion this year are asked to come in their Communion outfits and participate in this special parish event.





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.

CCD - May Classes - 15, 22 and 29

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP Next meeting Sun., May 19. All high school students are welcome. Please join us at the 5PM Mass. The meeting follows the Mass.

AUDITIONS - SACRED HEART PARISH PLAYERS
Present "Aida" Audition dates: May 21-23 6-9PM at Sacred Heart School. Open to anyone ages 11-25. Performance Dates: August 16-18. Directed by: Michael Taccetta. For more information email sacredheartplayers@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8TH SACRED HEART FAMILY CAMP OUT 1PM Kaufmann Campgrounds Paddle boats with lifeguard, basketball, baseball field, fire pit. Hamburgers and hotdogs included-\$40 per family. Call Tim O'Halloran 646-206-9374 for information.

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A NEW 2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA Chances sold after each Mass on Sunday. For details call 347-861-5702.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MAY 18 & 19

Saturday, May 18

5:00 Sam Medina, Peter LaPeruta

Sunday, May 19

7:00 James Esco, Steven Mickel

8:30 Shea Murphy, Matthew Miller

10:00 Andrew Johnson, Jonathan Montemayor

11:30 Elizabeth Althoff, John Altschuler, Thomas Laub

1:00 Danielle & Michael Riccardi, Luisa Montuori

5:00 Chris Riccardi, Albert Cardone

Choir News

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Mother's Day Choir Mass Don't miss Parish/Portugal Choirs beautiful and devout choral liturgy today celebrating Mother's Day; the 7th Sunday of Easter and, of course, offerings to the Blessed Mother 11:30AM!!

Spring Brides please come up to the choir loft for your music consultation for your wedding after any 1PM Mass on Sunday-no appointment necessary - just come on up!

Put away a hymnbook! Please check the back of your hymnbook after Mass and see if it is located in the correct space:

Left Side Altar

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Right Side

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Rack # refers to book rack number not pew number!!

Thanks for your help!! Our hymnbooks save \$10,000 a year and are beloved treasures to the families who memorialized them!!

Easter Blessings and Peace!

Pamela 442-0058 VM24

Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Come sing with us in Portugal 2013! Put away a hymnbook!

ST. PETER'S BOYS DRAMA presents *The Phantom of the Opera* May 17, 18 and 19 - 200 Clinton Ave. All shows start 7:30PM. Ticket prices: \$12 in advance, \$10 students with ID and Senior Citizens. Tickets at the door-\$15. Please call/text 718-801-3334 or email to stpetersdrama4@gmail.com for tickets.

ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION AT OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL

May 17 in Msgr. Vecchini Hall (gym)- doors open 6PM/drawings begin 7PM. Admission \$5 (12 and under-\$3). For information call 718-442-3411.

