

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 16

5:00 JOAN TAYLOR

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:00 DORIS SWEENEY
8:30 ELEANOR TORKELSON
10:00 YIN LIAN CHEN
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARGARET SIX
5:00 FLORENCE FORLENZA

MONDAY, MAY 18

7:00 AMELIA GONZALEZ
9:00 ALLEN SHERMAN

TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:00 AGATHA PETROLINO
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN &
LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 DONALD TARASOVIS
9:00 THOMAS A. FARIGNO

THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:00 FR. JAMES CASSIDY
9:00 BRENDAN HOEY

FRIDAY, MAY 22

7:00 POPE JOHN PAUL II
9:00 CLISTA MARTIN

SATURDAY, MAY 23

9:00 MARY MOORE
5:00 THOMAS KOPF

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN &
MCCAULEY FAMILY
8:30 AL AMORE
10:00 AIDEEN O'SULLIVAN
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARGARET & HAROLD OLIVE
5:00 MICHAEL MANDA

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Kevin Campbell 10th Anniversary requested by the Campbell Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Margaret and Leo C. Masterson requested by their daughter Lynn.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 23

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, May 24

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis Charlie Blaich
8:30 Charles Romanelli Mary Romanelli
10:00 Roy Hansen Pat Jezycki
11:30 Ken Wisniewski Regina Torello
1:00 Stephen Brown John Mooney
5:00 Jane Coyle Amal Hanna



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Joyce Rusinak, 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, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Joe Meagher, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, James Bauer, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Julie Scarcella, Ambre Witte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter

WEDDING BANNS

I Rachel Lafata and John Sears

Collection May 10

Regular \$7,899.50
Monthly \$2,734.00
Mothers' Day \$1,618.00

Next Monday, May 25th, the Rectory Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

GOAL \$87,000.00
PLEDGE \$94,151.00
NUMBER OF GIFTS 160

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of Maria Da Rocha

SAY YES TO THE ...VOW!

A couple of years ago, I conducted a wedding Mass for a beautiful couple here in the parish who now have three wonderful children. Several weeks before the marriage, the bride to be came in to see me and to ask a favor. She told me that the director of a TV show had contacted her and asked if they could film her wedding.

The name of the TV show which I had never heard of, was called "*Say Yes to the Dress*." Apparently, it's a reality show hosted out of the Kleinfeld Bridal Shop in Manhattan. The program focuses upon all the accoutrements and preparations involved in planning out a wedding ceremony.

Well, I allowed the filming and the wedding Mass went off very well, very few distractions! The show that was filmed at Sacred Heart was shown several times on television and one good thing that came out of it was that some of my old parishioners now living out in Chicago, saw the program and phoned me to say how beautiful the church is here and that the ceremony was great.

I was thinking about that show "*Say Yes to the Dress*" when I read a speech that Pope Francis recently gave about marriage in the Vatican. The Holy Father said this: "It's not just a ceremony that takes place in the church with flowers, a dress and photographs. Christian marriage is a sacrament that happens in the church, but it also makes the Church. It starts a new family life." Those are very perceptive words from the Pope.

Often I remind prospective brides and grooms that they are preparing for more than just one special day but rather, they should be getting themselves ready for a lifetime together. Sure, we want the wedding day to be as wonderful as possible!

So the dress, the flowers, the music, the

Unity Candle, the magnificent church that we have here at Sacred Heart all play a central part in a sacred and meaningful celebration of marital love. But of course, that love must continue to endure and grow long after all the rice is thrown, the bubbles blown and the honeymoon is over.

Catholic marriage is different. As the Pope reminds us it is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ. Every sacrament confers special graces. Through the Sacrament of Marriage a man and a woman receive the grace to persevere in their commitment. In reality, Christ should be a "third partner" in every marriage - He is always there as a helper, a guide and a consoler.

During the wedding Mass or ceremony, the couple face each other and they join their hands. They then recite vows, sacred promises to God that they will be faithful to each other until "death do us part!" That is something awesome! But it is not often easy to keep those vows today when difficulties and problems occur in life. That is why married couples should "tap " into the graces that the sacrament affords them.

The old marriage ritual had an exhortation before the vows that offered some advice to couples: "There are problems which might be difficult, but genuine love can make them easy, and perfect love can make them a joy." When couples truly love each other and love Almighty God, there can be no difficulty, no problem, and no hurdle they cannot surmount.

Let us pray today for all married couples. May they not only say "yes to the dress" but also "Yes" to each other in faithfulness and love!

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.

Considering a Catholic elementary school for your child? Please call the school office at 718-442-0347 to schedule an appointment to visit Sacred Heart School for **TOURING TUESDAY** on June 2nd from 9 to 11AM.

A MEMORIAL MASS honoring Sr. Eileen Grubert (Sr. Thomas Marian) and Sr. Marguerite Mahony will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, May 31 at 11:30AM. All are invited to celebrate these two special women, who touched the lives of Sacred Heart School families for so many years.

In addition, anyone who would like to make a monetary donation in the Sisters' names, to assist in the education of current Sacred Heart School students, is asked to send checks made out to Sacred Heart School c/o Mrs. Maureen Xuereb, 12 Donald Place, SI, NY 10310. Checks may also be sent to the school, but please specify that the funds are intended for the Sisters' Scholarship Fund.

CCD Class - May 20

CROSS ROAD CANISTER COLLECTION A GREAT SUCCESS

Once again our parishioners have come through for needy mothers in a big way. The collection taken outside church after the Masses on Mothers' Day for the crisis pregnancy center located at Victory Blvd. and Clove Road amounted to \$1709.

The members of the Holy Name Society and the many other volunteer collectors who accepted your contributions extend their heartfelt thanks.

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.

Choir News

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

It's 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!

France Voyager Choir!

Oo-la-la!! Airfares are in for the Choirtour/Pilgrimage to France Feb. 16-23. 2016...Great nonstop flight!! Great fare!! Hop on board!! Questions??

Pamela 442-0058 (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 Tuesday, May 19.**

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MAY 23 & 24

Saturday, May 23

5:00 Sean Hartnett, Daniel Ramirez

Sunday, May 24

7:00 Mary, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

8:30 Michele Chen, Andrew Fraunberg

10:00 Joseph & Christopher Basile

11:30 Stephen, Megan & Sarah Lauren

1:00 Albert Cardone, Margaret Donovan

5:00 David & Billy Albro