

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

5:00 JOHN F. SMITH

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

8:30 BEN ZARRELLI

10:00 XUE QIAN ZHEN

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 ANDREW FRANCIS KELLY

5:00 RUSSELL WARREN

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

7:00 EMMA STIERING

9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SOVA FAMILY

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR THOSE WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

9:00 PHILIP MARGHERITA

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

7:00 KATHLEEN DOWD MURPHY

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

7:00 CATHERINE LONG & ROBERT LONG

9:00 EUGENE & CLARE DUCLOS

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

7:00 HAROLD ECKMANN

9:00 VAN WORKUM FAMILY

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

9:00 NANCY SPINELLI 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

7:00 ELEANOR TORKELSON

8:30 ALICE PERRY

10:00 NEVILLE FERNANDO

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 VERONICA BUDNICK & ANNA MARIE HELEWA

5:00 MARGARET MASTERSON

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of Barbara and Frank Schneider.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Aniello Diorio requested by JoAnn Delahunt and Family.

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, May 9**

5:00 Mary Rosso

**Sunday, May 10**

7:00		John Mooney
8:30	Don O'Shea	Evelyn Bilotto
10:00	Frank DiSalvo	Dorothy Tarafa
11:30	Ken Wisniewski	Regina Torello
1:00	Charles Sullivan	Shirley Fennell
5:00	Efrain Ortiz	Wanda Ortiz

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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, Diane Gregorio, 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 Kieseewetter

**Newly Baptized**

John Joseph Caccese  
Ryann Curley  
Makayla Ann Lazo  
Mia Claire Murante  
Mason Frank Rodriguez  
Domenico Spedale  
Mateo Anthony Varvaro  
Myles Richard Canio Wilson

**Collection April 26**

Regular ..... \$6,302.50  
50/50 ..... \$475.00  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Francis on winning the April 50/50.

The Second Collection this weekend is for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

## BABY TALK...

One of the questions that priests ask couples preparing for marriage is, "Do you understand that marriage is geared to having children and raising a family?" Of course, they must answer "Yes." Openness to offspring is one of the three "Goods" of marriage. But what if a married couple discovers that for some reason or another they cannot conceive a child? What options are open to them?

Of course, they may always adopt a child. Although it is a lengthy process, most couples who adopt a baby are very happy with the result and are thrilled when they receive a child. But today in our technological society, some married couples may not opt for adoption but would rather try other means.

One of the other means today is what is called "IVF" or "In Vitro" Fertilization. "In Vitro" literally means "in a glass." It refers to a process. In Vitro Fertilization brings about life in a glass or Petri dish. The babies born this way are sometimes called "test tube" babies. Actually, the first IVF or "test tube" baby to be born was way back in 1978, Louise Brown from England. Since that time there have been over one million IVF babies born.

In this procedure, an egg is removed from a woman's ovaries, harvested and fertilized with a man's sperm in a laboratory. Then after a few days it is implanted in the woman's uterus where hopefully it will come to full term. Now many people think that this is a good thing. Well, of course it is a good thing that a healthy child is born into this world. But what about the means to the end? Even if an end result is good morally speaking, we must never do something wrong in order to obtain it.

The Catholic Church opposes In Vitro Fertilization because it eliminates the marriage act itself as a means of achieving pregnancy. A new life therefore does not come from a man

and a woman making love but rather in a laboratory. The husband and wife are just the donors of egg and sperm which are used then by a lab technician to generate a new life.

At times, other donors are employed in this procedure which opens another whole "can of worms." This could mean that the real father or mother of a child is a person outside of the marriage itself. But there are other problems when IVF is used. One terrible reality is that with In Vitro Fertilization, several embryos are created but only the one that shows the most promising potential is harvested. The others are simply discarded as refuse. This is a terrible violation of human life as several lives are just snuffed out simultaneously without any qualms.

Research also reveals that some children born through IVF had a greater propensity for birth defects. Furthermore, in this regard, there are psychological aspects for the children involved that the parents never even thought of. Several children born this way have vocalized their concerns about how they came into this world. "They feel "adrift" because they are alienated from a biological father.

Recently I also read about a phenomena known as "three parent babies." In this procedure, human offspring is generated with three genetic parents and the baby's DNA comes from a third party. Reproduction technology has really become an industry in this country. But we as a nation need to look at what we are doing and the overall ethical implications.

Certainly technology should be used to assist infertile couples to have children but in the natural way. Human life is a precious gift from God who is the author of all life. After all children are conceived and not constructed!

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 6, 13, 20  
May 9 - First Holy Communion -  
11:00AM in the church  
1:00PM in the church

### MOTHERS' DAY CANISTER COLLECTION

Pregnant. Alone. No one to help. That was the situation Island women found themselves in twenty or so years ago.

Fortunately, two men from a South Shore parish decided to do something about it. They began a small referral and support service called Cross Road.

Today, Cross Road Foundation, located at 1152 Victory Blvd. is a fully functioning crisis-pregnancy and maternal support center.

Our parish has been a major benefactor of Cross Road from the year of its beginning. Every Mothers' Day we have a canister collection outside the church to help the Foundation give a hand to women who have no one else who will help them.

Father Jerome has once again given permission for members of the Holy Name Society and other parish volunteers to take your contributions next Sunday, May 10. Please be generous.

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will meet on Sunday, May 10 at the 8:30AM Mass with a breakfast immediately following in the school cafeteria. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MAY 9 & 10

#### Saturday, May 9

5:00 Matthew & Chris Riccardi

#### Sunday, May 10

7:00 William Hollnsteiner, Vincent Caprio

8:30 James Esco, Daniel Ramirez

10:00 Timothy Donnelly, Austin Maida

11:30 Vicky Bruno, Marc Artuz

1:00 Bernard Daniels, Jr., Patrick Buzzard

5:00 Sean Hartnett, Thomas Laub

## Choir News

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Family Choir (ages 0-110+) sings today, May 3, 2015 11:30AM Mass (Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!) Come on up!! Bring the entire family!!  
France Voyager Choir joins Family Choir today for 11:30 AM Mass 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter!! Inspiring, glorious music - don't miss it!!  
Parish Choir sings for Mothers' Day - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 11:30 AM. Want to join us in the loft for Mothers' Day Mass? Come to rehearsal 7:30PM Church Basement - See you there!  
Hop on board the choir train!! There are many wonderful choral liturgies ahead-See you in the loft!!  
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 Chortour/Pilgrimage Great Cathedrals France 2016!

**YAC BARN DANCE** Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Sacred Heart Gym from 7 to 11PM. Line dancing, BBQ dinner. Contacts: Kathy Evans 917-697-7911, Cindy O'Halloran 646-732-1771, Jen Senk 917-881-8448.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> or Sun., June 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**MAY SPIRITUALITY GROUPS** Ignatian Prayer Group May 9, 2015 at Holy Family after the 8:30 Mass - basement meeting room - prayer beginning at 9:15.

### **CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

GOAL	\$87,000.00
PLEDGE	\$86,826.00
NUMBER OF GIFTS	144