

THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

5:00 THOMAS KOPF & MARGARET & GEORGE KOPF

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 EDWARD & DORIS SWEENEY
8:30 GERARD CRANE
10:00 JOHN COONEY
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 PETER CHIASERA
5:00 FELIX GILROY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00 NANCY MC VEY
9:00 RAFAELLA TIERNO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00 CHARLES, MARY & CHARLES DONOHUE
9:00 NICHOLAS TORELLO

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00 JOHN M. MURPHY
9:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 CATHERINE PANGBORN
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY
9:00 PAT O'CONNOR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
5:00 JOSEFINA VAN WORKUM

SUNDAY, November 15

7:00 STEPHEN SILLER
8:30 MARIA LA ROCHA
10:00 MICHAEL MUSTILLO, JR.
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 RICHARD DE FORGE
5:00 FELIX GILROY

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Msgr. A. Quinn.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Dr. James Barry Halligan.

Flowers on the Altar are donated for a Special Intention.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, November 14

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

Sunday, November 15

7:00 Theresa Zulch
8:30 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D' Antuonno
10:00 Roy Hansen Dorothy Tarafa
11:30 Maria Montuori Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell
5:00 Efrain Ortiz Wanda Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, 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, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Frances Bocignone, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Robert Pepe

Collection November 1

Regular \$8230.00
All Saints Day \$2609.00

Wedding Banns

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Newly Baptized

Ryan Edward Watson, Jr.
Darius Herman Katumba
Emma Rose Werner
Mason Daniel Baker

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In November, we are particularly sensitive to the things of eternity. We pray in a special way for our beloved dead. *It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they be loosed from sins.* (2 Maccabees 12:46). We consider the four last things that each and every human being must face eventually: death, judgement, Heaven or Hell.

Each of us will die. The Apostles says: *For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come.* (Hebrews 13:14). One theologian wrote about death and said, "A company of men will process out to a churchyard and lower a coffin and everyone will go home; but one will not come back, and that will be me. They will bury me as a thing that is superfluous and disturbing in the land of the living." People fear death because the love of life is part of human nature. This is why after Jesus predicted His saving death on numerous occasions and even looked forward to it with a deep yearning - so much did He love us, nevertheless, He prayed three times in the garden during His agony right before His arrest that the cup of suffering would pass Him by. People fear death also because they know that usually the soul separates from the body during a time of great suffering. Perhaps the biggest source of fear at the hour of death is the fear of the unknown. No one knows where he or she will go after death. Who knows how each of us will fare on the Day of Judgement?

Moreover, it is the opinion of many of the early Church Fathers, that everyone sees the Devil at the moment of drawing his last breath, if not before. The evil one knows that he has one final assault available to him to lead the dying person to damnation. St. Cyril of Alexandria once wrote to St. Augustine in the fifth century to tell him about a man who returned to his body after being dead for a short time. That man told St. Cyril: "As the hour of my departure drew near, a multitude of devils, countless in number, came and stood around me. Their forms were more horrible than anything imaginable. One would rather be burnt in the fire than be compelled to look upon them. These demons ranged themselves around me, and reproached me with all the misdeeds I had ever done, thinking to drive me to despair. And in fact I would have surrendered to them, had not God in His mercy come to my aid."

The next of the four last things is judgement: *For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.* (2 Corinthians 5:19). One can only imagine the intensity of that moment: *It is*

a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

(Hebrews 10:31). The Abbot Agathon, well known for his holiness, was overwhelmed with fear as he lay on his death bed. His fellow monks said to him: "Why are you afraid, reverend Father? You have led such a pious life!" But he answered them: "The judgements of God are very different from the judgements of man." As the soul is brought to the judgement seat of Christ it can be terrified since that soul knows that his Judge is all-knowing and cannot deceive nor be deceived. He is all-powerful. He is the God of justice and the most strict of judges, to whom sin is so hateful that He will not allow the slightest transgression to pass unpunished. The prophet Habbkuk says to God: *Your eyes are too pure to look upon wickedness and the sight of evil You cannot endure.* (1:13). On the day of judgement the soul is aware that the sentence that Christ the King declares cannot be revoked. He is the Truth. There is no appeal to a higher court and it is useless for that soul to complain of the sentence. That reward or punishment articulated on that day is everlasting.

But it is thus that Heaven is to be won! Blessed John Henry Newman once said, "Heaven at present is out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it, on which at present it depends." More will be said about Heaven (and Hell) in the next installment.

In conclusion, that death and judgement are truly moments of great awe because of sin, who can deny it? However, evil does not have the last word. Jesus does. He is the One who by dying and rising conquered evil. He is the God of love who loves each of us as if that person were the only person He has in His life to love. On the day of judgement we would rather be judged by Jesus Christ than by our own mothers.

Father Eric

P.S. Two good books on the subject are *The Four Last Things* by Martin Von Cochem and *The Last Things* by Regis Martin.

Mass of Thanksgiving -Tuesday, Nov 24th at 7:30 pm in the church. All parishioners are invited to attend. The 3rd & 4th grade students from Sacred Heart School and CCD will be dressed in costumes of the First Thanksgiving participants - Pilgrims and Native Americans. Each family is asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the needy.

CCD NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Class Dates - Nov 18th

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Nov 15th - 11:30 AM

Thanksgiving Mass - November 24th 7:30 PM
please bring a canned good for the needy of our parish. The 3rd and 4th grade will dress up as Pilgrims and Native Americans. Flyer will be sent home.

High School CYO Basketball

9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade boys and girls interested in playing CYO basketball for Sacred Heart can register in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, Nov 11th from 6 to 8pm. \$225 for returning players not needing a jersey; \$250 w/ jersey. Bring photocopy of high school ID card.

Sacred Heart School - Pro Wrestling Event

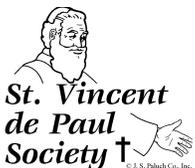
Sacred Heart School presents Pro-Wrestling "Live" in the school auditorium at 301 North Burgher Avenue on November 14th. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the door. Doors open at 6:30. Great entertainment for all ages!

Sacred Heart Home School Association

Murder at the Masquerade -Sat, Nov 21st at 7pm in the school auditorium -\$50 pp includes buffet, soda, coffee & tea. Contact Kim Barone (718) 983-2586, Joanne Buscemi (516)987-5492, Ann Gould (917) 873-5784.



The students of Sacred Heart School are proud to announce their first Veteran's Day celebration. Veteran family members of our students have been invited to attend a special assembly on Tues, Nov 10th, where they will be honored and recognized for their admirable service to our country.



There will be a special collection next Sunday, Nov 15th for The St. Vincent de Paul Society to aid their efforts in providing Thanksgiving dinners to the needy.

Choir News

Parish Choir/France Voyager Choir sings Nov. 8 at 1:00 PM for Fr. Eric's Installation Mass Come to our next rehearsal and *join us* as we prepare for Fr. Eric's Mass and the *Holidays!!!* Bring your *sons, daughters, grandchild* (9 and over) and begin the *priceless tradition of singing together from the Mysteries of Advent* through our *beautiful Midnight Mass!* (And beyond, if you can!) See you Wednesday Nov. 18th at 8pm in the (Rectorry Basement Parish Hall) *Questions?* 718-442-0058 (VM 24) Pamela

Kids Praise Choir (ages 5-grade 5) is back in the Chapel for rehearsal on Wednesday's (5-6pm)! Hop on Board! *Questions?* Registration form required! Free!!Pamela (VM24) See you Wed. November 4 at 5pm in the Chapel!

Fall/Winter Brides Every bride must come to a consultation in the choir loft after any Sunday 1PM Mass, to discuss your music selections for your wedding. You must do so at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding or traditional selections will be made for you. See you in the loft! *Questions?* Pamela VM24 Which choir are U joining this fall? Join a choir today! *Questions?* Pamela (718-442-0058) VM 24 Come to France with us! Buy a CD! Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook!

Senior Lessons at Blessed Sacrament Parish Art

Experience and share the fun of Watercolor Art, on Wednesdays from 11:00 Am to 1:30 PM. Beginners are welcome! Fee is \$10.00 per session. Fred Sklenar, the instructor is a professional painter and art teacher. Call 718-447-9657 to enroll.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 14 & NOVEMBER 15

Saturday, Nov. 14

5:00 Kelly O'Neil & Marc Artuz

Sunday, Nov.15

7:00 Mary, Sioban & Kathleen McCafferty

8:30 Albert Cardone & Elizabeth Eadicicco

10:00 Austin Maida & Jack Lotito

11:30 Matthew Kalikas & Margaret Donovan

1:00 Timothy Donnelly & Sean Hartnett

5:00 Matthew Ahearn & Bernard Daniels, Jr.