

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:00 THOMAS KOPF

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 ANNA & WILLIAM WILSON  
8:30 WILLIAM, ANNA & JAMES MAINE  
10:00 VINCENT MECCA-3RD ANNIVERSARY  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BRANDEFINE FAMILY  
5:00 STELLA SUTERA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 MARGARET MASTERSON  
9:00 FRANCIS FAMILY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 NANCY MCVEY  
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FISCHITTI & NICHOLAIS FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY  
9:00 BRENDAN HOEY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI  
9:00 NICHOLAS & ADELINE CARDUCCI

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 CHARLES M. BLAICH  
9:00 RITA SYKES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 CORINE O'BRIEN & JOSEPH F. O'BRIEN  
5:00 FRANK & BETTY BARRY & ELIZABETH LEE BARRY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MCCAULY FAMILIES  
8:30 AL & SUE AMORE  
10:00 CURTIS ROHRIG  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 SR. MARGUERITE MAHONEY  
5:00 REV. VINCENT GERALD DEFAZIO

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Thomas J., Virginia and Gerard Crane requested by the Crane Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Margaret Masterson requested by her family.

Flowers on the altar are donated for a Special Intention.

LECTORS

5:00 Bill Jones

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis

8:30 Charles Romanelli

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Stephen Brown

5:00 Fred Maley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 24

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, October 25

Mary Romanelli

Pat Jezycki

Regina Torello

John Mooney

Shirley Fennell



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

*Newly Baptized*

Emma Rose Gomes

Shane Thomas DeCristoforo

Daniel Antonio Rojas Jr.

Kayla Rose Theurer

Oneli Mallawarachchi

Collection October 11

Regular ..... \$6825.00

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is World Mission Sunday. We pay homage to missionaries. We pray for their work to be blessed. We make financial contributions.

According to the Catechism, the Church has the obligation and also the sacred right to evangelize all men. One religion is not as good as another. Although God wills that all men be saved (1 Tim 2:4), not everyone is saved. God is not at fault in this. Human free will is the cause. Jesus, our Lord, once said: *Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to damnation, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life (eternal). And those who find it are few. (Mt 7:14).*

It is false to assert that people can be saved equally in every religion. Christ spoke of the necessity of Baptism before He ascended into Heaven. He told His Apostles: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mk 16:15-16).* He also spoke of the necessity of the Eucharist for salvation in John 6: *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you do not have life within you. (v. 53).*

Can non-Catholics be saved? Why send missionaries to them? Is it so imperative that we bring the Catholic religion to the world?

It has been continuously taught as official doctrine by the *magisterium* (the teaching office) of Catholicism that outside of the Church there is no salvation. On the other hand, there are indications that non-Catholics can be saved. St. Gregory of Nazianzus in 374 spoke at his father's funeral. The man was a non-believer. Gregory said: His manner of life made him one of us. Just as there are many of our own who are not with us, whose lives alienate them from the common body (the Church), so too there are many of those outside (the Church) who belong really to us, men whose devout conduct anticipates their faith. They lack only the name (Catholic) of which in fact they possess." Even St. Paul said in Romans Chapter 2 (14-16), *"When the Gentiles who do not have the law by nature observe (the prescriptions of) the law, they are a law for themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts..."*

A non-Catholic can be saved only if he has the desire to be saved through the Church. This desire can be either explicit or implicit. The desire is explicit in the case of catechumens, those preparing to enter the Church. Take, for instance, one of our RICA candidates preparing to receive Baptism and Confirmation. If that person dies he can go to Heaven even without the

sacraments, since he has an explicit desire to enter into Catholicism. It's explicit since he openly manifested his intention to join our religion. There are also those who have an implicit desire to be saved through the Church. This is the case of an individual who is ignorant of the necessity to be a Catholic in order to go to Heaven, and that person just couldn't help it. Thus, we call this invincible ignorance. If that person knew that it is necessary to enter the Church he would do so. Hence, we see he has an implicit or implied desire. Pope Blessed Pius IX put it well in 1863 (*Quanto conficiamur*). He said:

*"...those who are afflicted with invincible ignorance with regard to our holy religion, if they carefully keep the precepts of the natural law (that have been written by God in the hearts of all men,) if they are prepared to obey God, and if they lead a virtuous and dutiful life, they can attain eternal life by the power of divine light and grace. For God...will not permit, in accordance with His infinite goodness and mercy, anyone who is not guilty of a voluntary fault to suffer eternal punishment. However,...those who obstinately oppose the authority and definitions of that Church, and who stubbornly remain separated from the (unity of the ) Church and from (the successor of St. Peter,) the Roman Pontiff, cannot obtain salvation."*

This teaching was reiterated by Pope Pius XII, as well as by the Second Vatican Council and even by Pope St. John Paul II. It is also mentioned in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1993 (846-7).

In conclusion, on this World Mission Sunday perhaps we can consider these things. Consider what a great privilege it is to be a practicing Catholic. Consider that because of God's mercy, we are entitled to a certain amount of hope for the salvation for our loved ones who are non-Catholics or fallen-away Catholics. Of course, this hope is placed in proper context by the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, who, in *Lumen Gentium* 16c pointed out that although those who have not heard the Gospel can be saved under the conditions mentioned above, "often" this is not the case. Hence, we should pray each day for the conversion on non-Catholics and fallen-away Catholics. We pray for them not as their judges. Faith and salvation is a great grace. We pray and offer sacrifices for these people because we love them, and we wish that they be saved. And we know that since salvation is so important it must be entrusted to the true religion started by the Lord Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. Please join me in praying for all missionaries and for the conversion of people everywhere, and may our own relationship with Christ deepen in love.

Father Eric

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE OCTOBER 24 & 25**

**Saturday, Oct. 24**

5:00 Kathleen, Mary & Siobhan McCafferty

**Sunday, Oct. 25**

7:00 Ryan Virga & Noelle Ehresman

8:30 Patrick & Keifer Regan

10:00 Sean Hartnett & Michele Chen

11:30 John & Michael Manning

1:00 David & Billye Albro

5:00 Timothy & Eric Koleci

**CCD OCTOBER CLASS SCHEDULE**

October 21 & 28.

**ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY HOMECOMING**

Sunday, October 25, 2015, Mass at 11am in the Chapel with a luncheon to follow in Founder's Hall (Located on Landis Ave). All alumnae are welcome with special recognition given to those who graduated in years ending in "0" and "5". RSVP by October 18. The price is \$35 per person in advance and \$40 at the door. All proceeds benefit the St. John Villa Academy Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund. Any questions, please contact Judy White '76 Birmingham at 718-227-2189 or via email at alumnaehs@sjva.org

**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.

**2016 MASS BOOK** is open. For more than 3 Masses please make a list and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket; Masses will be booked on, or as close to your dates as possible. Confirmation and payment details will be sent to you.

So nice to have Parish Choir back in the loft! Their next rehearsal is Wed., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 8-9:15pm Basement/Rectory and they will sing for the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30 AM Mass. Don't miss it! Better yet, come to rehearsal and join us!! We always need more members and this is a great time to Hop on Board for the Fall and Christmas! 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. October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm in the Chapel!

Aunt Sue! Uncle Joe! Baby Chloe! See you in the loft for Family Choir - November 1<sup>st</sup> Feast of All Saints 11:30am Come on up! Bring the entire family!

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!

**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.

Bible Study



**FLOWER DONATIONS** Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.