

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

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 &  
FORTUNATO CABANTUG  
1:00 SR. MARGUERITE MAHONEY  
5:00 REV. VINCENT GERALD DEFAZIO

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26**

7:00 SCOTT WUENSCH  
9:00 JOHN M. MURPHY

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

7:00 GLADYS DOLAN  
9:00 GRACE STANGH

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

7:00 JOANNE ALTAMIRANO  
9:00 GERARD CRANE

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**

7:00 TOM TORMEY  
9:00 STANLEY MODZELEWSKI

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**

7:00 JUAN BAUTISTA ALMANZAR  
9:00 AL ROSS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

9:00 DOMINICK J. COLACI  
5:00 BERNARD O'NEILL

**SUNDAY, November 1**

7:00 EDWARD SWEENEY  
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI  
10:00 XUE QIAN ZHEN  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RIMBAN &  
RAMIRAY FAMILIES  
5:00 KATHY ZITO

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Rachael Flagiello** requested by the Christine Flagiello and family.

Flowers on the Altar are donated for a Special Intention. Flowers are donated for the Infant Jesus.

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

	<b>Saturday, November 7</b>	
5:00	Frank Ponterio	Pat Foley
	<b>Sunday, November 8</b>	
7:00	Vincent O' Grady	
8:30	Charles Romanelli	Maryann Gambardella
10:00	Frank DiSalvo	Theresa Cunningham
11:30	Stephen Brown	Ken Wisniewski
1:00	Charles Sullivan	John Mooney
5:00	Jane Coyle	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 October 18**

Regular ..... \$7575.00  
Mission Sunday ..... \$1929.00

**Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Day.**

It is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The weekend mass schedule remains the same: Saturday 5pm and Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 5:00pm.

**FYI- Next Weekend Daylight Savings Time Ends- Turn your clocks back one hour!**

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Years ago there was a middle school football game: Somers versus John Jay. Before the game the two coaches got together and agreed to run a play called the "E.J. Shuffle". It was a play designed for Eugene Joseph Greczyo, an eighth grader who plays for Somers. E.J. has Down's Syndrome. At a certain point in the game Bud Von Heyn, the coach of Somers, called his team together and told them to get ready for the E. J. Shuffle. Then he called out to Coach Tepper of John Jay, 'Here we go, Jeff.' The play started out on the 35 yard line and it was a simple hand-off to E.J., who was instructed to follow his lead blockers. The quarterback handed it off to E.J., a stocky boy with a wobbling running style, and he took it up the sideline. There were shouts of "Go E.J. go!" from both sides of the field and from both teams. The opposing players made believe they were desperately trying to tackle him but kept missing. The coaches agreed after the game that they all deserved Academy Awards. After he scored the touchdown, which incidentally didn't count, but he didn't know that, E.J. was greeted with high fives and chest bumpings, as in the NFL. Coach Tepper said later, "My kids are still talking about it. On the bus back from the game, they were asking me, 'What's Down's Syndrome?' It was a great learning experience." After the touchdown E.J. was all pumped up and he kept calling out, "Mom, mom!" Then when he spotted her in the bleachers he put his thumbs up. In the interview later she said, "It blew me away. He looked like just a regular, typical kid out there. And when he came home, he said: 'Dad, I made a touchdown!' Then the reporter asked what her husband said. She answered, "You mean after he wiped away the tears?"

The Pep Rally Mass was scheduled for this weekend. It initiates our youth athletic season. I like this story about E.J.. It reminds us that good things happen in youth sports. Youth sports breeds positive attitudes. One sports psychologist put it well: "Being involved in athletic experiences isn't just about winning or losing. It's about more important things like effort, skill-building and team participation." Second, there's a lot of mentoring that takes place in which the youth bond with their coaches. The coaches are then in a position to promote virtue and good habits in the children of their charge. Third, youth athletics help a child to deal well with pressure. As the child learns how to maintain his composure in an anxious situation on the field he can more easily adapt to life's pressures in other areas. Fourth, the children in sports develop social skills. Moreover, they learn to put the common good of the team above their own personal preferences.

That kind of selflessness goes a long way in life does it not? Lastly, youth sports promote fair play. The child athlete learns that the rules of the game need to be respected. Our hope is that this dynamic will create in the child a

healthy appreciation for law in general -the law of God and the laws of civilization. In sum, youth sports are a very healthy way for children to spend that energy that they have (that we adults wish we could have). I am very glad that our sports program is so central to our parish culture. A very special 'thank you' to all of the volunteers in the Youth Athletic Commission (YAC) of Sacred Heart. Our congratulations to our young players! We're very proud of you!

Some parishioners have asked how our Outreach Program went. As you recall, following a novena at all the Masses, we phoned parishioners who have not been coming to Mass and invited them to meet and greet me, the new pastor, on Columbus Day. The gathering turned out to be very small-no more than a dining room table filled with yours truly and several parishioners-but it was delightful, truly. We really enjoyed getting to know each other.

Last weekend each parish of the Archdiocese was required to count parishioners attending Mass so that the chancery would have an accurate census. Our total was 820. This means that Mass attendance at Sacred Heart has been steady. In the last five years our Mass attendance each regular weekend has been between eight and nine hundred, unless the census was taken on the weekend of the Pep Rally Mass. In that case, the census went up by about three hundred souls. If you know any of these individuals who go to the Pep Rally Mass, but do not come to church otherwise, encourage them, out of charity, to consider coming to church more often. Our time left on earth is growing short.

Occasionally a beggar comes into the church building. Please tell such a person to go next door to the rectory. Please do not give the person money in the church. We will help them at the rectory in a variety of different ways, including packs of food from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There is a time and a place for everything. Giving money in the church or right outside will only encourage the beggar and any of his acquaintances to keep coming to Sacred Heart for donations and disrupt Mass or private prayer. Some of these individuals can be a little intimidating, as you know. I do not want our parishioners to feel uneasy in the nave of the church. That is the place of all places-to feel peaceful and safe.

This week I will be attending the New York Archdiocesan Pastor's Convention in Spring Lake, New Jersey. I will be gone all day Tuesday through Thursday. You can still reach me by email. God bless you!

Father Eric

### PASTOR'S INSTALLATION MASS

Father Eric's Installation Mass will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 1pm in the Church with Bishop O'Hara. All are invited to the mass. Refreshments follow in the school cafeteria immediately following the Mass.

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will gather for the 10 AM Mass Sunday, November 1st and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.

### **OKTOBERFEST**

We thank everyone who participated in the Oktoberfest Celebration. A special thanks to the volunteers: Tim Donnelly, Kathy Evans, KC Senk, Scott Kuhl, Pawel Kaleta, Pete and Joanne Buscemi, Sean McCafferty, Ann Gould, Chip McClean, Vivian Puca and Neil Harnett.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1**

#### **Saturday, Oct. 31**

5:00 Deidre & John McCafferty

#### **Sunday, Nov. 1**

7:00 Michael & John Manning

8:30 Albert Cardone & Elizabeth Eadicicco

10:00 Bernard Daniels & Matthew Kalikas

11:30 Sarah & Megan Lauren

1:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

5:00 Chris Basile & Austin Maida

### **CCD UPCOMING CLASS SCHEDULE**

October 28, November 4 & 18th

### **HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:**

St. Joseph-by-the Sea, Sunday October 25, 2015  
for Boys from 12:00pm-3:00pm

### **THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS TO RESTOCK ITS FOOD PANTRY.**

Please donate one or more of these non-perishable food items: canned soups, canned vegetables, canned or jar fruit, tuna fish, pasta, rice, canned broth, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned or bottled juices. Donations can be dropped off in the church vestibule. Please check expiration dates on all donated food. We cannot distribute expired food. Thank you.

Parish Choir/France Voyager Choir sings today for the 11:30 AM Mass for 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Don't miss this *uplifting* mass! Better yet, come to our *next* rehearsal and *join us* as we prepare for 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. 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the (Rectory 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. October 28<sup>th</sup> (Halloween Party) 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! Prizes!! Treats!! See you in the loft!

One Week left to Hop on Board with France Voyager Choir - Non-stop Flight out of Newark to Paris Feb. 16-23 - Great Cathedrals of France Choir Tour 2016! *Questions?* 718-442-0058 (VM 24) Pamela

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!

**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.