

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:00 SYKES, MAINE & MELDRUM FAMILIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 SUE AMORE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

10:00 CARL WILLIAM LESCH

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 JOHN BUZZARD

5:00 RUSSELL DOYLE, JR.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 ALBERT C. TARASOVIS

9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 EILEEN JOHN

9:00 NANCY SPINELLI

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 STEPHEN ALLEN

9:00 JOHN FORD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00 RAYMOND H. DANNEMANN

9:00 ARTHUR & CONSTANCE FRANZ

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 FR. THOMAS HEAPHY

9:00 JEFFREY QUINN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 PATRICIA SCHNITT

5:00 JOSEPH DiBIASE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 MIKE HYLAND

8:30 JAMES J. MAINE, WILLIAM & ANNA MAINE

10:00 MARION DeROSA

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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5:00 SR. THERESE MARY, O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEAL

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of

Charles Walsh

Frances Pepe

Mary Kay Paliotta

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Annie Lamberti requested by Aunt Nancy and Uncle Joe.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Anthony Giarletta requested by "The Club."

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of Thomas L Haeger on his 6th Anniversary donated by his Family.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 27

5:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, September 28

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis

8:30 Charles Romanelli

Mary Romanelli

10:00 Roy Hansen

Mary Ann Gambardella

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

Theresa Cunningham

1:00 Stephen Brown

Dorothy Tarafa

5:00 Efrain Ortiz

Wanda Ortiz



Susan Pellicchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Tim Campagna, 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, Jim McGinley, Luella Page, James Six

Wedding Banns

I Victoria Zawisny and Louis Adimando

I Mary Ann Lambraia and Matthew Oetting

III Maggie Grady and Thomas Reeder

Collection September 14

Regular \$8,460.50

Seminary \$2,575.00

THREE TO BE MARRIED...

Last Sunday, the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, Pope Francis made news when he performed the wedding ceremony for twenty couples in Saint Peter's Basilica. The couples were married all together which is unusual and by the Pope which is extremely rare. As was reported in the news, many of the couples married by the Holy Father were "cohabitating" in simple terms, living together as husband and wife before the ceremony. One couple already had a child out of wedlock.

It was emphasized by the media that the Pope and the Church wanted to really set a more "forgiving tone" in this event. When I saw the video and read the Pope's remarks to the couples, I thought to myself that the Pope really has the heart of a pastor. A good pastor wants to heal, to reconcile, and to bring people closer to Christ.

As pastors and priests, many of us in the last few years have dealt with the case of couples living together before marriage. It has become more prevalent today. It is not a good thing but it is a reality currently. Couples should certainly wait until they are married before they are under the same roof. The Church teaching is that God's beautiful gift of sex is reserved for those who are married and not before it!

In the last few years the Church has not been forceful enough in enunciating her moral teachings and that is why perhaps things are a bit "messy" today in the way young people are living out the Lord's commandments.

So what can we do? When a couple who are preparing for marriage comes in and I discover that they are living together, I tell them that the Church does not approve of their actions and that they should separate if that is possible. If not, they should strive to live as chastely as they can and have recourse to the

Sacrament of Penance.

A significant problem of course, is that couples planning for a Catholic wedding are not going to Mass or practicing their faith. One of my pastors, Msgr. Ed Connors, would sometimes talk about what he called "the bella figura" concerning weddings. "Bella figura" in Italian means to put a "pretty face" on something. The big, glitzy and showy church wedding is like that if a certain couple is not sincerely trying to live their Catholic religion!

As priests we try to do the best we can to use the preparation time before marriage as a "teachable moment" to help the couples rediscover their faith. With God's grace, all things are possible. We need to remember that Catholic marriage is different. It is a sacred covenant, an indissoluble union that cannot be broken. It is geared to having children and raising a family.

Marriage requires a mature spirit on the part of both partners. In his homily to couples, Pope Francis gave some excellent advice: "The love of Christ which has blessed and sanctified the union of husband and wife is able to sustain their love and to renew it, when humanly speaking it becomes lost, wounded or worn out. The love of Christ can restore to spouses the joy of journeying together."

Really, what the Pope means is that Christ should be a "third partner" in every marriage. He is always there, conferring his grace and special blessings upon every husband and wife!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome





SACRED HEART SCHOOL accepting Applications for September 2014 K-8

Limited Openings for Pre-K 3. Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 7:00-3:00. Please call the office at 718-442-0347 to schedule an appointment.

CCD - Classes for September - 17, 24

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS TO RESTOCK ITS FOOD PANTRY Please donate one or more of the following non-perishable food items: Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Canned or Jar Fruit, Tuna Fish, Pasta, Rice, Tomato Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal, Canned Broth and 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, St. Vincent de Paul Society.

SACRED HEART'S 3RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST, FALL FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW October 5, 2014 from 12Noon to 4PM in the Sacred Heart School Parking Lot, North Burgher Ave. Entrance Fee \$2.00 (10 and under free). Vendors welcome \$30 a table. Bakers and Baskets needed. For information, please contact Tim Donnelly at 718-816-7606.

JOIN SACRED HEART'S CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Registration and Practice at Royal Oak (in Clove Lake Park) Mondays 4:30-6:00, Boys and Girls K through 8th grade. Fee \$40.00 - with shirt \$50.00. Meets starting Sept 27. For information please call Tom Hogan 718-720-5430 or John Trimmer 718-442-3731.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE SEPT. 27 and 28

Saturday, September 27

5:00 Sean Hartnett, Matthew Riccardi

Sunday, September 28

7:00 Samantha Baniswal, Christopher Basile

8:30 Patrick & Keifer Regan

10:00 John Altschuler, Gabrielle Garcia

11:30 Patrick Buzzard, Shea Murphy

1:00 Albert Cardone, John Paul Hoey

5:00 Matthew Kalikas, Sarah Lauren



Join A Choir Today!!

Parish Choir (ages 9-120) sings October 12, 2014 (arrive 10:45AM choirloft) Now is the perfect time to hop on board and enjoy creating inspiring music liturgies for Mass - bring your older child; a friend - a spouse!!! See you in the loft!!

Kids Praise Choir (grades K-5) Come on kids!! It's Kool to sing in Kids Praise Choir!! We rehearse Wed's 5-6PM Chapel - we practice fun music to sing for Mass in addition to parties & snacks & treats!! (Free - Registration forms required) See you 5-6PM in the school chapel October 15, 2014!!! Questions?? Pam 442-0058 (VM 24)

Traveling Choir - The Vote has Been Cast

The vote has been cast ...oo-la-la!!! France it is!! Singing in Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral - visiting Liseux for choral offering in between crepes, baguettes, white Vermouth, champagne...Oh don't miss this one!! Deposits due ASAP to secure this price!!

Singers and Cathedral chasers alike - hop on board as Traveling Choir treks off to Great Cathedrals of France Feb.16-23,2016!!Questions??Pam (VM 24)

PS. Check out

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F5VwD0SHzl!>

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Buy a CD! Come on our next International Choir tour Feb. 16-23, 2016:

Great Cathedrals France!!

YOUTHFEST 2014 All high school students are invited to the CYM YouthFest, Oct. 4th, 10-5PM at the CYO Center, Mt. Loretto, sponsored by the Catholic Youth Ministry Network of SI. There is no charge for this day which includes 3 bands, DJ, prizes, food, sports and talks and a Mass at 4PM celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne. Please bring canned food as a donation for the needy of SI. Service hours will be given for those who bring food donations, or help with setup and cleanup. Register via email with your name and parish to cymnreg@gmail.com.