

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

5:00 JOSEPH ABATE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 MARY VALENTE

10:00 MARY McGRATH

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 MARY VALENTE

5:00 LOUISE ROSE MEGLIO

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

7:00 IRIS GLASGOW

9:00 PHILIP & MARGHERITA FRABOTTA

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

7:00 CHARLES M. & ROSEMARIE BLAICH

9:00 CHARLES & MARY & CHARLES DONOHUE

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 NED THOMPSON

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

7:00 END GLOBAL WARMING

9:00 LILY VALENTI

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

7:00 MARTIN BELLONE

9:00 MINNIE & LOUIS DELLAVALLE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

9:00 JAMES ALBANO

5:00 ARLENE CUNNINGHAM

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

8:30 ALBERT PERRY & JOSEPH MELLO

10:00 XUE QIANG ZHEN

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DAISY DePOMPO

5:00 IRMA VEGA

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of Miguel (Michael) Da Rocha

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Frank J. McLaren requested by his daughter Noreen.

The Sanctuary Candle is for Special Intentions to St. Rita of Cascia requested by Sarah MacDermot.

**Lectors September 14 and 15**

**Saturday, September 14**

5:00 Frank Ponterio

**Sunday, September 15**

7:00 Theresa Zulch

8:30 Kennedy Apoe

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Maria Montuori

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Fred Maley



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Robert Pepe, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Frank Mirante

*Wedding Banns*

I Christine Maglio and David Ferreira

**Collection for September 1**

Regular ..... \$7,112.50  
Monthly ..... \$2,765.00  
Church Budget ..... \$424.00  
There will be a special collection next weekend for Saint Joseph's Seminary

**RCIA** If you have questions about being Baptized in the Catholic faith or you need to receive the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation, consider attending RCIA classes here at Sacred Heart beginning Sept. 12 at 8PM. For information contact Fr. Maurice at the rectory.



**SACRED HEART REMEMBERS 9/11**

Today, Sept. 8, at the 11:30AM Mass we will remember all those who died that fateful day. Following the Mass we will process to the 9/11 Memorial Garden to lay a wreath and have a Prayer Ceremony.

### THREE LITTLE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

Someone recently told me a cute story about the new Pope, Francis. Immediately after his election, he had a celebratory dinner with all the cardinals who had elected him. When the new pope was called upon to say a few words to his brothers, he said jokingly, "May God forgive you for what you have done to me!" Obviously, being the head of the whole Catholic Church is truly a daunting proposition, especially to a seventy-six year old man with one lung! But it is clear that Pope Francis is up to the challenge and has settled into his role as successor of Saint Peter.

In July, the new pope went to Brazil for World Youth Day and was greeted by millions of exuberant young people. At the concluding Mass on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Copacabana Beach, the Holy Father gave a talk that was inspiring not only for youth, but for all who cherish the Catholic faith and seek to share it. In his message the Pope emphasized three simple ideas: "*Go, Do Not Be Afraid and Serve.*" We might just reflect upon each of those "words" this week.

First, "*Go.*" What were the Lord's first words to His Apostles? Were they not, "Come to Me?" But after three years of being in His presence, absorbing His doctrine and finally receiving His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, then the Apostles were told to "*Go.*" Just before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus told His followers, "Go therefore and make Disciples of all the nations."

Certainly, if the first Apostles and Disciples had not "gone" there would be no Church in the world this very day. So they went and preached everywhere and the faith spread. Today in the twenty-first century, we Catholic Christians must again "go out" and proclaim by our lives and deeds that Jesus is alive. The Pope is clear about this. The Church cannot be

just closed in on itself. Since we have met Christ we must bring Him to others!

Secondly, "*Do not be afraid.*" Oftentimes, we fear to live out our faith more intensely for what God might ask of us to do! We fear perhaps to make a commitment to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. We fear that if we live differently, the "crowd" will judge us harshly. Fear can cripple our joy and enthusiasm in living out the Good News. Again, our Lord tells us in the Gospel, "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust." Let us not be afraid to give our time, our talents and our energies to Christ and His cause.

Finally, the last word that the Pope urged the young people to think about was "*Serve.*" Jesus' life was a life poured out in service to others; He was truly the "Man for others." Each Catholic Christian too, man and woman is called to be for others and not for one's self. Before our Confirmation candidates receive the Sacrament, they must do so many hours of Christian service as a concrete reminder that "faith without works is dead." (St. James). If we truly love God then we will certainly love our neighbor and serve them!

Three little words or ideas of Pope Francis: "*Go, Do Not Be Afraid and Serve.*" They are obviously words that he incarnates in his own life and had a bearing on his acceptance of the high office recently thrust upon him. Perhaps these three words can inspire and help us too in our commitments and in our lives, so that we might always "see the Lord more clearly, follow Him nearly and love Him more dearly."

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

**IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL** Benefitting the Society of St. Paul, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 12-6PM at the Alba House. Mass celebrated 11AM. \$10 per adult. Children under 12: FREE. For information-Greg DeForest 732-433-6640.



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Classes will start Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and the school office will resume fall hours: 7:00am-3:00pm.

The class schedule for the first day is:

Grades 1- 8: 8:00 - 2:30

Pre - Kindergarten: 8:15 - 10:45, Opening Day

Kindergarten: 9:00 - 11:00, Opening Day

Early morning drop-off is available at 7:00am. The After School Program is from 2:30 - 6:00pm. Both programs will begin on the first day of school.

School bus service begins on Wednesday, 9/11/13. There are limited seats still available in Pre-K and one seat available in UPK. Registration for Grades K-8 is ongoing. Please contact the school office to register: 718-442-0347.

We are excited about starting a new school year! Mrs. Lacagnino

**GIVE WITH TARGET** Target will give money to schools for one simple act: a vote. Just 25 votes earns our school a \$25 donation from Target. For each additional vote, our school will get \$1 more. Go to GiveWith.Target.com to vote for Sacred Heart Elementary School once a week through Sept. 21 or until Target has given away \$5 million. Pass this on to your friends. Vote/sign-up through Facebook.



### REGISTRATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR

**2013-2014** Any questions please call the Religious Education Office at 718-448-1536.

Children attending Catholic Academies and wish to register for the Sacraments this year please call the Religious Education Office.

**The Catholic Church Has Always Been a Champion for and Source of Support to Immigrants.** We have been and are a Church of immigrants. Immigration reform must be comprehensive: respecting family unity, providing a path to full participation in our society, securing our borders in a humane way, and providing a fair legal immigration system. These values flow from the social teaching of the Church. It is the right and responsibility of Catholics to participate in the political process. As our nation debates immigration reform, now is a critical time to communicate with our elected officials-especially those of the U.S. House of Representatives-about our values and concerns.

## Choir News

Portugal Choir sings Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30AM Mass - what a special treat to have their beautiful voices lead us in 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass!! Better yet...come hear them sing in Santa Maria Maior de Lisboa or Our Lady of Fatima Basilica this Thanksgiving (depart Nov.27 non-stop Newark). Wake up in Lisbon and enjoy a HUGE, sumptuous Portuguese/American Thanksgiving Buffet in a 4star hotel!! See Pamela for details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Choir Season resumes on the following schedule:

Family Choir: October 6, 2013 Loft (all families invited ages 0-120!!) 11:30AM Mass

Parish Choir: October 13, 2013 Loft (arrive 10:45AM for 11:30AM Mass) ages 10-120!!

Kids Praise Choir: October 16, 2013 5-6PM Chapel (registration required forms in back of church)Gr. 1-5 All kids invited!!

Portugal Choir: Intensified schedule for Portugal Tour at Thanksgiving - join us!! See Pamela for details.

This is an exciting Choir Season this fall (with Portugal Tour and Christmas Season soon upon us!!) Join a Choir today! Pamela 442-0058 VM24

Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Come sing with us in Portugal 2013! Put a Hymnbook away!

**SAINT 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, Tomato Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal. Please leave donations in the Church Vestibule. Thank you, the St. Vincent de Paul Society

**PACK/TROOP 74** Will have its first Meeting/Registration Monday, Sept. 16 at 7PM in the cafeteria. All are welcome.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

Saturday, September 14

5:00 Andrea & Donald Regan

Sunday, September 15

7:00 John Paul Hoey, Matthew Kalikas

8:30 Peter LaPeruta, Elizabeth Althoff

10:00 Albert Cardone, Danielle Riccardi

11:30 Kyle Watson, Emma Newgarden

1:00 Deidre & John McCafferty

5:00 Nicholas Fortunato, Joseph Basile