

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sick Relatives & Friends

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 ARLENE CUNNINGHAM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 SUE AMORE 7TH ANNIVERSARY

8:30 JACK & GRACE MURPHY

10:00 CARL W. LESCH

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 BEN ZARRELLI

5:00 VINCENT ZANGARI

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MOHRMANN & McCLAREN FAMILIES

9:00 CORRINE A. O'BRIEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 MARY HELBOCK

9:00 BUD ROSSO

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 RICHARD BRADLEY

9:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 ELIZABETH TROIANIELLO

9:00 DORIS E. SULLIVAN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 HOWARD WALDENSTROM

9:00 STELLA SUTERA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 KEVIN DONNELLY

5:00 KENNETH HOWARD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00 EMILIO & MADELINE STELLA

8:30 RAYMOND H. DANNEMANN

10:00 DOMENICO PETRECCA

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 MARGARET WALSH

5:00 EVELYN & RAYMOND WITTEK

Susan Pellecchia	Lois Mazzitelli	Rosanne Mezzacappa
Christopher Luciano	Rick Curley	Kathryn Brock
Margaret Shay	Patricia Repoli	Al Frezio
Julie Hunting	Meghan Clark	Mary DiSalvo
Youlanda Santella	Mary DiCostanzo	Christina Scotto
Tim Campagna	Alberto Meranda	Matthew Gleason
Jerry Russo	Ethel Thomas	Aurora David
Gordon C. Gladden	Ian Torello	Anna Parente
James Parente	Ruth Irons	John Lewis
Gerard Crane	Mimi Norberg	Marianne Garlan
Ruth Manieri	Tommy Baratta	Dawn Meade
Rev. Thomas Blessin S.J	Lauren Lam	Rafaella Tierno
Mary Kenney	John C Marino	Rose Bradley
Alice Longo	Spc. Bryan Camacho	Patsy Jackson
Gabrielle Plumy	Michael Rucci	Sylvia Lichtenstein
Cpl Justin Campbell	Robert Poggi U.S.M.	Tom Kopf
Bernard D Nidus MD	Joyce Rusinak	Jeffrey Schnorbus
Barbara Brennan	Beverly Andrews	Venera Delamonico
Sam Pezzano	Edward B. Hanson	Roseanne Liveo
Christian Pepo	Joan Romano	Daniel Gomes
Grace Ford Seamans	Sheila Jones	Patrick A, O'Connor
Elizabeth James Timmins	Robert Donohue	

BANNES

- III Maria Nappa & Joseph Raccuglia
- I Therese Bruzese & Jonathan Baggs
- I Meghan Tortorella and Eric Olsen
- I Dawn D'Agostino and Milton Eng

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend of September 24-25

Saturday, September 24

5:00 Bill Jones Mary Ann Gambardella

Sunday, September 25

7:00 Sr. Angela

8:30 Charles Romanelli Evelyn Bilotto

10:00 Maureen Driscoll

11:30 Ken Wisniewski Theresa Cunningham

1:00 Stephen Brown

5:00

Collection for September 11

Collection \$8812.00

The Bread and Wine are in Loving Memory of **John Keogh** requested by John Castle

This weekends Special Collection will be for St. Joseph Seminary

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of **Arlene Cunningham** donated by her children

SEX ED IN THE CLASSROOM...

As many of us have been made recently aware, the mayor has approved mandatory sex education for children in our public schools. According to Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott, "Middle school and high school students need to be exposed to this valuable information so that they can learn to keep themselves safe before and when they decide to have sex." Accordingly, our children in public school, even those as young as 11 years old will now have to take part in classes and discussions on sexual matters.

One lesson that is part of the sex ed curriculum is how to use a condom. While parents have the right to pull their kids out of certain lessons like "Condom Use 101," the whole idea of requiring this type of a class is extremely disconcerting, especially since city resources could be better put to use insuring that children in public schools should know how to read, write, add and know some facts about American history!

First of all, the parents should be the primary educators on this vital matter of sexuality. This right is being usurped by the government. As Judge Daniel Leddy wrote in his column in the *Staten Island Advance* last week, "(The city's initiative) violates parents' rights to teach their children about sex and sex-related issues as they see fit, or for that matter, not to teach them about it at all."

Secondly, the presumption is fostered from this program that any kind of self-control and chastity on the part of our young people is nothing but a "pipe dream." Distributing condoms in school and giving demonstrations on how to use them are not just morally neutral activities. Rather, doing this fosters the idea that sex outside of marriage is really ok and that as long as you're careful, it doesn't matter what you do.

But of course, we know as Catholic Christians that it does indeed matter what we do. Our actions have consequences in the moral sphere! Handing a condom to an innocent twelve year old would be like giving detailed instructions to an unstable person on how to make a bomb hoping that he or she will never make it go off!

It has been observed too, that there are higher rates of pregnancy, abortion and sexually transmitted diseases when parents leave this vital matter of sexual education to the state. The sexual revolution that we

as a nation have experienced in these last forty years has not been without destructive consequences to family life and to our youth.

Mandatory sex ed seems to buy right into the prevailing secular philosophy. The Catholic Church today is what we might call "counter cultural." It was less so in years past when our society based its values on Christian principles. Today that is no longer the case; our nation has veered from God's laws and into moral relativism.

The Church teaches "Chastity Ed." If more young people were indeed chaste they would be happier and in the long run psychologically more healthy. The Catechism of the Church puts it this way: "Either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy."

As Catholics and citizens, let us not stand for any program or initiative that would rob our youth of their innocence!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

**Thank
You!**

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A note of thanks to John Trimmer, Matthew Trimmer, Kevin Trimmer and two other men of the parish who humbly prefer to remain "anonymous," for all their good work in restoring the Sacred Heart 9/11 Memorial Garden. The new fencing and the cleanup is spectacular! Thanks also to Gail Ronaldson of Home Depot who gave a nice discount for the fence! Father Jerome



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of donations of food for the poor and needy of our parish/community. If you are able, please bring canned goods and other nonperishable food items to the rectory. We appreciate your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart's 2nd Family Camp-out will be held at Kaufmann Campgrounds on Manor Road on Oct. 1st and 2nd. The fee is \$35 per family and there will be family-oriented activities, a 6pm outdoor mass celebrated by Fr. Jerome, and on Sunday morning a catered breakfast. Call Tim O'Halloran at 646-206-9374 or Kelly Field at 718-273-0274. All parishioners are welcome!

Welcome

To

Sacred Heart School

On-going New Student Registration

Pre-K: 3 and 4 year-old's Full days or half days

Kindergarten - Grade 8

School re-opened Wednesday, 9/7/11

Fall Office Hours: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Kick it up a notch!! Help the Choir!!

Sacred Heart Parishioners are the most generous parishioners in Staten Island!! It is your incredible generosity that helps us sustain our wonderful music-making at Sacred Heart!! Our music program is self-sustaining which means we need your contributions of healthy snacks/dollar store prizes; or CD purchase; or memorialize a hymnbook or donate choir robe/stole; or donate piano tunings or new music for the organ bench or donate string/brass players/Stuart for special Masses and holidays!! Or better yet ... Join the Choir!! Make this fall the time you hop on board and sing with us!! Questions?? Donations?? Pamela 442-0058 VM 24

A Million Thanks!!

October Brides!! Come to the Choirloft!!

Imperative every October 2011 Bride come to the Choirloft after any 11:30 AM or 1 PM Mass this month (September) or your musical selections for your nuptial Mass will be selected for you -

See you in the loft!! Pamela 442-0058 VM 24

Join the Choir!! Buy a CD!! Put away a hymn book!



CCD Classes Wednesday, Sept 21& 28

CCD Parents Meeting Tuesday, Sept 20

Parents Communion Meeting Tuesday, Sept 28

To Register for CCD, please contact Mrs. Rizzuto at the CCD Office 718-448-1536. The fee for CCD is \$155 per child and \$395 for 3 or more children. If you are a new student please bring a copy of your Baptismal Certificate and/or any other sacraments you have received when you register. If you are in any of the Academies and need to prepare for the Sacraments in 2011-2012 school year, please contact Mrs. Rizzuto or call the Rectory Office at 718-442-0058.



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT BEING BAPTIZED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH or you need to

receive the sacraments of Communion or Confirmation please consider coming to the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes here at Sacred Heart starting in the beginning of October. For more information call Fr. Deo at the rectory at 718-442-0058.

CUB SCOUT PACK 74 - First Meeting - Monday, September 19, 2011 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria/gym. All Are Welcome. Registration for Boy Scout Troop 74 will be held on this date as well.

SETON FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING - invites you to an Evening of Fun Tuesday, September 20 at 8pm at 850 Hylan Blvd. Irish and American Folk singer Fiona Molloy will be appearing. Tickets are \$30 at the door/\$20 in advance. Call 718-982-5084 for further information.



Save the Date !

Sacred Heart Alumni Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, September 30th from 7:30 - 11:30PM at the Staaten. All

Parishioners are welcome to join classmates and teachers at this event. We also welcome our former YAC and St. Monica's Guild Officers. Please make reservations as soon as possible. The cost \$75 per person which includes dinner, open bar & DJ. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. For further info or to make reservations contact Sheila Whalen Watson at 718-815-5977 or Sheila_watson23@hotmail.com