

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

5:00 DORIS E. SULLIVAN

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 SUE AMORE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

10:00 XUE QIANG ZHENG

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 IDA CARROLL IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

5:00 JOSEPH IZZO

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

7:00 ALBERT C. TARASOVIS

9:00 MILDRED TINGHINO

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 RAYMOND H. DANNEMANN

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILY & SOULS IN PURGATORY

9:00 GRACE REILLY

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

7:00 EVANGELINA ACOSTA

9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILY & SOULS IN PURGATORY

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

7:00 DONALD McSPARRAN

9:00 ALEX ROSKOWINSKI

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

9:00 JOHN & DOROTHY CZARNOMSKI

5:00 ZBIGNIEW MARCHELSKI 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

7:00 PAUL MARUFFI

8:30 JOANN GRACE MULLEN

10:00 ROSE SCAMARDELLA

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 TERRANCE MEEHAN

5:00 ANTONIETTA & ANIELLO DeFAZIO

The Bread and Wine are in honor of Angela and Jack Corso requested by the Gaziano Family.

Flowers on the Altar for Ida Carroll in Remembrance of Her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday donated by Fran and Ken Wisniewski.

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**

**September 29 and 30**

**Saturday, September 29**

5:00 Bill Jones Barbara Kelly

**Sunday, September 30**

7:00 Joe Meagher

8:30 Don O'Shea Dorothy Tarafa

10:00 Theresa Cunningham John Caban

11:30 Ken Wisniewski Maureen Driscoll

1:00 Charles Sullivan Theresa Cunningham

5:00 Fred Maley Mary Ann Gambardella

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garland, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Grace Ford Seamans, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Elizabeth Wilson, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Robert Pepe, Victoria Edera, Crystal Helewa

**Collection for September 16**

Regular . . . . . \$7,149.50  
St. Joseph Seminary . . . . . \$1,657.00

***Wedding Banns***

- II Taisha Todman and Lukaz Sajka
- II Christine DeSantis and John Conevery
- II Insha Fernando and Rajitha Mendis
- III Amy Coyle and Clark Wierdsma

***Newly Baptized***

- Andrew Craig Arale Jacqueline Mary Jewell
- Iain Rhys Boylan Noah Kingston Kaltner
- Ileeana Frances Hernandez Lia Jean Lugo
- Kaitlin Ellen Impellizzeri Kailanna Lily Rose Todman

After 4 years of service to Sacred Heart, Fr. Deo has decided to retire from active service. Today, Father Deo will be celebrant of the 11:30 Mass. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a special reception for Father in the school cafeteria. Please join us to say "farewell" to Father Deo and to wish him good luck in his retirement.

## FREEDOM, SELF-CONTROL AND 32 OUNCE SODAS...

A few years back, all of us priests went over to Tugs Restaurant one Saturday night for dinner. Imagine my surprise when about halfway through the meal, Mayor Bloomberg, along with the Borough President, walked into the restaurant. Spying our Roman collars, he immediately came over to the table and greeted all of us.

However, just as he was leaving, the mayor made a comment about what one of the priests was eating. Father had a good, healthy, heaping portion of meatloaf on his plate! The Mayor turned around and said, "Father, are you going to eat all of that? Do you know how many calories are in that?" The priest did not have the foggiest idea.

With that incident in mind, it did not surprise me when the mayor embarked upon a new "campaign" and that was to eliminate the sale of "Big Gulp" drinks which contain 32 ounces of soda. Imagine how many calories in that! (Over 400.)

This past month, the mayor achieved victory and the soda ban was approved by the New York City Health Department and will begin in March of 2013. Now, the mayor's heart is in the right place and certainly, obesity is a big problem in our society today. Drinking large sugary drinks is not going to make a person thin!

But if a person wants more soda, he or she will now just buy two sixteen ounce drinks. To my mind, the solution to making wrong choices in life is not for the government to step in and make the decision for us. After all, human beings have a thing called intelligence and free will. Yes, we are all free but freedom implies responsibility and the ability to do what we ought to do.

However, for some people in our society

today, freedom means the right to do whatever you please which results in moral chaos. Knowledge of what is right and good is very helpful. But proper education is not all that is needed. What is necessary is that the will be trained so that we can make the proper choices instead of bad ones.

Unfortunately, all of us are influenced by Original Sin and our passions. So we have this tendency to cater to our flesh and its desires. Even the great Saint Paul felt this tension. Saint Paul wrote: "For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the spirit and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so you do not do what you want."

All of us could relate to Paul's words. We know at times that we make bad choices even though we know actually what is right. In the past, Catholics used to speak more about what is known as "mortification" which literally means "death" to the selfish tendencies that wage war on our souls.

Mortification and self-denial are not things that are too popular today and yet by saying "no" to the extra soda, the cigarettes, the second cocktail or the illicit pleasure, we gain moral mastery over ourselves and are made stronger on the inside.

A Catholic Christian should be eminently qualified to make the right choices in this life because Christ is our divine teacher who instructs us always in the right way. The Lord gives us the Grace that enlightens us to do what is good if we ask for it. May Christ always be our inspiration and guide as we make the really important choices that come our way during this human journey!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. A private tour of the school can be arranged by appointment only. For additional information please call the school office at 718-442-0347.



Mark your Calendars!!

Family Choir sings Oct. 7, 2012 11:30 AM. Calling all families!!

Parish Choir resumes rehearsals Oct. 10 7:30 PM to sing for Oct. 14 11:30 AM Mass. Calling everyone ages 10-110!!

Kids Praise Choir resumes rehearsals Oct. 17 5-6 PM Chapel (grades 1-5) Registration form required (in office/back of church).

Questions?? Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)  
See you in the loft!! Join a choir today!!



**SACRED HEART CHURCH AND SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST, FALL FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW**

Bakers, crafters, vendors of all sorts and Farmer's Markets needed for Sacred Heart's First Annual Oktoberfest, Fall Festival and Car Show to be held on the Sacred Heart School Grounds on October 14, 2012 from 11AM to 5 PM. Food and refreshments supplied by Nurnberger Bierhaus. Questions call Tim Donnelly 718-816-7606, Peter Buscemi 516-987-5187.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** If you have not yet re-registered please send in your forms. New registrants call the CCD Office at 718-448-1536. Classes began on September 12th.



**REGIS HIGH SCHOOL - 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> St.**, an all-scholarship Jesuit school for Catholic boys, will have its **OPEN HOUSE** for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents Mon., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 4PM. For information contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions at 212-288-1100.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- 5:00 Shea Murphy, Jonathan Montemayor
- Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
- 7:00 Margaret Donovan, Giovanni Ercolano
- 8:30 Deirdre & John McCafferty
- 10:00 Danielle Riccardi, Gabrielle Garcia
- 11:30 Dustin Soliven, Nick & Steve Bivona
- 1:00 Alaina Santiago, Kristen Gilbride, Vincenzo Biggins
- 5:00 Jackie Sullivan, Peter LaPeruta



**SACRED HEART PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR** will be held on **Sun., Dec. 2, 2012**. We are

looking for parishioners or vendors who would like to rent a table and for all crafters who can make items or donate a raffle basket or sponsor a basket. Please call the rectory at 718-442-0058.

**TACHS EXAM** To qualify for entrance to almost all Catholic High Schools, eighth grade pupils must take the Test for Admission into Catholic High School - TACHS. The exam is Nov. 9, 2012. Applications must be received by Oct. 10, 2012. Catholic school students may obtain applications in their school. Public school students may obtain applications from their parish religious education program, Catholic High Schools participating in the program or their parish elementary schools. Students may also register online at [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com) or by telephone at 1-866-618-2247. For information call the above number.