

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 30:

5:00 Romeo & Grace DeCore

Sunday, October 1:

7:00 Benjamin Zarelli
9:00 Rosemary Lemily
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Peter J. Saldi
5:00 Harradath Singh Bharati

Monday, October 2:

7:00 Richard Janniello & Family
9:00 Margaret Newman & Dorothy Newman Connelly

Tuesday, October 3:

7:00 Jose Betancourt
9:00 James Fleming

Wednesday, October 4:

7:00 Jeanne Collins Helbock
9:00 St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, October 5:

7:00 Raquel Aramayo
9:00 Mary Madden (Living)

Friday, October 6:

7:00 Mr. & Mrs. James T. DeSilva
9:00 Stephen Kubick

Saturday, October 7:

9:00 Eileen Donaldson
5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, October 8:

7:00 Xeu Qian Zhang
9:00 Robert Lo'Primo
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Helen Buckley
5:00 Mr. & Mrs. Eugulio Macaltoo

The Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Candle are in loving memory of Mary G. Santora donated by her daughter Rosetta Messina.

Saturday, October 7:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Pat Foley

Sunday, October 8:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen
11:00 Frank DiSalvo
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Jack Gordon
Maryanne Gambardella
Ken Wisniewski
John Mooney Sr.
Efrain 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, Terrence Gibbons, Jean Forte, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman, Arthur Schmitt Sr., Richard Christie, Anthony Columbo, Frances Bocignone, Roseanne Viano, Barbara Longo, Linda Powers

Collections:

September 24th.....\$7,325.00
Building Fund.....\$517.00

Newly Baptized: Matthew Salvatore Eng, Maximilian Iyoke, Giovanni Joseph Curatola, Logan Joseph Contardo, Stephen Kyle Von Bevern, Benjamin James McIntyre, Joseph John Masica, Juliet Marie Masica, Christian Thomas Spinelli, Carter Hunter Risley, Sofia Antonia Bonvino, Michael Alexander Tapia, Caroline Ann Lee

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Saint Padre Pio had the ability to bi-locate—to be in two places at the same time. On January 18, 1905, while Pio, then a young monk, was praying at his monastery, he was miraculously transported to a mansion hundreds of miles away in Italy. Leonilde was about to give birth to Giovanna when she saw Pio at her bedside. Before returning to the monastery the Virgin Mary appeared to him and entrusted Giovanna to him as “a diamond in the rough”. Our queen instructed him “to polish her until she shone beautifully.” Mary said that Giovanna would eventually seek out the monk, but that first, he would meet her at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

Seventeen years later, Giovanna, full of doubts about her faith, went to St. Peter’s Basilica looking for a priest who might help her. A sacristan told her that the basilica was about to close, and that no priests were available, but a Capuchin seemed to appear from nowhere. He welcomed her into his confessional and furnished good answers to the questions that bedeviled her. Afterward, Giovanna waited outside to greet the priest and express her appreciation. However, he never came out. He seemed to have disappeared.

One day the following summer, she learned about Padre Pio, and a few days later she found herself with an overwhelming desire to seek him out at San Giovanni Rotondo, where he spent the last fifty years of his life. At the monastery, she stood in a crowd hoping to see him. As he walked by, he stopped in front of her and shocked her by saying, “Giovanna, I know you. You were born the day your father died.” Then he walked away. The next morning, Giovanna went to Padre Pio for Confession. He said, “Daughter, finally you have come to me. I have been waiting for you for a long time.” She answered him, “Father, you must be mistaken. This is my first time here. I never knew you existed until a few days ago.” He responded, “No. Last summer at St. Peter’s you asked a Capuchin priest to help you with your doubts about your faith. I was that priest.”

Then Giovanna recognized him. Her heart beat with excitement as he continued. “When you were being born, the Virgin Mary took me to your home. I witnessed your birth. Mary entrusted you to my care and made me responsible to help you grow in holiness. She told me that someday I would meet you at St. Peter’s.” These revelations touched Giovanna dramatically, and she became one of Padre Pio’s spiritual daughters. A few years later he had her join the Franciscan Third Order. Customarily, new members of the order had to choose a new name, and Padre Pio gave her the unusual name

Jacoba. Giovanna said, “What an ugly name. I don’t like it.” He answered, “You will be called Sister Jacoba because like Jacoba, the noble Roman friend who was present at the death of St. Francis, you will be present at my death.”

On September 23, 1968, she had a vision in which she was mystically transported to Padre Pio’s cell, where she witnessed his death. Later when she told one of the monks about it, she accurately described his cell, which she had never visited, and named those who had attended him in his final hour.

Here are some memorable quotes from Saint Pio:

1. “Do not undertake any course of action, not even the most lowly and insignificant, without first offering it to God.”
2. “Every Christian must show forth most clearly in his life the entire image of Christ. Oh, if only all Christians were to live up to their vocation, this very land of exile would be changed into paradise.”
3. “Our body is like a jackass that must be beaten, but just a little, otherwise it will throw us to the ground, and refuse to carry us.”
4. “Prayer is the best weapon we have. It is the key that opens God’s heart. You must speak to Jesus, not only with your lips, but also with your heart. On certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart.”
5. “Do not ever lose heart when the tempest rages. Place all your trust in the Heart of the most gentle Jesus. Pray, and, I might add, devoutly pester the divine Heart.”
6. “In all that you do, always be humble, guarding jealously the purity of your heart and the purity of your body. These are the two wings that will raise us to God and make us almost divine.”
7. “Satan fears and trembles before humble souls.”
8. “It is difficult to become a saint—difficult, but not impossible. The road to perfection is long, as long as one’s lifetime. Along the way, consolation becomes rest. But as soon as your strength is restored, you must diligently get up and resume the trip.”
9. “As long as there remains a drop of blood in our body, there will be a struggle between right and wrong.”

God Bless You!

Father Eric

Wedding Banns

I Juan Manuel Alejandro & Jennifer Lauren Minucci
I Leo Kim & Sihjae Lee

St. Peter's Boys High School: St. Peter's Boys High School will be having their annual open house on Sunday October 29th from 1-4 PM. This year also marks the school's centennial anniversary so why not enroll in a school with 100 years of academic success and excellence.

St. Joseph by the Sea: Saint Joseph by the Sea High School will have their annual open house on Sunday, October 15th from 1-4 PM for girls and the following Sunday, October 22nd from 1-4 PM for boys. For more information please contact the main office at (718) 984-6500.

Moore Catholic High School: Moore Catholic High School will be having their open house on Sunday, October 1st from 1-4 PM. The school is located at 100 Merrill Avenue and for more information you can call the main office at (718) 761-9200.

Boy Scouts: The 6th annual Fall Festival and Car Show will take place on Sunday, October 8th on the school lawn from 11 AM - 4 PM. There will be a number of classic cars on display as well as live entertainment, vendor tables, raffles and food. Anyone looking to volunteer should call Tim Donnelly at (718) 816-7606. Please see flyers in Church vestibule.

St. Vincent De Paul: Once again your St. Vincent De Paul Society is in urgent need of non-perishable food for the pantry. Would you please donate or bring to the vestibule of the Church one or more of the following foods; canned vegetables, canned soups, peanut butter & jelly, canned tuna fish, cereal, apple juice, tomato sauce & pasta, canned or jarred fruits. Thank you and God bless you!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 7, 2017:

5:00 : Matthew, Julia & Sean Ahern

Sunday, October 8, 2017:

7:00 Ann, Mary & Kathleen McCafferty

9:00 J. Mullen, J. Torres, J. Orellana

11:00 T. Koleci, A. Maida, J. Oliveras

1:00 A. Buscemi, H. Xuereb, M. Perkett

5:00 R. Delamasa, B. Freund, T. Smith

St. Joseph Retreat Center Fall Programs

(St. Joseph Hill Academy)

Our Lady at Lourdes: Saturday, October 7th from 1:30 –3:30 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Barbara Santillo. Almost 120 years ago our Lady appeared to little Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. Join us as we celebrate this anniversary where Mary announced her Immaculate Conception.

Women of Wisdom: Tuesday, October 24th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sister Louis Curry. Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Therese of Lisieux and Saint Hildegard of Bingen were all named Doctors of the Church. Join us as we plunge into their lives and God's plan for the Church. The retreat house is located on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Blvd. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Ronnie Keane at (718) 720-1097 or visit SJRetreatCenter.org

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. This is perfect for our parishioners who take frequent vacations, have a busy weekend schedule or have moved but wish to continue their support of our parish. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, www.sacredheartsi.org.

Hurricane Irma: Anyone wishing to make a donation to the victims of Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria or the massive earthquakes in Mexico can make their donation payable to The New York Archdiocese. Any payment should be mailed directly to the Chancery Office at NY Archdiocese, 1011 First Avenue, NY, NY 10022 c/o Hurricane Irma or Maria or Mexico Earthquake.

Sacred Heart Youth Group: Sacred Heart currently has a Youth Group for children in grades 6 -12. If your child is interested in joining or if you have any questions contact Maria Montouri at (347) 247-2930. The group meets every first and third Monday of the month in the school cafeteria at 7 PM. There is free pizza, drinks and snacks for all who attend the meetings. The group does service projects like clothing and coat drives, eyeglass drives and bake sales as well as fun social activities like movie nights, bowling and laser tag! Also, any student who is currently in need of community service hours can join for an easy way get hours and have some fun at the same time.