

Third Sunday of Easter



Saturday, April 14:

5:00 Frank, Betty & Betty Lee Barry

Sunday, April 15:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Mary Romanelli

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 John Zito

5:00 Orazio Petito

Monday, April 16:

7:00 Virginia McLaren

9:00 Eleanor McAtee

Tuesday, April 17:

7:00 Stephen Bielicki

9:00 Pvt. Joseph Merrell

Wednesday, April 18:

7:00 Nancy Philip

9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Thursday, April 19:

7:00 Lester Lange

9:00 Coleen McGlynn Lee

Friday, April 20:

7:00 Nancy McVey

9:00 Patricia Molloy

Saturday, April 21:

9:00 People of the Parish

5:00 Brendan Hoey

Sunday, April 22:

7:00 Eugenia Karey

9:00 Richard Morrison

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Inhye Jang

5:00 Sarah Schmitt

Saturday, April 21st:

8:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, April 22nd:

7:00 Joan Prenty

9:00 Sister Iraida

Maryanne Gambardella

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

Pat Jezycki

1:00 Charles Sullivan

Dorothy Tarafa

5:00 Fred Maley

Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Anna Parente, James Parente, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Cpl Justin Campbell, Sheila Jones, Frank Silvestri, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Jean Forte, Kathryn Capofari, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Joseph DeMeo, Michael DiCostanzo, Carol Perrone, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato

Collections:

April 8th.....	\$6,962.00
April 2018 Monthly.....	\$3,088.00
Easter.....	\$2,478.00

Wedding Bands

III Alessandro Roberto Perrone  
& Alison Rose DiPierri

III Robert Cipoletti  
& Tonianne Grace Carlino

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Tomorrow is the feast day of Saint Bernadette Subirous, the visionary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes, France. Bernadette died at the age of 35 in 1879. She was a nun of the Sisters of Charity. Her body lies miraculously incorrupt at her convent in Nevers, France.

I recently read a marvelous first-hand account by a man who was a witness of the apparitions at Massabielle, Lourdes in 1858. He did not see the Queen of Heaven—no one but Bernadette did—but he was there with a crowd of the faithful who were praying as Bernadette conversed with the Mother of God for the seventh time during a famous fortnight.

The man's name was Jean-Baptiste Estrade. His two female relatives wanted to see the event out of curiosity. Everyone was talking about it. The ladies needed a male escort because it was still dark in the early morning when the spectacle would occur. He spoke of how he and his companions were skeptically ridiculing the apparitions on the way to the site. One asked mockingly, "Have you brought your opera glasses?" Another answered with a derisive question, "Have you armed yourselves with Holy Water?" Estrade said:

"Bernadette knelt down, pulled out her Rosary from her pocket, and made a profound reverence. All these movements were performed without any awkwardness or self-consciousness, in exactly the same way and as naturally as if the child had gone into the parish church to perform her ordinary devotions. While slipping the first few beads through her fingers, she raised her eyes to the rock in a searching gaze that betrayed her impatient longings. Suddenly, as though a flash of lightning had struck her, she gave a start of amazement, and seemed to be born into another life. Her eyes lighted up and sparkled. Seraphic smiles played on her lips. An indefinable grace spread over her whole being. From within the narrow prison of the flesh, the visionary's soul seemed to be striving to show itself outwardly and

proclaim its jubilation. Bernadette was no longer Bernadette!...

Spontaneously we men who were present uncovered our heads and bent our knees like the humblest woman. The time for argument was past, and we, like all those present at this heavenly scene, were gazing from the ecstatic girl to the rock, and from the rock to the ecstatic. We saw nothing, we heard nothing, needless to say. But what we could see and comprehend was that a conversation had begun between the mysterious Lady and the child whom we had before our eyes. After the first transports caused by the Lady's arrival, the visionary took up the attitude of a listener.

Her face and her gestures reproduced all the phases of a conversation. By turns laughing or serious, Bernadette showed approval with a nod of the head, or seemed herself to be asking questions. When the Lady was speaking, she thrilled with happiness. On the other hand, when she herself was speaking and making her petitions, she would bow down to the ground and be moved to tears. At certain moments it could be seen that the conversation was broken off. Then the child would resume her Rosary, but with her eyes fixed on the rock. You would have said that she was afraid to lower even her eyelids for fear of losing sight of the entrancing object she was gazing at.

The Lady of the rock had veiled herself in vain. I had felt her presence and I was convinced that her motherly gaze had hovered over my head. It was a most solemn hour of my life! I was thrown almost into a delirium of madness by the thought that a cynical, sneering, self-satisfied fellow like me had been permitted to come so close to the Queen of Heaven....

Most of the crowd had already left Massabielle while we remained motionless, bareheaded, abashed and dumbfounded. We proceeded to the ravine and made our way up it in complete silence: a great change was being wrought in us. Our prejudices were collapsing. At last, giving free rein to our emotions that we had so far restrained, we exclaimed in turn: 'It's prodigious! It's sublime! It's divine!'"

God bless you!  
Father Eric

**Sacred Heart School:** Now accepting applications for September 2018  
[www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsny.org](http://www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsny.org)

- Free Universal “Pre K For All” (4 year olds born in 2014).
- Apply Online beginning February 5, 2018 at [www.schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline), Sacred Heart code is 31RABJ

**Open House Date:**

- Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9 AM– 11 AM

**St. Joseph Hill Bereavement Meeting:** On Saturday April 21st the Saint Joseph Hill Retreat House invites you to join in a special day of reflection with others who have recently suffered a loss. The meeting runs from 1-3 PM, is facilitated by Marianela Iribarne and costs \$25 per person. So come and find comfort with others going through a similar situation.

**Saint Padre Pio:** The relics of Saint Padre Pio are coming to the Diocese of Metuchen. They will be venerated for the 50th anniversary of his death on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 9 AM-6:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. The Cathedral is located at 32 Elm Ave. in Metuchen, New Jersey. Bishop James Checchio will lead a prayer service at 1 PM and Fr. Timothy Christy will celebrate Mass at 7 PM. For more information call (732) 548-0100.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 21, 2018:

5:00 : M. Perkert, J. Mullen, S. Ahern

Sunday, April 22, 2018:

7:00 C. Basile, A. Basile, A. Buscemi

9:00 N. Ehresman, L. O’Neal, J. Torres

11:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

1:00 B. Freund, T. Smith, G. Seaborg

5:00 R. Delamasa, W. Wenzel, E. Eadiccio

**Marian Conference:** Notre Dame High School Academy will be hosting a Marian Conference on Saturday May 12th from 9 AM-5:30 PM. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present that day. There are only four of these in the whole world. The day will include the Rosary, a May Crowning, Saturday Mass as well as speeches from Good Counsel Homes members. Admission is \$35 per adult (children are free) and checks should be made payable to Pro Life Elderly/Good Counsel Homes. For more information call (718) 979-7291.

**Collection for Church in Eastern & Central**

**Europe:** Every year the Archdiocese of New York takes up a special collection for the Church in Eastern and Central Europe. During the many years of communist rule practicing the faith became illegal and people had to share secretly the truths of the Gospels. Still to this day Catholics in the region struggle to rebuild places of worship as well as Church ministries and communities. This collection is crucial in providing resources to countries struggling to breathe new life into the faith once again. For example in Tirana, the capital city of Albania, the people are trying not only to restore structures but also the spirituality of the faithful Catholics in that country. In 1996 a congregation of Nuns established a kindergarten, the very first Catholic school ever in Tirana. Since then, with your continued help, they have established a Catholic School for kids grades 1-9. They have also created daily activity centers for children which serve over 700 children from all different faiths and ethnic groups. On the weekend of April 28th & 29th a special collection will be taken up for this cause. Please be as generous as your means will allow and remember that your donations have and always will be valued.



## **SACRED HEART PARISH** **GROUPS**

**Bible Study:** Our Pastor, Fr. Eric, has a weekly Bible study group which meets on Saturdays from 1-2 PM in the school's small cafeteria. During the hour The Rosary is recited, Father gives a short bible lecture and there is a brief group discussion. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Altar Servers:** We are always looking for new boys and girls to become altar servers. If you are in the fifth grade or older, are a practicing Catholic and have received your first Holy Communion you can join. If anyone is interested please contact the Rectory at (718) 442-0058 or simply ask Fr. Eric after Mass. Being a server not only increases one's spiritual experience at Mass but also is a great way to get involved in the parish.

**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. There are 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.

**Legion of Mary:** The Sacred Heart chapter of the Legion of Mary meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the rectory. The meeting lasts roughly one hour and the members pray the Rosary and offer assistance to the Pastor. If you are interested please call

Patti Foley at (718) 983-5416. All are welcome. Thanks to all who support the Legion of Mary.

**Holy Name:** The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most traditional groups of the Church. We are excited to be bringing it back to Sacred Heart. All men of the parish ages 18 and older can join. The meetings take place in either the school auditorium or cafeteria and light refreshments are served.

**Sacred Heart Scouts:** Just a reminder to all those interested that Cub Scout Pack 74 and Boy Scout Troop 74 meet every Monday, barring holidays, at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

**Sacred Heart Choir:** The Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, rehearsals take place at 10:15 AM the Sunday you are scheduled to sing. If any new members who can carry a tune wish to join they do so by simply showing up. Being a member of the choir is a great way to enhance your spiritual experience at Mass. Remember he who sings prays twice!

**Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass:** The annual New York Archdiocese Golden Jubilee Mass will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 PM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. If any of our parishioners are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year and wish to attend simply call the rectory office and the Office Manager will assist you. Please take note that all registrations must be completed by Monday, May 14, 2018. Also each couple is permitted to have one guest sit with them in the reserved pews at the Jubilee Mass on June 3rd.

**Online Giving:** Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving that 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](http://www.sacredheartsi.org) and click on the link at the top of the page. Please remember Sacred Heart Church in your estate and will planning.