

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord



Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday

8:00 Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday:

7:00 Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Lisa Gina Parisi

11:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

1:00 People of the Parish

No 5:00 P.M. Mass

Monday, April 17:

7:00 No Mass

9:00 Pvt. Joseph Merrell

Tuesday, April 18:

7:00 Nicodemus Bandoc Sr.

9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Wednesday, April 19:

7:00 Thomas Kelly

9:00 Anne O'Donovan Hayes

Thursday, April 20:

7:00 Nancy McVey

9:00 Coleen McGlynn Lee

Friday, April 21:

7:00 Raffaella DeStefano

9:00 Barbara Tanachion

Saturday, April 22:

9:00 Josephine Gillikin

5:00 Bridget Jordan

Sunday, April 23:

7:00 Al & Sue Amore

9:00 Richard P. Morrison

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Jack Graham

5:00 Laura Elizabeth O'Hanlon

Saturday, April 22:

8:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, April 23:

7:00 Joan Prenty

9:00 Sister Iraida

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charlie Sullivan

5:00 Fred Maley

Maryann Gambardella

Pat Jezycki

Dorothy Tarafa

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, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Crystal Helewa, Fr. Raymond Dolan, Rosemary Regan, Edward Fiorelli, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman

Collections:

Because of an early bulletin deadline the collections for Palm Sunday will be published next week.

Wedding Bands

Brian Ortiz & Stephany Urzua III

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. It's perfect for our parishioners who still want to support while on vacation or have a busy weekend scheduled. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org), click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Easter! Pope Francis said something at his Mass on April 2, 2017 that is certainly applicable to today's celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lord. The Holy Father said that each of us carries some kind of tomb inside our heart, either from sin or suffering. We can stay bogged down in misery, focusing only on ourselves, or we can allow the risen Jesus to come into that place and heal it.

"In front of the big 'why' of life we have two paths," the Pope said, "to stay and gloomily watch the tombs of yesterday and of today, or to bring Jesus to our tombs. Each of us has a small tomb, some area that is a little bit dead inside the heart: a wound, an injury suffered or done to us, a bitterness that does not let up, remorse that returns, a sin that you cannot overcome. We identify these today, our little tombs we have inside and invite Jesus there," he said.

"Often," the Pope said, "We can be tempted to hide our weaknesses and sins from God, and remain fixated on them. We are tempted to always look to ourselves, brooding and sinking in anguish, licking our wounds, rather than going to Him, who says, *Come to me you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* It's strange, but often we prefer to be alone in the dark caves that we have inside. Instead, invite Jesus."

The Pontiff referred to the miracle of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. He said,

"Even Jesus is shaken by the dramatic mystery of the loss of a loved one. But in the midst of this suffering, He also shows us how to act. Despite suffering Himself, Jesus was not carried away by anxiety. Jesus didn't try to escape the suffering, but He also didn't get bogged down in pessimism or gloom.

Instead, he brings hope, proclaiming: *I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in Me, though he die, shall live.* So He says: *Take away the stone* and to Lazarus He shouts loudly: *Come out!* This is what Jesus also says to us: "Get up, get up! It doesn't matter how heavy our past sins, shame or hurt may be. With Christ's grace, we can roll away the stone that is keeping Him from our hearts.

That is good advice, no? Roll away the stone. I couldn't agree more with Pope Francis.

God Bless You!

Father Eric



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**Sacred Heart 2017-2018:** Sacred Heart is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. Also our basketball and soccer teams are not only competitive, they win! If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 442-0347, private tours are available.

**Mother/Daughter Retreat:** The Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, New Jersey will be hosting a Mother/Daughter weekend from May 12—May 14. The cost is \$135 a person and the weekend consists of Mass, personal reflection and testimonials, prayer gatherings and beach walks. This is a perfect opportunity for you and your daughter to get closer, find common ground and celebrate your differences. Anyone interested can sign up at [www.capmaymarianists.org](http://www.capmaymarianists.org) or call (609) 884-3829 for further information or questions.

**50 Year Wedding Anniversary:** On Sunday, June 11th, at 2 PM, St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan will be having a Mass for couples in The Archdiocese who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. If 2017 marks your "Golden Jubilee" and you and your spouse wish to attend please contact the rectory as couples can only register through the parish.

**Rectory Business Hours:** The Rectory Office will be closed on both Good Friday and Easter Monday. Regular Hours will resume on Tuesday April 18th. Also there is no 7 AM Mass on Monday April 17th. We would like to wish all of our parishioners a very blessed and joyous Easter Season.

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday April 22, 2017:**

5:00 : B. Silva, C. Basile, A. Basile

**Sunday April 23, 2017:**

7:00 J. Diaz, K. Shashaty, K. Shashaty

9:00 M. Ahern, J. Ahern, A. Maida

11:00 T. Smith, B. Freund, W. Wenzel

1:00 V. Kaleta, A. Buscemi, J. Lotito

5:00 A. Cardone, M. Donovan. E. Eadiciccio

**Golden Cross for Education Awards:** The Golden Cross for Education Awards Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 23rd. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:15 AM at St Charles, Oakwood, and the breakfast will follow from 9:30-12:30 PM at the Excelsior Grand. Featured honorees are Assemblyman Mike Cusick who is being honored for his sponsorship of the Education Tax Credit Bill. Also being honored is Monsignor Peter Finn who has spent many, many years serving Staten Island Catholic Education. The honoree from Sacred Heart will be Ms. Patricia McKee who taught at our school for over 40 years. Each of the other Catholic elementary schools on Staten Island will have their own honorees as well. Tickets range from \$37 for a single and \$350 for a table of ten. For information those interested should visit [www.adny-si-org](http://www.adny-si-org) or email [Diana.Gatto@archny.org](mailto:Diana.Gatto@archny.org)

**St. Francis Catholic Singles:** St. Francis Catholic Singles for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s will meet again on Sunday April 30 at 1:30 PM for a High Rock Park Hike. An Environmental Educator with the Greenbelt will lead us on a moderately difficult hike as we learn about bodies of water, foliage and birds. People interested are asked to meet at 1:15 PM in the parking lot at 200 Nevada Avenue off Rockland Avenue. Please wear sneakers, hiking boots and comfortable clothing. Admission is \$6 and anyone interested should RSVP by April 23rd at [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com).

**Choir News:** Welcome to the Sacred Heart Choir News. I would like to invite you to join our choirs, The Adult and The Children's Choir. If you can carry a tune and are willing to sing, you are in! Remember the one who sings prays twice. Our Children's Choir sings the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and the Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11 AM Mass. Rehearsals are held at 10:15 AM the same Sunday before Mass. Come let's praise the Lord together.