

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, APRIL 16

5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MC CAULEY FAMILIES & THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

9:00 AL & SUE AMORE

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 STANLEY MODZELEWSKI

5:00 MADELINE GOUGH

MONDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 LUISA AGRELO

9:00 PVT. JOSEPH MERRELL

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 JAMES MALCOM

9:00 COLEEN MC GLYNN LEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 NANCY MC VEY

9:00 VALERIE TAVERNITE

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI

9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 HELEN RIGNEY

9:00 GRACE STANGER

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 LAURA E. O'HANLON

5:00 RICHARD P. MORRISON

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 JOHN MURRAY

9:00 MARIE & FRANK BERNARD

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 JANET MILLER

5:00 ANGELA RAIOLA

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 23

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, April 24

7:00 Joan Prenty

9:00 Vincent O'Grady Maryann Gambardella

11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki

1:00 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa

5:00 Jane Coyle 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, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Crystal Helewa

Collections:

Regular April 10 \$8,018.00
Military Service, USA \$1,837.00

Wedding Banns

III Matthew Failla and Lorraine Bonilla

I Riccardo Hernandez and Jennifer Bates

Renewal of Vows:

At the 11Am Mass on Sunday, April 24th Bob and Ann Young will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary at Sacred Heart where they were married. Bob is a 1948 graduate of SHS and is a two-term Past-President of the Richmond County Holy Name Society. His past friends are encouraged to attend. Bob can be reached at 352-350-7466 or bobyoun11@gmail.com.

Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested

in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the current church year is designated: "The Year of Mercy." One of my favorite stories of mercy involves Pope St. John Paul II. A New York priest who spent his seminary years in Rome was in the Eternal City on a pilgrimage. He was traveling to a semi-private audience with John Paul. Such a gathering usually involved a couple of hundred people in a meeting room at the Vatican. Following an address by the Holy Father, a line of pilgrims would form to shake his hand and receive a souvenir, usually a blessed Rosary. The N.Y. priest was walking toward St. Peter's Basilica for the audience when he caught sight of a man that he recognized. The man was homeless. "Ci conosciamo, no?" Don't we know each other? The homeless man said, "Si." Certainly he knew that priest. He himself was a priest and the two men had studied together in Rome. What happened? How did he end up begging on the streets of Rome? Drugs. Addictions touch every class of human beings, don't they? After a short conversation, the N.Y. priest, stupefied from learning of the plight of his classmate, continued his trek to the Vatican.

After the audience, when it was his turn to personally greet the Pontiff, he decided to tell the Pope about the homeless priest. The Holy Father too, was stupefied. He invited both priests to a private dinner in the papal apartment that evening with himself and his secretary, who is currently the cardinal archbishop of Krakow, Poland. The N.Y. priest went searching throughout the city to locate the homeless priest. After a few hours he finally found him and presented to him that very special invitation. The homeless priest protested, "How can I go to dinner with the Pope? I haven't showered in a week. I stink. I have no presentable clothing." The N.Y. priest assured him that there were shops all over Rome that sold church goods and so he could buy him some clerical clothing. Moreover, he could shower at his hotel room. When the homeless priest continued to manifest reluctance the N.Y. priest said, "Look! You're my ticket to a private dinner with the Holy Father

himself. Let's get going!" He complied.

After the main course of the dinner, the Pope indicated to the N.Y. priest and his secretary to leave him alone with the homeless priest. They were together for about a half hour. Then the other two returned for dessert. Later on, the N.Y. priest learned what conspired between the Pontiff and his companion. The Pope asked the homeless priest to hear his Confession. The priest objected. He said, "I haven't heard a Confession in years! Besides, I no longer have faculties to hear confessions. After all, I have been out of the priesthood for a long time." The Pope answered, "You know, I happen to be the Bishop of Rome. I can give you faculties right now." The homeless priest continued, "But I am a beggar, Holy Father!" The Pope responded, "So am I." The priest heard the Pope's Confession and then the Pope heard his Confession. Afterwards, John Paul reinstated him to full-time priestly ministry and assigned him to one of the poorest parishes in the city of Rome, a church with many homeless people in the neighborhood. The Holy Father said to him, "I want you to minister to our fellow beggars."

God bless you!

Fr. Eric

**Correction from last week's Pastor Column- The last sentence read: In St. Maria's case, she resisted Alessandro, that evil, and turned him into an angel. It should have read: In St. Maria's case, she resisted Alessandro, that devil, and turned him into an angel.

Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass:

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30PM or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8

CCD APRIL HAPPENINGS

No Classes April 20 (Confirmation) or April 27

Sacred Heart School Theater Group Presents:

Annie, Jr. - April 29th & 30th at 7:00pm
School Auditorium - 301 N. Burgher Ave
Tickets \$10

Moore Catholic High School:

We are pleased to honor Msgr. Thomas Bergin at our Golf Outing and Dinner on Thursday, May 5th at the Grand Oaks Country Club. Msgr. Bergin was an outstanding principal during his tenure at Moore Catholic and is well known in the Staten Island Community. You can pay tribute to Msgr. by enjoying a day on the golf course, attending the dinner in his honor or acknowledging him with a page in the souvenir journal. For additional information please contact Mrs. Gela Mikalauskas at 718-606-7114 or gmikalauskas@moorechs.org.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE April 23 & April.24

Saturday, April 23

5:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

Sunday, April 24

7:00 Kevin Postler & Hayley Bond

9:00 Noelle Ehresman & Angela Buscemi

11:00 David & Billye Albro

1:00 Michele Chen & Daniel Ramirez

5:00 Giovanni Ercolano & Bernard Daniels, Jr.

SI Grandmother's Club:

Basket Auction Fundraiser Luncheon

Hosted by the SI Granmothers Club Chapter 899
Money raised goes to SI Charities that aide sick children. Sunday, May 1st, Staaten, 12noon start. Arrive 11am to view baskets. Raffle tickets are very affordable. Call for info and also if you are interested in joining the Grandmothers Club. Over 200 baskets!! For information and reservations by April 10th please contact Alana Chanod at 347-423-1190.

Thanks so much for all your support and compliments for the Choirs Easter liturgies!! There still are many extraordinary Masses for you all to participate in, as well as enjoy listening to...

Now is a great time to join a choir at Sacred Heart!! There are only a few months left to the Parish Choir season! Traveling Choir will carry on throughout the summer, as will Family Choir!! (Kids break in May!!) Which choir will you join? Join a choir today!

Family Choir/Kids Praise sings May 1st, 2016! 11am Mass. Bring the entire family! See you in the loft!

Parish Choir/France Voyager Choir sings, April 24th at the 11AM Mass. Come hear their inspiring 5th Sunday of Easter liturgy - better yet...come help us!!

Spring/Summer Brides/Groom!!

Time to schedule your music liturgy consultation for your upcoming wedding Mass/ceremony!! This must take place at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding day - please leave your email address/phone on my voicemail and I will get back to you. (VM 24)

Happy and most Blessed Easter!!

Pamela & the Choirs 442-0058 (VM 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Come with us on our next choir tour!

An Educational Evening on Assisted Suicide:

Monday, April 18th from 7:30-9:00pm

St. Charles Parish, School Auditorium, 200 Penn Ave
Assisted suicide continues to be in the forefront of issues being considered in Albany. Some claim it is simply "medical assistance in dying" and not suicide. But what is really at stake here? Are lethal pills the most we can offer to our brothers and sisters who find themselves suffering with a terminal illness? Join us to learn the facts as we look at the legislation and all of its medical, legal and ethical implications. Sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY with main speaker, Ed Mechmann, Esq. Public Policy Director and Sr. Lucy Marie, Respect Life Coordinator.