

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Saturday, March 31 (Holy Saturday)  
8:00 Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 1 (Easter Sunday)  
7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri  
9:00 Michael McKee  
11:00 Marshall & Patricia Buttle  
1:00 Deceased Members of the Adams,  
Barry & Henabuel Families

Monday, April 2:  
7:00 No Mass  
9:00 Frank J. Santora

Tuesday, April 3:  
7:00 Ronald Musselwhite  
9:00 Fr. Raymond Dolan

Wednesday, April 4:  
7:00 Xeu Qian Zheng  
9:00 Arlene Cunningham

Thursday, April 5:  
7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Michael McKee

Friday, April 6:  
7:00 Sr. Mary Therese O’Carm  
7:30 Vito Lepore

Saturday, April 7:  
9:00 Louis Smith  
5:00 William, Anna & James Maine

Sunday, April 8:  
7:00 Hon. Louis R. Jerome Sr.  
9:00 Zhen Ai Zheng  
11:00 Joanne Griffo  
1:00 Stanley Modzelewski  
5:00 Douglas Peterson

Saturday, April 7th:  
8:00: Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, April 8th:  
7:00 Vincent O’Grady  
9:00 Don O’Shea Evelyn Bilotto  
11:00 Maria Montouri Regina Torello  
1:00 Pat Jezycki Rosetta Messina  
5:00 Jack Gordon 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., Eileen Leigh , Danny  
Fortunato

**Collections:**  
March 18th.....\$7,414.00  
Building Fund.....\$562.00

**Wedding Bands**

II Steven Michael Arroyo Jr. & Carmen Taylor  
I Alessandro Roberto Perrone & Alison Rose DiPierri

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In Phoenix, Arizona, a 26-year-old mother gazed at her little boy who was dying. She took her son's hand and asked, "Bopsy (his nickname), did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream and wish about what you would do with your life?" "Mommy," he answered, "I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up." Mom smiled back and said, "Let's see if we can make your wish come true."

In 1981, Frank "Bopsy" Salazar, a 7-year-old dying of leukemia, became the first "wish child" helped by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He had three wishes: to be a fireman, to ride in a hot air balloon, and to go to Disneyland. He managed to achieve all three.

His mom was put in touch with the local fire department in Phoenix. She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her son a ride around the block on a fire engine. The fireman said, "Look, we can do better than that." The Phoenix Fire Department made sure Frank had an unforgettable experience. They made the boy the first honorary fireman in Phoenix history. A full uniform, complete with a yellow coat and a helmet, was custom made just for him. Frank scrambled around the back of Engine 9's ladder truck and slammed on the horn. Following the ride, he blasted a few cars with water from a 75-pound hose. At the end of the day, they boy was pinned with an official firefighter's badge.

Frank went on to experience a hot-air balloon ride and a trip to Disneyland. While in Anaheim, he was treated with every token of respect a visiting fireman could expect from his California colleagues, including being chauffeured to and from the airport in a fire truck and escorted around the park by two of his comrades from the Anaheim Fire Department.

Frank's condition worsened not long after returning from California, and he had to return to the hospital. One night all of his vital signs began

to drop dramatically and the head nurse began to call the family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the day Frank had spent as a fireman and decided to phone the fire chief and ask if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with the boy as he made his transition to eternity. The chief replied, "We can do better than that. We'll be there in five minutes. When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system at the hospital that there is not a fire? It's the department coming to see one of its own. And will you open the window to his room?"

About five minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Frank's third floor unlocked window. Five fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into the boy's room on the third floor. He was awakened when someone suddenly knocked on his window and opened it. In came five of his fellow Phoenix firemen. They had parked their ladder truck directly below. As his colleagues continued to crawl through the window, Frank could not contain his laughter. The boy shared a few laughs and stories with his firefighter friends before going back to sleep, with a smile on his face. Later that evening, Bopsy passed away

It's a true story about transforming death into something beautiful. Jesus of Nazareth did that too. For us. Forever. Happy Easter!

God bless you!

Father Eric

**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.

**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



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**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, April 7, 2018:**

5:00 : Mary, Siobhan & Ann McCafferty

**Sunday, April 8, 2018:**

7:00 Matthew, Julia & Sean Ahern

9:00 B. Daniels, E. Eadiccio, H. Bond

11:00 G. Seaborg, R. Delamasa, A. Buscemi

1:00 T. Smith, B. Freund, W. Wenzel

5:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

**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 Checcio 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.

**Msgr. Farrell High School:** The Holy Name Society of Msgr. Farrell High School will be hosting the 6th annual Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile on Sunday, April 15th, at Farrell High School. We ask that all former students attend this event to honor a stellar educator who dedicated over forty years of his life to teaching at the school. Anyone interested in donating or participating should visit the following website <https://tinyurl.com/6thcomiskeymemorialmile> to download and complete the registration form.

**Vocations Summit:** On Monday, April 16th, Our Lady Star of the Sea located at 5411 Amboy Road will be holding a Vocations Summit from 7 -8:30 PM. Any student 8th grade through High School who is interested in or considering a vocation is encouraged to attend. If you or someone you know is interested please call (646)-244-4333 for more details.

**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.

## **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!

**Rectory Office Closed:** Just a reminder that the Rectory Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 30th and Easter Monday, April 2nd. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Thank you. We wish all of our parishioners and their families a very joyous and blessed Easter Season.

**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.