

Divine Mercy Sunday



Saturday, April 22:  
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

Monday, April 24:  
7:00 Josephine Gillikin  
9:00 Grace Stanger

Tuesday, April 25:  
7:00 Vincent Harzewski  
9:00 Helen Buckley

Wednesday, April 26:  
7:00 Ronald Del Rosario  
9:00 Dr. Angelo Santoro

Thursday, April 27:  
7:00 Deceased Members of the Dolan  
& Lyons Families  
9:00 Thomas J, Virginia & Gerard Crane

Friday, April 28:  
7:00 Gertrude M. Allen  
9:00 Margaret Newman

Saturday, April 29:  
9:00 Terrence Downing  
5:00 Bridget Jordan

Sunday, April 30:  
7:00 Benjamin Zarelli  
9:00 Marie & Frank Barnard  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Richard Voss  
5:00 Maureen Driscoll

Saturday, April 29:  
8:00 Bill Jones

Pat Foley

Sunday, April 30:  
7:00 Sister Iraida  
9:00 Joe Meagher Elizabeth D'Antuono  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki  
1:00 Theresa Cunningham John Mooney  
5:00 Fred Maley 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, Richard Juliano

**Collections:**

April 9th.....	\$10,236.00
April 2017 Monthly.....	\$4,008.00
Good Friday.....	\$1,619.00
April 16th.....	\$5,537.00
Easter Collection.....	\$23,217.00

**Wedding Bands**

Terrence O'Neill & Laura Coughlan

**Online Giving:** Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. 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:

Today is *Divine Mercy Sunday*. The word “mercy” comes from two Latin derivatives: “miseria” and “cor”. Miseria means weakness, poverty, helplessness. From this Latin word comes the English word: misery. Cor means heart, plain and simple. Therefore, the concept of mercy entails the heart of God—the Sacred Heart—reaching toward our weakness, poverty, helplessness, and, yes, our misery.

On August 18, 1996, Fr. Alejandro Pezet was finishing Mass in Buenos Aires. A woman came to tell him that she had found a discarded Host. Fr. Alejandro placed the defiled Host in a container of water and put it away in the tabernacle. The next week, upon opening the tabernacle, the priest was astonished to see that the Host had turned bloody. He informed Jorge Bergoglio (Auxiliary Bishop at that time, now Pope Francis), who gave instructions that the Host be professionally photographed. The photos were taken on September 6. They make clear that the Host had become a piece of bloody flesh, and had grown in size. For several years the Host remained in the tabernacle and the whole affair was kept secret. When Bergoglio became the cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires he decided to have it scientifically analyzed.

On October 5, 1999, in the presence of the Cardinal’s representatives, Dr. Ricardo Castanon took a sample of the bloody Host and sent it to New York for analysis. He deliberately did not inform the team of scientists where it came from so as to have an objective investigation. One of these scientists was well-known cardiologist and forensic pathologist, Dr. Frederic Zugiba. He became scientifically convinced that the substance was real flesh and blood.

Zugiba testified that, “the analyzed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction of the heart. It should be borne in mind that the left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. It is my contention that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism. They require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was

alive when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest.”

The heart was alive! In the Eucharist the Sacred Heart of Jesus is given to us because of His Divine Mercy. That compassionate heart of our Savior reaches into our earthly struggle, which we bring to the Altar at every Mass, and brings light, healing and peace. The Saints knew the power and splendor of the Eucharist. Here are some quotes from our big brothers and sisters in the faith:

- When the Eucharist is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine Victim immolated on the Altar. [St. John Chrysostom]
- The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass. [St. Augustine]
- If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy. [Saint John Vianney]
- The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the Cross. [Saint Thomas Aquinas]
- Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God’s Goodness and asked Our Lord “How can I thank you?” Our Lord replied, “Attend one Mass.”
- It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass. [St. Pio of Pietrelcina]

God Bless You!

Father Eric

**Pack 74 Book Drive:** Our Boy Scouts of Pak 74 will be having a used book drive next weekend, April 29th and 30th. After each mass members of the Pak will be in the back of the Church collecting your used books, feel free to donate as many as possible.

**Relevant Radio:** Relevant Radio is a Catholic Radio Station which can be found on the AM Bandwidth on station 1430. Some parishioners have stated that listening to that station has helped them grow in the faith and brought them closer to God.

**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.

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe:** Next weekend a special collection will be taken up for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection provides vital funds for our brothers and sisters who are living in countries once ruled by communism and for which religious observance is rare. In Estonia for example the proceeds of this collection helped fund a summer camp where middle school aged boys learned more about the faith, attended daily mass and had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Once in high school these same boys often return as staff members helping younger children grow in the faith. Your generous donations will help those still struggling to find a way in the aftermath of communism. It will also enable the faith to continue to be practiced and passed down in this region of the world. Please be as generous as your means can allow.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and at 3PM there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy in the Church. Confessions will be available so as to gain the plenary indulgence.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday April 29, 2017:**

5:00 : Anne, Kathleen & Siobhan McCafferty

**Sunday April 30, 2017:**

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

9:00 A. Collado, G. Seaborg, R. Delamasa

11:00 T. Koleci, A. Maida, N. Ramdass

1:00 J. Diaz, A. Basile, N. Ehresman

5:00 G. Garcia, W. Hollnsteiner, M. Riccardi

**Sacred Heart YAC Cinco De Mayo Party:** The YAC Spring Dance, adults only, will be on Friday, May 5, 2017 in the school gymnasium from 7:30-11:30 PM. The cost is \$45 which includes live entertainment, light refreshments and tap beer. If you are interested please RSVP to Kathy Evans , (917)-697-7911 no later than April 30th.

**St Teresa “Revive Mission”:** St. Teresa’s Church will be hosting a cluster mission from Monday, April 24th to Wednesday, April 26th. The Mission is open not only to parishioners of St. Teresa’s but also Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament, St. Rita, Holy Family, Our Lady of Pity and St. Anthony. The theme of our Mission is “Revive-Faith Every Day” which is a spiritual initiative of Cardinal Dolan and is being replicated throughout our Archdiocese. The Mission will serve to remind us that our reason for being is spiritual union with God. Hopefully we can learn to put the sacraments front and center in our lives, focus on Jesus and his word and his Church. By working closely with the other parishes in our “cluster” we can combined provide services and special events that alone would not be possible. The guest preacher for the three nights will be Father Victor Hoagland a Passionist Priest. No matter weather you are a person of steadfast faith, a person of doubtful faith, an inquiring person or a devout believer all are welcome and hopefully you will bring many others with you. For more information see the flier in the bulletin

**Seton Foundation:** The Seton Foundation will be hosting “Canvas & Cocktails” which is a Learning Art Sale and Exhibit featuring the work of their talented students. The event takes place on Thursday, May 11th from 6:30-9:30 PM at the Old Bermuda Inn. The cost is \$60 per person which includes an Open Bar and light appetizers. If you are interested please contact either Debbie at (718) 876-0939 or Stephanie at (718) 982-5084 to RSVP.