

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Saturday, April 1:

5:00 Romeo & Grace DeCore

Sunday, April 2:

7:00 Benjamin Zarelli  
9:00 Arlene Cunningham  
11:00 People of The Parish  
1:00 Leonard & Loretta Gaeta  
5:00 Andrew DeSantis

Monday, April 3:

7:00 William Walsh  
9:00 Abnel & Elena Aquino

Tuesday, April 4:

7:00 Rex Betita  
9:00 Thanksgiving Intentions of The Gordon Family

Wednesday, April 5:

7:00 Dawn Cangro  
9:00 Deceased Members of The Dolan & Lyons Families

Thursday, April 6:

7:00 Raffaella DeStefano  
9:00 Maureen Driscoll

Friday, April 7:

7:00 Connie Nix  
9:00 Alex Rusinak

Saturday, April 8:

9:00 Cesar Rossi  
5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, April 9 "Palm Sunday":

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families and The Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Vocations to the Priesthood  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Carol Pernicone  
5:00 Gennaro Fischetti

Saturday, April 8th :

5:00 M. Rosso, B. Jones Pat Foley

Sunday, April 9th Palm Sunday:

7:00 V. O'Grady, J. Prenty  
9:00 D. O'Shea, F. DiSalvo Evelyn Bilotto  
11:00 Maria Montouri Regina Torello  
1:00 P. Jezycki, C. Sullivan Rosetta Messina  
5:00 J. Gordon, T. Cunningham 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, Jennifer Santore, Fr. Raymond Dolan, Rosemary Regan, Edward Fiorelli

Collections:

March 26th.....\$5,794.00  
Catholic Relief Charities.....\$ 1,950.00  
Congratulations to M/M Louis Pannone on winning the March 2017 50/50

Wedding Bands

Brian Ortiz & Stephany Urzua I

**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:

A recent article by Michael Walker was posted on *The Splendor of the Church website* entitled: “7 of History’s Most Brilliant Scientists People Forget Were Catholic.”

First mentioned is Louis Pasteur (1822-1895). Pasteur invented pasteurization, which was a major breakthrough in humanity’s quest to prevent disease. Walker writes, “Pasteur was once praying the Rosary on a train when a young man criticized his devotion as a manifestation of scientific ignorance. Pasteur simply had to introduce himself to dispel this spurious charge of superstition.” Pasteur was once credited as saying: “The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator.”

Gregor Mendel (1822-1884) is often labeled “The Father of Genetics”. He was an Augustinian priest who calculated the odds of inheritance in his monastery garden. St. Giuseppe Moscati (1880-1927) was a pioneer in treating diabetes with insulin. Doctor Moscatti declared to his colleagues: “In all your works, look to Heaven, to the eternity of life and of the soul, and orient yourself then much differently from the way that merely human considerations might suggest, and your activity will be inspired for the good.”

Henri de Broglie (1785-1870) won the Nobel Prize in Quantum Mechanics. He was a devout Catholic who originated the wave-particle equation named for him. Fr. Georges Lemaître (1894-1966) is often called “The Father of the Big Bang Theory”. He originated the idea that following an initial explosion of massive proportions the universe continues to expand. His theory is widely misattributed to Edwin Hubble.

Doctor Jerome Lejeune (1926-1994) discovered trisomy 21, the genetic defect that

causes Down syndrome. Walker states, “While he labored with the intent to find a cure, he decried the pervasive usage of his discovery in prenatal testing for abortion. His pro-life stance may have cost him a Nobel Prize, but St. John Paul II appointed him as the first president of the Pontifical Academy of Life instead.” His cause for canonization is under way. Lejeune had a poignant pro-life message: “The enemies of life know that to destroy Christian civilization, they must first destroy the family at its weakest point—the child. And among the weakest, they must choose the least protected of all—the child who has never been seen; the child who is not yet known or loved in the usual meaning of the word; who has not yet seen the light of day, who cannot even cry out in distress.”

The last mentioned Catholic scientist is Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), who is usually referred to as “The Father of Modern Astronomy”. Although he clashed with ecclesiastical authority he was a practicing Catholic until the day he died. Galileo said once, “The Bible shows the way to go to Heaven, not the way the heavens go... I give infinite thanks to God, who has been pleased to make me the first observer of marvelous things.”

Walker concludes his article well, by stating, “Ergo, from basic genetics to interplanetary physics, the Church collectively has made more contributions to knowledge about our universe than any one entity in history. The litany of faithful scholars goes on and on!”

We Catholics do well to know not just our faith, but our family tree.

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

**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! In fact two of our girls teams just won their third and fourth consecutive State Championships. The final Open House will be on Tuesday, April 4 from 9-11 AM.

**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.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Friday April 7, 2017:** Stations of The Cross  
7:30: A. Basile, W. Wenzel, G. Seaborg

**Saturday April 8, 2017:**  
5:00 : B. Freund, T. Smith, A. Maida

**Sunday April 9, 2017:**  
7:00 W. Hollnsteiner, B. Daniels, A. Buscemi  
9:00 M. Ahern, J. Ahern, B. Silva  
11:00 A. Collado, R. Delamasa, G. Garcia  
1:00 S. Laureno, C. Basile, V. Kaleta  
5:00 J. Diaz, J. Manning, M. Manning

**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 more 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)

**Chrism Mass:** The annual Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday April 11, 2017 at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 4 P.M. There will be a bus departing from Blessed Sacrament at 1:30 P.M. and those interested should contact The Parish House at (718) 442-1581. The suggested donation is \$25 and any checks should be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Church.

**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.