

Third Sunday of Easter



Saturday, April 29:
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

Monday, May 1:
7:00 Michael Courtien
9:00 Charles & Elizabeth Krugel

Tuesday, May 2:
7:00 Andrew Fugoso
9:00 Janice Devoe

Wednesday, May 3:
7:00 Frank Duff, Adele Quinn & Alfie Lamb
9:00 John LaMont

Thursday, May 4:
7:00 Theresa Gassosa
9:00 Deceased Members of The Sova Family

Friday, May 5:
7:00 Rosalinda G. Valenzuela
9:00 Marghrita & Philip Frabotta

Saturday, May 6:
9:00 Theresa Guglielmo
5:00 John F. Smith

Sunday, May 7:
7:00 Kathleen Dowd Murphy
9:00 Eugene & Clare Duclos
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Roberta Meringolo
5:00 Deceased Members of
The Nicolais Family

Saturday, May 6:
5:00 Frank Ponterio

Pat Foley

Sunday, May 7:
7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney
5:00 Jack Gordon 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 23rd.....\$7,517.00
Easter Collection.....\$1,221.00
Building Fund April 2017.....\$595.00

Wedding Bands

Terrence O'Neill & Laura Coughlin II

Newly Baptized:

Gabriel Emmanuel Henriquez, Tru Bella Flagiello-Myers, Georgios Giovanni Markogiannis, Esteban Estrada Cruz, Briella Jade Gregorio, Walker Blaise Vanden-Heuvel, Amberose Fae Batista, Riley Elizabeth Watson, Luke Tacardon, Roy Giorgio Jirak, Lydia Teresa Lang, Keira Rain Kidney

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Grazie Pozo Christie praises Catholic education in her article: “Can We Please Let Catholic Schools Stay Catholic?” (April 4, 2017, *New York Post*). She writes, “American schoolchildren ought to have access to a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment — yet too many children are consigned by geography to public schools that are anything but safe and nurturing. That’s where Catholic schools come in. It’s at these schools that many underprivileged and minority children get a great start in life, and their parents the satisfaction of knowing they are in the best of hands.”

Christie offers some astonishing statistics reflecting the positive value of a Catholic education. She points out that ninety-nine percent of students who attend Catholic high school graduate. Of those, 86 percent attend four-year colleges. This occurs even though public schools outspend Catholic schools to educate their students. The mean cost per pupil at Catholic schools is \$5,847. The national per-pupil average is \$12,054. Minorities account for 19.8 percent of the Catholic school population. Catholic schools provide over \$24 billion a year in savings for the nation.

What is the secret to the success of Catholic schools? Well, Jesus, of course, or as Christie explains, “It is the Christian values lived and taught in the schools that create the peaceful, respectful and nurturing atmosphere that is the envy of public schools — sometimes located in the very same neighborhoods.” She tells of how she was reflecting upon this while watching the children at her parish school lined up outside in neat rows for morning prayers. Mrs. Rivera, the principal, led a series of

prayers, and then a child from each grade read an individual prayer for a special intention (a child sick with cancer, a father away at war) while the rest prayed silently. Finally, they all turned to the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance with hands over their hearts. As we know, Catholic students do this kind of thing every single morning. I have the privilege of leading the children in prayer most mornings in the auditorium at Sacred Heart School.

Christie writes, “Children in Catholic schools flourish because of these practices, which direct the mind and heart of each child toward the goal of the day: to love God and each other and put selfish considerations last. And during the rest of the day — in every class, not just religion class — Christian ideals are woven into the curriculum. Whether science or social studies, the teachers refer back to the main project: forming excellent men and women — loyal, unselfish, full of kindness, incapable of treachery or dishonesty, gracious and loving to everyone.”

As the academic year approaches its close perhaps we can think about the possibility of Sacred Heart School next year for our children, grandchildren and godchildren.

God Bless You!

Father Eric

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which 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, click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

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: This 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.

Daughters of Divine Charity: The Daughters of The Divine Charity, located at 850 Hylan BLVD will be having a “Come and See” weekend on May 12th and May 13th. If you or somebody you know is discerning a vocation to the religious life they can contact Sister Mary Coffelt at (718) -727-5701 or email her at smcoffelt@hotmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday May 6, 2017:

5:00 : C. Basile, A. Basile, S. Laurenno

Sunday May 7, 2017:

7:00 A. Maida, T. Koleci, J. Diaz

9:00 A. Buscemi, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

11:00 N. Ramdass, R. Delamasa, G. Seaborg

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

5:00 M. Ahern, J. Ahern, B. Silva

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.

Saints Peters & Paul & Assumption: On May 20th and May 21st Sts Peters & Paul and Assumption along with Calvary Presbyterian Church will be hosting “Stained Glass Windows of This World and The Next” which is being presented by Sacred Sites. Spectacular and one of a kind stained glass windows will be on display for guests of all faiths who wish to view them. Calvary will be open on both dates for viewing from 10 AM-2PM and St. Peters will remain open on May 21st following their noon mass until 4:30 PM.

Saint Joseph Retreat Center

May Retreat Programs:

Embracing Our Last Days: Saturday May 6th, 1-3 PM with a fee of \$25. This retreat handles a very important yet difficult time in life and that is how to deal with and assist a loved one in their last days.

Mother/Daughter Dinner Reflection: Thursday May 11th from 6:00-8:30 PM with a \$35 fee. The presentation will be about the unique relationship shared between a Mother and her Daughter. Also we will explore where The Blessed Virgin, Mary, enters into this dynamic.

What's Next: Tuesday, May 16th from 1-3 PM with a \$25 fee. With the Easter Season coming to a close now that we have celebrated the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We not only await The Ascension and Pentecost we also ask ourselves, what comes next? Come and gather as we analyze the last words of Christ who said “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them and behold I am with you always until the end of time.”