

Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)



Saturday, April 7:

5:00 William, Anna & James Maine

Sunday, April 8 (Easter Sunday)

7:00 Hon. Louis R. Jerome Sr.

9:00 Zhen Ai Zheng

11:00 Joanne Griffio

1:00 Stanley Modzelewski

5:00 Douglas Peterson

Monday, April 9:

7:00 Rex Betita

9:00 Joanna Ruth

Tuesday, April 10:

7:00 Charles, Mary & Charles M Donohue

9:00 Richard Merenda Jr.

Wednesday, April 11:

7:00 Gregory Moore

9:00 Deceased Members of The Graham & Geraghty Families

Thursday, April 12:

7:00 Byron Womack

9:00 John Kirincich

Friday, April 13:

7:00 People of the Parish

7:30 Intentions of the Gordon Family

Saturday, April 14:

9:00 Barbara Tanachion

5:00 Frank, Betty & Betty Lee Barry

Sunday, April 15:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Mary Romanelli

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 John Zito

5:00 Orazio Petito

Saturday, April 14th:

8:00 Frank Ponterio

Anne Siemer

Sunday, April 15th:

7:00 Theresa Zulch

9:00 Kennedy Apoe

Elizabeth D'Antuono

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

Dorothy Tarafa

1:00 Charles Sullivan

John Mooney Sr.

5:00 Bob Mazzucco

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., James Carney, Danny Fortunato

Collections:

March 25th.....	\$9,158.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$2,246.00
Holy Land.....	\$1,703.00
April 1st.....	\$5,575.00
Easter.....	\$18,912.00

Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Buzzard on winning The March 2018 Fifty Fifty

Wedding Bands

III Steven Michael Arroyo Jr. & Carmen Taylor

II Alessandro Roberto Perrone & Alison Rose DiPierri

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Cardinal Dolan recently wrote an op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled, “The Democrats Abandon Catholics.” In this holy season of Easter, I would normally be writing about more spiritual topics. However, since our Archbishop has voiced genuine concern about something that is central in our society, I feel that we do well to listen to our shepherd. The article is presented in full below.

God bless you!

Father Eric

“The Democrats Abandon Catholics”

A couple of events over the past few weeks brought to mind two towering people who had a tremendous effect on the Archdiocese of New York and the U.S. more broadly. Their witness is worth remembering, especially in this political moment.

Last Saturday’s feast of St. Patrick, the patron saint of our cathedral and archdiocese, reminded me of Archbishop John Hughes. As the first archbishop of New York (1842-64), “Dagger John” displayed dramatic reverence for the dignity of Irish immigrants. Thousands arrived daily in New York — penniless, starving and sometimes ill — only to be met with hostility, bigotry and injustice.

An immigrant himself, Hughes prophetically and vigorously defended their dignity. Because the schools at the time were hostile to these immigrants, he initiated Catholic schools to provide children with a good education sensitive to their religion and to prepare them as responsible, patriotic citizens. The schools worked. Many remain open to this day, their mission unchanged.

The second event was the recent funeral of a great African-American woman, Dolores Grier. A convert to Catholicism, she was named vice chancellor of the archdiocese three decades ago by Cardinal John O’Connor; she was the first layperson and first woman to hold the prestigious position. Grier was passionate about civil rights, especially the right to life of babies in the womb. She never missed an opportunity to defend, lovingly but forcefully, their right to life.

Grier attributed her pro-life sensitivity to the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who preached that abortion was an act of genocide against minorities. No wonder, she often observed, abortuaries were clustered in poor black and brown neighborhoods. The statistics today confirm her observation: In 2013 there were more black babies aborted in New York City (29,007) than were born here (24,758), according to a report from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The values Archbishop Hughes and Dolores Grier cherished — the dignity and sanctity of human life, the importance of Catholic schools, the defense of a baby’s civil rights — were, and still are, widely embraced by Catholics. This often led Catholics to become loyal Democrats. I remember my own grandmother whispering to me, “We Catholics don’t trust those Republicans.”

Such is no longer the case, a cause of sadness to many Catholics, me included. The two causes so vigorously promoted by Hughes and Grier—the needs of poor and middle-class children in Catholic schools, and the right to life of the baby in the womb — largely have been rejected by the party of our youth. An esteemed pro-life Democrat in Illinois, Rep. Dan Lipinski, effectively was blacklisted by his own party. Last year, Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez insisted that pro-life candidates have no place in the modern Democratic Party.

It is particularly chilly for us here in the state Hughes and Grier proudly called their earthly home. In recent years, some Democrats in the New York state Assembly repeatedly blocked education tax credit legislation, which would have helped middle-class and low-income families make the choice to select Catholic or other nonpublic schools for their children. Opposing the bill reduces the ability of fine Catholic schools across the state to continue their mission of serving the poor, many of them immigrants.

More sobering, what is already the most radical abortion license in the country may soon be even more morbidly expanded. For instance, under the proposed Reproductive Health Act, doctors would not be required to care for a baby who survives an abortion. The newborn simply would be allowed to die without any legal implications. And abortions would be legal up to the moment of birth.

The “big tent” of the Democratic Party now seems a pup tent. Annafi Wahed, a former staffer to Hillary Clinton, recently wrote in this newspaper about her experience attending the Conservative Political Action Conference. She complimented the conservative attendees, pointing out that most made her feel welcome at their meeting. They listened attentively to her views — a courtesy, she had to admit, that would not be given to them at a meeting of political liberals.

I’m a pastor, not a politician, and I’ve certainly had spats and disappointments with politicians from both of America’s leading parties. But it saddens me, and weakens the democracy millions of Americans cherish, when the party that once embraced Catholics now slams the door on us.

To Archbishop Hughes, Dolores Grier, and Grandma Dolan, I’m sorry to have to write this. But not as sad as you are to know it is true.

Sacred Heart School: Now accepting applications for September 2018
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, 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 14, 2018:

5:00 : M. Crowdell, T. Murphy, W. Hollnsteiner

Sunday, April 15, 2018:

7:00 M. Fernando, N. Ramdass, J. Oliveras

9:00 M. Perkert, A. Cruz, A. Schmitt

11:00 M. Ahern, A. Maida, T. Koleci

1:00 M. Donovan, J. Orellana, G. Garcia

5:00 Maggie, Kevin & Harry Postler

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!

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.

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 and click on the link at the top of the page.