

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, August 10:**

5:00 John A. Kubasek & Frank Sova

**Sunday, August 11:**

7:00 Msgr. Vincent Bartley  
9:00 Sue Amore  
11:00 Viola, Anne, Louise & Vera Vigilante  
1:00 Msgr. Andrew Quinn  
5:00 Stanley Modzelewski

**Monday, August 12:**

7:00 Deborah Sucich (Living, Consecrated Virgin)  
9:00 Michael Bilotto

**Tuesday, August 13:**

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Donald O'Brien

**Wednesday, August 14:**

7:00 Rodolfo Rodolfo Sr.  
9:00 Joan M. Prenty  
7:00 Matthew & Kathleen Dowd

**Thursday, August 15:**

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri  
9:00 Gloria Feeny  
7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

**Friday, August 16:**

7:00 Jacqueline Pearl Morris  
9:00 Corinne A. O'Brien (13th Anniversary)

**Saturday, August 17:**

9:00 Alice Perry (24th Anniversary)  
5:00 Joseph Tirone

**Sunday, August 18:**

7:00 Eva Grace  
9:00 Therese O'Shea  
11:00 Deceased Members of The Decker Family  
1:00 James P. Noone Sr.  
5:00 Shawn Chamara Gunawardena

**Saturday, August 17:**

5:00 F. Ponterio A. Siemer

**Sunday, August 18:**

7:00 AM T. Zulch  
9:00 AM K. Apoe E. D'Antuono  
11:00 AM P. Jezycki  
1:00 PM C. Sullivan J. Mooney Sr.  
5:00 PM F. DiSalvo



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, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Linda Powers, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Frank Juliano, Joseph Brancato, Carmela D'Angelo, Michael Guerin, Michael Meyer, June Laub, (baby) Benjamin Michael Thomasen, Frank Musuruca, Timothy Carlson, Rawle Hamilton, Richard Ross, Bette Ann Pascarella, Joanne Prato, Joseph Koslowski

**Collections:**

August 4th.....\$6,976.00  
August 2019 Monthly.....\$2,143.00

**Wedding Banns**

- III Benjamin Samuel Bustamante & Madeline Rose Cocchiarello
- III Joseph Daniel McKeever Jr. & Ashley Elizabeth Mallen
- II Michael Kevin McGinley & Lauren Marie Rodriguez
- I Anthony Ronald Naimoli & Christina Nancy Mauro

## NOTE FROM The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One day a woman came to St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419). She was complaining bitterly of the bad treatment she had to endure from her husband. "Teach me, my good Father," said she, "an effective method of preserving peace at home, in order that my husband may stop mistreating me by word and deed." The Saint allowed her to speak without at all interrupting her. All the while, with his supernatural knowledge and pastoral experience, he well knew the cause of the burden for which she sought a remedy. It was quite simply petulance. She irritated her husband by her incessant nagging and murmuring.

After she had finished her complaint, the Saint quietly said to her, "If you wish to put an end to these disagreeable scenes, go to the Brother Porter of our friary and bid him give you a jug of water from the well that is in the middle of the cloister. When your husband returns home, take at once a mouthful of this water without swallowing it and retain it for a considerable time in your mouth. If you do this, I assure you that your husband will no more be angry with you and will become as meek as a lamb."

The woman immediately hastened to execute the Saint's directive. After all, it seemed easy enough. Moreover, with St. Vincent's reputation for working miracles, divine intervention was drizzling behind the Saint's request. When the husband returned home and began to show indications that he was irritated, she ran to the jug and filled her mouth with water, which she retained, as long as she was able. As a result, meeting with no reply, the

husband remained silent. He wondered at this but said nothing. Meanwhile, he thanked God for having changed the heart and closed the mouth from which proceeded all their disputes.

The woman put this advice into practice many times, and always with the same success. She jubilantly returned to St. Vincent overflowing with gratitude for so excellent a remedy. Then the Saint, speaking to her with a sweet gentleness, plainly told her, "The remedy that I have taught you, my daughter, is not the water from the well, as you suppose, but silence. By holding your tongue, you have preserved peace between yourself and your husband. He had scarcely entered the house, when you irritated him by your troublesome questions. It was your own fault if this anger increased. Your provoking rejoinders were the cause of it. Be silent in the future, and you will always live in peace with your husband."

Hence, there remains a common proverb in Valencia. When a woman would complain of her husband the answer would come: "Fill your mouth with water, and what St. Vincent said will come to pass." (For further reading see Rev. Fr. Andrew Pradel, O.P., *St. Vincent Ferrer: Angel of the Judgment*, 2001)

This fifteenth century Spanish woman was not unique in her initial inability to control her tongue. Each of us faces the same challenge. That is why the Apostle tells us: *Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak.* (James 1:19).

God bless you!  
Father Eric

**Sacred Heart 2019-2020** If you and your spouse are considering a Private/Catholic school for your children, Sacred Heart is the perfect choice. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. The school currently has an enrollment of 262 students all of whom are inspired and educated in the image of God. One hundred percent of our 8th grade graduates are accepted into their high school of choice. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships, are accepted into advanced/specialized programs and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. We place emphasis on technology in the classrooms as our kindergarten—eighth grade students have Chromebooks in the classroom. Homework assignments, upcoming events and school news are posted on our school website. Also our basketball, soccer, swimming and golf teams are not only competitive, they win championships! Sacred Heart also has a Junior National Honor Society as well as drama, art and chess clubs. In addition, we offer a free Pre-K and financial assistance is available to students from K-8th grade. If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 442-0347, private tours are available by appointment.

**Sacred Heart Free Pre K-3:** Sacred Heart School would like to announce that they now have a free Pre K-3 for all program. If your child was born in 2016 you may apply. This program provides free, full day, high quality early childhood education for three year olds. Statistics have shown that children who enter high quality pre school enter school with better vocabularies, advanced pre reading skills and stronger math abilities. If you are interested please call 718-442-0347 Monday to Friday from 9-2.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, August 17, 2019**

5:00 Kevin, Maggie & Harry Postler

#### **Sunday, August 18, 2019**

7:00 Kelly & Erik Shashaty, M. Crowdell

9:00 G. Grannis, A. Laureano, D. Rojas

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

1:00 Anthony & Matthew Basile, T. Murphy

5:00 K. Brady, G. Brady, M. Fernando

**YAC News:** The YAC is currently accepting coaching applications for the 2019-2020 basketball season. Player registration for the 2019-2020 basketball season is also underway and those interested can register at [sacredheartbasketballsi.org](http://sacredheartbasketballsi.org). Sacred Heart is in need of a track coach for the upcoming fall cross country track season. If anyone is interested in coaching or if they have questions regarding basketball registration they can contact Tom Corson at 718-909-7709.

**Discovering Christ:** “Discovering Christ” is a seven week program where all are invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Sundays at 6 PM beginning on September 15th and ending on November 3rd. Each session is made up of four parts: a meal, prayer time, a teaching video and a small group discussion. We are excited to be bringing “Discovering Christ” back to Sacred Heart. If you remember the program was successfully run in the fall of 2016. In addition to bringing our parishioners together it resulted in the formation of our Bible Group and The Holy Name Society which in turn brought back The Communion Breakfast. This is a great opportunity for Catholics who wish to learn more about their religion or those who have fallen away from the Church to renew their faith. Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule and for more information contact Don Maj at (646) 300-4491.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society is once again in need of food donations. Cans of vegetables, canned meats and fish, canned fruit, canned soup, jars of sauce, boxes of pasta, cereal, rice, pancake mix, instant mashed potatoes and peanut butter and jelly are needed. Your donations are much appreciated and go very far in feeding the needy and hungry of our community.

**Feast of the Assumption:** Thursday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Times are Wednesday, August 14th at 7 PM, Thursday, August 15th at 7 AM, 9 AM and 7 PM.

## **SACRED HEART PARISH** **GROUPS**

**Bible Study:** Fr. Eric has a weekly Bible study group that meets on Saturdays from 1-2:30 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 are welcome to attend. The group does not meet during the summer and will resume in September.

**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. Being a member of the youth group involves volunteering at bake sales, food drives and used clothing drives. The youth group also has "Movie Night", retreat weekends and plays laser tag. This is a fun way to earn community service credits for school.

**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 917-608-7587.

**Sacred Heart Choir:** As is customary the choir will not sing during the summer months and will resume in September. Also, our Music Director, Tom Czarnecki, is on vacation so there will be no organ music from July 21st - August 18th.

**Sacred Heart RCIA:** Have you or anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation? We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about the Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments at Sacred Heart during the Easter season. Call the Rectory at (718) 442-0058 if you or someone you know is interested in more details.

**Holy Name:** The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most revered groups of the Church. All men of the parish ages 18 and older are encouraged to join this group. The group usually meets on the first Sunday of the month after the 9 AM Mass in the Rectory basement.

**Communion Breakfast:** The annual Holy Name Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 20th. The breakfast will be held at The Staaten immediately following the 9 AM Mass. The cost is \$25 per person and children under 12 are \$15. Last year was the first Breakfast at Sacred Heart in over twenty years and by all accounts it was a resounding success. Tickets will be sold shortly. The Communion Breakfast serves not only as a great kick off to the school year but also to bring us closer as a parish. This year's guest speaker will be legendary basketball coach Bobby Hurley. For more information contact Bill Rautenstrauch at 917-756-2715.

**Pastoral Solidarity for The Church in Africa:** This weekend the second collection will be taken up for The Pastoral Solidarity for The Church in Africa. In Kenya, most of the population is under the age of 25 and families have a special responsibility to encourage the spiritual development of their children. With your help the people of Kenya can do just that. For instance, thanks to your past generosity the Church has trained new ministers to foster a culture of life. These ministers help families build practical skills like active listening and conflict management. Please be as generous as your means will allow because very single donations counts,