

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, August 13:

5:00 Deceased Members of the Driscoll Family

Sunday, August 14:

7:00 Sue Amore  
9:00 Therese O'Shea  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Matthew & Kathleen Dowd  
5:00 Ed Kisto

Monday, August 15:

9:00 Joan M. Prenty and Alice Perry (21st Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 16:

9:00 William & Rita Wilson and Corrine A. O'Brien—10th Anniversary

Wednesday, August 17:

9:00 Marie D. Carnegie and Joseph L. Tirone

Thursday August 18:

9:00 Tessie Greene and James P. Noone, Sr.

Friday, August 19:

9:00 Isabel & Edward Coronato

Saturday August 20:

9:00 Nancy McVey  
5:00 James Crowdell

Sunday, August 21:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Brendan J. Hoey  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Deceased Members of the Fressola & Mazzitelli Families  
5:00 Dorothy O'Malley

The Bread and Wine are offered for a special intention to the Virgin Mary by Sarah McDermot.

Saturday, August 20:

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

Sunday, August 21:

7:00 Teresa Zulch  
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuono  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa  
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney  
5:00 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, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha

**Collections:**

Regular August 7 . . . . . \$6,605.00  
Latin America/Home Missions.....\$1,498.00

**Wedding Banns**

- III Angela Campbell and Christopher Safatle
- III Clarissa Suarez and Daniel Rojas Sr.
- II Juliana Mazo and Jason Carela
- I Michelle Rotunno and Jonathan Blaha



Monday, August 15th is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since the Feast Day falls on a Monday it is not considered a day of Holy Obligation this year. We will have one Mass at 9:00AM.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

In today's second reading from the twelfth chapter of the *Letter to the Hebrews* the Apostle says: *Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us.* The Catholic Church has a mechanism by which to "rid ourselves," and this is Confession. When was the last time you went to Confession?

This Sacrament, also known as Penance or Reconciliation, was instituted late on the original Easter Sunday. The Evangelist tells us: *On the evening of that first day of the week when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."* (John 20:19-23).

Priests, as successors of the Apostles, are given the extraordinary power to take away sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If the penitent is sorry or contrite for his sins, confesses those sins, and has the intention to complete the penance given to him during the Confession, then he can be certain that his sins are forgiven when the priest says, "... and I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." What a freedom!

St. John Vianney, who knew plenty about this Sacrament, since he usually heard Confessions sixteen to eighteen hours a day,

said once in a homily, "Tell me, is it against your inclination to go to Confession? But, my dear friend, is it possible to find a greater happiness than that in less than three minutes our eternity of misery should be changed into an eternity of bliss? Does not Confession restore us to the friendship of God? Does not Confession quench in us the remorse which is an unceasing agony to us? Does it not restore peace to our souls and renew our hope of Heaven? Does not Jesus Christ at this moment appear to unfold to us the riches of His infinite mercy? Yes, my devout children, how many more of the damned would there be, and how far fewer Saints, if we had not this Sacrament? Oh, how the Saints in Heaven thank Our Blessed Lord that He has instituted this Sacrament!" (*Sermon for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*, "Seek the Kingdom of Heaven.").

When was the last time that you went to Confession?  
God bless you!

Father Eric

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 20:

5:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

Sunday, August 21:

7:00 Bernard Daniels & Tim Koleci

9:00 Margaret Donovan

11:00 Jack Lotito & Angela Buscemi

1:00 Sarah Lauren

5:00 Noelle Ehresman & Mary McCafferty

### Sacred Heart School Kindergarten Registration

The “Good News” of Sacred Heart is that its Catholic traditions and academic excellence are the foundation of the continued success and great future of our students. Give your child this wonderful beginning to spiritual growth and educational success. You can apply on-line at [www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org) and also inquire about financial assistance. Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to visit our campus and become part of the Sacred Heart family.

### CCD Registration & Re-Registration:

If you are interested in registering your child (entering 1st-7th grade in Sept 2016) for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year please email Mrs. Rizzuto at [shcreligious@yahoo.com](mailto:shcreligious@yahoo.com) or call and leave a message 718-442-1536. Your child’s Sacramental Certificates (Baptismal and/or Communion) are needed. If your child is transferring from another religious education program a transcript from that program is needed. Re-Registration forms may be dropped off at the rectory, put into the Sunday collection basket or given to Mrs. Rizzuto.

### Sacred Heart Soccer:

Last chance to register for the Sacred Heart Soccer Program. Pre-K thru 8th grade. For info contact Meaghie Reinhold at (347) 563-6353 or email: [meaghiereinhold@gmail.com](mailto:meaghiereinhold@gmail.com). Season begins early September.

### OKTOBERFEST & CAR SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Calling Sacred Heart’s volunteers, parish & school groups and bakers for this year’s Oktoberfest, Fall Festival & Car Show—October 9, 2016. If interested in volunteering contact Tim Donnelly at [TimDonnelly426@yahoo.com](mailto:TimDonnelly426@yahoo.com) or call the rectory.

### OKTOBERFEST RAFFLE:

To offset the costs of this year’s Oktoberfest, Sacred Heart will be raffling two PRIME tickets to the Price is Right Show which will be taped, October 9th at the St. George Theater. Doors open at 6PM. The raffle will be drawn at the Oktoberfest at 1PM. Cost—\$20. See Oktoberfest flyer. Return raffle ticket to the rectory or in the collection basket. Cash is preferred but checks can be made payable to Sacred Heart Church (in memo, PIR Raffle). Good Luck!

## Choir News

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Summertime! A great time to look at some challenges before us— A growing concern/question I am often asked is “Why are many of the hymnbooks/missals in disrepair? “What is being done about this?”

A Bit of History: In 2004, The Parish Choir and I embarked on a Herculean fundraiser (via a year long concert series, including a hymnbook dedication as part of the ticket purchase). As a result of hundreds and hundreds (and hundreds!) of hours of painstaking work and great generosity from parishioners, we were able to purchase 400 hymnbooks/missals (in addition to 50 choir books thanks to a generous Parish Choir member!) - permanently replacing the need to purchase an equal number of disposable missalettes yearly!

The Good News/Bad News: The good news is we have saved the church over \$108,000 over the last 12 years by using our beloved hymnbooks, in lieu of disposable missalettes (not to mention the hundreds of trees saved in the process!). Additionally, of course, is the priceless devotional comfort for those who worship weekly, using the book dedicated to their loved one. The history of deceased members/family members of this parish live on in our hymnbook/missal dedications!

The Bad News: And so it is we are challenged on many levels as how best to meet the ever growing need of addressing our deteriorating books!! Approximately 1/3 of the books need serious repair and/or replacement. Book binding repairs will usually cost more than a new book (New book—approx. \$16-\$26). Additionally our edition of Journey Songs is no longer in print (due to English revision of the Mass several years ago).

So if we purchase “new”, we need to purchase all new books (approx. \$8500)! Ideas? Checks anyone? Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24) 718-442-0058

Travelling Choir votes on their next trip destination August 21 -10:30AM and then sings for the 11AM Mass following. Trip #1 or Trip #2??? Come cast your vote!! See you in the loft!!

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Come with us on our next choir tour!

### Bible Study



Bible Study Group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.