

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 19:

5:00 Deceased Members of the Carey & Driscoll Families

Sunday, August 20:

7:00 Nancy McVey
9:00 Therese O'Shea
11:00 Fressola & Mazzitelli Families
1:00 Elizabeth Sullivan
5:00 People of the Parish

Monday, August 21:

9:00 John & Donald Baker

Tuesday, August 22:

9:00 Jane & Jack Gordon

Wednesday, August 23:

9:00 Chamara "Shawn" Gunawardena

Thursday, August 24:

9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Friday, August 25:

9:00 Richard Gibson

Saturday, August 26:

9:00 Deceased Members of The Graham & Geraghty Families & Souls in Purgatory
5:00 Dawn Walsh 12th Anniversary

Sunday, August 27:

7:00 John J. Prenty
9:00 Theresa Greene
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Luise Fischetti
5:00 Brendan Hoey

Saturday, August 26:

5:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, August 27:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 John Mooney Jr. Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki
1:00 Stephen Brown Dorothy Tarafa
5:00 Fred Maley 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, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman, Arthur Schmitt Sr., Richard Christie, Anthony Columbo, Frances Bocignone, Roseanne Viano, Barbara Longo, Linda Powers

Collections:

August 13th\$5,624.00
Monthly Collection August 2017.....\$2,376.00
Propagation of the Faith.....\$2,156.00

Wedding Banns

III Timothy Robert Mugavero & Lisa Sucato
II Matthew Sabella & Nicki Wolfersberger
I Matthew Mobilia & Maureen McDonough

The Sanctuary Candle is donated in loving memory of Deborah Candrilli by The Spinelli Family

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

In the spiritual life at times we all experience dryness of soul. This dryness tempts us towards discouragement as God seems so distant and we feel empty inside. Mother Angelica of EWTN once said, "Every Christian who strives for holiness of life experiences dryness of soul. It is to most people a heart-rending experience. It is a paradox, for the soul becomes confused when it realizes the harder it strives the further away Jesus seems to be. How strange is a spiritual life that draws a soul to a fire only to make it feel freezing cold!"

John Cassian was a priest and monk in France. He died in 433. He said that there are three reasons for dryness of soul. First, it could be caused by our own negligence and sloth. Cassian writes, "It is question of negligence when, by our fault and due to lukewarmness, we show that we are careless and lax and, having through laziness cultivated the soil of our heart with wicked thoughts, we let germinate thorns and thistles." Second, it may arise from an assault of the Devil. The evil one at times attempts to penetrate our minds with his subtle wiles, drawing us away from holy attentiveness. Third, it may be of the Lord's design.

Why would Jesus design for us what amounts to an interior trial? Cassian says there are two reasons. First, so that through the experience of feeling forsaken by the Lord for a short time and seeing how frail we are inside, we avoid taking pride in any previous joy and purity of heart that Jesus gave to us in a prior visitation to our soul. Then we realize that when we feel dry we cannot by our own power regain that joy and purity that we felt previously. We conclude, therefore, that our previous happy condition

of soul was His gift and we must seek it anew from His grace alone.

The second reason for this trial is to strengthen our perseverance and vigilance. This is so important since Jesus said once: *Only those who persevere to the end will be saved.* (Matt 24:13). Moreover, He constantly urges us to *stay awake.* (Matt 24:42). "Thus," says Cassian, "when we realize how much effort it takes to seek out that spiritual joy and gladness of heart once it has departed, we may strive to guard it more carefully and to hold on to it more attentively once it has been found. For it seems to be the case that whatever is in the habit of being poorly guarded is believed to be able to be easily retrieved."

If you or I are in a state of spiritual dryness right now let us not grow anxious, but, instead, ask ourselves what is happening (from Cassian's three-point perspective) and pray and act accordingly, trusting in the Lord.

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.

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. At Sacred Heart children 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—eight grade students have Chrome Books 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! Sacred Heart also has a Junior National Honor Society as well as drama, art, chess clubs and a Boy Scout Troop. 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.

Sacred Heart Soccer Registration:

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 Sacred Heart Soccer Team. Both boys and girls ages 4 (birth year 2013) thru 14 are welcome to join. Please visit www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com to register and for further information.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday August 26, 2017:

5:00 : L. O'Neal, M. Fernando, J. Lotito

Sunday August 27, 2017:

7:00 W. Hollnsteiner, M. Artuz, A. Basile

9:00 M. Riccardi, T. Koleci, A. Maida

11:00 A. Schmitt, J. Mullen, M. Perkert

1:00 G. Seaborg, B. Freund, W. Wenzel

5:00 Matthew, Julia & Sean Ahern

Catholic Schools Clam Bake: On Wednesday August 30th The Catholic School Region invites you to join them at the inaugural “Clam Bake for Catholic Schools.” The event takes place from 6-10 PM at The Vanderbilt at South Beach, 300 Father Capodanno Blvd. There will be raffles, food, fireworks and music. To purchase tickets please visit www.ClamBakeSI.org. There are also flyers located in the Vestibule with more information including ticket prices.

St. Vincent De Paul: Once again your St. Vincent De Paul Society is in urgent need of non-perishable food for the pantry. Would you please donate or bring to the vestibule of the Church one or more of the following foods; canned vegetables, canned soups, peanut butter & jelly, canned tuna fish, cereal, apple juice, tomato sauce & pasta, canned or jarred fruits. Thank you and God bless you!!

The Eve of Solemn Remembrance: The 16th annual “Eve of Solemn Remembrance” will take place at Our Lady of Pity Church on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. A music overture will start at 7 PM followed by Mass at 7:30 PM. This Mass is offered in remembrance of all the people from Staten Island who perished on September 11, 2001. Msgr. Edmund Whalen, Principal of Monsignor Farrell High School will be the main celebrant. All of the names of the those who were tragically taken that day will be read aloud and a candlelit procession will follow.

Boy Scouts: For those interested registration for Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 74 will be on Monday, September 18 at 7 PM in the school cafeteria. This includes children from Kindergarten through Freshman year of High School. Also the 6th annual Fall Festival and Car Show will take place on Sunday, October 8 and anyone looking to volunteer should call Tim Donnelly at (718) 816-7606.

Newly Baptized: We welcome into Sacred Heart Parish our newly baptized parishioners including Matthew Salvatore Eng, Chimeremeze Maximilian Iyoke, Joseph Giovanni Curatola, Benjamin James MacIntyre, Kyle Stephen Von Bevern, Logan Joseph Contardo, Joseph John Mascia, Juliet Marie Mascia and Christian Thomas Spinelli