

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 26:

5:00 Deceased Members of the Graham & Geraghty Families & Souls in Purgatory

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

Monday, August 28:

9:00 Venancio & Victoria Ramirez

Tuesday, August 29:

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Barry
47th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, August 30:

9:00 Kenneth Courtney Jr.

Thursday, August 31:

9:00 Daniel Blaine

Friday, September 1:

9:00 Joseph Kiran

Saturday, September 2:

9:00 Ralph Knisley
5:00 James Crowdell

Sunday, September 3:

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli
9:00 Richard Voss
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Theresa Guglielmo
5:00 Tony McCleary

Saturday, September 2:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Pat Foley

Sunday, September 3:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen
11:00 Frank DiSalvo
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Jack Gordon

Maryanne Gambardella
Ken Wisniewski
John Mooney Sr.
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 20th.....\$5,856.00
Feast of the Assumption.....\$1,932.00

Wedding Banns

III Matthew Sabella & Nicki Wolfersberger
II Matthew Mobilia & Maureen McDonough

We ask that you kindly remember in your thoughts and prayers the souls of our departed praisheonsers and their families especially Gerald Cocozello, Lorainne Poggioli, Theresa Raftery, Thomas Reilly, Rosalie Mangione and Gandolfa Valinotti.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

If you've ever seen a Mass of Ordination you know how exhilarating it is, especially if you're the guy being ordained to the priesthood! Did you know that once there was one such Mass at a Nazi concentration camp? During the Second World War many priests were sent to the camp at Dachau in Germany. Blessed Karl Leisner was a seminarian who was ordained there.

Born in Germany in 1915, Leisner entered the seminary in Munich when he was nineteen. At this time he joined the Schoenstatt movement. This group should sound familiar to Sacred Heart parishioners. There is a Schoenstatt shrine on Cary Avenue. Several of the nuns worship and serve here. A number of our parishioners also belong to the movement.

In 1939, Leisner was ordained a deacon. A short time later he caught tuberculosis and was sent to a hospital. Soon after, the Gestapo arrested him for criticizing Hitler. On December 14, 1941, he was sent to the dreaded Dachau. Between 1938 and 1945, 2,579 priests, monks and seminarians were imprisoned there. 1,034 died there. Today, the concentration camp of Dachau is the largest cemetery of priests in the world.

Returning to Karl Leisner, the harsh conditions of the camp would harm his health. However, he never lost his cheerful disposition. His enthusiasm attracted others and his guitar playing encouraged the inmates. While his tuberculosis continued to progress, the bishop of the French diocese of Clermont-Ferrand, Gabriel Piguet, arrived as a prisoner of the camp on September 6, 1944. In light of his failing health, Leisner asked special permission to be ordained to the priesthood. However, Piguet needed the authorization of the local bishop, Cardinal Michael Faulhaber. But there was no way to reach him from the camp. Or was there?

A young woman named Josefa Imma Mack visited the camp regularly to buy flowers that were grown at the camp and then sold to the

public. A young imprisoned priest, Ferdinand Schönwälder, who worked at the sales office, asked her to smuggle letters from the camp for the prisoners. Although she was aware of the death penalty for smuggling letters, she obliged. She managed to smuggle a letter to the Cardinal, requesting the ordination. The cardinal consented and sent a letter, holy oil, a priestly stole and the ritual book.

Thanks to Vatican diplomats the Nazis had allowed a chapel to be constructed in the camp. The ordination ceremony took place there secretly on December 17, 1944. The ritual had a great emotional impact on the priests who were present. Leisner wore his striped prison uniform under his alb. A group of Protestant pastors helped organize the ceremony. A Jewish violinist played outside the chapel to furnish a distraction to the guards. Bishop Piguet said later that it was as moving as any ordination ceremony he had ever celebrated. It was a completely unique experience in the history of the Church, he said.

Father Leisner celebrated his first and only Mass on December 26, 1944. He was freed from the camp on May 4, 1945, five months later. His illness advanced and he died in a Munich hospital August 12, 1945, surrounded by his family. The last words that he wrote in his diary were, "Bless also my enemies, Most High God!"

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. Then click on the 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. 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 September 2, 2017:

5:00 : Kevin Postler, Maggie Postler, J. Orellana

Sunday September 3, 2017:

7:00 A. Basile, C. Basile, B. Silva

9:00 A. Buscemi, Kelly Shashaty, Erik Shashaty

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

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

5:00 J. Cruz, S. Baniswal, J. Esco

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.

“Formed”: “Formed” is a Catholic based website which features inspiring movies, compelling presentations and E-Books from some of the Church’s most prominent speakers. The website helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Christ. It also serves to bring back Catholics who have fallen away from him. By using “Formed” parishioners can be informed for Mass by watching brief videos on the week’s readings and enjoy family movies which are rich and nourishing for the soul. Enrich your child’s faith with engrossing and engaging materials geared towards young Catholics. To register and use the website simply type www.formed.org on your browser, click on register, enter the parish access code which is KNKZHC, enter your email and select a password. It’s that simple. Some parishioners have joined and said that they have found great material that have been both interesting and inspiring.