

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, August 27:

5:00 Victoria & James Crowdell

Sunday, August 28:

7:00 John J. Prenty
9:00 Venancio & Victoria Ramirez
11:00 Steven Levine
1:00 Jeremiah O'Leary
5:00 Dawn Walsh

Monday, August 29:

9:00 M/M Francis Barry Wedding Anniv

Tuesday, August 30:

9:00 Mary Romanelli

Wednesday, August 31:

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Thursday, September 1:

9:00 Joseph J. Kiran

Friday, September 2:

9:00 Ralph Knisley

Saturday, September 3:

9:00 Anthony Fiore
5:00 Josephine Ferrara

Sunday, September 4:

7:00 Jeanne Rigney Benedetto
9:00 L. Benjamin Zarrelli
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Jody Haggerty
5:00 John Hukle

The **Bread and Wine** are offered for a **Special Intention to the Virgin Mary** by Sarah Mc Dermot.

Wedding Banns

III Michelle Rotunno and Jonathan Blaha
I Tiffany Maldonado and Michael McAvoy
I Danielle Francis and Paul Sessa

Saturday, September 3:

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, September 4:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryann Gambardella
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski
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 21 \$7,130.00
Feast of the Assumption.....\$524.00
Building Fund.....\$663.00
Air Conditioning.....\$958.00

Mission Appeal: Father Robert Ni Ni is of the Order Missionaries of Faith. He'll talk next week about the mission and the needs of the institute. The Missionaries of Faith was founded in Italy in 1982 and has the charism to take care of parish priests and their ministry, to preach in various areas and to form groups of fervent lay people. Our purpose for the Appeal is to ask for your support in sustaining our seminary and our religious formation. With your help and participation in this mission appeal, you become part of the mission. Support us and be counted. We appreciate your assistance!

Matthew 25:40 "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me"
We thank you in advance. God Bless You!

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Last week we treated the subject of backbiting. I would like to further comment, relying on the great source book on the subject: *Sins of the Tongue: The Backbiting Tongue* by Fr. Belet (1870). Backbiting is harming another's reputation by means of secret words. It is hard to heal: *A man who has the habit of abusive language will never mature in character as long as he lives.* (Sir. 23:20; *Douay-Rheims*). Fr. Belet points out, "The backbiter proves, first, that he has no charity. And then, what is his purpose, if not to get others to detest and hate their neighbor? Therefore, the backbiting tongue wounds charity in everyone who listens to it. It kills and stifles charity as much as it can." St. Augustine, whose annual feast day is August 28th, says, "Since you get angry with others when they speak evil against you, get angry with yourself when you speak evil against someone else." (Homily 89, *Ad. Pop.*).

Backbiting is very destructive, for it robs a man of what is most precious to him: his reputation. That is why Catholic theologians are in agreement that it is more serious than stealing, since a sin is greater if it deprives someone of a greater good. Robbing someone of her reputation is worse than stealing her money. According to Sacred Writ: *A good name is more desirable than great riches* (Prov. 22:1).

St. Bernard says that backbiting inflicts great harm for it shoots three arrows in a single round and deals a triple death. It pierces its author, his listener and their denigrated neighbor all at once. The backbiter does the most harm to himself. That is the general nature of sin. He does harm to his listener by infecting him not only with deadly opinions, but also with the poison of envy. Finally, the backbiter does harm to those who are absent, betraying them with his devious tongue. For this reason Bernard says, "Run from a backbiter as you would run from a serpent." (*De Modo Bene Vivendi*, Sermon 17).

Backbiting requires restitution. St. Thomas Aquinas says that restoring a neighbor's reputation is obligatory not only for those who have passed on lies about a neighbor, harming her reputation, but also for those who have revealed a true but secret fault. Fr. Belet writes, "The gravity of this sin lies precisely in the difficulty of repairing it." St. Vincent Ferrer says, "The person who maliciously robs his neighbor's reputation is held to restoring it on the same level as someone who steals. If what you said is secret even though it is true, you are obliged to restore his reputation. Otherwise you will not go to Heaven."

But how can we restore it? "You must tell everyone present when you spoke ill not to believe you, that you spoke out of wickedness. If the person you defamed knows about it you are duty bound to ask his forgiveness. Many have been damned for such defamations because words pass and we forget having said them; they make no scruples over them and never think of confessing them." Thus spoke Saint Vincent, adding, "If someone neglects to do so while alive, after his death he will be obliged, despite himself, to make satisfaction to those who survive him." Vincent reinforces this teaching with the following story: "Two men had seriously offended their neighbor's reputation. One passed away and the other was still alive, along with the person who had been attacked. The dead man remained in the flames of Purgatory for some time. After his deliverance, but before being admitted into Heaven, he was commanded to completely repair the reputation of the person he had denigrated while alive. I know it is true that this soul returned to this world, for I am the man he defamed, and it is to me that he came to ask forgiveness."

In conclusion, we must beg Jesus to help us to avoid backbiting. *He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from trouble.* (Prov. 21:23). Moreover, we must be careful to avoid cooperation. St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "He who hears someone backbiting and does not oppose him appears to approve the author, thus participating in his sin." (*Summa Theologiae*, II, II, 83, 2). There is an old proverb: "The burglar who holds the bag and the thief who slips in the spoils are equally guilty." It is for this reason that St. Augustine posted the following words on the wall of his dining room as a warning to his guests: "People who take pleasure in defaming the reputation of absentees are not welcome at this table."

God bless you!

Father Eric



This Friday, September 2nd, is **First Friday**. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 9:30AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 (718) 442-0347

CCD Registration & Re-Registration:

It's not too late to register..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 shcreligioused@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536.

CCD Look Ahead to September:

Classes Begin Wednesday, September 14th
Confirmation Parent Meeting—September 22 @ 7PM
Communion Parent Meeting—September 29 @7PM

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. Season begins early September.

The Rosary Altar Society will gather for the 9AM Mass Sunday, September 4th and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.

RCIA—If you have questions about being Baptized in the Catholic faith or if you need to receive the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation consider attending RCIA classes here at Sacred Heart starting in September. For information contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3:

5:00 Tim Donnelly & Sarah Laureno

Sunday, September 4:

7:00 Daniel Ramirez & Veronica Kaleta
9:00 Kevin Postelr & Tim Koleci
11:00 Matthew Riccardi & Kelly Shashaty
1:00 Austin Maida & Jack Lotito
5:00 Deidre & John McCafferty

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

Family Choir sings, September 6th, 2016—11AM Mass...We welcome visitors from near and far!! See you in the loft! And bring the whole family!

The Vote!!

Where is the next destination for Travelling Choir? Come up to the loft and find out!! See you September 18th—10:30AM (for the 11AM Mass)!!

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