

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 11:

5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, February 12:

7:00 Msgr. James Dorney
9:00 Deceased Members of the Mello Family
11:00 Peter Pellegrito
1:00 Stanley Modzelewski
5:00 Laura Marcucci

Monday, February 13:

7:00 David Santtanino Jr.
9:00 Vera Vigilante

Tuesday, February 14:

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Jack Graham (28th Anniversary)

Wednesday, February 15:

7:00 Diana Kisto
9:00 Thomas J, Virginia and Gerard Crane

Thursday, February 16:

7:00 Therese O' Shea
9:00 Corinne O'Brien & Florence Kennedy

Friday, February 17:

7:00 Helen Bartell
9:00 Thomas Walsh

Saturday, February 18:

9:00 Joan & John Prenty
5:00 Louise Schmidt

Sunday, February 19:

7:00 Al & Sue Amore
9:00 Deceased members of The Perry Family
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Msgr. Andrew F. Quinn
5:00 Sean Johnson

Saturday, February 18th :

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Anne Siemer

Sunday, February 19th:

7:00 Theresa Zulch
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuonno
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney
5:00 Bob Mazzucco 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, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Richard O'Shea, Crystal Helewa. Jennifer Santore

Collections:

February 5.....\$7,800.50
Peter's Pence.....\$1,710.00

The Flowers on the Altar were donated in honor of the birthday of Saint Joseph.

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, www.sacredheartsi.org, click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

History buffs will recall that just about a hundred years ago (January 10, 1917) William Cody died in Denver, Colorado and was buried near Lookout Mountain in the same state. He was more commonly known as “Buffalo Bill”. Cody was a legend of the Wild West. He was the Chief of Scouts of the Seventh Kansas Cavalry, who also served as a guide for the U.S. Army and the Pacific Railroad. Buffalo Bill got his nickname from his prowess as a buffalo hunter in the prairies of the American West. Eventually his fame led to him traveling throughout the world to entertain the masses with his circus and variety show called “The Buffalo Bill Wild West Show.”

Cody traveled from one city to another by train. His show would be assembled in wide open spaces and would include a riveting simulation of the battle of Little Big Horn, and the reenactment of the famous hand-to-hand combat between Buffalo Bill himself and Chief Yellow Hand. His presentations gained thousands of spectators.

On March 3, 1890, Bill entertained the Italians. He was denied access to the famous Coliseum in Rome, and so he set up the spectacle on an open field not far from the Vatican. At the time, Cody asked for an audience with Pope Leo XIII, but his request was rejected because he wanted to bring his enormous entourage, but later Cody himself and some of his companions were allowed to view Leo’s entrance into the Sala Ducale, as the pope was taken into the Sistine Chapel.

The following day the New York Herald reported: “One of the strangest events ever to occur within the austere walls of the Vatican was the sensational entry made this morning by Buffalo Bill leading his cowboys and Indians (...) among the immortal frescoes of Michelangelo and Raphael, and in the midst of the oldest Roman aristocracy, suddenly a band of savages appeared, their faces painted, covered with feathers and arms, armed with axes and knives (...) Suddenly, a beautiful and chivalrous figure appeared. It was Colonel William F. Cody, Buffalo Bill. He greeted the Camerlengo with a gesture and took a step through the ranks of the guards.”

The press also pointed out that the Indians who accompanied the Pope were overwhelmed with emotion on seeing the Vicar of Christ. One of them greeted the Pope’s arrival by shouting, and then, after solemnly kneeling to ask for his blessing, he rose and started screaming again. Most of the American Indians who accompanied Cody were Catholics. Some chroniclers wrote that Leo XIII gently smiled.

The Denver Museum still preserves today the gifts that Leo XIII gave Buffalo Bill and his entourage: rosaries and medals of his pontificate. After the visit in 1890, Cody would take his show to Florence and other Italian cities. On January 9, 1917, the day before his death Buffalo Bill renounced Free Masonry and became a Catholic. Father Christopher Walsh performed the Baptism.

Was it the encounter with Pope Leo XIII and his pontifical blessing that would eventually push Bill into the arms of Jesus? Was it the prayers of the devout Indian Catholics who formed his show? Was it the example of Mother (St. Frances Xavier) Cabrini, who had founded several orphanages in his own city of Denver? Perhaps it was a combination of causes. In any event, the work of Jesus in bringing beloved souls into His Kingdom is certainly a mystery.

[See Marco Roncalli, “Cent’anni fa moriva Buffalo Bill. Quella volta che andò dal Papa.” *Avvenire*, 10 gennaio 2017].

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

Discovering Christ: Discovering Christ is a seven week experience where all are invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Sundays at 6:30 PM beginning on February 26th and ending on April 9th. The weekly sessions include four components: a meal, prayer time, a video teaching and a small group discussion. We are very excited to bring Discovering Christ to our parish and if you are interested sign up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church.

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. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. Also our basketball and soccer teams are not only competitive, they win! Upcoming Open House dates are Tuesday, March 14th from 9-11 A.M. and again on Tuesday, April 4 from 9-11 AM.

St. Peter's Boys High School: On Friday March 3, 2017 St. Peter's Boys High School will be having its annual Chinese Auction. The event starts at 6 P.M. in the school Gym located at 200 Clinton Avenue. The admission price is \$5, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and no children under 12 will be admitted. This is a major Fund Raiser for The School's Parents Club and numerous refreshments, raffles and prizes will be available.

2018 Mass Book: The Sacred Heart 2018 Mass book is now open so you can plan your mass intentions. If you have more than three requests please drop the list in the collection basket and James Perrone our Office Manager will contact you.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday February 18, 2017:

5:00 Mary, Anne & Siobhan McCafferty

Sunday, February 19 2017:

7:00 J. Manning, M. Manning, S. Lauren

9:00 K. Postler, A. Maida, J. Lotito

11:00 V. Kaletta, G. Seaborg, N. Ramdass

1:00 W. Hollnsteiner, A. Collado, R. Delamasa

5:00 T. Smith, B. Freund, W. Wenzel

The Emmaus Ministry: The Emmaus Ministry is a special organization that counsels parents whose children have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. The loss of a child is a loss unlike any other and The Emmaus Ministry is a faith based program which provides Spiritual Retreats for grieving parents by grieving parents. St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, will be hosting two one day retreats on Saturday, February 11th and Saturday, February 25th. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple for further information contact Sue DiSisto at (646)-794-3191 or register online at www.emfgp.org/achny.

Sts. Peter & Paul & Assumption: The parish of Sts. Peter & Paul & Assumption offer two support groups that anyone interested can attend. The first is the Support Group for Separated and Divorced Adults which meets year round on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 7:30 PM in The Catechetical Center on 15 Webster Avenue. The second is a Bereavement Support Group which meets for six weeks beginning on Tuesday, March 7th at 11:30 A.M. at the same location. If you or somebody you know is interested in participating in either group please call (718)-727-2672 and leave the name and contact information.

St. Francis Catholic Singles: The next meeting of Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30's-50's, will be on Thursday February 23rd at 7:15 PM at Holy Family Church. Father Angelo Micciullo will discuss the sacrament of Confession from its origins in the early church, its evolution over the ages and how the sacrament works today. Donations of \$5-10 are greatly appreciated.

Choir News: Welcome to the Sacred Heart Choir News. I would like to invite you to join our choirs, The Adult and The Children's Choir. If you can carry a tune and are willing to sing, you are in! Remember the one who sings prays twice. Our Children's Choir sings the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and the Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11 AM Mass. Rehearsals are held at 10:15 AM the same Sunday before Mass. Come let's praise the Lord together.