

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 18:

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

Monday, February 20:

7:00 No Mass
9:00 Nancy McVey

Tuesday, February 21:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Dolan & Lyons Families
9:00 Michael & Theresa Francis

Wednesday, February 22:

7:00 Renato Capili
9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Thursday, February 23:

7:00 Maureen Driscoll
9:00 John & Mary Kirincich

Friday, February 24:

7:00 Theresa Mello
9:00 Sylvia Blaine

Saturday, February 25:

9:00 Elizabeth Christie
5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Sunday, February 26:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 People of the Parish
11:00 Roberta Meringolo
1:00 Carmine Vallrfuoco
5:00 Mary Hendrickson

Saturday, February 25th :

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, February 26th:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Sr. Ellen Marie Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki
1:00 Charles Sullivan 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, 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, Fr. Raymond Dolan

Collections:

February 12th.....\$6,111.00
February 2017 Monthly.....\$3,408.00

The Flowers on the Altar are donated in honor 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:

Recently in the news it was reported that Ciudad Juárez, in northern Mexico, was considered to be one of the most dangerous cities in the world, due to drug and gang related violence. (Patty Knap, “Mexican City Sees Stunning Drop in Violence as Adoration Increases.” *National Catholic Register*, 1 Feb. 2017). Jorge Gonzalez Nicholas, a prosecutor from Ciudad Juárez, said, “Juárez has suffered so much and been through so much pain. But the city is reviving: It's a symbol of what can be done. There is no other place in the world that has managed to turn itself around so quickly.” In 2013, 40 people a day were dying because two drug gangs were fighting over the city to move drugs into the United States. These two gangs were the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels — the latter of which was led by Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán Loera, who was recently extradited from Mexico to the United States and is currently confined in Manhattan. Fr. Patricio Hileman recalled that “the parishes were saying that the war wasn't ending because a group of soldiers were with one gang and the police were with the other one. They were killing people, burning houses down so they would leave, fighting over the city.”

Fr. Patricio believes the change is due to Eucharistic Adoration. “When a parish adores God day and night, the city is transformed,” he said. It was missionaries who opened the first Perpetual Adoration Chapel in Juarez and soon after the murder rate started dropping dramatically. From 2010–2015, the murder rate dropped from a staggering 3,766 to only 256. One of the parishes that was “desperate” asked the missionaries to open a Perpetual Adoration Chapel because they believed that “only Jesus is going to save us from this, only Jesus can give us security.” The missionaries took only three days to establish the first Perpetual Adoration Chapel in Juárez. Now in a dramatic turnaround, the city is considered safer than several American cities, including Baltimore and New Orleans.

Fr. Patricio told of one incident when the

city was under attack. A woman was traveling by foot at 3:00 A.M., when she was intercepted by six soldiers who asked her where she was heading. She answered, “The little chapel.” The uniformed men wondered what she was talking about because all of the churches were closed at that hour. Then the woman suggested they go with her to understand her meaning. When they got to the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, the soldiers found “six women making the Holy Hour at the 3:00 in the morning,” Fr. Patricio said. The woman said to the soldiers, “Do you think *you* are protecting us? We're praying for you 24 hours a day.” One of the uniformed men fell down holding his gun, “crying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The next day at 3:00 in the morning they saw him in civilian clothes doing a Holy Hour, crying oceans of tears,” he said.

Fr. Patricio said that within two months of the Adoration Chapel opening, the pastor “calls us and says to us: Father, since the chapel was opened there has not been one death in Juárez, it's been two months since anyone has died.” In February 2016, Pope Francis visited the formerly violence-torn city, and spoke at a local prison: “Let us together ask our God for the gift of conversion, the gift of tears, let us ask him to give us open hearts like the Ninevites, open to His call heard in the suffering faces of countless men and women. No more death! No more exploitation!”

We should not be surprised that this happened in Mexico. The answers to the vexing problems of the world are found at the intersection of the two beams of the Cross.

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 excited to bring Discovering Christ to our parish and there is still time to sign up. Applications are in the vestibule.

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.

Sacred Heart Youth Group: The Sacred Heart Youth Group along with Notre Dame Academy will be having a used Jeans drive to support The Rare Genes Disease Foundation. Parishioners are encouraged to donate their slightly used Jeans which will be collected after all the Masses next weekend. If you wish you can also drop them off at the Rectory the week of Feb 21– Feb 26th. All proceeds will benefit The Rare Gene Disease Foundation which helps people suffering from rare genetic disorders many of which are debilitating and life threatening.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday February 25, 2017:

5:00 S. Baniswal, J. Esco, E. Eadiccio

Sunday, February 26, 2017:

7:00 E. Koleci, T. Koleci, B. Daniels

9:00 K. Shashaty, K. Shashaty, A. Buscemi

11:00 J. Diaz, S. Laurenno, K. Postler

1:00 C. Basile, J. Lotito, G. Garcia

5:00 B. Silva, J. Ahern, M. Ahern

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 a one day retreat on 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.