

Second Sunday of Lent



Saturday, February 24:

5:00 Bridget Jordon

Sunday, February 25:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Al & Sue Amore
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Brendan Hoey
5:00 Mario Rapaglia (1st Anniversary)

Monday, February 26:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
9:00 Gerald Cocozello

Tuesday, February 27:

7:00 Lisa Lopez
9:00 Elizabeth Sullivan

Wednesday, February 28:

7:00 Leonard & Loretta Gaeta
9:00 Beatrice Mangin (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, March 1:

7:00 Timothy O. Morgan
9:00 Rocco & Fannie Ameduri

Friday, March 2:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Anthony Atella

Saturday, March 3:

9:00 John Duffy
5:00 Thomas Kopf

Sunday, March 4:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
9:00 Santo Acquista
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Chen Yin Ling
5:00 Eugene J. Whelan

Saturday, March 3:

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, March 4:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charlie Sullivan John Mooney Sr.
5:00 Jack Gordon Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Anna Parente, James Parente, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Cpl Justin Campbell, Sheila Jones, Frank Silvestri, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Jean Forte, Kathryn Capofari, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Joseph DeMeo, Moira Mackey, Michael DiCostanzo, Carol Perrone, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr.

Collections:

February 18th.....\$5,630.00
February 2018 Building Fund.....\$663.00
Ash Wednesday\$1,714.00

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 and click on the link at the top of the page. Also kindly remember Sacred Heart Church in all your estate and will planning.

The flowers on the altar are donated in loving memory of John “Rusty” Corbett by his family on the first anniversary of his death.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

There was an interesting anecdote about the great St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Order, in the book *St John Bosco: Friend of Youth*, by F. A. Forbes. Mother Forbes speaks about a time in November 1866, when a bill for 8,000 dollars (a huge sum back then) was due to be paid that night by Father Bosco, who had not the means to satisfy the debt. Father Rua, bursar to the Congregation, went out to see what could be done. He came back—having exhausted every possibility—with only 2,000 dollars. The two priests looked at each other in despair. Don Bosco smiled.

He told his companion priest to come to lunch and assured him that after the meal he would secure the remaining sum. At 1 o'clock Don Bosco set off, praying for help. He walked around the city (Turin, Italy) with no precise direction until he reached the center of the city. There he stopped, wondering where to go next, when all of a sudden, a man appeared who asked, "I beg your pardon, Father, but are you not Don Bosco?" "Yes, what can I do for you?" he answered. "My master would like to see you at once." The Saint responded, "Where does he live?" "There," he said, pointing to a large and beautiful home. "He is very rich, he might be able to do something for your church."

Don Bosco entered the house and found an elderly gentleman in bed. "Reverend Father," he said, "I have great need of your prayers. I think they will cure me." "Have you been ill long?" he asked. "For three years. I am in great pain and unable to move—the doctors give me no hope. If you could do something for me, I would give you an offering for your church." "This is the hand of God," said Bosco. "I am in urgent need of 6,000 dollars." The man responded, "Six thousand dollars! You don't know what you are talking about! If it were 1,000 dollars I might perhaps be able to do something." "Too much?" asked Don Bosco, "then we'll drop the subject," and sitting down beside the man, he began to talk about current affairs and mundane matters.

"But Father, that doesn't matter, it is my cure that I want to talk about," said the man.

"Your cure? I mentioned means, and you were not inclined to take them," said the Saint. The sick man answered, "Look here, pray that I get better, and at the end of the year I will see what I can do for you." Don Bosco responded, "The end of the year! But I must have the sum by this evening." The man said, "This evening! Impossible! I should have to go to the bank." The Saint answered, "And why not?" The answer came, "I have not been out of bed for three years—it's quite impossible." "Nothing is impossible to God and His Blessed Mother," said Don Bosco.

He had all the servants summoned, encouraged them to join him in prayer, and then told them to bring their master's clothes. Their master's clothes! How would they know where to find them? It had been three long years since he had worn them. "Go and get them," said Don Bosco. The doctor now came in and declared that they were all insane to believe that the sick man should be vested. In the meantime, clothes had been brought, and the invalid, having dressed himself, began to move about the room. "Let me have a bite," he said with great joy, "and bring the carriage around." A short time later he returned with the \$6,000. "I am entirely cured," he said gleefully. Don Bosco answered, "You have taken your money out of the bank and Our Lady has taken you out of bed."

This Lent and beyond we do well to cultivate devotion to our Lady. Unlike no other, she helps us to cooperate with the work of Jesus Christ in our lives. Jesus serves us but He is not our servant. The best devotion to our Lady is no secret. It is the Holy Rosary, which ought to be recited every day. Like the sick man lifted out of his bed, the Rosary helps us to rise in the spiritual life.

God bless you!

Father Eric

Sacred Heart School: Now accepting applications for September 2018

www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsny.org.

- Free Universal “Pre K For All” (4 year olds born in 2014).
- Apply Online beginning February 5, 2018 at www.schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline, Sacred Heart code is 31RABJ

Open House Dates:

- Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9AM-11 AM
- Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9 AM– 11 AM

Lenten Regulations:

1. Lent is a special season of prayer, penance and Christian charity.
2. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as fasting, allowing only one full meal.
3. The other Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday obliges all Catholics ages 21-59. The obligation of abstinence obliges all Catholics from age 14 onward. Those whose health would be impaired are excused from physical mortifications.
4. The Fridays outside of Lent remain days of abstinence from meat. Other acts of penance such as temperance, personal prayer, daily Mass and self denial may be substituted for abstinence.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday, March 2, 2018

Stations of the Cross

7:30: G. Seaborg, T. Smith, B. Freund

Saturday, March 3, 2018:

5:00 : Matt, Julia & Sean Ahern

Sunday, March 4, 2018:

7:00 M. Fernando, M. Crowdell, J. Orellana

9:00 A. Cruz, A. Buscemi, G. Garcia

11:00 Ann, Mary & Kathleen McCafferty

1:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

5:00 J. Mullen, M. Perkert, J. Torres

St. Joseph Retreat Center Overnight Retreats

(St. Joseph Hill Academy)

Lenten Silent Directed Retreat: Friday– Sunday March 2-4th, facilitated by Nanci Bachman and Pat Stephens. As we journey through Lent, we take a pause and this week provides silent time and space to enter into the heart of Jesus. Each day there is Mass, meetings with spiritual directors and time for prayer.

Meditation Monday: March 12th, April 9th and May 7th. 7:30-9 PM. \$20 per session, facilitated by Grace Daquila. Come and be renewed, refreshed and restored with an evening of faith sharing, reflection and prayer.

Centering Prayer Group: Wednesday (February 28th, March 14th and 28th). 7:30-9 PM, facilitated by Ann Louise DePalo, \$10 per session. Come and pray and rest in God’s presence. Light refreshments are served so come journey with others looking for a deeper, more personal relationship with God. The retreat house is located on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Blvd. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Ronnie Keane at (718) 720-1097 or visit SJRetreatCenter.org

St. Peter’s Boys High School: On Friday March 2, 2018 St. Peter’s Boys High School will be holding its annual Chinese Auction. This is a major fundraiser for the school’s parents club and your support will be truly appreciated. The event will be held in the gymnasium, doors open promptly at 6 PM with numerous prizes and raffles. Admission is \$5 and no children under twelve years of age will be permitted.

Stations of the Cross: Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross will take place on all Fridays during Lent at 7:30 PM. This is a great way to sacrifice and show devotion to our Lord during the Lenten Season.

SACRED HEART PARISH **GROUPS**

Bible Study: Our Pastor, Fr. Eric, has a weekly bible study group which meets on Saturdays from 1-2 PM in the school's small cafeteria. During the hour The Rosary is recited, Father gives a short bible lecture and there is a brief group discussion. All parishioners are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Altar Servers: We are always looking for new boys and girls to become altar servers. If you are in the fifth grade or older, are a practicing Catholic and have received your first Holy Communion you can join. If anyone is interested please contact the Rectory at (718) 442-0058 or simply ask Fr. Eric after Mass. Being a server not only increases one's spiritual experience at Mass but also is a great way to get involved in the parish.

Sacred Heart Youth Group: Sacred Heart currently has a Youth Group for children in grades 6-12. If your child is interested in joining or if you have any questions contact Maria Montouri at (347) 247-2930. The group meets every first and third Monday of the month in the school cafeteria at 7 PM. There is free pizza, drinks and snacks for all who attend the meetings. The group does service projects like clothing and coat drives, eyeglass drives and bake sales as well as fun social activities like movie nights, bowling and laser tag! Also, any student who is currently in need of community service hours can join for an easy way get hours and have some fun at the same time.

Legion of Mary: The Sacred Heart chapter of the Legion of Mary meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday's at 6:30 PM in the rectory. The meeting lasts roughly one hour and the members pray The Rosary and offer assistance to the Pastor. If you are interested please call

Patti Foley at (718) 983-5416. All are welcome and thanks to all who support The Legion of Mary.

Holy Name: The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most traditional groups and we are excited to be bringing it back to Sacred Heart. All men of the parish ages 18 and older can join and meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium. Light refreshments are served. The next meeting is on Sunday, February 18th at 6:30 PM.

Sacred Heart Scouts: Just a reminder to all those interested that Cub Scout Pack 74 and Boy Scout Troop 74 meet every Monday, barring holidays, at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade: The Staten Island St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 4th. As is customary the parade starts at 12 noon between Hart Blvd. and Walbrooke Ave. All Sacred Heart students and families are invited to come and march in a show of your school spirit. Those who march will receive a free N.U.T. Card and win a chance for a pizza party for their class. The Forest Avenue Shopping Center can be used as a point of pick up.

Attention all Sacred Heart Parishioners

The annual Sacred Heart Fashion Show will take place on the evening of Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the Staaten. The Parents Association are asking for parishioners to consider making a donation to the show in the form of a gift card to a restaurant or retail store or a filled basket to raffle off at the show. If you wish to make a one time monetary contribution to the show a basket can be made for you and your name and/or business acknowledged. All donations are greatly appreciated and go towards the continuous education of our kids at Sacred Heart School. If you have questions please contact either Peggy Maida at (917) 301-6822 or Theresa Basile at (718) 301-6822. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support, its people and parishioners like you that make Sacred Heart the special place it is.