

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 25:

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 Vallefucio

5:00 Mary Hendrickson

Monday, February 27:

7:00 Ed McGahan

9:00 Thomas H. McDonough

Tuesday, February 28:

7:00 John Siciliano (Living) & Christina Camardo (Living)

9:00 McCormick Family

Wednesday, March 1:

7:00 Gloria Siciliano (Living) & Rev. Ranjan D'Sa (Living)

9:00 Anthony Atella

12:00 Souls in Purgatory

7:00 Robert Gullickson

Thursday, March 2:

7:00 Joan Prenty

9:00 Matthew & Maureen Gordon

Friday, March 3:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Dolan & Lyons Families

9:00 Bianca Dimitri

Saturday, March 4:

9:00 Dorothy & Thomas McNamara

5:00 Thomas Murray

Sunday, March 5:

7:00 William T. Murphy

9:00 People of the Parish

11:00 Roberta Meringolo

1:00 Dr. Anthony Flagiello

5:00 John "Jack" Ryan

Saturday, March 4th :

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Patricia Foley

Sunday, March 5th:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz

9:00 Roy Hansen

Maryanne Gambardella

11:00 Frank DiSalvo

Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

John Mooney

5:00 Jack Gordon

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 19th.....\$6,670.00

February 2017 Building Fund.....\$631.00

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

The Bread and Wine are in Memory of Frank Murphy by his Family

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:

With both the *Women's March* and the *Right to Life March* behind us perhaps we can view the connection between early feminists and abortion. Actually, the heroines and founding mothers of the feminist movement were pro-life.

Marjorie Dannenfelser points out that Susan B. Anthony campaigned, above all, for women's rights to equal economic and political opportunity, not for the right to have abortion on demand. "Early feminists opposed abortion because it took human life, because women were pressured by economics and by male partners to do something they didn't want to do, and because they believed the vital right to control one's own body could not include the right to destroy someone else's." ("Pro-Life Feminists are Old School." *National Review*. 20 Jan. 2017). The newspaper she owned and ran with Elizabeth Cady Stanton actually refused to carry ads for abortifacients, and published numerous articles from feminist leaders condemning abortion.

Mary Wollstonecraft, one of the first feminist philosophers, wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*. In the book, she criticized women who, owing to their powerless position, "have not sufficient strength to discharge the first duty of a mother; and sacrificing to lasciviousness the parental affection, that ennobles instinct, either destroy the embryo in the womb, or cast it off when born."

Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell was the very first female physician. She deeply opposed abortion. She wrote in her diary: "The gross perversion and destruction of motherhood by the abortionist filled me with indignation."

Other early feminist physicians, including Dr. Charlotte Lozier, agreed.

Sarah F. Norton, who, with Susan B. Anthony, successfully persuaded Cornell University to admit women in 1870, wrote that "perhaps there will come a time when an unmarried mother will not be despised because of her motherhood . . . and when the right of the unborn to be born will not be denied or interfered with."

Dannenfelser writes, "Some scholars have attempted to say that those who point out these facts are engaging in 'revisionist history,' but how many pioneering 19th-century women have had their opposition to abortion shamefully edited out of their biographies and Wikipedia entries because too many modern-day feminists are embarrassed by the suffragists' pro-life views?"

The church has always upheld the absolute dignity of women, and yet we are also pro-life. Everyone is sacred from the womb to the tomb. Today, if you are pro-life some powerful voices accuse you of being anti-woman. However, Dannenfelser says correctly, "A commitment to the equal dignity of women is not consistent with insisting on a 'right' to destroy life. The organizers of the *Women's March* in Washington are engaging in a similar act of revisionism when they refuse to let a pro-life women's group march with them — excluding from their concern not only this group, but the millions of American women, young and old, conservative and liberal, Republican and Democratic, who reject the cruelty inherent in the idea that women's rights include the right to kill our developing children."

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

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.

Ash Wednesday : Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ashes will be given out after the following Masses: 7 AM, 9 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM.

Stations of the Cross: As is tradition during Lent Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM. We encourage our parishioners to come and take part in this beautiful spiritual ceremony.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday March 3, 2017: Stations of The Cross
7:30: Kathleen, Ann & Siobhan McCafferty

Saturday March 4, 2017:
5:00 A. Buscemi, K. Shashaty, K. Shashaty

Sunday, March 5, 2017:
7:00 E. Eadiccio, A. Cardone, B. Daniels
9:00 C. Basile, A. Basile, B. Silva
11:00 B. Freund, T. Smith, R. Delamasa
1:00 V. Kaleta, M. Ahern, J. Ahern
5:00 A. Maida, J. Diaz, T. Koleci

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.

Sacred Heart Bible Study: The Sacred Heart Bible Study Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Rectory. Please contact the office at (718) 442-0058 if you are interested in coming.

Legion of Mary: The Sacred Heart Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday (if possible) at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. They recite the Rosary and offer assistance to the Pastor. Light refreshments are served. The meetings generally last about an hour and if you are interested please call Patti Foley at (917) 983-5416.

2018 Mass Book: The 2018 Mass Book is now open and parishioners can arrange their mass intentions. The intentions are \$15 per Mass and anyone requesting three or more Masses should drop the list in the collection basket and our office manager will contact you. Be sure to include your contact information on list in case a requested date or time is not available.

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.