

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 3:

5:00 Richard P. Morrison

Sunday, February 4:

7:00 Sykes, Maine & Meldrum Families
9:00 Marie & Frank Barnard
11:00 Wladyslaw Nasierowski & Danuta Kryjewski
1:00 Thomas, Virginia & Gerard Crane
5:00 Peter Henry Don Chik

Monday, February 5:

7:00 John J. Prenty
9:00 Jeanne Rigney Benedetto

Tuesday, February 6:

7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Dr. Alfred Russo

Wednesday, February 7:

7:00 Fr. Joseph M. Collins
9:00 Fr. Raymond Dolan

Thursday, February 8:

7:00 Daniel Fitzpatrick
9:00 Nancy & James McVey

Friday, February 9:

7:00 Gerard Hughes
9:00 Margaret Brennan

Saturday, February 10:

9:00 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donahue
5:00 Gilda Hall

Sunday, February 11:

7:00 Hon. Louis Jerome, Sr.
9:00 Deceased Members of the Mello Family
11:00 Peter Pellegrito
1:00 Msgr. James Dorney
5:00 Stanley Modzelewski

Saturday, February 10:

5:00 Mary Rosso

Barbara Kelly

Sunday, February 11:

7:00 Vincent O'Grady
9:00 Don O'Shea
11:00 Maria Montouri
1:00 Pat Jezycki
5:00 Jack Gordon

Evelyn Bilotto
Regina Torello
Rosetta Messina
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, Susan Todd, Barbara Lord

Collections:

January 28th.....\$6,681.00
January 2018 Budget Deficit.....\$735.00

Congratulations to M/M William Jones on winning the January 2018 50/50.

Wedding Bands

Ian Co & Nicole Reed III

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Mary Neal was on a white-water kayak trip in Chile when she plunged over a waterfall. The nose of her kayak lodged between two boulders, trapping her beneath a cascading torrent of water. Mary and her boat were completely submerged under ten feet of rapids. “I very quickly knew that I would likely die,” Mary said later. In spite of the fact that she could feel the intense pressure of the water as she lay bent at the waist over the front of the kayak, her bones breaking and her ligaments tearing, she did not panic.

She said, “At that point I completely surrendered the outcome to God’s will. The moment I asked that God’s will be done, I was immediately and very physically held by Christ and reassured that everything would be fine. The very moment I turned to Jesus, I was overcome with an absolute feeling of calm, peace, and of the very physical sensation of being held in someone’s arms. I knew with absolute certainty that I was being held and comforted by Jesus, which was initially surprising . . . as I am just an ordinary person . . . but at the same time I understood perfectly how Jesus could be there holding and comforting me and would similarly be present for any other person who called for His help at the same time, anywhere in the world.” (See John Burke, *Imagine Heaven*, 2015.).

Mary Neal submitted to the will of God. Throughout the Holy Bible that seems to be the main lesson. Right from the beginning in the *Book of Genesis*, Adam and Eve refuse to submit and they find misery as a result. During the time of the Judges and the Monarchs the Israelites prosper when they obey God and suffer when they do not. Then, the decisive turning point of the Bible occurs as the ambassador from Heaven, Saint Gabriel the Archangel, asks the Virgin Mary if she will consent to God’s plan of salvation. “Be it done unto me according to thy word,” she answers. The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the result. The Word was made flesh.

French spiritual writer, Madeleine Delbrel, speaks of God’s will. She writes that the one who does God’s will is one, “Not only sharing the resources that he has, whether material or spiritual, but giving the one thing what God has given him as his very own: his life. Not only fighting against the

evil within—in himself—but the evil outside; struggling not only against evil wherever it may be but against the results of evil: unhappiness, suffering, death. But he fights with goodness as his instrument, without ever doing evil, and if it is someone’s happiness that is at stake, never agreeing to purchase it at the price of even one person’s misery.

Not only does he fight against evil in the world; but he accepts the suffering that is his lot. Not only does he accept it but he accepts it gladly, cheerfully, because it is the Christian’s power, his instrument of combat and his means of reaching his goal. Not only does he fight without glory, but that God may be glorified, that *His* name may be made holy and that *His* kingdom may be on the way.

Not only does he accept the fact that he will not seem like a hero but that he will not be one. Not only that he will not be admired but that he will not even be noticed. Not only that he will not be valued by others but that even in his own eyes he will seem to have no value. Not only that he will put all his energy into a task, but he will not know the point of the task; not only will he be unaware of who started the job and who will finish it but he will know nothing of the work of God in which it plays a part.

Not only does he fight but he is also peaceable, for it will always be God—all powerful, all loving as *He* is—who will compete with His power and His love what he has begun and is continuing. He awaits from God with a boundless confidence that for which he is working with all the powers at his command and which his own power is unable to achieve. It is from God that he asks that *His* will may be done; it is from God that he expects *His* kingdom may come; prayer is for him the energy of his deeds.” (*The Joy of Believing*, translated by Ralph Wright, OSB, 1993.)

God bless you!

Father Eric

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed to parishioners after the 7 & 9 AM Masses as well as 12 Noon and 7 PM.

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

St. Patrick’s 54th Fundraiser: On Saturday, February 10th, the 54th fundraiser for The Staten Island St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held in the school gymnasium from 1-6 PM. Admission is \$10 per person and for more details see the flyer in the vestibule of the Church.

Sacred Heart Nite at the Races: Sacred Heart will be hosting another “Nite at the Races” on Friday, February 9th, at the school. The doors open at 7 PM and the races begin at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$30 per person which includes light refreshments, soda, water and a DJ. This event has always been popular and we are glad to be hosting it once again. We cordially invite all parishioners to attend this event and bring along friends as well. Please RSVP by February 2nd to Kathy Evans at (917)-697-7911. Please make all checks or payments payable to Sacred Heart and see the fliers located in the vestibule of the Church

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10, 2018:

5:00 : M. Crowdell, N. Ehresman, A. Buscemi

Sunday, February 11, 2018:

7:00 Ann, Kathleen & Siobhan McCafferty

9:00 Matt, Julia and Sean Ahern

11:00 V. Kaleta, Erik & Kelly Shashaty

1:00 B. Freund, T. Smith, G. Seaborg

5:00 A. Cruz, M. Perkert, N. Ramdass

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: February 12th, 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 14th and 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

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. Also the scouts wish to thank our parishioners for their generosity this past Christmas Season and because of it many scouts are going to summer camp either free or at a substantially reduced rate. Special thanks also to those who donated to our toy drive which enabled Richmond University Pediatrics to give 150 toys to children in need. Finally we would like to announce that Santo Tiralosi, Joseph and Daniel Dolce have all been elevated to the rank of Eagle. Congratulations and God Bless them and their families.

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.

CALLING ALL ST. MONICA'S MOTHERS GUILD ALUMNI

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A COCKTAIL PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS THAT WERE FORGED DURING OUR YEARS AS MEMBERS OF THE ST. MONICA'S MOTHERS GUILD. LETS ALL GET TOGETHER AND REMINISCE ABOUT THE TALENT SHOWS, THE SMG PLAYS, ITALIAN NIGHT, ST. PATTY'S DAYS PARTIES AND COUNTLESS HOURS SPENT IN THE GYM SETTING UP FOR HOLIDAY FAIRS, GRADUATES BREAKFASTS JUST TO NAME A FEW. PLEASE REACH OUT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY, COME RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE NIGHT!

DATE: February 23RD, 2018

TIME: 8PM TO 11 PM

PLACE: THE STAATEN, OF COURSE!

PRICE: \$65

INCLUDES DJ, 3 HOUR COCKTAIL PARTY, OPEN BAR

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE STAATEN.

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 16TH

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE PM CAROL MARCINAK OR SUE PELLEGRITO

CHECKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF OR MAILED TO SUE PELLEGRITO 76 WALNUT STREET S.I.N.Y. 10310

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.