

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 21:
5:00 Kathleen Mulholland

Saturday, January 28th :
5:00 Bill Jones Pat Foley

Sunday, January 22:
7:00 People of the Parish
9 :00 Al & Sue Amore
11:00 Mary Romanelli
1:00 Fred Buzzard
5:00 Nicholas Manisero

Sunday, January 29th:
7:00 Sister Ellen Marie
9:00 Joe Meagher Elizabeth D’Antuono
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki
1:00 Theresa Cunningham John Mooney
5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz

Monday, January 23:
7:00 Antonia Peigne
9:00 Mary Lou & Tom Stuart



Tuesday, January 24:
7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 James P. Kelly Jr.

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

Wednesday, January 25:
7:00 Thomas Coppola
9:00 Edward Hemsworth

Thursday, January 26:
7:00 Vocations from the Parish
9:00 Helen Kubasek

Friday, January 27:
7:00 Special Intentions
9:00 Joseph & Grace Abate

Collections:
January 15th..... \$7,018.00
January 2017 Monthly\$3,958.00

Saturday, January 28:
9:00 Nicholas Giannatasio
5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

The Flowers on The Altar are donated by Sarah McDermott in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and for rain in the southeast.

Sunday, January 29:
7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Marie Mello
11:00 Hugh Cavanaugh
1:00 Honorable Louis Jerome Sr.
5:00 Fred Buzzard

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.. This is perfect for our Parishioners who travel, especially during the summer months, and those who have busy weekends but still wish to support our parish.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

On this day, January 22, in 1973 something tragic happened in our beloved nation. Abortion was legalized.

I recommend *The Walls are Talking: Former Abortion Clinic Workers Tell Their Stories* by Abby Johnson and Kristin Detrow (2016). It's a collection of anecdotes told by people who worked in the abortion industry, but then quit when their consciences were activated by the gruesome nature of the procedures that they experienced.

One woman wrote: "When Angie walked through our doors for her ninth procedure, even those of us whose paychecks were funded by abortion shook our heads and said, 'Really, Seriously?' I recall being disturbed by Angie's levity regarding her procedures. I didn't feel that way about the numerous women who presented for abortions two, three, or even four times. But nine? She seemed to regard her visits to our clinic as an opportunity to perform her improv comedy act. 'Could y'all just Xerox my chart and I'll fill in the dates?' she would jest. Her lack of remorse and shame made us all feel awkward.

"After the abortion Angie asked, 'Hey, do you mind if I see it? I mean, I've had it done so many times, I might as well know what it looks like.' We were trained to strongly advise women against this, but in the end, if they persisted, it was allowed. I located her thirteen-week-old fetus, and put it in a small dish. I debated about how to arrange the pieces. Would it be best to throw them all together in a clump so that none of the parts would be recognizable, or should I piece it back together as we normally did to ensure that none of the parts were missing? I opted to piece the parts back together. I approached with the dish containing her mutilated baby. 'Here it is,' I said. 'Thanks,' she said, her trademark smile fixed on her face.

"When her eyes travelled to the container, she gasped sharply, and for the first time since

she arrived, Angie was utterly silent. I stepped back and Angie fell forward to her knees, her fingers wrapped around my wrist. 'That's a baby,' she said, barely audible at first. 'That was my baby,' she said. 'What did I do? What did I do?' she said over and over again and began to sob. 'I want to take the baby with me,' she begged. 'Please, can I take my baby with me?'

"I explained at length why it was impossible for Angie to remove the remains from the clinic. Angie would neither relent in her requests to take the baby nor emerge from the bathroom. Finally we called her emergency contact, her current boyfriend, and instructed him to come and get her. After spending forty-five minutes with her, he somehow coaxed her out of the bathroom. After that, any requests to see aborted fetuses were flatly denied. We also denied access to ultrasound pictures. It scared us because it threatened our bottom line. If most women knew what abortion was, like Angie, they would refuse it.

"I witnessed firsthand the dramatic and instantaneous transformation of a woman. As pro-lifers, we must persist in working to expose the public to the ugly reality of abortion in conjunction with encouraging abortion-vulnerable women to view an ultrasound of their pre-born babies. I'm willing to wager that America, like Angie, will then wholeheartedly reject abortion."

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 with a retreat day on April 1st. 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.

Catholic Schools “Touring Tuesday”:

Considering a Catholic School for your child? Interested in learning more about Staten Island Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre K 3, Pre K 4, Free UPK and Kindergarten through Grade 8? Register to visit a Catholic school on Touring Tuesday January 31st from 9-11 AM. In addition our school will be having its “Open House” on Sunday, February 5th from 11 AM-1 PM. Also Our online admission application is now open. For more information, to schedule a tour, apply for admissions or to find out more our financial assistance programs visit www.buildboldfutures.org or call our bilingual phone at (646) 794-2885. Private tours are available.

Sacred Heart Pre-K for All: Come and see the wonderful learning environment and community that our Pre-K for All students experience. We invite all parents to “Touring Tuesday” on January 31st from 9-11 AM and to our “Open House” on Sunday February 5th from 11AM-1PM. The school is located at 301 North Burgher Avenue at can be contacted at 718-442-0347. Those interested can apply online at Schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline or at 718-935-2067. The application period is from January 17th thru February 24th and the online code for Sacred Heart is 31RABJ.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday January 28, 2017:

5:00 E. Eadiciccio, K. Postler, M. Donovan

Sunday, January 29, 2017:

7:00 A. Cardone, JP Hoey, B. Daniels

9:00 A. Collado, M. Ahern. J. Ahern

11:00 Mary, Kathleen & Anne McCafferty

1:00 T. Koleci, E. Koleci, G. Seaborg

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

Staten Island Grandmother’s Club: The Staten Island Grandmother’s Club Chapter 899 is a local Non Profit Social Club that raises money for sick children on the Island. The club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at The Staaten on Forest Avenue at 11:45 AM for a luncheon. If you are interested in joining or coming to the next luncheon please contact Alana Chanod at (347) 423-1190

March for Life: This years March for Life will take place on Friday, January 27th 2017. There will be a 6:30 A.M. Mass celebrated by our pastor, Fr. Eric and the bus will leave immediately afterward. The cost is \$25 a seat and we hope to arrive back on The Island by 10 PM. For those who wish to come payments can be mailed to either Sacred Heart or directly to Jack Gordon. Flyers are available for those interested in the vestibule of The Church.

2018 Mass Book: The Sacred Heart 2018 Mass book is now open so 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.

Saint Vincent DePaul Society: Your Saint Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank everybody who has contributed food to our pantry. This includes our parishioners and various other groups and organizations. We have received so much that our pantry is not only stocked, its overflowing! We again thank you for your generosity but no further donations are necessary for the time being.

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