

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 27:
5:00 Helen Kubasek

Saturday, February 3:
5:00 Frank Ponterio

Pat Foley

Sunday, January 28:
7:00 Wayne Nash
9:00 Al & Sue Amore
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 William, Anna & James Maine
5:00 Frank & Florence Murphy

Sunday, February 4:
7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen
11:00 Frank DiSalvo
1:00 Charlie Sullivan
5:00 Jack Gordon
Maryanne Gambardella
Ken Wisniewski
John Mooney Sr.
Efrain Ortiz

Monday, January 29:
7:00 Antonia Peigne
9:00 Gerald Cocozello



Tuesday, January 30:
7:00 Jamie Mendoza
9:00 Dora Ayala

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

Wednesday, January 31:
7:00 Antonia Peigne
9:00 Jack Graham & Alice Geraghty

Thursday, February 1:
7:00 Yin Ling Chen
9:00 Peter Pellegrito (3rd Anniversary)

Collections:
January 21st.....\$6,681.00
January 2018 Monthly.....\$3,318.00

Friday, February 2:
7:00 Brian Gramprey
9:00 William Healy

Saturday, February 3:
9:00 Pedro Perillo
5:00 Richard P. Morrison

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.

Sunday, February 4:
7:00 Sykes, Maine & Meldrum Families
9:00 Marie & Frank Barnard
11:00 Wladyslaw Nasierowski & Danuta Kryjewski
1:00 Thomas & Virginia Crane
5:00 Peter Henry Don Chik

Wedding Bands

Ian Co & Nicole Reed II

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Lisa Bourne wrote about Clarence Thomas in her article, “U.S. Supreme Court Justice: Daily Mass Helps Me Do My Job The ‘Right Way’.” (*LifeSiteNews*, January 15, 2018). Catholic Justice Clarence Thomas goes to Mass before work every day because it gives him the “strength to do what I have to do every day.” Thomas, who is African-American, said in a recent interview that daily Mass helps him do his “job, a secular job, in the right way and for the right reasons.” Faith in God, he said, “gives you the wisdom, the insights, the capacity to do the work, to decide these [important legal issues], the discipline. It gives content and meaning to the oath I took. At the end of my oath — and for this job I had to take two — you say ‘So help me God.’ It’s an oath to God. So, if you have a strong faith in God, then that oath gains in meaning and content.”

Thomas’s father left the family when he was two, and his mother struggled to pay the bills. Then further tragedy struck. They lost their house to a fire. In response, Thomas’s grandfather took the family in when he was seven. The grandparents sent their grandson to an all-black Catholic school run by Caucasian nuns, who taught Thomas about the inestimable value of the Catholic faith. Thomas said that his illiterate grandfather instilled in him the virtues of humility, patience, and persistence. His granddad would often tell him, “Boy, you have to stand up for what you believe in.” Thomas honestly believes that the course of his family life, through poverty, illiteracy and dysfunction, which somehow led him to the United States Supreme Court, has been an unmitigated grace—a function of divine providence.

Justice Thomas is a hero to so many Catholics. He is well-known for his courageous and wise judicious opinions upholding life, marriage and the Constitution. He has maintained his integrity, firmness and gentleness in spite of bitter opposition from many in the media and the entertainment industry. For instance, his dissenting opinion on a homosexual “marriage” case in July 2015 led to an angry condemnation by a famous openly gay actor, who called Thomas “a clown in blackface sitting on the Supreme Court.”

Justice Thomas said in the interview that he often recites the Catholic Litany of Humility prayer to maintain focus and perspective on worldly things. What ultimately matters, he said, is to do what we are called to do. He is correct. Every one of us has a specific mission to accomplish in our work and a set of relationships to cultivate. Thomas is very grateful for his Catholic Faith. He said it gives him “the strength to do what I have to do every day, to assert the independence, to be willing to take the beatings, the criticism, the unfairness.”

Like Justice Thomas, many Catholics throughout the world wisely attend daily Mass. Their schedule allows for it. They recognize that the twenty-five minutes or so dedicated to the Eucharist cannot be spent in a better way. Jesus has gifts to give us that He does not give except at Mass. We have so much to receive at the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. We have so much to give as well. If we want to give Jesus a gift, in recognition for all that He has given us, we do well to come to the Altar. Once, St. Teresa of Ávila was overwhelmed with God’s Goodness and asked Our Lord “How can I thank you?” Our Blessed Savior replied, “Attend one Mass.”

God bless you!

Father Eric

**Sacred Heart School:** Now accepting applications for September 2018  
[www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsny.org](http://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](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline), Sacred Heart code is 31RABJ

### **Open House Dates:**

- Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9AM-11 AM
- Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9 AM –11 AM
- Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9AM-11 AM
- Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9 AM– 11 AM

**Sacred Heart 2017-2018:** If you and your spouse are considering a Private/Catholic school for your children, Sacred Heart is the perfect choice. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. The school currently has an enrollment of 278 students all of who are inspired and educated in the image of God. One hundred percent of our 8th grade graduates are accepted into their high school of choice. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships, are accepted into advanced/specialized programs and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. We place emphasis on technology in the classrooms as our kindergarten—eight grade students have Chromebooks in the classroom. Homework assignments, upcoming events and school news are posted on our school website. Also our basketball, soccer, swimming and golf teams are not only competitive, they win! Sacred Heart also has a Junior National Honor Society as well as drama, art and chess clubs. In addition we offer a free Pre-K and financial assistance is available to students from K-8th grade. If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 442-0347, private tours are available.

**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.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018:**

5:00 : M. Donovan, T. Koleci, A. Maida

**Sunday, February 4, 2018:**

7:00 A. Basile, C. Basile, A. Buscemi

9:00 A. Schmitt, J. Mullen, M. Fernando

11:00 B. Daniels, W. Hollnstiener, G. Garcia

1:00 Ann, Kathleen & Mary McCafferty

5:00 J. Orellana, J. Oliveras

### **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:** Wednesdays (January 24th, 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](http://SJRetreatCenter.org)

**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.

## **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.

**Sacred Heart Choir:** The Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, rehearsals take place at 10:15 AM the Sunday you are scheduled to sing. If any new members who can carry a tune wish to join they do so by simply showing up. Being a member of the choir is a great way to enhance your spiritual experience at Mass. Remember he who sings prays twice!

## **CALLING ALL ST. MONICA'S MOTHERS GUILD ALUMNI**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A COCKTAIL PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE LIFELONG 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