

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 9:
5:00 Helen & John Kubasek

Saturday, July 16:
5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

Sunday, July 10:
7:00 Special Intentions for Susan Pellecchia
9:00 Sarah Ahern
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Charles M., Mary & Charles Donohue
5:00 Eileen Downing

Sunday, July 17:
7:00 Teresa Zulch
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuono
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney
5:00 Bob Mazzucco Efrain Ortiz

Monday, July 11:
9:00 Deceased Members of the Pattison Family



Tuesday, July 12:
9:00 Sondra Cronin

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, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha

Wednesday, July 13:
9:00 Diana Kisto

Thursday July 14:
9:00 Joan M. Prenty and Kathryn Tighe

Friday, July 15:
9:00 Ava Errichiello

Collections:
Regular July 3 \$5,892.00
Church of Africa \$1,385.00

Saturday July 16:
9:00 Corrine A. O'Brien-9th Anniversary
5:00 Josephine, Joseph & Charles DeMeo

Sunday, July 17:
7:00 Msgr. James Dorney
9:00 Paulette & Verne Geneve
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 John J. Sullivan
5:00 Chamara Shawn Gunawardena

The Bread and Wine are offered for the US Southwest heat wave through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua and the Virgin Mary in loving memory of Mr. Henry.

Wedding Banns

I & II Theresa M. Burek and William M. Dowd

Newly Baptized

Michael Paul Tripo
Quinn George Zotts
Adriana Grace German
Lylah Isabella Jordan
Nathaniel Ali Shah
Luke Calvin Martino
William Kevin Swords
Robert Francis Trombetta

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

In the second reading of the Holy Mass today, the Apostle reminds us that Jesus made *peace by the blood of His Cross* (Col 1:20). Did He actually bring us peace? I met a man once who said no. He was Jewish. In the course of our conversation, he stated simply and respectfully that he does not believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Christ. "Why not?" I asked him. He explained that the Jewish Scriptures (the Old Testament) make clear that when the Messiah comes there will be universal peace. However, since the birth of Jesus there has been one war after another. This stands as proof that Jesus cannot be the Christ. I explained to him that he is correct that there are many B.C. prophecies that indicate that the Messiah will bring a wonderful peace. For instance, Isaiah calls Him *the Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9:6). However, I remarked, the peace that Jesus brings is not geo-political. It is an interior peace. It is the peace that comes with a clear conscience because one is right with God. My Jewish interlocutor remained in silence. His face changed. I don't think he had ever heard the Catholic answer to his dilemma.

If Jesus came to bring us interior peace, why are our hearts restless and agitated at times? Because of our pride. Pride is the inordinate affection against right reason by which someone esteems himself and desires to be esteemed above that which he really is. *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall*, says the wise man in the book of Proverbs. (16:18). In the New Testament we are told: *God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble*. (James 4:6). Because we esteem ourselves too much and want others to esteem ourselves above that which we really are, we are quick to be resentful and impatient. Our pride makes us

eager to hold grudges. It demands immediate recognition and reward for any good deeds wrought by our hands. Our pride usurps the credit due to Jesus Christ, who once said: *Apart from Me you can do nothing*. (John 15:5).

If we were perfectly humble, like the saints in Heaven, we would be perfectly at peace. Fr. Cajetan Bergamo explains it well. In his great work, *Humility of Heart* (34), he points out that the heart of the proud man is like a stormy sea, never at rest, but the heart of the humble is fully content in its humility and is always calm and tranquil.

How can we account for the difference? Bergamo states that the humble man enjoys peace and quiet because he lives according to the rules of truth and justice, submitting his own will in all things to the Divine will. The proud man is always agitated and perturbed because of the opposition he is continually offering to the Divine will in order to fulfill his own. The more the heart is filled with self-love, so much the greater will be its anxiety and agitation. Whenever we feel ourselves inwardly irritated, disturbed and angered by some adversity that has come to us, we need not look elsewhere for the cause of such feelings than within ourselves. What should we do when this happens? Turn to Jesus. He assures us: *Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves*. (Mt 11:29).

God bless you!

Father Eric

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Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 (718) 442-0347

CCD Registration & Re-Registration:

If you are interested in registering your child (entering 1st-7th grade in Sept 2016) for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017

school year please email Mrs. Rizzuto at shcreligious@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536. Your child's Sacramental Certificates (Baptismal and/or Communion) are needed. If your child is transferring from another religious education program a transcript from that program is needed. Re-Registration forms may be dropped off at the rectory, put into the Sunday collection basket or given to Mrs. Rizzuto.

Flower Donations: Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

Pastoral Counseling is a combination of psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical approach to unite the whole person - both mind and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling sessions will be held in parish facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

Separated or Divorced?

If you are separated or divorced, no matter how long you were married or how long ago you were separated /divorced, the Parish of St. Peter-Assumption-St. Paul offers a Support Group for help in moving forward. The group meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 7:30pm, at 15 Webster Ave, between Castleton and Brighton Avenues. For further information, please call 718-727-2672 and leave your name and number; the facilitator will return your call.

Top 10 Seemingly Insurmountable Reasons For Not Joining The Travelling Choir (Real life responses to my requests for new choir members!)

And Reason #1!! (Drum Roll...)

1. "I can't sing!!" Poppycock! Of course you can! And when you are confident, I am sure you do (especially on very familiar Mass parts!) But here at Sacred Heart, we revere the importance of a wide range of repertoire in our music liturgies—Chant, Polyphony, Hymnody, Anthems, Contemporary/Traditional Music, singing in English, Latin, Spanish, Italian, French and German!! Some of this music you may know very well—other music will be brand new to you!! Because the music selections center around the scriptures/liturgical themes of the Mass, you may not get a chance to repeat a new piece of music for a while—thus making it difficult to learn quickly!!

So when do you think you can learn to sing prayerfully and sharpen/discover your musical skills of listening; sight singing; perfect your intonation; master rhythmic precision and respectful ensemble etiquette?? Where can you learn all the music we sing throughout our liturgical year? Well, in a wonderful setting full of new friends of all ages and abilities; with great fun; and excitement!! Blessings abound here!! All the while you receive so much in developing your skills; feel a wealth of gratitude, hope and joy—while you serve the church and Mass itself!! Where is this heavenly, wonderful place?? The Choirloft!! Join a Choir today!! Come on our next trip with us!! See you in the loft!!

Pamela & The Choirs (718) 442-0058 (VM 24)

"Singing is Prayer Twice." St. Augustine

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Come with us on our next choir tour!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 16:

5:00 Kevin Postler & Chris Basile

Sunday, July 17:

7:00 Matthew Kalikas & Margaret Donovan

9:00 Kathleen, Mary & Shioban McCafferty

11:00 Michele Chen & Bernard Daniels

1:00 Sarah Laurenno & Angela Buscemi

5:00 Elizabeth Eadicicco & Austin Maida