

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 14:

5:00 Romeo & Grace DeCore

Sunday, July 15:

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
9:00 Michael McKee Sr.
11:00 Lisa Lopez
1:00 Xue Qian Zheng
5:00 Shawn Gunawardena

Monday, July 16:

7:00 Jeremiah & Dorothy Teehan
9:00 Paula Ragucci

Tuesday, July 17:

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Emily & John D. Beers Jr.

Wednesday, July 18:

7:00 Fr. John Mihelko
9:00 Thomas & Anne Malloy

Thursday, July 19:

7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Joseph Souza

Friday, July 20:

7:00 Bruce Delmar
9:00 Nancy McVey (Third Anniversary)

Saturday, July 21:

9:00 Joan Leonard
5:00 Joseph & Michila Abate

Sunday, July 22:

7:00 Deceased Member of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Gerald Cocozello
11:00 Raffalle Donniacuo
1:00 Brendan Hoey
5:00 Niall James Sullivan

Saturday, July 21:

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, July 22:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Sister Iraida Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Patricia Jezycki
1:00 Stephen Brown Dorothy Tarafa
5:00 Fred Maley 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, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Michael DiCostanzo, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Stacey Tierno, Douglas Carnegie

Collections:

July 1st.....\$6,282.00
July 8th.....\$6,077.00
July 2018 Monthly.....\$2,912.00
Church in Africa.....\$1,348.00

Recently Departed

We ask that you remember in your prayers the souls of our recently departed parishioners and their families especially : **James Hooke Jr., Stephanie Braisted, Salvatore Baldassarre, James Drury, Kenneth Senk, Ann Marie Mauriello, Josephine Francis and Gennaro Pacilio.** May perpetual light shine upon them and may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

A new report details a very serious concern in the public schools of New York City. (See Annalise Knudson, “Bullying on the Rise in NYC Public Schools,” *StatenIslandLive.com*, June 19, 2018). The report makes clear that the number of students being bullied is on the rise in public schools across the five boroughs. The report, entitled “Safe and Supportive Schools: A Plan to Improve School Climate and Safety in NYC,” found that 82 percent of public school students in grades 6 through 12 in 2017 said their peers harass, bully or intimidate others in school compared to 65 percent in 2012. The report also found that more than 17 percent of students in these grades in 2017 said they did not feel safe in hallways, bathrooms, locker rooms or the school cafeteria. Twenty-three percent of students said they didn’t feel safe even in the vicinity of the school.

Compare this bad news to the good news recently regarding Catholic education. Scholars from the Thomas B. Fordham Institute conducted a study to determine whether students in Catholic school actually exhibit more self-discipline than their peers—and if so, what those schools can teach other public and private schools about how it can be fostered. (*Self-Discipline and Catholic Schools*, <https://edexcellence.net/publications/self-discipline-and-catholic-schools>, May 31, 2018). This may have been the very first study to explore the potential effects of Catholic schooling on elementary students’ self-discipline.

To lead the study, Michael Gottfried, Associate Professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) was recruited. Jacob Kirksey, a doctoral student at UCSB, helped to analyze the data and co-wrote the report. Gottfried and Kirksey analyzed two waves of nationally representative data on

elementary school students that were collected as part of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten (ECLS-K). Their analysis revealed three key findings.

First, students in Catholic schools are less likely to act out or be disruptive than those in other private schools or in public schools. According to their teachers, Catholic school children argued, fought, got angry, acted impulsively, and disturbed ongoing activities less frequently.

Second, students in Catholic schools exhibit more self-control than those in other private schools or public schools. Specifically, they were more likely to control their temper, respect others’ property, accept their fellow students’ ideas, and handle peer pressure.

Third, regardless of demographics, students in Catholic schools exhibit more self-discipline than students in public schools and other private schools. Thus, there is at least some evidence that attending Catholic school may benefit all sorts of children.

This is one more reason to believe that Catholic education is clearly better than public education. This is not to in any way disparage public school students or teachers. We have many such students and teachers in our parish and they are beautiful people. Nonetheless, Catholic education is better. The root cause is the presence of Jesus, who is the source of all truth, goodness, beauty, life and love. In the public schools, where talk of God is prohibited, it naturally follows that the work of the Devil remains far less challenged and so bullying and other nefarious practices flourish.

God bless you!

Father Eric

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 whom 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—eighth 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 by appointment.

St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Food: Your Saint Vincent DePaul Society is in need of non-perishable food donations. Canned meats, vegetables, fruits, boxed cereal, rice, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, canned tomato sauce and boxes of pasta will be greatly appreciated.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 21, 2018:

5:00 Kelly & Alison Gallagher, M. Crowdell

Sunday, July 22 2018:

7:00 M. Fernando, G. Garcia, T. Murphy

9:00 Ann, Kathleen & Mary McCafferty

11:00 B. Freund, T. Smith, J. Smith

1:00 A. Basile, M. Basile, J. Orellana

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

St. Joseph Retreat Center **(Telephone Number :718-720-1097)**

A Time of Grace, Summer Guided Retreat:

Sunday, August 12th-Friday, August 17th, facilitated by Fr. Michael Sullivan. \$450 for single occupant, \$400 for double occupant and \$300 for a commuter option. Non-refundable deposit of \$50 due one week prior to retreat. During this “Year of Grace” as proclaimed by Pope Francis, Father Sullivan will awaken the wonderful gift of grace that God has given each one of us. Father’s humorous way to speaking will definitely put a smile on your face and leave you feeling with pride to be a part of the body of Christ.

Sacred Heart RCIA: Have you are anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about The Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion and confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments at Sacred Heart during the Easter season. Call the rectory at (718) 442-0058 if you or someone you know is interested for more details.

Sacred Heart Capital Campaign: The Sacred Heart Capital Campaign is in full swing and we are pleased to announce that “Commitment Weekend” was very successful. We have now taken in \$875,705 which represents 95% of our overall goal of \$926,000. We thank everyone for their generosity and we encourage those who haven’t pledged yet to pledge whatever their means will allow.

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving that 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.sacredhearts.org and click on the online giving icon at the top of the page.

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 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. There are fun social activities like movie nights, bowling and laser tag!

Legion of Mary: The Sacred Heart chapter of the Legion of Mary meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday 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 917-608-7587. All are welcome. Thanks to all who support the Legion of Mary.

Communion Breakfast 2018: The Holy Name is pleased to announce the return of the Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast which will take place on Sunday, September 23rd from 10:30 - 1 PM at The Staaten. All parishioners are welcome. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 13. More details will come as the date nears. We are excited about the return of this annual event which helps launch our school year. For more details please contact either Bill Althoff at 347-249-7692 or Bill Rautenstrauch at 917-756-2715.

Sacred Heart Scouts: Pack and Troop 74 for grades K-10 for "ALL" children meets on Mondays at 7 PM in the school cafeteria, open registration.

Sacred Heart Soccer 2018-19: Sacred Heart Soccer Club registration is now currently open for the 2018-2019 season. Players from PK-4 through Eighth Grade are welcome to register. Please visit the website at www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com to register. For more information or details contact Marilyn Corson at 917-363-2786.

Newly Baptized

We welcome into the parish our newly baptized parishioners including **Eric Rhys Gullo, Lily Elizabeth Hernandez, Cole Robert Cirincione, Nicholas Rosario Cicero, Caitlyn Amen Quadjovie, Noah Christopher Quadjovie, Aliyah Krissy Gil, Christopher Arthur Gil, Tatitana Alexandra Garcia, Kian Reid Torres, Kaylin Star Gonzalez, Alani Milagros Pinder, Catherina Regina Ortiz, Margaret Jane Wertheimer, Joseph Frank Safatle, Christopher Anthony Safatle Jr, Liam Leonard Donohue, Conor Daniel Lynch, Nicholas Charles Eng, Julia Rodriguez, Nora Elizabeth Sazillo, Levi Wilmer Colon, Owen Christopher Alvarez.**