

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 15:

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Sunday, July 16:

7:00 Msgr. James Dorney  
9:00 M/M Vincent Monaco  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Thomas Coppola II  
5:00 Chamara "Shawn" Gunawardena

Monday, July 17:

9:00 Michila & Joseph Abate

Tuesday, July 18:

9:00 Thomas J, Virginia & Gerard Crane

Wednesday, July 19:

9:00 Joseph Souza

Thursday, July 20:

9:00 James & Nancy McVey

Friday, July 21:

9:00 Xeu Qian Zheng

Saturday, July 22:

9:00 Helen Buckley  
5:00 Josephine, Joseph & Charles DeMeo

Sunday, July 23:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Al & Sue Amore  
11:00 Stanley Modzelewski  
1:00 Mary Donohue  
5:00 People of the Parish

Saturday, July 22:

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, July 23:

7:00 Joan Prenty  
9:00 John Mooney Jr. Maryanne Gambardella  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki  
1:00 Stephen Brown Dorothy Tarafa  
5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz



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, Crystal Helewa, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman, Richard Juliano, Arthur Schmitt Sr., Richard Christie, Anthony Columbo

Collections:

July 9th.....\$5,400.00  
Monthly Collection July 2017.....\$3,998.00

**Wedding Banns**

Georgios Makrogiannis & Stephanie Sabella

**Newly Baptized** : Chinonye Odili, America Garcia Martinez, Daniel Garcia Martinez, Jennifer Garcia Martinez, Julianna Enid Rodriguez, Gianna Enid Rodriguez, Julio Anthony Rodriguez Jr., Landon Nicholas Siracusa, Francesco Joseph Citera, Robert William Bates Jr.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

In the Holy Bible the good Lord is often featured as a husband whose love for His people is so deep and abiding, that nuptial imagery is used to attempt to describe it. The Prophet Isaiah says: *For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your Builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.* [62:4-5]. The entire book of the prophet Hosea is erected on the metaphor of God as the husband of Israel. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the parable of the ten virgins (five wise, five foolish) who took lamps with them to *go out and meet the bridegroom.* (Mt 25:1-13). He Himself is the bridegroom, the bridegroom of our souls. On the Cross, as our Savior is dying, He cries out, *“It is consummated!”* (“It is finished!”). [John 19:30]. This is yet another nuptial image. The union with Jesus that we are given in Baptism and that is cultivated throughout our spiritual lives is akin to the “one flesh” of husband and wife, spoken of in the Book of Genesis: *That is why a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh.* [Gen. 2:24]. The Apostle, pondering the concept “and the two shall become one flesh” states: *This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.* (Eph. 5:31-32). Like a good husband, Jesus shares His entire life with us, His mystical bride, and we try to reciprocate by giving ourselves totally to Him. Saint Paul says: *He who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.* (1 Cor. 6:17). Our ultimate hope as Christians is to one day enter Heaven, in which we will celebrate forever *the wedding feast of the Lamb.* (Rev. 19:9).

With this in mind, I invite you to meditate on a vision of Saint Mechtild (1240-1298). The Lord Jesus appeared to her and said:

“You can call to mind My divine love, which drew me down from My Father’s bosom and caused Me to serve thirty-three years in seeking after you. And when the time of My

nuptials was at hand, I was sold by My own heart’s love as the price of the marriage banquet, and I gave My flesh and blood for bread and drink. In like manner, at the banquet I Myself was the harp and the organ, by means of the sweet words of My mouth; and to joyfully entertain the guests I humbled Myself at the feet of My disciples. ... You shall call to mind what kind of dance I, who was so exceedingly fair, performed after the banquet, when three times I fell upon the ground and made, as it were, three such powerful bounds that, all dripping with bloody sweat I shed great drops of blood. In that dance I clothed all My fellow-soldiers in three-fold garments, when I obtained for them the forgiveness of their sins, the sanctification of their souls, and my divine enlightenment.

... You shall remember the love of My humility at the kiss of the bride when the betrayer came near and kissed Me, at which kiss My heart felt such strong love pass through it, that had his soul repented, I would have taken it to be the kiss of My bride. For then I joined to Myself all the souls which from everlasting I had predestined to be My brides. ... Call to mind what kind of marriage songs My ears listened to for the love of My bride when I stood before the judge and so many false witnesses were brought against Me. ... Remember how becomingly for your love I adorned Myself, when so many times I changed My vestments from white to purple to red, and for a garland I wore a crown of thorns. ... Be mindful of how I embraced you, when I was bound to the column: there for your sake I received upon me the darts of all your enemies. ... Be mindful of how I entered the marriage-bed of the Cross. ... Then I stretched out My arms by means of the cruel nails for your sweet embrace, singing on My bed of love seven long songs of marvelous sweetness.” [Book of Special Grace].

God Bless You!

Father Eric

**Sacred Heart 2017-2018:** Sacred Heart is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. At Sacred Heart children 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 Chrome Books 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.

**Sacred Heart Soccer Registration:**

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 Sacred Heart Soccer Team. Both boys and girls ages 4 (birth year 2013) thru 14 are welcome to join. Please visit [www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com](http://www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com) to register and for further information.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday July 22, 2017:

5:00 : K. Postler, S. Lauren, L. O’Neal

Sunday July 24, 2017:

7:00 B. Daniels, C. Basile, A. Basile

9:00 K. Shashaty, K. Shashaty, E. Shashaty

11:00 V. Kaleta, B. Silva, N. Ramdass

1:00 W. Hollnsteiner, M. Artuz, J. Lotito

5:00 J. Esco, S. Baniswal, N. Ehresman

**St. Joseph’s Retreat Center**

(St. Joseph Hill Academy)

Summer 2017 Program Schedule

**Sunday-Friday, August 13-18th:** Heart Themes in The Gospel: A Guided Retreat. Arrival Sunday 4 P.M. departure Friday 10:30 A.M. Facilitated by Father Roch Ciandella single rooms are available for \$400 and \$450 for a double with a nonrefundable deposit due by August 7th. The heart is the very center of our being and our basis for acting and thinking. Join us as we consider the non violent heart, the heart of compassion and the understanding and discerning abilities of the heart. Each day will have a reflection, Mass with a homily, perpetual adoration and confession services.

The retreat center is located on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Blvd. To reserve a seat simply call Ronnie Keane at (718) 720-1097 or visit [SJRetreatCenter.org](http://SJRetreatCenter.org)

**Sexual Abuse:** Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 ext. 2949 or Deacon George Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may be also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**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](http://www.sacredheartsi.org), click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.