

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, June 30:

5:00 Bridget Jordan

Sunday, July 1:

7:00 Rita & Raymond Sykes
9:00 Madeline & Raymond Flynn
11:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner
1:00 Chin Yin Lang
5:00 Virginia & Edward McGlynn

Monday, July 2:

7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Eleanor Torkelson

Tuesday, July 3:

7:00 Vocations to the Religious Life
9:00 Diana Kisto

Wednesday, July 4:

7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Priday & Borgerson Families

Thursday, July 5:

7:00 Msgr. Andrew F. Quinn
9:00 Antonia Peigne

Friday, July 6:

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Grace Reilly

Saturday, July 7:

9:00 John Corbett Sr.
5:00 John Smith

Sunday, July 8:

7:00 Eileen Downing
9:00 Special Intention for Susan Pellecchia
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Douglas Peterson
5:00 Richard Merenda Jr.

Saturday, July 7:

5:00 Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, July 8:

7:00 Vincent O'Grady
9:00 Don O'Shea Evelyn Bilotto
11:00 Maria Montouri Regina Torello
1:00 Pat Jezycki Rosetta Messina
5:00 Jack Gordon 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, Joseph DeMeo, Michael DiCostanzo, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Stacey Tierno, Douglas Carnegie

Collections:

June 24th.....\$6,822.00
June 2018 Building Fund.....\$1,150.00
Congratulations to Mr. James Iovino on winning the June 2018 50/50.

Fourth of July Holiday/Summer Hours:

The Rectory office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th, in honor of the Fourth of July Holiday. Regular business hours will resume Thursday, July 5th. Also the Rectory Office will be starting summer hours on July 1st. The Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 AM - 8 PM, Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM-5PM and Saturday and Sunday 10 AM-6 PM.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

A nobleman, Count de Bruissard, who was on his summer holidays, contacted the family of St. Bernadette Soubirous shortly after the famous apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes, France in 1858. He said about the apparitions, “I no more believed in them than in the existence of God: I was a lost sheep and, what is worse, an atheist. Having seen in the local paper that Bernadette had had an apparition on July 16th, and that the Virgin smiled upon her, I resolved out of curiosity to go to Lourdes and catch the little one red-handed in her lies.”

He went to the Soubirous’ home and found Bernadette on the doorstep busy sewing stockings. After long questioning about the apparitions he said to her: “How did she smile, this beautiful Lady?” He said that Bernadette stared at him with wonder and then after a moment’s silence said, “Oh, sir, you would have to come from Heaven itself to reproduce that smile.” He urged her to repeat it for him. “I am an unbeliever and I don’t believe in your apparitions.” The child’s face clouded over. She asked, “Then, sir, you think I am a liar?” He felt disarmed. It was now clear to him that Bernadette was no liar. He felt a deep urge to beg her pardon. Then she went on: “As you are a sinner, I shall repeat the Blessed Virgin’s smile for you.”

Bruissard explained, “The child got up very slowly, joined her hands and gave a heavenly smile such as I have never seen on any mortal lips. Her face lit up with a dazzling radiance of light. She smiled again with her eyes raised heavenwards. I remained motionless before her, convinced that I had seen the Virgin’s smile on the face of the visionary. Since then I have treasured this heavenly memory in the depths of my soul. I have lost my wife and my two daughters. Yet it seems to me that I am not alone in the world. I live with the Virgin’s smile.” (For further reading see Francois Trochu, *St. Bernadette Soubirous 1844-1879*, [1957].)

As we begin the second half of 2018 let us recall that we live with the Virgin’s smile (especially those of us who pray the Rosary every day.) The presence of the Blessed Mother empowers us to have a tender love for others—a genuine concern—and a lively and robust desire to be of assistance. Consider St. John Paul II. He loved our Lady very much. As a result, he found it natural to be a deeply caring soul.

In 1980, in France, John Paul was at a gathering with 85,000 teenagers. All the teens’ questions had been posed to the pope in an orderly manner until one young man barged up to the microphone and identified himself as an atheist. He blurted out, “I am an atheist. I refuse to accept any belief and any dogmatism. I also mean that I do not combat anyone’s faith; but I do not understand faith. . . . Holy Father, in whom do you believe? Why do you believe?”

Before John Paul could answer, the lad disappeared into the crowd, and the evening’s program continued. When the event concluded and the pope returned to Rome, he continued to think about that young man, who weighed upon his heart. He regretted that the boy’s questions were left unanswered. Jason Evert writes, “Like the good shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine sheep in search of the one who is lost, John Paul wrote to the French prelate who presided over the visit, Cardinal François Marty, asking for him to begin a search for the young man—among the 85,000 youth who came to the stadium!” (*John Paul the Great*, [2014]).

Once the Cardinal was able to locate the youth, John Paul asked the Cardinal to deliver his own apology to the lad and also his regret that he had left the young man’s questions unanswered. The message included an invitation for the boy to join the Holy Father in the Vatican for lunch. The Holy See flew the youth to Rome, where he was able to sit with the Pope and open his heart to the pontiff and receive a kind word.

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.

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 \$823,980 from 86 families! That number represents 90% of our overall goal of \$926,000. We thank everyone for the generosity and we encourage those who haven’t pledged yet to pledge whatever their means will allow.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 7, 2018:

5:00 J. Torres, J. Smith. T. Smith

Sunday, July 8, 2018:

7:00 M. Postler, H. Postler, K. Postler

9:00 M. Crowdell, Kelly & Allison Gallagher

11:00 M. Perkert, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

1:00 G. Seaborg, R. Delamasa, W. Wenzel

5:00 M. Fernando, J. Orellana, L. O’Neal

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

Summer Silent Guided Retreat: Arrival 4 PM Friday, July 13th-Departure 2 PM Sunday, July 15th. \$250 for single occupant, \$200 for double occupant, \$50 non refundable deposit due by July 6th. Facilitated by Sister Gerrie Conteno and Sister Josita Devita. At the height of the summer season join us as we take time to pause and enter into God’s glory. The retreat will provide an opportunity to be one with nature, each other and God. There will be time for silent prayer, Eucharistic Liturgy and spiritual direction if requested.

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.

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.

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.

Holy Name: The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most traditional groups of the Church. We are excited to be bringing it back to Sacred Heart. All men of the parish ages 18 and older can join. There will be no Holy Name meeting for the month of July, the meeting will resume in August, exact date to follow.

Communion Breakfast 2018: The Holy Name is also 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 honors Pat Reilly: The fifth annual Sacred Heart Edger Sweeney Golf Memorial will be held on Monday, July 16th. The Golf outing at Silver Lake begins at 8 AM shotgun start, best ball wins. A luncheon will follow at Li Greci's Staaten. The cost is \$165 for both the lunch and the round of golf and \$60 for the lunch only. Hole Sponsors are available at \$100, Prize Sponsors at \$250 and one lucky family will win a \$1,000 Sacred Heart tuition payment. To qualify you must have a child enrolled at the school and you must compete in the golf outing. For more details contact Tom Corson at (718) 909-7709, Jeff Maida at (917) 270-8229, Rick McGynn at (646) 361-2187, Roddy Weir at (917) 355-1829 or Tom Mallen at (646) 436-7862.