

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 30:

5:00 Grace & Romeo DeCore

Sunday, July 31:

7:00 Hon. Loius Jerome, Sr.  
9:00 Al & Sue Amore  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Antoinette Padavano  
5:00 Albert Bottari

Monday, August 1:

9:00 James Ross and the Deceased Members  
of the Ross Family

Tuesday, August 2:

9:00 Ignazio A. Piedilato

Wednesday, August 3:

9:00 Angela Hollywood

Thursday August 4:

9:00 Mary Romanelli

Friday, August 5:

9:00 Edward J. Glennon

Saturday August 6:

9:00 Alice Perry  
5:00 Josephine, Joseph & Mary Ann DeMeo

Sunday, August 7:

7:00 Grace & Joe Hyland  
9:00 L. Benjamin Zarelli  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Steven Paul Borelli  
5:00 Peter Pellegrito

**The Flowers on the Altar** are offered in loving memory of John Latanzio, Jr. requested by Pamela Latanzio and his children and grandchildren.

Saturday, August 6:

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, August 7:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz  
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryann Gambardella  
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski  
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney  
5:00 Bob Mazzucco 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, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha

**Collections:**

Regular July 24 . . . . . \$5,931.00  
July Budget Deficit . . . . . \$832.00  
July Building Fund. . . . . \$713.00

**Wedding Banns**

I Angela Campbell And Christopher Safatle  
I Clarissa Suarez and Daniel Rojas Sr.

**Bible Study**



**Bible Study Group** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

**The Rosary Altar Society** will gather for the 9AM Mass Sunday, August 7th and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

I was touched recently when a former parishioner of Sacred Heart contacted me in order to learn where Fr. Thomas Ford was buried. He wanted to honor him with a visit to his grave. Fr. Tom was stationed at Sacred Heart from 1965-66. He was killed 50 years ago on July 22, 1966 in a motor vehicle accident in New Jersey with two other rectory workers. He had just graduated from the seminary and was 27 years old. After contacting the chancery of the Archdiocese, we found out that he is buried in the church cemetery at St. Joseph's Church on the South Shore. The love between priests and their people is lasting, is it not?

Another priest, Saint Pedro de Jesús Maldonado, was born in Chihuahua, Mexico on June 15, 1892. From an early age he had an attraction to the priesthood, which usually indicates a vocation from God. He entered the diocesan seminary when he was seventeen years old. He had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. His seminary rectory remembered him saying, "The thoughts of my heart are usually about Heaven and the Tabernacle." He was ordained a priest in 1918 and set to work among his new parishioners. He was constantly helping the poor, and even raised an orphan with his own meager funds. The local farmers claimed that on more than one occasion Father Pedro had driven off the locusts from their fields simply by means of his prayers. He also was very solicitous toward certain parishioners so that they would overcome their habits of drunkenness, which was a common problem. He had a special interest in the Catholic education of children, youth, and adults, and he explained the history of salvation to them by using photographs.

Saint Pedro de Jesús was constantly persecuted by the god-less rulers of his homeland from 1926 to 1929, and so he would have to occasionally flee from police and government agents. He was beaten several times, even inside the church, by groups of freemasons. When each round of persecution was over, he would come back to his church, outside of the city, but then another persecution would occur and so would

hide again. Until the moment of his death he had been faithfully carrying out his ministry in the parish of Santa Isabel, in the town of Santa Isabel. The wicked revolutionaries had changed the town's name to General Trias in order to erase any reference to Catholicism from the geography of the state.

On Ash Wednesday, February 10, 1937, Fr. Maldonado was arrested by government agents who had discovered his hiding place at a ranch. The henchmen brought him barefoot to the town hall. There they beat him, fractured his skull, and popped his left eye. He had brought with him a pyx with the Holy Eucharist, which had fallen to the floor. The men who were beating him took the hosts and put them into his mouth, saying derisively, "Eat this!" When his assailants saw the severity of his condition they allowed him to be taken to Chihuahua, where he died on February 11, 1937, on the 19th anniversary of his first solemn Mass. He died of cerebral damage caused by the brutal beating he had received. According to his death certificate, Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Lucero died at 5:15 pm at age 44. The people who witnessed the event stated clearly that Fr. Maldonado had been murdered. He was canonized on May 25, 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II, and declared a martyr of the Church.

What the brutal thugs did not know was that they were fulfilling the saint's last wish. In his overwhelming love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Saint Pedro continuously prayed that if he was to be apprehended and condemned to death he would be given the Bread of Life as viaticum. God answered his prayer. God always listens to our prayers, but, sometimes when we pray, God responds in an expected way. God bless you!

Father Eric



This Friday, August 5th, is **First Friday**. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 9:30AM (barring any funerals). Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

## 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.

## Goretti Group Event:

Friday, August 5th 5:00PM to 9:00PM  
Sacred Heart Church  
Join us as Michael Grogan, a legally blind and very gifted vocalist and speaker performs for adoration from 5 to 7PM and speaks on the Ferocious and Jealous Love of God. There will be confessions at 6:30PM and Benediction and Mass at 7PM followed by a talk.

RCIA—If you have questions about being Baptized in the Catholic faith or if you need to receive the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation consider attending RCIA classes here at Sacred Heart starting in September. For information contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 6:

5:00 Noelle Ehresman & Matthew Kalikas

Sunday, August 7:

7:00 Deidre & John McCafferty

9:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

11:00 Margaret Donovan & Elizabeth Eadicicco

1:00 Marc Artuz & Tim Donnelly

5:00 John Paul Hoey & Daniel Ramirez

Summertime! A great time to look at some challenges before us— A growing concern/question I am often asked is “Why are many of the hymnbooks/missals in disrepair? “What is being done about this?”

A Bit of History: In 2004, The Parish Choir and I embarked on a Herculean fundraiser (via a year long concert series, including a hymnbook dedication as part of the ticket purchase). As a result of hundreds and hundreds (and hundreds!) of hours of painstaking work and great generosity from parishioners, we were able to purchase 400 hymnbooks/missals (in addition to 50 choir books thanks to a generous Parish Choir member!) - permanently replacing the need to purchase an equal number of disposable missalettes yearly!

The Good News/Bad News: The good news is we have saved the church over \$108,000 over the last 12 years by using our beloved hymnbooks, in lieu of disposable missalettes (not to mention the hundreds of trees saved in the process!). Additionally, of course, is the priceless devotional comfort for those who worship weekly, using the book dedicated to their loved one. The history of deceased members/family members of this parish live on in our hymnbook/missal dedications!

The Bad News: And so it is we are challenged on many levels as how best to meet the ever growing need of addressing our deteriorating books!! Approximately 1/3 of the books need serious repair and/or replacement. Book binding repairs will usually cost more than a new book (New book—approx. \$16-\$26). Additionally our edition of Journey Songs is no longer in print (due to English revision of the Mass several years ago).

So if we purchase “new”, we need to purchase all new books (approx. \$8500)! Ideas? Checks anyone?  
Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24) 718-442-0058

Family Choir sings August 7th—11AM Mass...We welcome visitors from near and far!! See you in the loft!  
Travelling Choir votes on their next trip destination August 21 -10:30AM and then sings for the 11AM Mass following. Trip #1 or Trip #2??? Come cast your vote!! See you in the loft!!

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