

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

981 Castleton Avenue Staten Island, NY 10310

Established 1875

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –July 9, 2017

## Pastor

Rev. Eric Rapaglia

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## In Residence

Rev. Soju Varghese

## Weekend Associates

Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo

Rev. Michael Reilly

## Principal

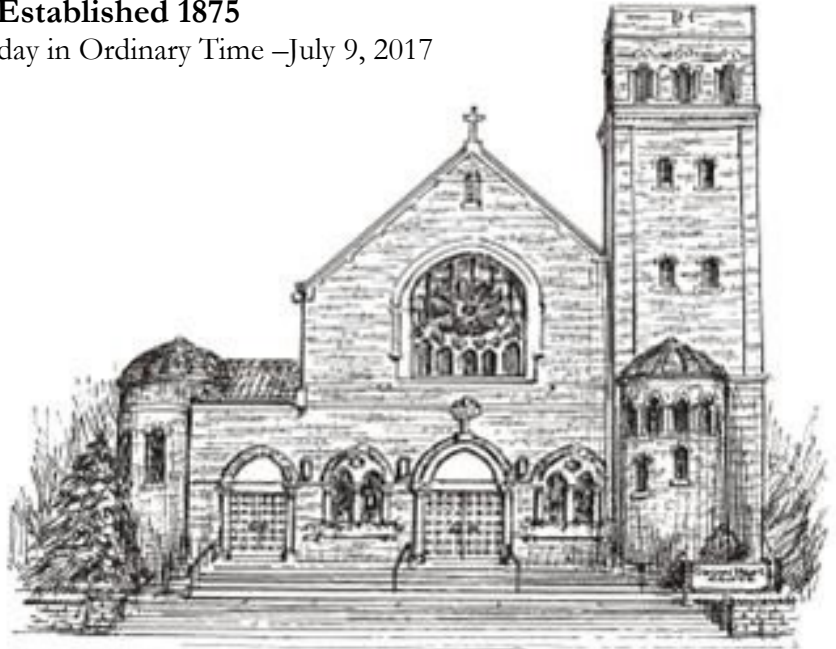
Ms. Celeste J. Catalano

## Coordinator of Religious Education

Mrs. Francine Rizzuto

## Director of Music

Mr. Tom Czarnecki



## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### *Masses*

#### *The Lord's Day*

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM (Choir), 1:00, 5:00 PM

Eve of Holydays 7:00 PM

Holy Days 7:00, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Weekdays 7:00 & 9:00 AM (Mon-Fri)

9:00 AM Only (July 1st-Labor Day)

9:00 AM (Sat)

### *Confessions*

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

### *Parish Registration*

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners.

### *Handicapped Accessible*

**Office Hours** - 9AM - 12Noon and 1PM - 5PM

**Church** open daily until 5PM

**Novena Devotions** Mondays after the 9AM Mass

**Rosary for Pro-Life** Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every First Friday  
9:30AM - 5PM

### *Sick Calls*

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at 442-0058.

### *Baptism*

Sundays at 2:15 PM. Previous appointment must be made. Parents are expected to attend Baptism instructions, which take place on the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Rectory.

### *Marriages*

Couples should come to the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

### *Sponsor Certificate*

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation please contact the priest and make an appointment to obtain the sponsor certificate. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

### *Websites:*

**Church** - [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org)

**School** - [www.sacredheartschoolsi.org](http://www.sacredheartschoolsi.org)

### **Church**

718-442-0058

### **Church Fax**

718-816-8006

### **School**

718-442-0347

### **School Fax**

718-442-6978

### **C.C.D. Office**

718-448-1536

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Saturday, July 8:

5:00 Helen & John Kubasek

Sunday, July 9:

7:00 Susan Pellecchia

9:00 Marie Mello

11:00 Sarah Ahern

1:00 People of the Parish

5:00 Eileen Downing

Monday, July 10:

9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue

Tuesday, July 11:

9:00 The Francis Family

Wednesday, July 12:

9:00 James, Emil & Nick Vigilante

Thursday, July 13:

9:00 Diana Kisto

Friday, July 14:

9:00 Joan M. Prenty

Saturday, July 15:

9:00 Thomas Coppolla II

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 Coppolla II

5:00 Chamara "Shawn" Gunawardena

Saturday, July 15:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Anne Siemer

Sunday, July 16:

7:00 Teresa Zulch

9:00 Kennedy Apoe

Elizabeth D'Antuonno

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

Dorothy Tarafa

1:00 Charles Sullivan

John Mooney Sr.

5:00 Bob Mazzuco

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

Collections:

July 2nd.....\$6,144.00  
Church in Africa.....\$1,510.00

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.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

On May 22, 2017, Joy Loboda, from Tampa, Florida, celebrated her second birthday. Normally, that is not big news. Not in this case. Almost six months earlier, Joy's heart stopped for nearly thirty minutes following an accident in a swimming pool. When Matt, her father, pulled his daughter's lifeless body out of the pool and began performing CPR, he saw her pupils shrink to the size of a pinpoint. He was convinced that she would die. Nevertheless, he and his wife, Kristin, prayed. They continued to pray after seeing the sorrowful look in the eyes of the EMTs, and they persevered in prayer when doctors said Joy's prognosis was not good, even though her heart had begun beating again. The Lobodas' story of their little girl fighting for her life spread like an epidemic and tens of thousands joined them in prayer. Joy's uncle, Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski, F.H.S, offered the Mass at her bedside several times.

Twenty-seven days after the accident Joy was carried out of Phoenix Children's Hospital in the arms of her mother, whose face was radiant with joy. The child was almost completely healed. She celebrated her second birthday with family and the medical professionals who saved her life. Lori Hadacek Chaplin interviewed Joy's parents, Matt and Kristen. ["An Update on the Drowned Toddler who Made a Miraculous Recovery." *National Catholic Register*]

Matt gets overcome by emotion, recalling the doctors telling him, "Joy has a slim chance that she is going to live; and if she does live, she's going to be a 'vegetable'." This past Memorial Day weekend, Joy swam with Matt, fearlessly, in the same pool that almost took her life. Her shrieks of laughter overshadowed the drowning flashbacks that flickered through Matt's mind. Kristin has not yet been able to bring herself to swim in the pool.

It has been a longer healing process for Kristin, who has been struggling to get past the trauma of seeing her daughter floating in the water. "I'll never forget the way my wife was wailing," Matt reveals. "My heart still breaks for her that she experienced that." Seeing Joy lifeless

was also overwhelming for Matt, but he focused more on his family. "I had to die to myself and care for my wife and children. I had to provide stability for them in the midst of a lot of instability," he explains.

Unlike Kristin, Matt did not feel consumed with guilt. Kristin says, "I am still healing from what happened. When I was in the hospital with her for the first day and a half, I felt like I had died with her." The Masses that Fr. Ignatius said at Joy's bedside were therapeutic for Kristin's soul. During the second Mass he stopped in the midst of his homily and said to his sister, "A lot of time we think that the healing of the heart can take months or years, but it actually can be quick. You need to forgive yourself." Kristen said, "When he said that, I broke into heart-wrenching cries. After that Mass, I was a new person; there was a supernatural strength that came over me." Even though Kristin has been able to forgive herself, she feels like she is living in a hyper state, and she grows very nervous whenever Joy is out of her sight, even for a moment. Kristin is seeing a Catholic trauma counselor. "She's been unbelievable in helping me wade through things."

The Lobodas' faith has gained strength from their trial. For Kristin, even though she was already a religious person, almost losing Joy has deepened her trust in God, and now she sees more vividly the beauty in suffering. "When I was in the hospital, there was so much suffering for Joy and me. The beauty is if you allow God to be present in your suffering, then you are able to feel Him in that suffering."

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.

**“Formed”:** “Formed” is a Catholic based website which features inspiring movies, compelling presentations and E-Books from some of the Church’s most prominent speakers. The website helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Christ as well as draw back Catholics who have fallen away from Him. By using “Formed” parishioners can be informed for Mass by watching brief videos on the week’s readings, enjoy family movies which are nourishing and entertaining . Enrich your child’s faith with engrossing and engaging materials geared towards young Catholics. To register and use the website simply visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) on your browser, click on register, enter the parish access code which is KNKZHC, enter your email and select a password. That is all you need to do to use this very enjoyable Catholic website.

**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)

**Choir News:** The Sacred Heart Adult and Children’s Choirs will not sing during the months of July and August. They will reconvene in September at the usual times for rehearsals and singing for Mass. I would like to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable summer and thanks for all the kindness you have shown to me since I arrived.

Tom Czarnecki

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday July 15, 2017:**

5:00 : S. Baniswal, J. Esco, H. Bond

**Sunday July 16, 2017:**

7:00 Kathleen, Mary & Siobhan McCafferty

9:00 M. Ahern, T. Koleci, A. Maida

11:00 J. Mullen, Erik & Kelly Shashaty

1:00 A. Basile, A. Buscemi, B. Silva

5:00 N. Ehresman, M. Fernando, J. Orellana