

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, June 9:**

5:00 Mary Kelly

**Sunday, June 10:**

7:00 Al Amore (15th Anniversary)  
9:00 Louis Mazzitelli  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue  
5:00 Rita & Raymond G. Sykes

**Monday, June 11:**

7:00 Juan Ariado  
9:00 John D. Beers Sr.

**Tuesday, June 12:**

7:00 John Wausnock  
9:00 Vita "Marie" Gould

**Wednesday, June 13:**

7:00 Sr. Therese Mary O'Carm  
9:00 Louise Pietromonico

**Thursday, June 14:**

7:00 Living & Deceased Members of  
The Benedict Family  
9:00 Richard F. Merenda Jr.

**Friday, June 15:**

7:00 Canonization of Fr. Joseph Kentenich  
9:00 Vocations to the Religious Life

**Saturday, June 16:**

9:00 Sutera Family  
5:00 Elsie Jones

**Sunday, June 17:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &  
McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Richard Morrison  
11:00 Peter Pellegrito  
1:00 Michael Mustillo Jr.  
5:00 People of the Parish

**Saturday, June 16:**

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

**Sunday, June 17:**

7:00 Theresa Zulch  
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuono  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa  
1:00 Stephen Brown John Mooney Sr.  
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,  
Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara  
Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal  
Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Joseph  
DeMeo, Michael DiCostanzo, Carol Perrone,  
Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph  
Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Stacey  
Tierno, Douglas Carnegie

**Collections:**

June 3rd..... \$7,864.00  
Black & Indian Missions.....\$1,744.00

**Wedding Banns**

III Gerard Joseph Hatton &  
Cara Elizabeth Maglione

II Timothy Rudolph Fischer &  
Annie Laurie Baeszler

I Dennis Joseph DeSaro Jr. &  
Vanessa Ranulfa Wallace

I Robert Christopher Arena  
& Jill Ann Boyle

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I was talking recently with a parishioner who believes it is utterly absurd for parents to wait until children are old enough to make their own decisions about what religion, if any, to practice. I agreed with her. Two days later, Fr. Bill Peckman wrote about this very topic. (“No, Catholic Parents Should NOT Let Small Kids ‘Decide For Themselves’ About the Faith,” *Churchpop.com*, May 31, 2018). Fr. Bill reminds parents that they promised at their children’s Baptisms to take the lead in the spiritual and moral development of their children. “They weren’t just words,” he states. “They were a promise made to God.” God keeps His promises to us. Should we not do the same for Him?

Fr. Bill argues: “This idea that you let your child decide if they are going to be involved in that development is a dereliction of duty. I would assume good parents don’t let their child decide whether or not they go to school. I would assume good parents don’t let their child determine their diet. I would assume good parents don’t let their children determine their bed times. I would imagine good parents don’t let their children determine whether or not the child wants to obey their parents. I would imagine good parents don’t let their child determine a lot of necessary and important facets in their child’s life.”

The Second Vatican Council taught: “Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators... It is particularly in the Christian family, enriched by the grace and office of the Sacrament of Matrimony, that children should be taught from their early years to have a knowledge of God according to the faith received in Baptism, to worship Him, and to

love their neighbor. Here, too, they find their first experience of a wholesome human society and of the Church. Finally, it is through the family that they are gradually led to a companionship with their fellowmen and with the people of God. Let parents, then, recognize the inestimable importance a truly Christian family has for the life and progress of God’s own people.” (*Declaration on Christian Education*)

Ultimately, by letting their kids decide whether or not they want to have religion in their lives the parents are saying that the practice of religion is as inconsequential as the practice of the violin or piano. That is, you can do fine in life without playing a musical instrument, although it is certainly a good thing to play. So too you can do fine in life without religion. That is not what Jesus Christ taught. He made it clear that the practice of the Catholic faith—the true religion—is not an option. It is a necessity.

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.

### **Recently Deceased**

We ask that you remember the families and the souls of our recently departed parishioners in your prayers including: **Marie Hansen, Nelson Pagan, Eileen Leigh, Mark Sweeney, Mary Keane, Arthur DeCross Jr., Agnes Bilotto and William Allee.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, June 16, 2018:**

5:00 M. Crowdell, T. Murphy, L. O'Neal

#### **Sunday, June 17, 2018:**

7:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

9:00 I. Jichetti, M. Perkert, A. Cruz

11:00 G. Garcia, H. Bond, W. Wenzel

1:00 Matt, Julia & Sean Ahern

5:00 A. Basile, A. Buscemi, J. Oliveras

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

**Pilgrimage through Assisi with St. Francis & St. Clare:** Tuesday June 12th, 6:30-8:30 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sister Marie Claire Weaver. Imagine visiting a medieval town in the 21st century. Join us as we will walk where they walked and pray where they prayed.

**Walking with Faith:** Tuesday June 19th, 6:30-8:30 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Nanci Bachman. The evening will begin with Camino de Santiago (The Way) and the following spiritual journey will bring you closer to God. St. James, one of the twelve apostles, was given the mission to spread the Gospel and for years people have been walking The Camino, following his path. The evening will include slides showing us the historical significance of El Camino

**Meditation Monday:** June 11th, \$20 per person, 6-8:30 PM, facilitated by Grace Daquila. An invitation to be refreshed, renewed and restored so kick back and go of the stress. The evening includes faith sharing, reflection and prayer as well as coffee and desert.

**Centering Prayer Group:** June 13th & 27th, \$10 per person, 7:30-9 PM, facilitated by Ann Louise DePalo. Come and pray and be still in God's presence, each session is a stand alone so anyone can join at any time.

**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 or Jeff

## **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.

**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 not only helps kick off our school year but also serves as a great way for our parishioners to get to know one another.

**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 RCIA:** Have you or anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic never received the sacraments of Communion and/or 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.

**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.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org) and click on the link at the top of the website.

Father Eric and the staff of Sacred Heart Church and School would like to congratulate the class of 2018. We are very proud of you! We will miss all of you but we send you on with much pride and great appreciation. God bless you all and remember: "Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!"

**Congratulations to The Sacred Heart Class of 2018:**

*Matthew Ahern*

*Billye Albro*

*Derek Braithwaite*

*Jenna Burgos*

*Daniel Corbett*

*Nicholas Cruz*

*Divine Ebisike*

*Ayomide Fagbuyi*

*Liam Field*

*Sean Franzreb*

*Carl Gordon*

*Timothy Koleci*

*Cameron Lenhardt– Freeland*

*Keith Lotito*

*Austin Maida*

*Madison Marcinak*

*Ajani Martin*

*Trinity O'Neal*

*Michael Rodriguez-King*

*Christopher Teitler*

*Evan Tupone*

