

The Nativity of St. John The Baptist



**Saturday, June 23:**

5:00 Rita & Raymond G. Sykes

**Sunday, June 24:**

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri  
9:00 Deceased members of The Geraghty & Graham Families  
11:00 Eileen Leigh  
1:00 Brendan Hoey  
5:00 Zheng Ai Zhen

**Monday, June 25:**

7:00 Joseph Murnane  
9:00 Mary Lou & Tom Stuart

**Tuesday, June 26:**

7:00 Sr. Therese Mary O’Carm  
9:00 Mary Tighe

**Wednesday, June 27:**

7:00 Joseph Russell (Sixth Anniversary)  
9:00 Gerard Crane (Third Anniversary)

**Thursday, June 28:**

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 John Driscoll

**Friday, June 29:**

7:00 Laura Elizabeth O’Hanlon  
9:00 Rita & Raymond Sykes

**Saturday, June 30:**

9:00 Coleen McGlynn Lee  
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 Lian  
5:00 Virginia & Edward McGlynn

**Saturday, June 30:**

5:00 Frank Pontiero Pat Foley

**Sunday, July 1:**

7:00 Efrain Ortiz  
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryanne Gambardella  
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski  
1:00 Stephen Brown John Mooney Sr.  
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, 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 17th..... \$7,458.00  
June 2018 Budget Deficit.....\$439.00

**Wedding Banns**

III Dennis Joseph DeSaro Jr. & Vanessa Ranulfa Wallace

III Robert Christopher Arena & Jill Ann Boyle

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this month of the Sacred Heart we consider here the devotion from which our parish receives her name. Aristotle held that the heart is the first principle of movement in animals. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the origin of God's love and our salvation. It was this Heart that was so moved with pity for our human wretchedness that He chose to become one of us, a man like us in all things but sin and ignorance, in order to bring His light to our darkness.

Four Saints in history had a particularly poignant experience of the Sacred Heart. Their mystical adventures have given the Church great instruction, illumination and inspiration.

St. Lutgardis of Aywières was born in the 12th century. She became a Benedictine nun and then began to receive visions of Jesus and His pierced heart. In one particular vision she experienced something that is known in mystical experience as an "exchange of hearts." Jesus asked her, "What, then, do you want?" She said, "I want Your Heart." In response, Jesus said, "You want My Heart? Well, I too want your heart." Lutgardis then declared, "Take it, dear Lord. But take it in such a way that the love of Your Heart may be so mingled and united with my own heart that I may possess my heart in You, and that it may always remain there secure in Your protection."

St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn was also a Benedictine nun. In the 13th century St. Mechtilde received many visions of Jesus during her life in the German monastery. A book was written about her experiences and Jesus appeared to her one day, holding this book on his Heart with his right hand. He kissed it, and said to her, "All that is found written in this book has flowed from My divine Heart and will return to it." Jesus also said to her, "In the morning let your first act be to greet my Heart and to offer me your own. Whoever breathes a sigh toward me, draws Me to him- or herself."

St. Gertrude the Great is yet another

Benedictine nun from the 13th century. She began receiving supernatural experiences at age 25. One day she saw both St. John the Evangelist and Jesus. She was invited to place her head on Jesus' heart and spoke to John, asking him, "Well-beloved of the Lord, did these harmonious beatings which rejoice my soul also rejoice yours when you reposed during the Last Supper on the bosom of the Savior?" John replied, "Yes, I heard them, and my soul was penetrated with their sweetness even to its very center." Gertrude asked, "Why, then, have you spoken so little in thy Gospel of the loving secrets of the Heart of Jesus?" He responded, "My mission was to write of the Eternal Word ... but the language of the blissful pulsations of the Sacred Heart is reserved for latter times, that the time-worn world, grown cold in the love of God, may be warmed up by hearing of such mysteries."

Finally, there was St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. She was a French Visitation nun, who, in 1673, received visions of Jesus, in which He asked the Church to honor his Most Sacred Heart. Among the promises He uttered, Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, "In the excess of the mercy of My heart, I promise you that My all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and My heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour." (For further reading see: Philip Kosloski, "4 Visionaries Who Saw the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Messages They Received," *Aleteia.org*, 7 June 2018).

God bless you!

Father Eric

**Welcome Fr. Juventus:** Fr Juventus Mairiga is arriving this week. Fr Juventus (pronounced You-Vent-toos) will be serving our parish for July and part of August. Father is a priest from Nigeria who is studying for his doctorate in Rome. Please keep Fr. Juventus in your prayers.

**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 just since announcing it to the parishioners on June 3rd the amount collected has reached \$565,380. That represents 61% from 57 families. Remember that this weekend is commitment weekend and we thank everyone who has graciously and generously given thus far.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, June 30, 2018:**

5:00 C. Basile, A. Basile, M. Crowdell

#### **Sunday, July 1, 2018:**

7:00 J. Torres, H. Bond, J. Oliveras

9:00 I. Jichetti, R. Delamasa, G. Seaborg

11:00 T. Smith, J. Smith, W. Wenzel

1:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

5:00 A. McCafferty, J. Ahern, A. Buscemi

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

**Centering Prayer Group:** June 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.

**Experience The Holy Land:** Tuesday, June 26th 6-8:30 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Barbara Santillo. The blood, sweat and tears of Jesus remain rooted in the soil of the Holy Land. Join us on a reminiscent tour of this most sacred place on earth.

**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 online giving icon at the top of the page.

**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 graciously accepted and 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 \$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.

**Flagship Brewery presents Theology on Tap:** On Monday, June 25th at 7:30 PM, Flagship Brewery on Staten Island will be hosting its Theology on Tap event. Adults between the ages of 21-39 are invited to talk about different aspects of the Catholic faith in a relaxed setting. The doors open at 7 PM and the Archdiocese of NY's Office of Young Adult Outreach will be providing Pizza. If you are interested please RSVP to [MaryElise.Zellmer@archny.org](mailto:MaryElise.Zellmer@archny.org)