

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, June 25:
5:00 Shannon Elizabeth Tobin (6th Anniversary)

Saturday, July 2:
5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, June 26:
7:00 Msgr. Andrew Quinn
9:00 Brendan J. Hoey
11:00 Bessie Althoff
1:00 Anthony Maglio
5:00 Raymundo Ibanez

Sunday, July 3:
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

Monday, June 27:
7:00 Joseph Russell
9:00 Gerard Crane—1st Anniversary



Tuesday, June 28:
7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Betty Widmayer

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, Thomas Coppola II, 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

Wednesday, June 29:
7:00 Mary Tarasovis
9:00 Raymond G. Sykes

Thursday June 30:
7:00 Raquel Aramayo
9:00 Coleen McGlynn Lee

Friday, July 1:
9:00 Laura E. O'Hanlon

Collections:
Regular June 19 \$6,948.00
June Budget Deficit. \$807.00
Additional Father's Day. \$356.00

Saturday July 2:
9:00 Eleanor Torkelson
5:00 Grace & Romeo DeCore

Sunday, July 3:
7:00 Kathleen O' Donovan
9:00 L. Benjamin Zarrelli
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Diana Kisto
5:00 Angela Raiola

Wedding Banns
II Nicole Terranova and Steven Primiano
II Dana Lee Christensen and Christophe Rodriguez
II Bernadette McDermott and Adam Nekulak
III Maureen Alberici and Timothy Donnelly

The Bread and Wine are offered for St. Joseph and the Souls in Purgatory requested by Sarah McDermot.

The Rosary Altar Society will gather for the 9AM Mass Sunday, July 3rd 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:

This week, the National Organization for Women (NOW) will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. NOW has done a certain amount of good for our nation. For instance, this feminist organization has spearheaded efforts to achieve equal pay for equal work, so that there be less and less disparity of income between women and men who have the same employment. However, the group has also been a malevolent force in society by promoting abortion, contraception and sodomy. Hopefully, in time, with God's grace, the organization will accentuate their positives and minimize (and eliminate) their profound negatives.

There is another organization for women in our nation, in fact, in every nation. It's called the Catholic Church. The Church is the largest provider of social services in the world. Through God's grace, we do more to help the poor, to serve the sick and to educate children than any other organization on the face of the earth. Many, if not most, of the people we help are female.

The Catholic Church has done so much to enhance the dignity of women. Think about the Word of God as delivered by St. Paul the Apostle, who said: *Brothers and sisters, through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* (Galatians 3). What a radical statement for his time! With this utterance, women were raised to equal dignity with men. Of course, they always had such dignity. But ancient pagan societies, infected by original sin, but without the light of Christ, obscured this fact.

Jesus, Himself, treated women with great respect. They were His disciples, and they followed Him around and carried out important tasks. This was unheard of at the time. Rabbis simply did not instruct women in the Torah. In fact, it was a woman, St. Mary Magdalene, who was the first person chosen to announce that Jesus was risen from the tomb, as recorded in the Gospels. In a sense, she is the first evangelist!

Dr. Thomas Woods offers a marvelous treatment of women in early Catholicism in his outstanding book: *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization* (2005). Woods explains that adultery, according to the Church, was not confined

to a wife's infidelity to her husband, as the ancient world so often had it, but also extended to a husband's unfaithfulness to his wife. This was a watershed moment in the history of marriage and family. It also enhanced respect for women in the world. It is for this reason and others that women formed so much of the Catholic population of the early centuries of the Church. "So numerous were female Christians that the Romans used to dismiss Christianity as a religion for women. Part of the attraction that the faith held for women was that the Church sanctified marriage, elevating it to the level of a sacrament, and prohibited divorce (which really meant that men could not leave their wives with nothing to go marry another woman)." (p. 214).

Women also achieved substantially more autonomy thanks to Catholicism. Robert Phillips writes, "Women found protection in the teachings of the Church and were permitted to form communities of religious who would be self-governing—something unheard of in any culture of the ancient world. . . . Look at the catalogue of saints filled up with women. Where in the world were women able to run their own schools, convents, colleges, hospitals and orphanages, outside of Catholicism?" (*Last Things First*, 104 [2004]).

Lastly, there is the most venerated human person in the Church. That person is female. I am referring to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church. Of course, her Son is worshipped to a much greater extent than she, who is never worshipped by Catholics, is honored and loved. But He is divine, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, with a human nature. It was to a woman, representing the entire human race, that God sent His ambassador, the archangel Gabriel, to ask for permission to begin the salvation of men. What if she said no? What if she declined the invitation to conceive the Son of God? Would God have then formulated a Plan B to save us? We will never know. What we do know is that we owe immense gratitude to our Lady, the New Eve, for giving God permission to fix our broken souls and twisted hearts. *Be it done to me according to Your Word*, she said. (Luke 1:38).

In conclusion, as many women this week will be toasting the National Organization for Women we thank God for Holy Mother Church!
God bless you!
Father Eric

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 shcreligioused@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536. Your child's Sacramental Certificates (Baptismal and/or Communion) are needed. If you 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.

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be held on Saturday, July 9th at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd., SI, NY. The meeting will begin at 9:30AM in the meeting room in the basement of the church after the 8:30AM Mass (optional). We look forward to this time with you.

PASTORAL COUNSELING is a combination of psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical approach to unite the whole person - both mind and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling sessions will be held in parish facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 2:

5:00 John Paul Hoey & Michele Chen

Sunday, July 3:

7:00 Sarah Laureno & Laura Laureano

9:00 Kevin Postler & Matthew Kalikas

11:00 Bernard Daniels & Veronica Kaleta

1:00 Kelly Shashaty & Tim Donnelly

5:00 John & Michael Manning

Choir News

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A Million Thanks!

Words fail to express my deepest gratitude to all the singers, parents of singers, supporters, contributors and lovers of all things 'Choirloft' at Sacred Heart... it truly takes a village to create and sustain the amazing music liturgies our choirs share with us week after week over the course of the liturgical year. Thank you all so very much and I hope as you scatter here and yon over the summer, you'll enjoy, restore and renew for the upcoming season!

In the meantime Family Choir will hold down the fort— 1st Sundays of the month (July 3, August 7, Sept 4— 11 AM Mass). And Travelling Choir will begin anew—selecting the next destination and creating music liturgies all summer long! Hop on Board!! Come on Up!! Check us Out!! No obligations—give us a try!! Questions? Pamela (VM 24)

Mark your Calendars: June 26th Travelling Choir sings today, 11AM—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time! July 3—Family Choir/Travelling Choir sings 11AM Mass Don't Miss It! Grand Prize for guest from farthest away country!!

Kids Praise—bring your instruments-play a church song! Take a treat!!

Top 10 Seemingly Insurmountable Reasons For Not Joining The Travelling Choir (Real life responses to my requests for new choir members!)

3. "I would love to join the Travelling Choir but I am afraid I can't make it up and down that spiral staircase!" Oh, I know what you mean!! But honestly, if you go very slowly, they are really manageable! And the loft...when you finally arrive is a bit of heaven, truly! It's impossible to replicate the choral sounds emanating from the choirloft of an intimate natural acoustic (as we have at Sacred Heart!). So worth the trip up (and down!!) Wouldn't it be fabulous if someone donated the funds for an elevator or new broader staircase for the choirloft?? Please remember this need in your prayers...See you in the loft! (carefully...carefully!!!)

Pamela (718) 442-0058 (VM 24)

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



This Friday, July 1st, is **First Friday**. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 9:30AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.