

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



Saturday, June 2:

5:00 Beverly Tobin

Sunday, June 3:

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli
9:00 Albert Perry (46th Anniversary)
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Kevin Noone
5:00 John & Helen Beers

Monday, June 4:

7:00 Elizabeth Graff
9:00 Richard F. Merenda Jr.

Tuesday, June 5:

7:00 George Carapella
9:00 Jane & Jack Gordon

Wednesday, June 6:

7:00 Lisa Lopez
9:00 Terence Walsh Sr.

Thursday, June 7:

7:00 Vincenzo Camardo (Living)
9:00 Richard F. Merenda Jr.

Friday, June 8:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Pascal & Prenty Families
9:00 Mario Rapaglia Sr.

Saturday, June 9:

9:00 Emily Wall
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

Saturday, June 9:

5:00 Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, June 10:

7:00 Vincent O'Grady
9:00 Don O'Shea Evelyn Bilotto
11:00 Maria Montouri Regina Torello
1:00 Pat Jezycki Rosetta Messina
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

Collections:

May 27th..... \$5,457.00
Congratulations to Mrs. Irene McCarthy on winning the May 2018 Fifty-Fifty.

Wedding Bands

II Gerard Joseph Hatton & Cara Elizabeth Maglione

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Two uplifting pro-life stories were in the news last week. We, who love Jesus, the God of life and love, rejoice.

In the first story (“Kansas Mom Battling Breast Cancer Ignores Doctor’s Abortion Advice, Celebrates Healthy Baby,” by Madeline Farber, *Fox News*, May 25, 2018) we meet a Kansas woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer just days after she found out she was pregnant with her second child. After getting the news, Stacey Johnson was urged to consider abortion. But she said no. “Understanding that my case was unique, but not fully understanding all the options, this was a scary first opinion,” said Johnson, 31, a neonatal nurse.

She then got a second opinion from a doctor that did not include abortion. She learned that pregnant women with breast cancer can undergo chemotherapy treatments so long as the treatment is done during the second or third trimester. Surgery is normally a safe option also. Stacey had ultrasounds every 10 days during chemotherapy to monitor the baby’s growth and blood flow. She had a single mastectomy in addition to the rigors of chemotherapy. Although she admits that she has “been through the ringer” she does not regret her decision in the least. “I had someone else’s life to care about,” Stacey said, referring to her 1-year-old son, William. After giving birth to William on May 30 of last year, she continued chemo and then began radiation treatment, which she recently finished. Once she completes chemo this summer, Stacey, who is married and has a 3-year-old daughter named Reese, hopes to have breast reconstruction surgery and then return to be fully present to her loved ones. “My family needs me,” she said.

The second story (“Connecticut Surgeon Saves, Adopts Baby Born With Rare Birth Defect,” by Madeline Farber, *Fox News*, May 25, 2018) details something that happened 13 years ago. Dr. Christine Finck, now the surgeon-in-

chief at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, performed a surgery that changed her life forever. In 2006, Dr. Finck, an attending physician at a children’s hospital in Philadelphia at the time, received a call late one snowy, February night. She said, “I wiped the sleep from my eyes and listened to the neonatal intensivist tell me about a premature baby being born at a n o t h e r h o s p i t a l w i t h gastroschisis.” Gastroschisis is a rare condition where a baby is born with his or her intestines outside of its body. “I was struck by the small peanut that greeted me,” she said, referring to a baby named Isabelle.

The baby remained in Dr. Christine’s care as she underwent many surgeries. “She was on intravenous nutrition and fought many infections. I was her primary surgeon and I would take care of her every day. I would always end my visit by holding her tiny hand,” she recalled. Finally, a few months later, Isabelle was ready to be discharged from the hospital, though she still had a feeding tube in her stomach and an IV line under her collar bone. At the same time Isabelle’s biological mom informed the doctor that she would not be able to adequately care for her. “I can take her,” Christine blurted out in response. Surprising herself by her quick reaction, she immediately called her husband, John. He didn’t hesitate to say yes either. Isabelle is now in the seventh grade and enjoys growing up in Connecticut with her siblings John and Madeline.

May the good Lord open the hearts of everyone in our world to recognize that baby lives matter—all of them.

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.

Altar Server Summer Vacations: We all know that summer is a great opportunity for rest and relaxation. A chance to enjoy the warm weather and a chance to take some much needed vacations. If any server has definite vacation plans or they are unavailable to serve on a given weekend during the summer please contact the Rectory at (718) 442-0058 as soon as possible. This will help the Office Manager make a schedule that allows for adequate coverage for Masses during the summer.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 9, 2018:

5:00 J. Mullen, A. Schmitt, S. Ahern

Sunday, June 10, 2018:

7:00 B. Daniels, N. Ehresman, M. Crowdell

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

11:00 T. Smith, B. Freund, W. Wenzel

1:00 A. Basile, A. Cruz, M. Perkert

5:00 J. Orellana, J. Torres, M. Fernando

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.

Goretti Group Meeting: The next meeting of the Goretti Group will take place at Holy Family Church on Friday, June 1st, with Music & Confession at 6:30. Mass will be held at 7 PM followed by dinner at 7:30 and the talk at 8:15 PM. Join us that night as award winning poet M. Guira reads from her new poetry book "What my Father taught me about growing up Italian-American Catholic." It covers her early childhood, growing up with immigrant parents, a workaholic father and embracing God's plan.

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

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. The next meeting has been set for Sunday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM in the small cafeteria in the school.

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 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 or Jeff Maida at (917) 270-8229.

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.