

Pentecost Sunday



Saturday, June 3:

5:00 Albert Perry (45th Anniversary)

Sunday, June 4:

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli
9:00 Al Amore (14th Anniversary)
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Mary Carmella Anzalone
5:00 Helen Buckley

Monday, June 5:

7:00 The Varghese Family
9:00 Jane & Jack Gordon

Tuesday, June 6:

7:00 Joseph Sutera
9:00 Terence Walsh

Wednesday, June 7:

7:00 Marino Maranion (6th Anniversary)
9:00 Joyce Rusinak

Thursday, June 8:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Pascal
& Prenty Families
9:00 Mario Rapaglia

Friday, June 9:

7:00 Lisa Lopez
9:00 Sophie Haugen

Saturday, June 10:

9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue
5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, June 11:

7:00 Rita & Raymond Sykes
9:00 John Wausnock
11:00 Louis A. Mazzitelli
1:00 Juan Ariado
5:00 People of the Parish

Saturday, June 10:

5:00 Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, June 11:

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, 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., Beverly Tobin, Richard Christie

Collections:

May 28th.....\$5,613.00
Ascension Thursday.....\$1,995.00
Congratulations to M/M Edward Mauriello on winning the May 2017 50/50.

Wedding Banns

III Steven Zielinski & Megan Lancelot
II Stephen Butka & Kristy Horning

Please remember Sacred Heart Church in your will and/or estate planning.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Pentecost Sunday! Today the universal Church celebrates the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In May 1986, Pope St. John Paul II wrote an encyclical on the Spirit entitled, *Dominum et Vivificantem* (DV: “The Lord and Giver of Life”).

St. John Paul points out that Jesus describes the Holy Ghost in personal terms as “Spirit-Counselor, using the personal pronoun ‘He’.” (DV 8). Therefore, the Spirit is not some sort of random, impersonal force, but rather is a Person. As a person, He has, like any person—human or divine—a natural tendency to be in relation to others. He is in eternal union with the Father and the Son, the Blessed Trinity, a mystery that the universal Church celebrates next Sunday. In that relation there is an eternal and absolute communication of being and of love.

We can also describe the Holy Spirit as the principle of life, “the One in whom the inscrutable Triune God communicates Himself to human beings.” (DV 1). The Holy Spirit is life-giving in two senses: He is the source of the gift of our very existence, and He is also the source of Sanctifying Grace, without which we cannot please God. (DV 10).

The Pope recalls Jesus’ promise to continue leading and instructing the Apostles after His death. He makes clear that this will occur through the coming of the Holy Spirit. According to the divine plan Jesus’ death, rising and His subsequent departure was the condition for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This watershed moment in salvation history represents a “new beginning”. (DV 12).

The original beginning is the mystery of creation described in the Book of Genesis. However, that creation was deformed by sin, and what resulted was the disfigurement of the person as the image of God. But now, thanks to the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh, we speak of a new beginning. That new beginning is definitively activated by Jesus’ suffering, death

ascension and by the “new presence of the Spirit of God in creation”. (DV 14). Jesus has redeemed the human race, and now His Spirit will move us forward, always present with the Church and within the Church.

The Spirit began His work by preparing the Jews—the Chosen People—for the Son’s coming and continues by “overshadowing” the Virgin Mary, “who conceived by the Holy Spirit”. (DV 16). The Spirit “rests upon” Jesus who made reference to the Spirit’s union with Him at the synagogue in Nazareth. (DV 17). The Spirit is also present at the anointing of Christ by John the Baptist in the Jordan River.

But the most “definitive revelation” of the Holy Spirit occurs at the death and resurrection of Christ, which is a “‘new beginning’ of the self-communication of the Triune God to humanity.” (DV 23). As an expression of eternal love the Father gives His Son in order to redeem the world, and the Spirit is given to the Church to complete that redemption. Only through Christ’s suffering and rising can the Holy Spirit lead us to salvation. Only through the Spirit can we avail ourselves of Christ’s Cross and Resurrection. We need Jesus. We possess Jesus and we are possessed by Jesus only through the Spirit.

Thank God for His Spirit!

God Bless You!

Father Eric

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, click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

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 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.

Sacred Heart Soccer Registration:

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 Sacred Heart Soccer Team. Both boys and girls ages 4 (birth year 2013) thru 14 are welcome to join. Please visit www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com to register and for further information. The early discount applies through June 30, 2017.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday June 10, 2017:

5:00 : W. Hollnsteiner, K. Postler, J. Lotito

Sunday June 11, 2017:

7:00 Mary, Kathleen & Siobhan McCafferty

9:00 H. Bond, M. Ahern, J. Ahern

11:00 J. Esco, S. Baniswal, E. Eadiccio

1:00 T. Koleci, A. Maida, V. Kaleta

5:00 S. Laurenno, G. Seaborg, R. Delamasa

St. Joseph's Retreat Center

June 2017 Program Schedule

June 12: Meditation Monday, 7:30-9 PM, cost \$20, facilitated by Grace Daquila. This evening invites you to have your faith refreshed and restored. Faith sharing, personal reflection, prayer and refreshments.

June 14 & June 28: Centering Prayer Group, 7:30-9 PM, cost \$10, facilitated by Anne Louise DePalo. This group will meet twice a month on Wednesdays so come and pray and rest in God's presence.

June 22: Praise God with Art, 6:30-8:30 PM, cost \$20, facilitated by Kyle Galante. This group will meet on Thursdays and focus on using art and imagination to praise God. We are all made in his likeness and image hence we are all artists. There are other exciting and informative retreats that will be held at the St. Joseph Retreat House throughout the summer. I will do my best to keep you posted about them here. The retreat center is located on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Blvd. To reserve a seat simply call (718) 720-1097 or visit SJRetreatCenter.org

Knights of Columbus Recruitment: After all the Masses on June 10th and June 11th The Knights of Columbus will be in the rear of the church answering questions about how one can become a member of their organization. They will also be distributing information about their time-honored organization and faith-based works.

Choir News: Welcome to the Sacred Heart Choir News. I would like to invite you to join our choirs, The Adult and The Children's Choir. If you can carry a tune and are willing to sing, you are in! Remember the one who sings prays twice. Our Children's Choir sings the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and the Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11 AM Mass. Rehearsals are held at 10:15 AM the same Sunday before Mass. Come let's praise the Lord together.