



**Saturday, June 27:**

5:00 Joseph Russell

**Sunday, June 28:**

7:00 Raymond & Rita Sykes

9:00 Fred & Bessie Althoff

11:00 Terry Hall

1:00 Deceased Members of The Decker Family

**Monday, June 29:**

9:30 Coleen McGlynn Lee

**Tuesday, June 30:**

9:30 Laura Elizabeth O'Hanlon

**Wednesday, July 1:**

9:30 Daniel Hollnsteiner

**Thursday, July 2:**

9:30 Eleanor Torkelson

**Friday, July 3:**

9:30 Diana Kisto

**Saturday, July 4:**

9:30 Souls in Purgatory

5:00 James O'Connell

**Sunday, July 5:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Priday & Borgersen Families

9:00 Vocations to the Priesthood

11:00 Antonia Peigne

1:00 Frederick Massel

**Saturday July 4:**

5:00 J. Gordon

**Sunday, July 5:**

7:00 AM E. Ortiz

9:00 AM R. Hansen

11:00 AM F. DiSalvo

1:00 PM C. Sullivan

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Anna Parente, James Parente, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Cpl Justin Campbell, Sheila Jones, Frank Silvestri, Christian Pepo, Jean Forte, Kathryn Capofari, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Linda Powers, James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Frank Juliano, Joseph Brancato, Carmela D'Angelo, Michael Guerin, Michael Meyer, June Laub, Frank Musuruca, Timothy Carlson, Richard Ross, Bette Ann Pascarella, Joanne Prato, Joseph Koslowski, Diana Umana, Isaiah Roland, The Munoz Family, Brianna Scilabra, Judy Dele, Kassem Ripen, Ernestine Scott, Shakee Johnson, Steven Riggio, James Ross, Robert G. Pavis, Michael Loughran, Sal Parisi, Cinderella Wonsewitz, Patrice Martin, Lucille Baron, Michael J. DiCostanzo, Catherine Broderick, Omari Roland

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who donated online, mailed or dropped off in person their weekly donations to Sacred Heart during the pandemic. Your dedication and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A

One day Elisha came to Shunem,  
where there was a woman of influence, who urged him  
to dine with her.  
Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop  
there to dine.  
So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy  
man of God.  
Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the  
roof  
and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp,  
so that when he comes to us he can stay there."  
Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room  
overnight.  
Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?"  
His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes!  
She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years."  
Elisha said, "Call her."  
When the woman had been called and stood at the door,  
Elisha promised, "This time next year  
you will be fondling a baby son."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your  
faithfulness.  
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;"  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.  
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.  
At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.  
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
You are the splendor of their strength,  
and by your favor our horn is exalted.  
For to the LORD belongs our shield,  
and the Holy One of Israel, our king.  
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

READING 2 ROM 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:  
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into  
Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?  
We were indeed buried with him through baptism  
into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.  
If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.  
We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies  
no more;  
death no longer has power over him.  
As to his death, he died to sin once and for all;  
as to his life, he lives for God.  
Consequently, you too must think of yourselves  
as dead to sin  
and living for God in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA 1 PT 2:9

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;  
announce the praises of him who called you out of dark-  
ness into his wonderful light.  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

MT 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:  
"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy  
of me,  
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not wor-  
thy of me;  
and whoever does not take up his cross  
and follow after me is not worthy of me.  
Whoever finds his life will lose it,  
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.  
"Whoever receives you receives me,  
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.  
Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet  
will receive a prophet's reward,  
and whoever receives a righteous man  
because he is a righteous man  
will receive a righteous man's reward.  
And whoever gives only a cup of cold water  
to one of these little ones to drink  
because the little one is a disciple—  
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back! (It feels great to say that). Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your generosity. Our church reopened this past Monday and it was truly wonderful to see our people—our faith family—sitting, kneeling and standing around the Altar of Sacred Heart Church for the first Mass at 9:30 AM on Monday morning. Before that day, the last time we had celebrated the Holy Sacrifice in our parish church was March 14. The congregation looked different this time—masked and spaced out with small bottles of hand-sanitizer by their laps. Their eyes spoke of relief over the church's reopening. Most of us probably were a little nervous because it had been so long. In the end, we were filled with joy because we were filled with Jesus, who is joy. At the Last Supper He said: *I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.* (John 15:11). He very much wants our joy to be complete.

God brings good out of the evils that we suffer. Father Joseph Kentenich, the founder of the Schoenstatt Order, which includes our five nuns at Sacred Heart, once said in 1949, "God is the God of Life. Whenever He permits destruction, breakdown, collapse, death, He wishes to create new life. Thus, the grain of wheat must first die, must perish; then it produces much fruit. If we apply this principle to our age, if we consider the terrible ruin and desolation which confront us everywhere in the physical, moral and intellectual order, we have to hold our breath. *It is the Passover of the Lord.* (Ex 12:11). It must be a wonderful world that He intends to create out of this vast dying, a wonderful world He intends to fashion out of these catastrophes and ruins. (Englebert Monnerjahn, *Joseph Kentenich: A Life for the Church*, 1975).

God's light reaches us in our darkness, usually through other good people. In July, 1902, Mother Cabrini—the future St. Frances Xavier Cabrini—was on her way to found a school in Denver. Bishop Matz of Denver had requested her aid, writing to her of the good her missionaries could do in the Italian mining colony there. Once the renovations of the new school were under way, she was eager to visit the mine-working fathers of the school's future students.

Pietro Di Donato writes (*Immigrant Saint: The Life of Mother Cabrini*, 1960) that the Saint "journeyed by zigzagging railway up over the brilliantly colored mountainous masses of rock and down through the canyons to the gold mines. She and her daughters entered cage hoists and descended deep into the man-made labyrinths, walking by candlelight through miles of low shafts to reach the miners. Men, fathers of families, stripped to the waist, sweated and begrimed, the muscles of powerful arms and shoulders straining with pick and bar and shovel against gold-flecked ore, hear the music of a woman's voice. They turn and to their amazement see before them in the shadowy tunnel a fragile, smiling nun. She holds aloft her silver crucifix. 'My good brothers, we come down into the bowels of the earth to you in the name of your Creator, He Who pines for your filial love.' Nuns braved the treacherous depths to come to the men, addressing them in the sweet mother tongue and bringing them the faith of their dear Jesus, the Jesus of their childhood, the very Jesus of their ancestors and progenitors, the saddened Jesus whom, in America, they had forgotten. The hearts of these men expanded so that at first they could not speak. They removed their caps, humbly kissed the crucifix in Francesca's hands, knelt, and signed the cross. The presence of Francesca Cabrini and her daughters in the treacherous underground caverns where they labored seemed miraculous. Angels, brides of Heaven, had come to them in their daily, long darkness, and that visit they would cherish in prayer and memory to the end of their days."

God bless you!

Father Eric

**Sacred Heart 2019-2020** 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 260 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 championships! 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.

**2020 Cardinal's Annual Appeal:** We are pleased to announce to our parishioners that Sacred Heart has met their goal of \$74,500. In fact, as of today we have exceeded it and are currently at \$80,709. Thanks for all those who have donated.

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, July 4:**

5:00 Abigail Cruz

### **Sunday, July 5:**

7:00 Anthony Basile

9:00 Sean Ahern

11:00 Jacob Torres

1:00 Elijah Greene

**Sacred Heart Class of 2020:** We would like to extend our sincerest congratulations and well wishes to the Sacred Heart Class of 2020. Although the Corona Virus deprived them of many of the traditional graduation commencement activities we are very proud of them. Sacred Heart Class of 2020: **Vera Appedu, Madison Breslin, Acadia Collado, Lila D'Ambrosio, Rae Lynne Delamasa Patrick Evans, Benjamin Freund, Ryan Gontha, Hailie Lynch, Edward McDore, Kiersten Mills, Naomi Ramdass, Georgia Seaborg, Kyle Senk, Thomas Smith, Ellia Tupone, Mia Valencia, Wendy Vivar-Garcia, Nylissa VanManen and Victoria Yordan** God bless you all in future endeavors and may you remember "Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!"

**New Rectory Hours:** Sacred Heart Rectory has new hours beginning on Monday, June 22. The Rectory will be open Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM (no evening hours), Saturday 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday 10 AM-3PM.

**2021 Mass Book:** The 2021 Mass Book is open for parishioners to book their Mass intentions. We ask if you have more than three intentions to either drop a list in the collection basket or mail it to The Rectory along with your contact information and payment. The Office Manager will contact you as to the availability of the dates.

**Departed Parishioners:** We ask that you remember our departed parishioners in your prayers including: **Annette Mazzella, Joyce Appignani, Michael Grannis, Ellenanne Olaszewski, Anna McAlphin, Carolyn Benfante, Michael Bryne, Lori Wheeler, James Daly, Grazia Palumba, Robert Hogan, May Magbitang, Lucille Goolic, Doris Fallon, Richard O'Shea, Evelyn Sharp, Hannah Bryne & Steven Lukasik.** May they all rest in Peace.

## **SACRED HEART PARISH GROUPS**

**Bible Study:** Fr. Eric has a weekly Bible study group that meets on Saturdays from 1-2:30 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 are welcome to attend.

**Altar Servers:** We are always looking for new boys and girls to become altar servers. If you are in the fourth 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. Being a member of the youth group involves volunteering at bake sales, food drives and used clothing drives. The youth group also has "Movie Night", retreat weekends and plays laser tag. This is a fun way to earn community service credits for school.

**Sacred Heart Holy Name:** The Holy Name is one of the oldest and most respected Catholic organizations. All men of the parish age 18 and over are encouraged to join. Since its reformation here at Sacred Heart in 2017 they have done great things. The meetings are held in the Rectory Basement on the first Sunday of the month immediately following the 9 AM Mass.

**Online Giving:** Sacred Heart Parish now offers online giving, which makes supporting your parish quick and easy. Online giving is perfect for older parishioners who find it difficult to get to Mass, especially during the harsh winter months. It is also beneficial to couples who travel often or have a second home in another state. Finally, online giving is very convenient for married couples with children whose weekends can be hectic with sporting events, dance recitals or family obligations. To find out more simply go to our parish website, [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org), and click on the online giving icon at the right hand corner of the page.

**Sacred Heart Food Pantry:** To better serve the needs of our community Sacred Heart's food pantry will be open from 10 AM-12 PM the first Saturday of the month beginning April 4th. Members of the Holy Name will be distributing food to needy people. The entrance to the pantry is located behind the Rectory in the parking lot on Market Street.

**Thank You Father Reilly:** We thank Fr. Michael Reilly, the Principal of St. Joseph by The Sea High School, for his 11 years of Sunday ministry at Sacred Heart. Father has asked to be relieved of his duties due to scheduling conflicts. We will keep him in our prayers, particularly in view of his mounting responsibilities and challenges in the post-Covid 19 world of education.

**Welcome Back to all of our parishioners! It is great to have our Church open and be able to once again celebrate Mass!**