

First Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 11:

5:00 Matthew Driscoll

Sunday, March 12:

7:00 Benjamin Zarelli

9:00 Peter J. Saldi

11:00 People of The Parish

1:00 Corazon Ariado

5:00 George Grossman

Monday, March 13:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Dolan & Lyons Families

9:00 John & Mary Fopeano

Tuesday, March 14:

7:00 Charles DeSario Sr.

9:00 Ed & Betty Fisher

Wednesday, March 15:

7:00 Joanne Grace Mullen

9:00 Nicholas Torello

Thursday, March 16:

7:00 Dorothy Easop

9:00 Mary Kirincich

Friday, March 17:

7:00 Anne Certo

9:00 Afifa Barhoma

Saturday, March 18:

9:00 Joseph Russell

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Sunday, March 19:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & The Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Al & Sue Amore

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Peter Pellegrito

5:00 Cecilio Lois

Saturday, March 18th :

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Anne Siemer

Sunday, March 19th:

7:00 Teresa Zulch

9:00 Kennedy Apoe

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Bob Mazzucco

Elizabeth D'Antuono

Dorothy Tarafa

John Mooney

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. Jennifer Santore, Fr. Raymond Dolan

Collections:

March 5th.....\$7,511.00

Ash Wednesday.....\$1,634.00

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. It's perfect for our parishioners who still want to support while on vacation or have a busy weekend scheduled. 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.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Alfred Delp was born in Germany September 15, 1907. Delp was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1937. From 1939 on, he worked on the editorial staff of the Jesuit publication *Stimmen der Zeit* ("Voices of the Times"), until the Nazis suppressed it in April, 1941. He was then assigned as a pastor to a Munich Church, while secretly helping Jews who were escaping to Switzerland through the underground.

After the famous plot, orchestrated by Claus von Stauffenberg on July 20, 1944, to assassinate Adolf Hitler failed, Delp was arrested, even though we was not in any way involved with the affair. He was sent to the Tegel Prison in Berlin. While in prison, he secretly celebrated Mass and wrote letters and spiritual treatises, which were smuggled out of the prison before his trial. On December 8, 1944, Delp received a visitor from the Jesuit province who received his final vows to the Jesuit Order. Of course, this was forbidden, but the attending policemen did not understand what was going on. Delp wrote on the same day, "It was too much, what a fulfillment, I prayed for it so much, I gave my life away. My chains are now without any meaning, because God found me worthy of the chains of love."

He was tried and sentenced to death by hanging for treason. Before his death he wrote, "Someday, others shall be able to live better and happier lives because we died." While he was in prison, the Gestapo offered Delp his freedom in return for his departure from the Jesuits, but he rejected it. "In half an hour, I'll know more than you do." These were his last words. He whispered them jokingly to the Prison Chaplain Fr. Peter

Buchholz, who ministered to him at his execution. The sentence was carried out on February 2, 1945 in Berlin. Delp's meditations were collected in a book entitled, *In the Face of Death*, published in 1956. Fr. Delp wrote:

"Humanity is nothing without God. Sometimes, we are tempted to declare that humanity is nothing at all. But this is because comparatively few people have the good fortune to meet a real human being. After all, no one is above the law of transgression—*without your grace*. We have all taken the wrong road, and our empirical experience of humanity has demonstrated little but weakness, incapacity and extreme helplessness. Our yearning to excel, our desire to achieve and accomplish things that indicate our shortcomings are not fundamental but are a superficial effect. Our dissatisfaction with the conditions of our earthly existence is deep-seated and constantly impels us to venture to try to improve our way of life."

"We have it in us to conceive high ideals and work for their realization but if we are honest we will recognize the fact that we can do nothing on our own. Left to ourselves we are incomplete, not quite human. God is part of the definition of a human; inner unity with God is the primary condition for a fulfilled and successful life. The decision to recognize this is the greatest that we can make and the only one that will rescue us from the chaos in which we are involved. About turn—back to the beginning—that is the only solution and the way to achieve life's fulfillment."

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

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. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. Also our basketball and soccer teams are not only competitive, they win! Upcoming Open House dates are Tuesday, March 14th from 9-11 A.M. and again on Tuesday, April 4 from 9-11 AM.

St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Party: The Sacred Heart YAC will be hosting a St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's (Irish/Italian Night) on Friday, March 17th, at 7 PM in the school Gymnasium. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 per child under 13. The menu includes Corned Beef and Cabbage, Sheppard's Pie and Macaroni and Meatballs. Join us as we proudly bring back a Sacred Heart tradition.

Msgr. Farrell: The Holy Name Society of Monsignor Farrell will be hosting its 5th annual Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile on Sunday April 2, 2017. We ask that all alumni try to turn out and honor this stellar educator who taught at the school for over 40 years. Anyone interested should follow the link www.tinyurl.com/5thcomiskeymemorialmile for the registration form.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday March 17, 2017: Stations of The Cross
7:30: S. Lauren, M. Ahern, J. Ahern

Saturday March 18, 2017:

5:00 : A. Collado, R. Delamasa, J. Diaz

Sunday, March 19, 2017:

7:00 J. Esco, S. Baniswal, K. Postler

9:00 K. Shashaty, K. Shashaty, A. Basile

11:00 N. Ehresman, E. Eadiccio, V. Kaleta

1:00 W. Wenzel, C. Basile, A. Maida

5:00 B. Silva, T. Koleci, E. Koleci

St. Joseph Retreat Center: The St. Joseph Retreat Center will be hosting a number of different programs throughout the month of March. The retreat center is located right here on Staten Island at 850 Hylan Blvd and if anyone has any questions they should not hesitate to call (718)-720-1097. The March schedule is as follows:

St. Joseph, The Gentle Giant: Saturday, March 18th from 1-3 PM, \$25. Despite playing a very big part in our faith very little is mentioned of this incredible man in The Gospels. Come as we use our imaginations to explore how this silent man accepted the awesome responsibility bestowed on him.

In the Footsteps of Mary: Tuesday, March 21 1:30-3:30 PM, \$25. A reflective workshop that parallels Our Lady's walk to Calvary as she peacefully and courageously embraced the sorrow of her son's passion and death.

Lenten Guided Retreat: Friday, March 24th at 4 PM - Sunday, March 26 at 2 PM, \$250 for single, \$200 doubles. A non refundable deposit of \$50 is due by March 17th. As we approach the mid way point of lent let us take time to see the ground we are standing on and gaze into the heart of Jesus. The weekend includes prayer, reflection and liturgy.

Lenten Regulations:

1. Lent is a special season of prayer, penance and Christian charity.
2. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as fasting, allowing only one full meal. A special dispensation for abstinence has been given for Friday, March 17th in honor of St. Patrick's Day.
3. The other Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday obliges all Catholics ages 21-59. The obligation of abstinence obliges all Catholics from age 14 onward. Those whose health would be impaired are excused from physical mortifications.
4. The Fridays outside of Lent remain days of abstinence from meat. Other acts of penance such as temperance, personal prayer, daily Mass and self denial may be substituted for abstinence.

Stations of the Cross: Just a reminder that during Lent Stations of the Cross are celebrated on Friday's at 7:30 PM.