

Seventh Sunday of Easter



**Saturday, May 12:**

5:00 Bridget Jordon

**Sunday, May 13:**

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli  
9:00 Chin Yin Ling  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Karen O'Reilly  
5:00 Pamela Spitzfaden

**Monday, May 14:**

7:00 Karl G. Reina II  
9:00 The Mauriello Family

**Tuesday, May 15:**

7:00 Canonization of Fr. Joseph Kentenich  
9:00 Richard Merenda Jr.

**Wednesday, May 16:**

7:00 Elizabeth Mazzucco  
9:00 Alice & Francis Healy

**Thursday, May 17:**

7:00 Frank McGinley  
9:00 Matthew & Maureen Gordon

**Friday, May 18:**

7:00 Sr. Therese Mary O'Carm  
9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

**Saturday, May 19:**

9:00 Gerald Cocozello  
5:00 Thomas Kopf

**Sunday, May 20:**

7:00 Nancy McVey  
9:00 Brendan Hoey  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Peter J. Saldi  
5:00 Pablo Laviera

**Saturday, May 19th:**

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

**Sunday, May 20th:**

7:00 Theresa Zulch  
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuono  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa  
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney Sr.  
5:00 Fred Maley 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 6th..... \$7,827.00  
May 2018 Monthly Collection.....\$2,449.00

The Bread and Wine are donated in loving memory of Karl G. Reina II by Betty Ann, Karl and Michele Reina.

**Wedding Bands**

**Christopher Michael Giordano & Lindsey Rose Noone**

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the second reading of the Holy Mass today, St. John the Apostle speaks of charity towards others. He says: *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.* (1 John 4:11). In order to be charitable towards others, especially the most needy, we must start by loving God and by spending time communing with God in silent prayer. That was the lesson taught to a young priest named Angelo Comastri, who today is the cardinal archpriest of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Cardinal Comastri writes:

"I telephoned the general house of the Missionaries of Charity so as to be able to meet Mother Teresa of Calcutta, but their answer was categorical: 'It is not possible to meet Mother; her engagements do not allow it.' I went there anyway. The Sister who came to open the door for me very politely asked me, 'What do you want?' 'I would just like to meet Mother Teresa for a few moments.' Surprised, the Sister replied, 'I am sorry! That is not possible!' I did not budge and thus made the Sister understand that I would not leave without having met Mother Teresa. The Sister went away for a few moments and came back in the company of Mother Teresa. . . . I was startled and speechless.

Mother had me sit down in a little room near the chapel. Meanwhile I had recovered a bit and managed to say: 'Mother, I am a very young priest: I'm taking my first steps! I came to ask you to accompany me with your prayers.' Mother looked tenderly and kindly at me, then, smiling, she replied: 'I always pray for priests. I will pray for you also.' Then she gave me a Miraculous Medal, put it in my hand, and asked me, 'For how much time do you pray each day?'

I was astonished and a little embarrassed. Then, gathering my thoughts, I replied, 'Mother, I celebrate Holy Mass each day, I pray the Breviary each day; you know that these days that is a proof of heroism [this was in 1969, before the Divine Office was simplified]! I pray the

Rosary each day also and very gladly, because I learned it from my mother.' Mother Teresa, with her rough hands, clasped the Rosary that she always had with her. Then she fixed on me her eyes, which were filled with light and love, and said: 'That is not enough, my son! That is not enough, because love cannot be reduced to the indispensable minimum; love demands the maximum!'

I did not understand Mother Teresa's words right away, and, as though to justify myself, I replied, 'Mother, I expected from you instead this question: What acts of charity do you do?' Suddenly Mother Teresa's face became very serious again, and she said in a stern tone of voice: 'Do you think that I could practice charity if I did not ask Jesus every day to fill my heart with his love? Do you think that I could go through the streets looking for the poor if Jesus did not communicate the fire of His charity to my heart?'

I then felt very small. . . . I looked at Mother Teresa with profound admiration and the sincere desire to enter into the mystery of her soul, which was so filled with the presence of God. Enunciating each word, she added: 'Read the Gospel attentively, and you will see that Jesus sacrificed even charity for prayer. And do you know why? To teach us that, without God, we are too poor to help the poor!' At that time we saw so many priests and religious abandoning prayer in order to immerse themselves—as they said—in social work. Mother Teresa's words seemed to me like a ray of sunshine, and I repeated slowly in my heart of hearts: 'Without God, we are too poor to be able to help the poor!'" [Quoted in *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, by Robert Cardinal Sarah (2017).]

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. Private Tours are available by appointment.

**May Crowning:** On Sunday, May 20th, after the 11 AM Mass there will be a May Crowning of Mary on the rectory front lawn. All our children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are invited, be sure to wear your Communion suit or dress. Light refreshments will be served.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, May 19, 2018:**

5:00 : Kathleen, Mary & Siobhan McCafferty

#### **Sunday, May 20, 2018:**

7:00 Kevin, Maggie & Harry Postler

9:00 M. Perkert, J. Mullen, A. Schmidt

11:00 V. Kaleta, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

1:00 Matt, Julia & Sean Ahern

5:00 R. Delamasa, A. Buscemi, T. Murphy

### **Cross Road Foundation Honors Fr. Jerome:**

On Sunday, June 10th, Father Louis Jerome will be honored by The Cross Road Foundation for his pro-life efforts. Father will be honored at a brunch from 11 AM - 1 PM at the Excelsior Grand.

Individual tickets are \$30 per person, children 12 and under \$25 per ticket. Please RSVP to 718-556-3474 or [crossroadfoundation.org](http://crossroadfoundation.org).

**St. Peter's Boys High School Play:** St. Peter's Boys High School Drama Club will be presenting "Damn Yankees" on May 18th and 19th at 7:30 PM and on May 20th at 3:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the door.

### **St. Joseph Retreat Center** **(Telephone Number :718-720-1097)**

**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:** & 23rd, 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.

**The Trinity: Community of Love:** May 16th, 1-3 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sr. Gerrie Contento. This presentation will focus on The Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit.

### **Happy Mother's Day**

**On behalf of Fr. Eric and the staff of Sacred Heart we would like to wish all of our parishioners who are Mothers a blessed and joyous Mother's Day. God Bless you all ! For all those whose Mothers are departed may the Lord grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.**

## **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 group usually meets in the small cafeteria on the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM.

**Sacred Heart Scouts:** Pack and Troop 74 for grades k-10 for "ALL" children meets on Monday's at 7 PM in the school cafeteria, open registration.

**Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass:** The annual New York Archdiocese Golden Jubilee Mass will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 PM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. If any of our parishioners are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year and wish to attend simply call the rectory office and the Office Manager will assist you. Please take note that all registrations must be completed by Monday, May 14, 2018. Also each couple is permitted to have one guest sit with them in the reserved pews at the Jubilee Mass on June 3rd.

**Collection for the Church in Latin America:** Next weekend May 19th & 20th there will be a special collection taken up for The Church in Latin America. The needs facing this region are difficult and seem at times to be insurmountable. The deteriorated conditions of the roads and the distances of rural communities make regular celebration of Mass difficult. In addition, language barriers and lack of resources also present serious problems. For example in San Cristobel, Cuba the Church is not present in many of the rural areas and for many years there were no missionaries, priests, nuns or even a Church building for these villagers. The message of the Gospels could not be spread because of too few messengers to share it and too few places to gather to hear it. However, through the many years of your support pastoral agents have received special training to bring the Gospel to people in these areas. Evangelization and repair of Church buildings have allowed for religious education and retreats. Your gifts do make a difference so please be as generous as your means allow.

**May God Bless all of our students who  
made their First Holy Communion this  
weekend:**

<b>Miles Boylan</b>	<b>Eugene Brady</b>
<b>Julio Bulton</b>	<b>Mateo Cacace</b>
<b>Michael Cataudella</b>	<b>Eliza Cassanelli</b>
<b>Lena Rae Cirillo</b>	<b>Jayden Crawford</b>
<b>Mark DeCristoforo</b>	<b>Sierra Diaz</b>
<b>Taryn Farrell</b>	<b>Matthew Driscoll</b>
<b>EmmaRose Giacona</b>	<b>Mackenzie Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Zoe-Rose Impellizzeri</b>	<b>Kathryn Irizarry</b>
<b>Emileo Iovino</b>	<b>Kayla Kerber</b>
<b>Gianna Keefer</b>	<b>Mason Marrone</b>
<b>Jon Lent</b>	<b>Thomas Massa</b>
<b>Victoria Marchese</b>	<b>Emerson Moore</b>
<b>Christian McGinley</b>	<b>Joshua Munasinghe</b>
<b>Gavin McGinley</b>	<b>Mia O'Donnell</b>
<b>Ava Murgia</b>	<b>Jade Perez</b>
<b>Kaiden Murgia</b>	<b>Joel Perez</b>
<b>Colby Riley</b>	<b>Sophia Synder</b>
<b>Sergio Tavano</b>	<b>Michael Triscuizzi</b>
<b>Kingston Vanden Heuvel</b>	<b>Dylan Villamagna</b>
	<b>Sean Walsh</b>