

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 13:

5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, May 14:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Thomas Walsh
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 William Stumpf
5:00 Helen Buckley

Monday, May 15:

7:00 Douglas Peterson
9:00 James Vililante

Tuesday, May 16:

7:00 Corinne O'Brien
9:00 Alice & Francis Healy

Wednesday, May 17:

7:00 Ernest Mariette
9:00 Mario Rapaglia Sr.

Thursday, May 18:

7:00 Donald Fairbrother
9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Friday, May 19:

7:00 Douglas Peterson
9:00 Sophia Haugen

Saturday, May 20:

9:00 Nancy McVey
5:00 Bridget Jordon

Sunday, May 21:

7:00 Joseph Greene
9:00 Steven McAvoy
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
5:00 Maureen Driscoll

Saturday, May 20:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Anne Siemer

Sunday, May 21:

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 Bob Mazzuco 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, Edward Fiorelli, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman, Richard Juliano

Collections:

May 7th.....\$7,695.00
Monthly Collection May 2017.....\$3,078.00

The flowers on the altar are donated by members of The Sacred Heart Special Events Committee & Parish Council in memory of Mario Rapaglia Sr.

The Wine and Water are donated in the loving memory of Karl Reina by Karl, Betty Ann and Michele Reina

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

One hundred years ago this weekend, on May 13, 1917, in Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children. The oldest was 10. There were two flashes of light and then the children suddenly saw a woman standing on a small tree. She seemed to be about 18 to 20 years old, wearing a white gown embroidered with gold, and her face was supernaturally beautiful. She told the children that she was from Heaven and that she would be coming back every month on the 13th for six straight months. And then Our Lady told the children to pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war. World War I was going on at the time. Then she disappeared.

The next month, June 13, 1917, a few others came with the children. After they prayed the Rosary, Our Lady appeared in the same way, but only the children could see her. She told them that soon she would be taking Jacinta and Francisco, the youngest visionaries. In fact, both were dead by 1920. They are to be canonized by Pope Francis this weekend. She told Lucia, the other seer, that the Lord would use her to foster devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And then she showed the children her palm and there was a heart surrounded by thorns. The children said later that they understood that this was the Immaculate Heart of Mary outraged by the sins of humanity, a heart that pleaded for reparation. Therefore, Christians are to accept their sufferings and offer them up to God in reparation for sin.

On July 13, word spread and 5000 onlookers were with the 3 children. The Lady showed the children a vision of Hell. Lucia described it later as a sea of fire. Human beings were flying around in the flames like sparks and she heard continuous shrieks and groans of pain and despair. The demons looked like frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. Then Our Lady spoke to them of how devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will save many sinners from such a fate. Then she spoke of how the war was going to end "but if people do not cease offending God," she said, "a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI." That, in fact, happened with WWII. She also predicted that if Russia was not consecrated to her Immaculate Heart it would spread errors throughout the world and cause many wars and persecutions of the Church. This also happened through Russian sponsored communism. But in the end, she said, her Immaculate Heart will triumph and a period of peace

will be granted to the world.

In August, the scheduled rendezvous with the children did not occur on the thirteenth because they had been kidnapped by the civil authorities in an unsuccessful attempt to get them to deny the truth of the apparitions. Finally, they were released from prison unharmed. Meanwhile, on the thirteenth 15,000 showed up. And when they learned that the children had been kidnapped a great uproar ensued. But then they were calmed as a small cloud hovered over the small tree where the apparitions had been taking place. And then all of the people experienced miraculous signs: the faces of the people had all the colors of the rainbow on them and flowers appeared everywhere. It was clear that our Lady did not miss the meeting.

In September 30,000 people joined the children to witness the next apparition. Many saw heavenly signs that day, such as a shower of white petals falling from the sky that disappeared as they approached the ground.

The final vision took place on October 13, 1917 with 70,000 present. It rained heavily all morning, causing the ground to be muddy. At 1:30 PM Our Lady appeared and told Lucia she wanted a chapel built at the site. She said, "I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the Rosary every day. People must amend their lives and they must not offend our Lord any more for He is already too much offended." Then she ascended into the sky and the rain suddenly stopped. The clouds disappeared immediately. Then the sun shot rays in different directions and seemed to dance in the sky. Next, it appeared to be hurtling down to earth, which terrified all of the people. Lastly, it returned to its place. Then the Lord Jesus appeared with St. Joseph and they blessed the world. Finally, when all was said and done, miraculously, the earth, the people and even their clothing were completely dry and clean.

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. 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! If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 442-0347, private tours are available.

Message from Timothy Cardinal Dolan: This weekend May 13th & 14th a one time special collection will be taken up for the support of The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The completion of the Trinity Dome is a monumental undertaking that will be finished in 2020. That year is the 100th anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the National Shrine. Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Basilica is the patronal church of our nation. Mary's shrine, also called America's Shrine, is a shining example and reflection of the diversity of cultures and ethnicity that exists in our universal Catholic Church. I ask that you be as generous as your means allow as we prepare to commemorate this special event.

Sacred Heart School: This year the annual Sacred Heart School play will be "The Little Mermaid Jr." It will take place in the school auditorium on Friday May 19th and Saturday May 20th at 7 PM. Cost is \$10 a person so come and see our children showcase their acting and singing abilities.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday May 20, 2017:

5:00 : A. Maida, T. Koleci, B. Daniels

Sunday May 21, 2017:

7:00 M. Ahern, J. Ahern, J. Diaz

9:00 Anne, Mary & Kathleen McCafferty

11:00 G. Seaborg, R. Delamasa, B. Silva

1:00 T. Smith, B. Freund, W. Wenzel

5:00 H. Bond, A. Cardone, E. Eadiccio

Cross Road Foundation: This year The Cross Road Foundation which assists women and families facing unplanned pregnancies is celebrating its 30th anniversary. The fourth annual Garden of Life Brunch and fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 11th from 11 AM-1 PM at the Excelsior Grand. This year Bishop Peter J. Byrne, who served on Staten Island for many years, will be awarded the Cardinal John O'Connor Guardian of Life Award. This is in recognition of his outstanding commitment to promote the culture of life during his years on Staten Island. Tickets are \$30 and family pricing is available. To purchase or reserve seats please call (718) 556-3474 or visit www.crossroadfoundation.org.

St. Francis Catholic Singles: The next meeting of St. Francis Catholic Singles will be on Thursday May 25th, Ascension Thursday, beginning with Mass at 7:30 PM. Following Mass Dr. Fred Herron will be the speaker that evening and his topic is "There's No Place Like Home". Dr. Herron is the Executive Director of the Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center and has more than 30 years experience in Catholic education, faith and spiritual formation. He currently teaches theology at St. John's University and Fontbonne Hall Academy where he is the chairperson of The Religious Education program.

Saint Joseph Retreat Center May Retreat

Programs: If you or anyone else you know is interested in attending the retreats they can call The Retreat Center at (718) 720-1097, the website is www.stjretreatcenter.org. The retreat center is located very conveniently on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy.

What's Next: Tuesday, May 16th from 1-3 PM with a \$25 fee. With the Easter Season coming to a close now that we have celebrated the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We not only await The Ascension and Pentecost we also ask ourselves, what comes next? Come and gather as we analyze the last words of Christ who said "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them