

PENTECOST SUNDAY



SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:00 HELEN & RICHARD MELDRUM

9:00 THERESA MELLO

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DORIS NOGUEIRA

5:00 MAY SANTAGATA

MONDAY, MAY 16

7:00 PACITA & BERNADINO RADAM AND

PATRICK KELLY NEWMAN

9:00 ALICE & FRANCIS HEALY

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:00 SARAH JESSELLI

9:00 JANE & JACK GORDON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

9:00 JOHN COONEY

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:00 JOHN CARLETTI, JR.

9:00 ROB LIANDER

FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:00 NANCY MC VEY

9:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY

5:00 THOMAS KOPF

SUNDAY, MAY 22

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF QUINN &
MC CAULEY FAMILIES & SOULS IN
PURGATORY

9:00 ELLEN TALIERCIO

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 RUTH IRONS

5:00 MARY MULLINS

The **Flowers on the altar** are in loving memory of **Arlene Cunningham** requested by her children.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Saturday, May 21

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, May 22

7:00 Joan Prenty

9:00 Vincent O'Grady

11:00 Ken Wisniewski Regina Torello

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Robert Mazzucco



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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, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo

Collections:

Regular May 8 \$7,050.00

Monthly \$3,187.00

Ascension \$1,474.00

Mother's Day Remembrance \$1,654.00

Bethlehem Christian Families:

This weekend, Bethlehem Christian Families, a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries.

The **Bread and Wine** are offered for the **Virigin Mary** and her intentions requested by Sarah Mc Dermot.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Many argue that the recent advances of science are pointing towards the idea of intelligent design of the universe, and, therefore, the existence of an intelligent Designer (that we call ‘God’). What are some of these scientific advances that support faith in God?

First, there is the Big Bang Theory, the notion that roughly fourteen billion years ago there was a great cosmic event. Nobel Prize-winning physicist Steven Weinberg put it this way: “In the beginning there was an explosion, not an explosion like those familiar on Earth, starting from a definite center and spreading out to engulf more and more the circumambient air, but an explosion which occurred simultaneously everywhere, filling all space from the beginning with every particle of matter rushing apart from every other particle.” [Steven Weinberg, *The First Three Minutes* (1988), 5]. The sudden appearance of space, time, matter and energy points to the idea of God and what we Catholics call creation *ex nihilo*, or, creation out of nothing. Since the Big Bang shows that the universe had a beginning, it must have had a cause. After all, anything that begins to exist has a cause. This notion is constantly verified by our experience. Did you ever experience something that had a beginning, but had no cause? No. Therefore, we can reasonably believe that the universe had a cause, and God is that cause. Nobel prize winning physicist Arno Penzias said about the Big Bang: “The best data we have are exactly what I would have predicted had I nothing to go on but the first books of Moses, the Psalms and the Bible as a whole.” [Malcolm W. Browne, “Clues to Universe Origin Expected,” *New York Times* (March 12, 1978).]

Another scientific discovery that leads us toward belief in God is this. The fundamental laws and parameters of physics have very exact numerical values, and there is no reason why these values have to be the way they are. All of these laws and constants conspire in an amazing way to make life in the universe possible. A great example is the expansion rate of the universe, which is fine-tuned to one part in a trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion, that is one part in 1,000. (This number has sixty zeros!). If this rate of expansion were changed by one tiny part in either direction—a little faster or a little slower—we could not have a universe that is capable of sustaining life. Did that happen by chance or by intelligent design?

Another example of science that supports faith is that Life requires information, and this data is stored in DNA and protein molecules. There is immense

molecular complexity of the cell and the information-bearing properties of DNA. Where there is information, in our computers for instance, there is always intelligence behind that information. Information is always the result of conscious activity. The high information content in the cell points to an act of intelligent design, which points to the existence of an intelligent Designer.

Moreover, there is immense complexity in the biological machines and organisms, including all sorts of biological circuits and motors. Consider the elbow joint, the digestive system or the brain itself. These biological machines need all of their interactive parts in order to function. They cannot perform any function unless all of the parts are present and working in close and precise coordination with each other. Evolutionary theory cannot explain the working of these biological machines since the evolutionary process of natural selection cannot build such systems. It can only preserve them once they are built. This is implied in the evolutionary slogan: survival of the fittest. Furthermore, how can evolution, operating through randomness, instead of intelligent design, to generate and develop life forms, form each of these irreducibly complex biological systems all at once by mere chance? Does that sound reasonable? Or is the concept of an intelligent Designer more logical? These biological machines appear to be designed because they were designed. In every case in history wherever there is an extremely complex system it is always a designer who is the cause.

Another recent scientific discovery that supports the idea of God is the Cambrian explosion. It refers to the appearance of between twenty and thirty five new species in the Cambrian period, the first geological period of the Paleozoic era, which, scientists believe, lasted from roughly 541 to 485 million years ago. There was a very large and sudden increase in the complexity of life, with no record of any transitional intermediate species that evolved into another. Darwinism cannot account for it. Intelligent design is definitely the better explanation, especially considering Darwin once said nature takes no sudden leaps, which is exactly what the Cambrian explosion represents.

My purpose in writing all of this is not to argue anyone into the faith. Faith is a gift from God. God’s gifts are not dependent upon human debates. However, what I hope to remind the reader is that faith in God is quite reasonable.

Happy Pentecost Sunday! God bless you!
Father Eric

P.S. A good read on the subject is *The Case for a Creator* by Lee Strobel (2004).

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8

CCD MAY HAPPENINGS

Classes in Session May 18 & 25

Vendors Wanted for Indoor Garage Sale:

Sunday, May 22, 9:00AM-4:00PM
Gymnasium of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel &
St. Benedicta Grammar School. Tables are
\$10 each. Call rectory at 718-442-3411 to reserve
by Friday, 5/20.

Car Raffle:

The Sacred Heart Home School Association is
raffling off a 2016 Hyundai Elantra (or \$10,000
cash). Proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart School
and Parish. Tickets are \$100 each and only 400
will be sold. The drawing will be held on June 12,
2016 during the Boy Scouts Annual Car Show.
Please contact Sean McCafferty at 917-415-0086
or Peter Buscemi at 516-987-5187 for more
information or to purchase tickets.

YAC - Night at the Races - SH Auditorium:

Fri, May 20th- Doors open 6:30pm
\$25pp by May 10 or \$35pp at the door
Make Checks Payable to Sacred Heart YAC
Cost includes: Racing, DJ, Light Fare, Soda,
Water, Coffee & Dessert.
BYOB & Table Snacks is desired.
Questions- Call Kathy Evans 917-697-7911
Kathy Hoey 917-855-8565

Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets the first and
third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in
the rectory. If you are interested in joining
contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

Day of Recollection in Honor of our Lady:

Sacred Heart Church, Saturday, May 21st
1:30PM to 4:00PM. It will feature exposition
and benediction and the recitation of the Rosary.
Fr. Anil will offer Scripture-based talks on the
Rosary. See flyer for more information.

Now is a **great** time to join a choir at **Sacred
Heart!!** There are only a few weeks left to the
Parish Choir season! **Traveling Choir** will carry on
throughout the summer, as will **Family Choir!!**
(Kids break in May!!) Which **choir** will **you** join?
Join a choir today!

Parish Choir/France Voyage Choir- sings May 22nd
11AM **Feast of the Holy Trinity-** Hop on Board the
Choir Train for these **spectacular Feast Sundays** at
the end of the Easter Season - see you at rehearsal
on Wednesday, May 18th- 8PM (basement)!!
Family Choir/France Voyager Choir sings, 11 AM
Mass Sunday, June 5th- bring your family and
friends and come on up and help us create a
glorious 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time music
liturgy!!

**Top 10 Seemingly Insurmountable Reasons For
Not Joining Choir (Real life responses to my
requests for new choir members!)**

9. I can't - I go to the 5pm Mass on Saturday!!
(solution: Change the Mass you go to and twice a
month (or once a month) go to the 11AM Mass to
sing on Sunday!! Blessings abound when you
serve a Sacred Heart Choir!! Join A Choir Today!!
Spring/Summer Brides/Groom!!

Time to schedule your music liturgy consultation for your
upcoming wedding Mass/ceremony!! This must take place
at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding day - please leave
your email address/phone on my voicemail and I will get
back to you. (VM 24)

Happy and most Blessed Easter!!

Pamela & the Choirs 442-0058 (VM 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD!
Come with us on our next choir tour!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE May 21 & May 22

Saturday, May 21

5:00 Kevin Postler & Patrick Buzzard

Sunday, May 22

7:00 Bernard Daniels & Gabrielle Garcia

9:00 David & Billye Albro

11:00 Jack Lotito & Sean Hartnett

1:00 Sarah Laureno & Laura Laureano

5:00 Kelly O'Neil & Chris Basile