

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, APRIL 30  
5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, MAY 1  
7:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
9:00 L. BENJAMIN ZARRELLI  
11:00 ANNIE MONTERO  
1:00 HON. LOUIS JEROME, SR.  
5:00 NATALINA PAONE

MONDAY, MAY 2  
7:00 JOSEPH GREEN  
9:00 GLADYS ESTHER ALVAREZ

TUESDAY, MAY 3  
7:00 JOHN JOE O' BRIEN  
9:00 JOHN HAYES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4  
7:00 DENNIS TAYLOR  
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF SAVO FAMILY

THURSDAY, MAY 5  
7:00 JAMES & MAURA HASSON  
9:00 MARGHERITA & PHILIP FRABOTTA  
7:00 LUCILA BONDOC

FRIDAY, MAY 6  
7:00 KATHLEEN DOWD MURPHY  
9:00 THOMAS J., VIRGINIA & GERARD CRANE

SATURDAY, MAY 7  
9:00 EUGNE & CLARE DUCHS  
5:00 JOHN F. SMITH

SUNDAY, MAY 8  
7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF PERRY FAMILY  
9:00 CORRINE A. O'BRIEN & JOYCE KENNEDY  
11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 GRACE REILLY  
5:00 ATHENA ALEXANDER

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

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in loving memory of Lucila Bondoc requested by her sons and daughters.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 7

5:00 Mary Rosso Theresa Hudik

Sunday, May 8

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis  
9:00 Don O' Shea  
11:00 Youth Group Regina Torello  
1:00 Philip Kahn  
5:00 Fred Maley



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, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Crystal Helewa

Collections:

Regular April 24 ..... \$6068.00  
Budget Deficit ..... \$893.00  
April 50/50 ..... \$457.00  
Congratulations to Mrs. Marie Morrison for wining the April 50/50.

This week there will be a Special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Grants funded under this collection are a source of hope to restore the Church and build the future in these areas.

*Wedding Banns*

*III Riccardo Hernandez and Jennifer Bates*

**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.



The Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are Wednesday at 7pm and Thursday at 7:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Last week the media reported on a federal study concluding that suicide in the United States has surged to the highest levels in nearly 30 years. There were increases in every age group except older adults. The rise was especially high for women. The suicide rate for middle-aged women, ages 45 to 64, jumped by 63 percent over the period of the study, while it rose by 43 percent for men in that age range, the sharpest increase for males of any age. The overall suicide rate rose by 24 percent from 1999 to 2014. The increases were so pervasive that they lifted the nation's suicide rate to 13 per 100,000 people, the highest since 1986. In all, 42,773 people died from suicide in 2014, compared with 29,199 in 1999. Researchers also found an alarming increase among girls 10 to 14, whose suicide rate, while still very low, had tripled. The number of girls who killed themselves rose to 150 in 2014 from 50 in 1999. American Indians had the sharpest rise of all racial and ethnic groups, with rates rising by 89 percent for women and 38 percent for men. White middle-aged women had an increase of 80 percent. The rate declined for just one racial group: black men. And it declined for only one age group: men and women over 75.

How sad! Each person will have a major crisis (or two) in his life, but it passes if we let it. That's my experience and the experience of those I know and love. Unfortunately, with suicide, the crisis is not permitted to pass. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. A big reason, I believe, we are seeing these high rates of suicide is that our society is becoming less religious. As a result, individuals are drifting from union with our Lord, who is *the God of all encouragement*. (2 Cor. 1:3). Hence, discouragement sets in along with the emotional anguish of an existence that feels empty. This discouragement and anguish can make suicide a viable alternative, even though it never is. Another variable behind these alarming statistics is that family life is in disarray, due in large part to the sexual revolution. We could hardly overestimate the importance of family in the

proper development and continued support of the human person. That is why, for instance, statistics show that divorce puts separated spouses and their children at greater risk of suicide.

When people take their own lives usually their primary motivation is not to quit this world, but to be released from their pain. They should know that they can be released from their pain in much better ways. Jesus will give them freedom. He never disappoints. He never fails us. When a person loses his life by his own hand the family and friends of that individual suffer a profound and penetrating grief, which is usually mixed with guilt. They often feel responsible. But are they responsible for the death of the individual? No. However, each of us is indeed responsible for the times that we have been uncaring and insensitive to the pain of others. By the way, there is bereavement counseling available at Sacred Heart. Contact me at the rectory or by email for further information.

Can a suicide victim go to Heaven, or is such a person damned by virtue of the way he or she ends life? The truth is that suicide is a horrible way in which to end this earthly journey and stand before Christ on the Day of Judgement. It is to leave this world by throwing the gift of life back in the face of the Creator, as it were. It is to pass through to eternity by means of murder, murder of oneself. *You know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.* (1 John 3:15). However, there is hope of Heaven even for a suicide victim. A woman once came to St. John Vianney, the greatest parish priest who ever lived. She was very upset about her husband's suicide. She worried that he was forever lost in Hell. The Saint, who had supernatural knowledge from God, told her not to worry. Her husband was going to Heaven. He jumped off a bridge. Before he landed in the water Jesus gave him the grace to repent of his sins and to accept the mercy of Christ, which he did, and then died. Vianney told her to keep praying for her husband and have many Masses offered for the repose of his soul. He would be in Purgatory for a long time. Jesus is our hope!  
God bless you!  
Fr. Eric

Congratulations To Our Confirmandi  
Sacrament of Confirmation April 20, 2016

Marc Lazarus Artuz  
Emma Philomena Bala  
Brandon William Bligh  
Jacob Francis Bresowsky  
Derek Jude Coffey  
Thomas Patrick Corbett IV  
Kerry Rose Curran  
Maureen Lucy Donnelly  
Timothy Michael Donnelly  
Jennifer Laura Driscoll  
Amelia Bernadette Elizondo  
Joseph Anthony Ferrandino  
Ronnell Peter Fish  
Joseph Francis Flynn  
Thomas Matthew Foley  
Cormac Paul Gordon  
Shauna Seraphina Gordon  
Olivia Antonia Gullo  
Sean Charles Hatnett  
William Matthew  
Hollnsteiner  
Andrew Peter Hosie  
Matthew Nicholas Kalikas  
Laura Mary Laureano  
Elena Villana Loffreno  
Julia Isabella Maida  
Daniel Patrick Martinez

Nicholas Blaise Martuccio  
James Mark McCue, Jr.  
Tara Theresa McDonough  
Lawrence Edward McGurk  
Kassidy Rose Miller  
Terence Patrick Moore  
Jake Blaise Morgan  
Christopheher John Mullen  
Madelyn Praxedes Mullen  
Liam Joseph Murphy  
Kelly Teresa O'Neil  
Rosemary Bernice O'Neill  
Noemi Teresa Pimentel  
Kevin Vincent Postler  
Joseph Joseph Quinones  
Kiefer Denis Regan  
Patrick Luke Regan  
Vivaldi Martin Roman  
Jenna Mary Saldi  
Gianna Christina Samuels  
Isaac Michael Santiago  
Rachael Perpetua Sarlo  
Richard Patrick Sause  
Nicholas Bartholomew  
Thanasoulis  
Andre Maximilian  
Washington

**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 4, 11, 18 & 25



This Friday, May 6th, is First Friday. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 9:30AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

**The Ministry for Inclusion at Blessed Sacrament:**

Mass for All God's Special People  
Blessed Sacrament Church  
Sunday, May 8, 2016 - 11:00AM Mass  
Refreshments to Follow

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!

**Family Choir/Kids Praise** sings today, May 1st, 2016! 11am Mass. Bring the entire family! See you in the loft!

**Parish Choir/France Voyager Choir** sings, Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the 11AM Mass. Come hear their **inspiring** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter liturgy!! - better yet bring your Mom up to the loft and ...come **help us!!**

**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 7 & May 8**

**Saturday, May 7**

5:00 Siobhan & Ann McCafferty

**Sunday, May 8**

7:00 Margaret Donovan & Kelly Shashaty

9:00 Michele Chen & Veronica Kaleta

11:00 William Hollnsteiner & John Paul Hoey

1:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

5:00 Chris & Matthew Riccardi

**Young Adult Goretti Group Event:**

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd. 10314

Join us as we continue the Theology of the Body Freedom to Love video series. There will be music in the church at 7pm followed by Mass at 7:30.

Video discussion begins at 8:15 in the church

basement. After-event fellowship at local

bar/restaurant. Contact

gorettigroupnychapter@gmail.com