

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 20:
5:00 Bridget Jordon

Saturday, May 27:
5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

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

Sunday, May 28:
7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Sister Barbara Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Patricia Jezycki
1:00 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa
5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz

Monday, May 22:
7:00 Martina Kryger
9:00 The Abate, Vitacco & Marrone Families



Tuesday, May 23:
7:00 John Wall
9:00 John McGarry

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, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman, Richard Juliano

Wednesday, May 24:
7:00 Louise Pietramonica
9:00 James & June Palmer
7:00 Ruth Irons (2nd Anniversary)

Thursday, May 25:
7:00 Rudolph, Lois & Kurt Duenzl
9:00 Edith Modzelewski
7:00 Mario Rapaglia Sr.

Collections:
May 14th.....\$7,201.00
Mothers Day.....\$1,685.00
Shrine of The Immaculate Conception...\$1,694.00

Friday, May 26:
7:00 Yin Lian Chen
9:00 John Ahern

Wedding Banns

Steven Zielinski & Megan Lancelot

Saturday, May 27:
9:00 Mario Rapaglia Sr.
5:00 Thomas Kopf

We ask that you remember in your prayers our recently deceased parishioners including: Ronald Krause, Janet Mahoney, Carmella Nix, Adriana Bennici, Douglas Peterson, Josephine DeLuca, Patricia O'Brien, James DiDomenico, Thomas Breen, James Fleming & Edward Fiorelli

Sunday, May 28:
7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Al Amore
11:00 Edith Modzelewski
1:00 June DiLodovico
5:00 Mary Lazicki

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Jacob was called Israel because he wrestled with God. That is what the word 'Israel' means. We too wrestle with God. We grapple with Jesus' methodology in our lives. We pensively ponder why He does (and does not) the things He does (and does not) in our spiritual lives. Monsignor Charles Pope offers some insight about the mystery of Christ's providence in his blog, "Some Good Reasons God Leaves Things Unresolved." [May 10, 2017]

Msgr. Pope points out that the good Lord often leaves things unresolved or unattended to for a long time. Despite our persistent and heart-felt prayers, Jesus often doesn't rush to fix everything and He has good reasons for this. Pope continues:

"Perhaps it is that we often grow through struggles. We discover strengths that we did not know we had.

Suffering sometimes brings wisdom; we can learn more by living with our questions for a while rather than getting quick answers.

Suffering can spur creativity. Many movies, works of literature, paintings, and poems, are the fruit of struggle and speak to the drama of life and the conflicts we endure.

Suffering sometimes fosters growth. There's an old saying, "Things do by opposition grow." Another one says, "Calm seas do not a mariner make."

Perhaps if He rushed to solve things and intervened frequently God would remove too much human freedom, which He both respects and sees as necessary for us to be true sons and daughters rather than slaves.

Finally, and most mysteriously from our perspective, fixing one thing often affects many others. We have caused a great deal of "collateral damage" in our culture as a result of trying to fix things too quickly.

Whatever our good intentions, many of our welfare programs have harmed families and parishes, from which help through charity traditionally came. Some of our advanced technologies have had harmful effects on the environment. And despite our many labor-saving devices, most of us are busier than ever. Yes, fixing one problem sometimes leads to more problems, or at least brings unintended consequences.

Yes, there are mysteries to God's providence. Despite our many and seemingly reasonable requests that things be fixed (and quickly!), God in His wisdom often delays and leaves things unresolved. He has His reasons, but most of the answers as to why are none of our business.

Be careful before you rush to fix things in your life or in the lives of others. Fixing is often required, but proceed slowly and carefully; learn patience. Learn from God, who can fix everything instantly but usually does not."

God Bless You!

Father Eric

Ascension Thursday: This coming Thursday, May 25th is Ascension Thursday and Masses are as follows: Wednesday 7 PM, Thursday 7 AM, 9AM and 7 PM. There is also a 10 AM school Mass on Thursday morning. Just a reminder that this is also a Holy Day of obligation.

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.

Sacred Heart Soccer Registration: Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 Sacred Heart Soccer Team. Both boys and girls ages 4 (birth year 2013) thru 14 are welcome to join. Please visit www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com to register and for further information. The early discount applies through June 30, 2017.

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday May 27, 2017:

5:00 : M. Donovan, K. Postler, S. Lauren

Sunday May 28, 2017:

7:00 B. Daniels, C. Basile, A. Basile

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

11:00 V. Kaleta, B. Silva, N. Ramdass

1:00 J. Lotito, W. Hollnsteiner, M. Artuz

5:00 J. Esco, S. Baniswal, N. Ehresman

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.

St. Dorothy Academy Carnival: The Academy of St. Dorothy located at 1305 Hylan Blvd. will be having its 2017 carnival on Friday, May 26th at 5 PM and Saturday and Sunday, May 27th & 28th, at 4 PM. There will be raffles, games, rides and food.

Knights of Columbus Recruitment: After all the Masses on June 10th and June 11th The Knights of Columbus will be in the rear of the church answering questions about how one can become a member of their organization. They will also be distributing information about their time-honored organization and faith-based works.

Choir News: Welcome to the Sacred Heart Choir News. I would like to invite you to join our choirs, The Adult and The Children's Choir. If you can carry a tune and are willing to sing, you are in! Remember the one who sings prays twice. Our Children's Choir sings the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and the Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11 AM Mass. Rehearsals are held at 10:15 AM the same Sunday before Mass. Come let's praise the Lord together.