

The Most Holy Trinity



**Saturday, May 26:**

5:00 John Ahern

**Sunday, May 27:**

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri  
9:00 Al Amore  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Edith Modzelewski  
5:00 John Clark

**Monday, May 28:**

7:00 No Mass  
9:00 The Abate, Vittacco & Marrone Families

**Tuesday, May 29:**

7:00 Sr. Therese Mary O’Carm  
9:00 June DiLodovico

**Wednesday, May 30:**

7:00 Marie Therese O’Donnell Garcia  
9:00 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, May 31:**

7:00 Mary Snyder  
9:00 Leo Stoeckl

**Friday, June 1:**

7:00 Eileen Kuhn  
9:00 Patricia Molloy

**Saturday, June 2:**

9:00 Corinne A. O’Brien  
5:00 Beverly Tobin

**Sunday, June 3:**

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli  
9:00 Albert Perry ( 46th Anniversary)  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Kevin P. Noone  
5:00 John & Helen Beers

**Saturday, June 2:**

5:00 Frank Pontiero Pat Foley

**Sunday, June 3:**

7:00 Efrain Ortiz  
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryanne Gambardella  
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski  
1:00 Stephen Brown John Mooney Sr.  
5:00 Jack Gordon 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, Michael Ailly

**Collections:**

May 20th..... \$7,972.00  
May 2018 Budget Deficit.....\$807.00  
Latin American Missions.....\$1,321.00

**Wedding Bands**

**III Christopher Michael Giordano & Lindsey Rose Noone**

**I Gerard Joseph Hatton & Cara Elizabeth Maglione**

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

African Cardinal Robert Sarah was asked “How does one keep silence in the face of injustice? How can one not cry out in incomprehension and rebellion? Cardinal Sarah answered:

“In trying to control everything and to place everything under the banner of rebellion, a man runs the risk of leaving nothing up to God. He finds himself alone, faced with his own limits and helplessness. What is God’s instruction? In the parable of the good grain and the chaff (Matthew 13:24-30), Christ invites us to let the wheat and the weeds grow until the hour of the harvest. Then the time will come when evil will be destroyed by good. Persevering patience, supported by Providence, is an ally in all our daily battles. The combat against evil plays out over time, and it is important to persevere and not to lose hope. God is fashioning hearts, and evil never has the last word. In the darkest night, God works in silence. We have to enter into God’s time and into this great silence that is a silence of love, trust, and active abandonment. Let us never forget that silent prayer is the strongest and surest act in the struggle against evil.” [*The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, by Robert Cardinal Sarah (2017).]

The Cardinal’s sentiments are in line with the wisdom of the Saints, who tell us that prayer is central to the mystery of human suffering because God’s response to human suffering does not consist in formulae of explanation, but rather sharing in our suffering through the Cross. Now prayer is not so powerful as to perfectly comprehend and encapsulate the mystery of suffering, but it generates the contours of receptivity so that we can receive illumination and begin to understand and, more importantly, to accept, in silence, like Mary did at the foot of the Cross.

St. John Vianney speaks of prayer in one of his sermons. It is quoted in the Divine Office of Readings for August 4, his feast day. The Saint says:

“See, my children, a Christian’s treasure is not on earth, it is in Heaven. Well, then! Our thoughts must go where our treasure is. Man has a fine function: to pray and to love. You pray, you love: that is man’s happiness on earth! Prayer is nothing other than a union with God. When your heart is pure and united with God, you feel within yourself a balm, a sweetness that is inebriating, a light that is dazzling. In this intimate union, God and the soul are like two pieces of wax that have melted together: you can no longer separate them. It is a very beautiful thing, this union of God with His little creature. It is an incomprehensible blessing. We have not deserved to pray, but God, in His goodness, has allowed us to speak to him. Our prayer is like incense that He receives with the utmost pleasure. My children, you have a little heart, but prayer enlarges it and makes it capable of loving God. . . . Prayer is a foretaste of Heaven, a stream flowing from Paradise. It never leaves us without sweetness. It is a kind of honey that sinks into the soul and sweetens everything. Troubles melt away in the presence of prayer that is made well, like snow before the sun.”

God bless you!

Father Eric

Rectory closed: The Sacred Heart Rectory will be closed on Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day. Also, there will be no 7 AM Mass that day. Regular business hours, as well as the 7 AM Mass, will resume on Tuesday, May 29th.

**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.

**New at Sacred Heart:** On Friday, June 1st (and all subsequent First Fridays) we will have a holy hour at 4 PM followed by a votive Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, June 2, 2018:**

5:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

#### **Sunday, June 3, 2018:**

7:00 T. Koleci, M. Ahern, A. Maida

9:00 Kevin, Maggie & Harry Postler

11:00 V. Kaleta, A. Buscemi, M. Perkert

1:00 L. O'Neal, T. Murphy, G. Garcia

5:00 Ann, Mary & Kathleen McCafferty

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

**Pilgrimage through Assisi with St. Francis & St. Clare:** Tuesday June 12th, 6:30-8:30 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sister Marie Claire Weaver. Imagine visiting a medieval town in the 21st century. Join us as we will walk where they walked and pray where they prayed.

**Walking with Faith:** Tuesday June 19th, 6:30-8:30 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Nanci Bachman. The evening will begin with Camino de Santiago (The Way) and the following spiritual journey will bring you closer to God. St. James, one of the twelve apostles, was given the mission to spread the Gospel and for years people have been walking The Camino, following his path. The evening will include slides showing us the historical significance of El Camino

**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:** 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.

#### **Alba House Adoration Chapel - 25th**

**Anniversary:** Alba House will have a special Mass on Sunday, June 3rd (Feast of Corpus Christi) at 5 PM honoring the 25th anniversary of its Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Monsignor Peter Finn will be the main celebrant and Bishops John J. O'Hara & Peter Byrne will be in attendance.

**Goretti Group Meeting:** The next meeting of the Goretti Group will take place at Holy Family Church on Friday, June 1st, with Music & Confession at 6:30. Mass will be held at 7 PM followed by dinner at 7:30 and the talk at 8:15 PM. Join us that night as award winning poet M. Guira reads from her new poetry book "What my Father taught me about growing up Italian-American Catholic." It covers her early childhood, growing up with immigrant parents, a workaholic father and embracing God's plan.

## **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 next meeting has been set for Sunday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM in the small cafeteria in the school.

**Communion Breakfast 2018:** The Holy Name is also pleased to announce the return of the Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast which will take place on Sunday, September 23rd from 10:30 - 1 PM at The Staaten. All parishioners are welcome. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 13. More details will come as the date nears. We are excited about the return of this annual event which not only helps kick off our school year but also serves as a great way for our parishioners to get to know one another.

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

**Online Giving:** Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving that 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](http://www.sacredheartsi.org) and click on the link at the top of the page. Please remember Sacred Heart Church in your estate and will planning.

**Sacred Heart Choir:** The Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, rehearsals take place at 10:30 AM the Sunday you are scheduled to sing. If any new members who can carry a tune wish to join they do so by simply showing up. Being a member of the choir is a great way to enhance your spiritual experience at Mass. Remember he who sings prays twice!