

Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Saturday, May 5:**

5:00 Deceased Members of The Sova Family

**Sunday, May 6:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Kathleen Dowd Murphy

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Edward Fiorelli

5:00 Eleanor Cooper

**Monday, May 7:**

7:00 Lucila Bandoc

9:00 Philip & Margherita Frabotta

**Tuesday, May 8:**

7:00 Eugene & Clare Duclos

9:00 Corinne A. O'Brien & Joyce Kennedy

**Wednesday, May 9:**

7:00 Mary McCole

9:00 Thomas Donnelly

7:00 Vocations to The Priesthood

**Thursday, May 10 (Ascension Thursday):**

7:00 Richard Merenda

9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue

7:00 John Clark

**Friday, May 11:**

7:00 Manus O'Donnell

9:00 Richard Merenda

**Saturday, May 12:**

9:00 Pamela Spitzfaden

5:00 Bridget Jordan

**Sunday, May 13:**

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli

9:00 Chen Yin Ling

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Karen O'Reilly

5:00 Pamela Spitzfaden

**Saturday, May 12th:**

5:00 Mary Rosso

Barbara Kelly

**Sunday, May 13th:**

7:00 Vincent O'Grady

9:00 Don O'Shea

Evelyn Bilotto

11:00 Maria Montouri

Regina Torello

1:00 Pat Jezycki

Rosetta Messina

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

**Collections:**

April 29th..... \$6,434.00  
Central & Eastern Europe.....\$1,594.00  
Online Donations Jan– March 2018.....\$8,388.00  
Congratulations M/M Frank Cecero on winning the April 2018 50/50.

**Wedding Bands**

III Zachary Glen Francis & Alyse Michele La Piedra

The Sanctuary Candle and the Bread and Wine are donated in loving memory of Joseph & Eileen Leigh by their family.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I recently read a beautiful meditation on what Jesus teaches us in the Eucharist. (*The End of the Present World and the Mysteries of the Future Life*, by Fr. Charles Arminjon [1887]). It is always enriching to consider the grandeur of the Eucharist, particularly in the month of May, when parishes all over are celebrating First Holy Communion.

Fr. Charles speaks of how Jesus instructs us in humility in the Blessed Sacrament. “Wholly present in each Host, He becomes, as it were, a speck of dust in order to confound our vanity and our ambitions and the thirst that men have to put themselves forward. He does not reserve to Himself any means of protecting His dignity, I don’t mean against our profanations, but against our forgetfulness, our negligence, and our surprises.”

Jesus also teaches us patience. As Fr. Charles explains, “He endures abandonment, loneliness, and disdain. He does not complain of our coldness and indifference. He keeps silent, never betraying His indignation . . .”

Jesus shows us the way of charity in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. “He begs, intercedes, and bends; He restrains the wrath of His Father by showing Him the scars of His wounds; and to appease Him, He offers up the sacrifice that commemorates the death He underwent for us.”

The good Lord also teaches us holy poverty. Not all poverty is holy. He “gives us admirable examples of the detachment that we should have in our dealings with creatures. In His Eucharistic life Jesus Christ does not hold onto any created object. Whether He is enshrined in a monstrance of precious stones, enclosed in a rich luminary, or placed in a wooden tabernacle or on bare boards, Jesus Christ offers no resistance, and never complains. He is indifferent of all our refinements and splendors: if He accepts our

adornments and the homage of our precious objects, it is out of graciousness, and for the sake of acquiescing in the outpourings of our piety. In this way He teaches us to despise all refinements and splendors; to remain indifferent to the goods of the earth, and to accept with the same equanimity the fame of honors or obscurity, abundance or scarcity.”

Finally, Jesus instructs us in chastity. In the Eucharist, Jesus exists in a sacramental state, not under His own appearance. His appearance is so awesome in reality that if we saw Him as He really appears we would die of holy fear and awe and love. Therefore, He comes to us the Blessed Sacrament veiled under the presence of bread and wine. As such, says Fr. Charles, “His senses are incapable of receiving impressions. [At Mass] Our sweet odors do not flatter Him, our symphonies do not entrance Him, and our tangible objects do not enamor Him. He shows us thereby what purity should govern our affections. He wants us, like Himself, to be of flesh, without that flesh being subject to any rebellion; to open our eyes, but without bringing them to rest upon any creature merely out of pleasure and attraction; to breathe in sweet odors, but without ever feeling drawn to any but those of divine love.”

God bless you,

Father Eric

**St Gianna Mass:** The St. Gianna Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 16th at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Church located at 411 East 68th Street (between 1st and York). The celebrant will be Fr. Jonah Pollach and light refreshments will be served after the Mass. This Mass is especially meant for couples who have suffered a recent miscarriage or are struggling with infertility.

**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.

**Ascension Thursday Masses:** Thursday, May 10th, is Ascension Thursday, it is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be Wednesday at 7 PM and Thursday at 7 & 9 AM and 7 PM. There will be a school Mass at 10 AM.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, May 12, 2018:**

5:00 : T. Koleci, A. Maida, G. Garcia

#### **Sunday, May 13, 2018:**

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

9:00 L. O'Neal, I. Jichetti, W. Hollnsteiner

11:00 B. Freund, T. Smith, J. Smith

1:00 G. Seaborg, W. Wenzel, N. Ramdass

5:00 M. Donovan, E. Eadiccio, J. Torres

### **Cross Road Foundation Honors Fr. Jerome:**

On Sunday, June 10th, Father Louis Jerome will be honored by The Cross Road Foundation for his pro-life efforts. Father will be honored at a brunch from 11 AM - 1 PM at the Excelsior Grand. Individual tickets are \$30 per person, children 12 and under \$25 per ticket. Please RSVP to 718-556-3474 or [crossroadfoundation.org](http://crossroadfoundation.org).

### **Holy Family Adoration Chapel - 25th**

**Anniversary:** Holy Family 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.

### **St. Joseph Retreat Center**

**(Telephone Number :718-720-1097)**

**Meditation Monday:** May 7th & 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:** May 9th & 23rd, 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.

**Introduction to Life in the Spirit:** May 11th, \$25 per person, 7-9 PM, facilitated by Michael Grogan. Please join us for a night of vigil as we await the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost. Michael Grogan will lead us in a reflection on being clothed with a higher power.

**The Trinity: Community of Love:** May 16th, 1-3 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sr. Gerrie Contento. This presentation will focus on The Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit.

## **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 is scheduled for Sunday, May 6th at 6:30 PM in the school small cafeteria.

**Sacred Heart Scouts:** Pack and Troop 74 would like to congratulate Henry Wagner, Rich Gainer and Noah Lorzak for receiving the religious medal Ad Alatare Dei and Tim Donnelly Sr. for receiving the religious award The Bronze Pelican Medal this past Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Pack and Troop 74 for grades k-10 for "ALL" children meets on Monday's at 7 PM in the school cafeteria, open registration.

**Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass:** The annual New York Archdiocese Golden Jubilee Mass will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 PM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. If any of our parishioners are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year and wish to attend simply call the rectory office and the Office Manager will assist you. Please take note that all registrations must be completed by Monday, May 14, 2018. Also each couple is permitted to have one guest sit with them in the reserved pews at the Jubilee Mass on June 3rd.

**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 Soccer:** The Sacred Heart Soccer League is seeking a new administrator for the 2018/2019 season. If anyone is interested in becoming the head of our successful soccer league please contact Meaghie Reinhold at (347) 563-6353 or email her at [meaghiereinhold@gmail.com/347.563.6353](mailto:meaghiereinhold@gmail.com).

**May God Bless all of our students who  
made their First Holy Communion this  
weekend:**

**Luis Apreza**

**Michael Basile**

**Savannah Breslin**

**Oliver Brown**

**Isla Cassidy**

**Kevin Corson**

**Brianna Cuesta**

**Angelina Falleti**

**Elijah Greene**

**Layla Kenny**

**Aidan King**

**Breanna McGlynn**

**Mason Navarro**

**Ororo O'Neal**

**James Paoad III**

**Jasmine Perez**

**Michael Perez**

**Caitlyn Quadjovie**

**London Valentine**

