

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, November 18:

5:00 John Kirincich

Sunday, November 19:

7:00 Brendan Hoey
9:00 Al & Sue Amore
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
5:00 Deceased Members of the Pattison Family

Monday, November 20:

7:00 Margaret Massoni
9:00 Nancy McVey

Tuesday, November 21:

7:00 Nick & Linda Mirto
9:00 Michael Healy
7:30 Thanksgiving Mass (School)

Wednesday, November 22:

7:00 Florence Stalmanis
9:00 Irene Mello
11:00 Lt. Robert Ryan (9th Anniversary)

Thursday, November 23:

7:00 No Mass
9:00 Corinne O'Brien & Charles Kennedy

Friday, November 24:

7:00 No Mass
9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Perry

Saturday, November 25:

9:00 Helen Buckley
5:00 Howard Jones

Sunday, November 26:

7:00 John Torkelson
9:00 Marie & Frank Barnard
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Special Intentions
5:00 John Hartmann Sr.

Saturday, November 25:

5:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, November 26:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Sister Iraida
11:00 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Stephen Brown
5:00 Fred Maley

Maryanne Gambardella
Pat Jezycki
Dorothy Tarafa
Efrain Ortiz



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, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman, Arthur Schmitt Sr., Richard Christie, Anthony Columbo, Frances Bocignone, Roseanne Viano, Barbara Longo, Linda Powers, Crystal Helewa, Eleanor Cooper, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Joseph DeMeo, Moira Mackey

Collections:

November 5th.....\$8,734.00
All Saints Day.....\$2,209.00
All Souls Day.....\$1,576.00
Building Fund November 2017.....\$884.00

We at Sacred Heart want to wish all of our parishioners a very Happy and Holy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holiday and remember to most of all be thankful for all the graces God has given you and your family.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Anna Maria Redi was born 15 July 1747 to a large noble family in Arezzo, Italy. At the age of 9, she was enrolled in the boarding school of the Benedictine nuns of the Monastery of St. Apollonia in Florence. One day, an alumna of the school returned to bid farewell to her former teachers, as she was entering the community of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Florence. Redi was deeply moved by the enthusiasm and joy she saw in the face of the older girl. As she reflected on this, she suddenly received an unspoken message from the foundress of the Order, the great Saint Teresa of Avila.

Redi was admitted to the monastery in November, 1764. Her religious name was Teresa Margaret Marianne of the Sacred Heart. Teresa Margaret was assigned to the office of infirmarian (nurse) for the community. She diligently fulfilled her duties and maintained a robust prayer life. She was given a special contemplative experience concerning the words of 1 John 4:8—*God is love*. She would repeat the phrase often. Despite the constant reprimands and humiliations inflicted on her by the mother superior in order to test her, she proved to be unfailingly cheerful.

Teresa Margaret made everyone around her feel valuable. One biographer wrote, “If you had visited her, she would have made you the center of attention. She would have seen to it that you were comfortable, served you something to eat or drink, and then barraged you with questions about your life.” Moreover, her receptive eyes would keep fixed upon you and she would delight in everything you told her. “You would have to tear yourself away from this charming young woman. And she would leave you with an exhilarating sense of approval.”

Teresa Margaret’s charity occasioned numerous miracles. For instance, Mother Theresa Adelaide was completely deaf. However, anytime Teresa Margaret engaged her in

conversation the elderly nun heard everything the younger sister said. Their visits would astound others who would watch in amazement as the two friends carried on in the refectory of the convent. As Theresa Adelaide lay dying she would whisper Teresa Margaret’s name. The young nun would come flying from the far reaches of the convent, where the sound of the moribund sister could not possibly have reached her.

Another miracle credited to Teresa Margaret involved one of the novices, Sister Mary Victoria. She had an awful toothache that was so severe and prolonged that the superiors pondered the possibility of rejecting her from the monastery. During a meal one day, Mary Victoria was quivering with pain. Teresa Margaret was overcome with compassion, and so she leaned over and kissed her on the cheek. The toothache was cured at once.

Teresa Margaret died 7 March 1770. She was only twenty-two years old. For fifteen days her body lay exposed without any sign whatsoever of decomposition. This wonder attracted thousands. Various miracles occurred whenever flowers were taken from her bier and placed on the sick. Her miracles triggered a spiritual revival and waves of repentance throughout the city of Florence and the surrounding region. She was canonized 19 March 1934. If you visit her tomb today you would be fascinated to gaze upon her corpse. It remains incorrupt.

St. Teresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart . . .
. . . pray for us here at Sacred Heart!

God Bless You!

Father Eric

Sacred Heart 2017-2018: Sacred Heart is still 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. The school currently has an enrollment of 278 students all of who 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—eight 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.

Sacred Heart Thanksgiving Mass: The annual Sacred Heart Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 PM. As is traditional the third and fourth grade children in both the school and the religious instruction program are invited to dress as Native Americans and Pilgrims. Also children are asked to bring canned items that will be collected at the offertory. Blessed bread will be given out after Mass.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 21, 2017:

7:30 H. Xuereb, A. Schmitt, A. Cruz, M. Perkert

Saturday, November 25, 2017:

5:00 : L. O’Neal, E. Eadiciccio, A. Cardone

Sunday, November 26, 2017:

7:00 J. Oliveras, M. Postler, K. Postler

9:00 Matthew, Julia & Sean Ahern

11:00 Mary, Kathleen & Ann McCafferty

1:00 T. Smith, W. Wenzel, R. Delamasa

5:00 J. Orellana, A. Cruz, M. Fernando

St. Vincent De Paul: Once again your St. Vincent De Paul Society is in urgent need of non-perishable food for the pantry. Would you please donate or bring to the vestibule of the Church one or more of the following foods; canned vegetables, canned soups, peanut butter & jelly, canned tuna fish, cereal, apple juice, tomato sauce & pasta, canned or jarred fruits. Thank you and God bless you!

St. Joseph Retreat Center Fall Programs

(St. Joseph Hill Academy)

Centering Prayer Group: Wednesday November 22nd & December 13th, 7 :30-9:30 PM, fee \$10 per session, facilitated by Ann Louise DePalo. All are invited to come and be still and pray in God’s presence.

Meditation Monday: Monday, December 11th, 7 :30-9:30 PM, fee \$20 per session, facilitated by Grace Daquila. An invitation to come and be refreshed, renewed and restored with faith sharing, prayer and reflection. Journey with others and experience a deeper, exciting relationship with our Lord.

The retreat house is located on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Blvd. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Ronnie Keane at (718) 720-1097 or visit SJRetreatCenter.org

St. Joseph’s Seminary: St. Joseph’s Seminary, “Dunwoodie”, has a variety of programs that are available to qualified lay men and women as well as consecrated religious and priests. These programs include: Master of Arts in Theology, Maser of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies, Graduate and Post Master’s Certificate in Sacred Scripture and Graduate and Post Master’s Certificate in Dogmatic Theology. All new students receive a 50% discount on their first class and there are four locations to enroll at including Yonkers, Douglaston, Poughkeepsie and Huntington. If you are interested contact Donna Eschenauer at (917) 367-8280 or Christine Hammill-Cregan at (631) 423-0483.

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 and click on the link at the top of the page. Also kindly remember Sacred Heart Church in all your estate and will planning.

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 encouraged and 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 as well as fun social activities like movie nights, bowling and laser tag! Also, any student who is currently in need of community service hours can join for an easy way get hours and have some fun at the same time.

Legion of Mary: The Sacred Heart chapter of the Legion of Mary meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday's 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 (718) 983-5416. All are welcome

and thanks to all who support The Legion of Mary.

Sacred Heart Choir: The Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, rehearsals take place at 10:15 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!

Youth Activities Council: The Sacred Heart Youth Activities Council is a parish men's club that meets (schedule permitting) on the first Friday evening of the month. Coaches of the various sports teams attend and give an update on recent and upcoming events. Various fundraisers that not only benefit the teams but also the school are planned and discussed. Even if your child has already graduated from the school, you are still encouraged to attend and enjoy the camaraderie. The meeting lasts usually for an hour and afterwards refreshments are served.

Holy Name: The Sacred Heart Holy Name Society will be having its initial meeting on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:15 in the school cafeteria. The guest speaker that evening will be John Bonviaggio. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend this meeting and become a member of The Holy Name Society. The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most traditional groups and we are excited to be bringing it back to Sacred Heart.

