

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, November 4:

5:00 Josephine & Joseph DeMeo  
& Mary Evangelista

Sunday, November 5:

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli  
9:00 June DiLodovico  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Xeu Qian Cheng  
5:00 Sean Johnson

Monday, November 6:

7:00 Rev. Frederick Joseph Ablog, SSS  
9:00 James Grace

Tuesday, November 7:

7:00 Jeanne Collins Helbock  
9:00 Elizabeth Widmayer (2nd Anniversary)  
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Wednesday, November 8:

7:00 Catherine Schiavo  
9:00 Ellen Madden

Thursday, November 9:

7:00 Morgan Uwangué  
9:00 Florio Contreras

Friday, November 10:

7:00 Bernadine Osinski  
9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue

Saturday, November 11:

9:00 Marie D. Carnegie  
5:00 Thomas Kopf

Sunday, November 12:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &  
McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Dr. Anthony Flagiello  
11:00 Nicholas Torello  
1:00 Michael Mustillo Jr. (10th Anniversary)  
5:00 Barney Nugent

Saturday, November 11:

5:00 Mary Rosso

Barbara Kelly

Sunday, November 12:

7:00 Vincent O'Grady

9:00 Donald 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, 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

Collections:

October 29th.....\$6,318.00  
Congratulations to M/M John Kelly on winning the  
October 50/50

November 11th is Veterans Day and we at Sacred Heart wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the men and women who serve or have served in the Armed Forces. We would especially like to thank our parishioners who are veterans. Thanks for your service and God Bless you. For those who gave the ultimate sacrifice may perpetual light shine on your souls.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Father Allan Dennis served our parish in the fifties and early sixties. Allan Dennis was born on November 12, 1904, in Stapleton, the only son of Charles and Inger Peterson Dennis. He graduated from our very own Sacred Heart School and then went to St. Peters High School nearby. Subsequently, he enrolled at St. Charles College, Cantonville, Maryland. At the end of his third year at that college seminary, after hearing a talk by Father James Anthony Walsh, the Superior General of Maryknoll, he applied for and was accepted at Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, New York, on September 1, 1926. He was ordained a priest at Maryknoll, New York, on June 5, 1932.

After ordination, Father Dennis was sent to minister in South China. Following language study in Hong Kong, he was assigned to teach science, mathematics and Latin at St. Joseph's Minor Seminary in Kaying, where he served for nine years. He was then assigned as pastor of Neu Yao Hang mission, a very mountainous area in Kwangtung Province, with about 500 Catholics scattered throughout the hills. The invasion of China by the Japanese in World War II made it difficult to do mission work. In July of 1944, Father Dennis returned to the United States.

After a short time at home, Father Dennis was assigned to the faculty of Maryknoll Junior Seminary at Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, where he taught physics and mathematics. At the end of World War II, Dennis returned to the Kaying mission. With the help of three Chinese Sisters, he was able to baptize about 30 new Christians each year. Everything continued

peacefully there until the arrival of the Chinese Communists. Again his mission work was disrupted. Father Dennis was imprisoned in December, 1950, along with Father Joseph Van den Bogaard and two Maryknoll Sisters. In March 1951, they were released and deported to Hong Kong. He returned to the United States and was granted permission to serve his home parish of Sacred Heart near his elderly parents. He remained at our church for twelve years and was very popular with the parishioners.

In May of 1964, Father Dennis was assigned to serve as a chaplain at St. Gabriel's Junior College in Lakewood, New Jersey. He remained in that position until the College was closed in August of 1968. His next assignment was to St. Emeric's parish in Manhattan, where he served as an assistant pastor. He eventually retired to St. Teresa's Residence at Maryknoll, New York. The adventurous life of Father Dennis ended naturally on October 2, 1997.

This week is "National Vocation Awareness Week". Each of us should encourage the children in our lives to pray a simple prayer each day: "Lord Jesus, I pray for my vocation." It really works! It is a simple prayer in which the child trustfully asks Jesus to lead him or her to the right state of life in the future, whether marriage, religious life or priesthood. How often do adults ask children, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" A better question is, "What do you think the good Lord wants you to do with your life?"

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 blessed bread will be distributed after the Mass to the parishioners in attendance to enjoy at their Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, November 11, 2017:**

5:00 : M. Fernando, J. Torres, J. Orellana

**Sunday, November 12, 2017:**

7:00 M. Postler, K. Postler, B. Daniels

9:00 L. O'Neal, A. Maida, T. Koleci

11:00 A. Basile, V. Kaleta, J. Oliveras

1:00 N. Ramdass, R. Delamasa, W. Wenzel

5:00 Mary, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

**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)

**Luminous Seeing:** Wednesday, November 15th from 9:30-11 AM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Grace Conte. The entire ministry of Jesus was a gradual care for the human blindness. You are invited to see as we awaken through prayerful encounters a vision of the life and land God wishes.

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](http://SJRetreatCenter.org)

### **Sacred Heart High School CYO Basketball:**

Any High School boys and girls in grades 9-12 who are interested in playing CYO Basketball for Sacred Heart can register on either November 2nd or November 9th in the school cafeteria from 6-8 PM. The fee is \$225 for returning players and \$250 for players who need a jersey. Please bring a copy of school ID Card.

**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.

## **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.

**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](http://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.

