

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, October 13:**

5:00 Victoria & James Crowdell

**Sunday, October 14:**

7:00 Debbie Tighe  
9:00 Xue Qian Zheng  
11:00 Joseph Munda  
1:00 Stanley Modzelewski  
5:00 Edward & Margaret McCauley

**Monday, October 15:**

7:00 Raymond Celentano  
9:00 Margherita & Philip Frabotta

**Tuesday, October 16:**

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Sr. Therese Mary O’Carm

**Wednesday, October 17:**

7:00 Joseph Munda  
9:00 Thomas J., Virginia & Gerard F. Crane

**Thursday, October 18:**

7:00 Muriel Burns  
9:00 Anna & William Wilson

**Friday, October 19:**

7:00 Timeyin Amatosserokeke  
9:00 Michael McKee Sr.

**Saturday, October 20:**

9:00 Nancy McVey  
5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

**Sunday, October 21:**

7:00 Anna, Edmund & James Maine  
9:00 Brendan Hoey  
11:00 Mabel Apoe (70th Birthday)  
1:00 Deceased members of the Sykes, Maine & Meldrum Families  
5:00 Rosa Manduca

**Saturday, October 20:**

5:00 Frank Pontiero Anne Siemer

**Sunday, October 21:**

7:00 Teresa Zulch  
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D’Antuono  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa  
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney Sr.  
5:00 Robert Mazzucco Efrain Ortiz



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, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Michael DiCostanzo, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Stacey Tierno, Douglas Carnegie, Joseph Brancato, John O’Dowd Sr., Joseph DeMeo, Carmela D’Angelo

**Collections:**

October 7th.....\$6,782.00

**Newly Baptized**

We welcome into our Parish family our newly baptized parishioners including: **Grace Margaret Weaver, Niko Steven Makrogiannis, Daniela Kate Cruz, Ace Carmello Coletta, Joel Estrada Cruz, James Michael Titus Jr., Keegan James Gonzalez, Lindsey Michele Gonzalez, Charleigh Madison Donohue, Savannah Monroe Keag, Ruby Rae Vanden-Heuvel, Julianna Buckheit, Paul Buckheit, Savannah Blake DeTore, Dominick James Guiditta, Valentina Loren DeMayo, Leland Michael McBratney and Grace Elizabeth Mallen**

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

All things except God have a cause, a beginning. God, on the other hand, is eternal. He has no beginning, no end, and He never changes because He is absolutely perfect. To be absolutely perfect means you can never lose what you have or gain what you do not have. As for the rest of reality each thing has a cause.

A cause is any positive factor on which something depends for its existence, like a parent to the child, a flame to the boiling water, and a comb to the hairstyle. There are four basic kinds of cause: formal, material, efficient and final. These four basic causes can be illustrated in considering human production, especially works of art.

Take, for instance, the making of a statue. The material cause of the statue is that substance out of which the statue is made—wood, stone, plastic, et cetera. The type of statue made depends on the form that the artist impresses on the material—“The Pietà” of Michelangelo or “The Thinker” of Rodin, as examples. This is the formal cause, which is the likeness or form that indicates to our senses what the thing is. The efficient cause is that by which the effect is produced. In this case, the effect is the statue and the efficient cause is the sculptor. The chisel of the sculptor would be a secondary efficient cause, or better, an instrumental cause. The final cause is that for the sake of which the work is done. Why does the sculptor work at producing the statue? He may be doing it for money, or to produce a work of beauty or to make a political statement, et cetera. The final cause is the end in view, the goal of the work. Whichever motive dominates is called the principal end. Other motives are called secondary ends.

If God is the sculptor and we are the statues—each of us is a masterpiece in His eyes, by the way—what was the final cause of creating us? Why did God make us? God made

us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next world. That is the final cause of our existence. That is the goal or the purpose. From whom do we learn to know, love, and serve God? We learn to know, love and serve God from Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who teaches us through the Catholic Church. When did Jesus found the Catholic Church? At the Last Supper when He ordained the first priests (Apostles) and celebrated the First Mass. The Holy Eucharist is the foundation of our faith family.

How is one to “serve God”? Jesus said, *“Love God with your whole mind, your whole heart, and all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself.* (Luke 10:27). How do we love God? Jesus said, *“You are My friends if you do what I command you.”* (John 15:14). How do we love our neighbor? *Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not self-seeking. Love is never rude. Love does not brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice over wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth.* (1 Cor. 13). Jesus also spoke of Christian service to the needy. *I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and in prison and you visited me.* (Matthew 25).

There are so many who struggle to find meaning and purpose in life. As a result, they experience drastic mental anguish. If they would only come to Jesus, who once said: *“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’”* (John 7:37-38).

God bless you!

Father Eric

**New Pro Life Movie:** The Archdiocese recommends a new Pro Life/Anti-Abortion Movie: “Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer” is out in theaters right now. This film gives a very accurate account of real life abortion clinics.

**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 252 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 by appointment.

**St Peter's Boys High School Open House:** St. Peter's will have its annual Open House on Sunday, October 28th from 1-4 PM. The school is located at 200 Clinton Avenue and since 1917 has been dedicated not only to academic excellence but instilling Christian values in its students.

**Notre Dame Academy Open House:** Notre Dame Academy will have its annual Open House on Sunday, October 21st from 1-4 PM. Notre Dame Academy is a leader in Catholic education.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, October 20, 2018:**

5:00 Ann, Kathleen & Mary McCafferty

#### **Sunday, October 21, 2018:**

7:00 Matthew, Julia & Sean Ahern

9:00 Anthony & Matthew Basile, A. Buscemi

11:00 Kevin, Maggie & Harry Postler

1:00 M. Perkert, J. Mullen, A. Cruz

5:00 J. Torres, G. Garcia, J. Orellana

**Sacred Heart Capital Campaign:** We are very pleased and excited to announce that Sacred Heart Parish has met its Capital Campaign goal of \$926,000. In fact, we are now (as of this writing) at \$1,060,885 which represents 115% of our overall goal. We thank each and every parishioner who has given/pledged to our campaign and we encourage those who haven't to give what their means will allow. Remember if our campaign reaches 120% then every dollar donated stays with the parish.

**World Mission Sunday :** The annual collection for World Mission Sunday will take place on the weekend of October 20th-21st. At our baptism each of us is marked by The Lord with a special responsibility to spread his word. In short, we are all called upon to be missionaries. This year's World Mission Sunday marks the 110th anniversary of our mission independence. Before 1908 the Church in America was the beneficiary of the generosity of the faithful Catholics in Europe via the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. In 1822 two-thirds of the very first collection of The Society of the Propagation of the Faith was sent right here to America. Over time through this aid we were able to build churches, seminaries and schools. We were able to expand the church in America and evangelize in our own country. In 1908 a Papal decree removed the words "mission territory" from The United States. Now more than a century later we are called to remember our mission history as we are asked to assist the "young churches" in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. With this in mind please be as generous as your means will allow as the church in these countries face the same needs and challenges we once did.

**Basket-Ball Bash:** Sacred Heart will be hosting its first annual Basket-Ball Bash fundraiser on October 13th from 5 PM-9 PM and again on October 19th from 3:30 PM-8:30 PM in the gym. Individual tickets as well as \$40 ticket packages will be sold at the gym on these dates. Baskets are valued at \$50, \$100 and mega prizes at \$200, so come on down and join the fun.

**Fontbonne Hall Open House:** Fontbonne Hall Academy will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, October 20th from 12:30-3:30 PM.

## **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, eye-glass 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.

**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.

**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 of The Holy Name will take place on Sunday, November 4th after the 9 AM Mass in the school auditorium.

**Sacred Heart RCIA:** Have you or anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about The Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion and confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments at Sacred Heart during the Easter season. Call the rectory at (718) 442-0058 if you or someone you know is interested for more details.

**Sacred Heart Choir:** The Adult Choir sings weekly at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday. Rehearsals take place at 10:30 AM in the choir loft. 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!

**Sacred Heart Bereavement Mass:** The annual Sacred Heart Bereavement Mass will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 11 AM. Letters have been mailed to the survivors and families of our parishioners who passed away from September 2017-September 2018. During the Mass the names of the parishioners will be mentioned and family and friends can come forth and light a memorial candle in their remembrance. Afterward refreshments will be served in the cafeteria of the school. Please RSVP to the Rectory Office at (718) 442-0058 no later than Friday, October 26th so that we can have an accurate number of attendees.