

Thirtieth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, October 22:

5:00 Nicholas & Adelaide Carducci

Sunday, October 23:

7:00 Marian Cestano
9:00 William, Anna & James Maine
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Petronila Rosario, 1st Anniversary
5:00 Fred Fischer

Monday, October 24:

7:00 Leo Stoeckl
9:00 Corinne A O'Brien & Joseph F. O'Brien

Tuesday, October 25:

7:00 Louie Reha
9:00 Catherine Hildebrandt

Wednesday, October 26:

7:00 Florence Campbell
9:00 Brendan J. Hoey

Thursday, October 27:

7:00 Josephine Rhem
9:00 Grace Stanger

Friday, October 28:

7:00 Summer Semerad
9:00 Robert "Bob" Sullivan

Saturday, October 29:

9:00 Kathleen Durso
5:00 Stanley Modzelewski

Sunday, October 30:

7:00 Robert Morris
9:00 Robert Mullaney
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Victor & Albert Forte
5:00 Dorothy Donovan

Saturday, October 29:

5:00 Bill Jones Pat Foley

Sunday, October 30:

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis
9:00 Joe Meagher Elizabeth D'Antuono
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki
1:00 Theresa Cunnigham John Mooney
5:00 Fred Maley 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, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari

Collections:

Regular October 16: \$7,819

Notre Dame Academy: Notre Dame Academy will be having their annual open house this Sunday October 23rd from 1-4 P.M.

St. Peter's Boys High School: St. Peter's Boys High School will have its annual Open House on Sunday, October 30th from 1-4 P.M.

St. Joseph Hill Academy: St Joseph Hill Academy will be having their annual open house on Sunday October 30th from 11:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Halloween is upon us. The origin of the holiday is in Catholicism: *All Hallows Eve*. Halloween—the vigil of All Saints Day—was always a time of celebration. There is a harmless side to Halloween, I guess, in the form of costume parties and trick-or-treating. On the other side, there is a dark side.

David Arias speaks about his experience with Satanism and the occult. (“To Hell With Halloween” by Trent Beattie. *National Catholic Register*, 28 October 2015). David is married with three children and very active at his parish in southern California. He is now a practicing Catholic, but two decades ago ouija boards, drugs, assaults and sacrilege were a regular part of his life.

His mother’s death when he was sixteen left him bitter and open to experimentation with evil. He began to attend “underground parties” in empty warehouses with rock music, drugs and secret occult rituals. Arias said, “Through these parties I got deeper into the dark world of Satanism. I learned that Satan wants to be like God, so he requires sacrifices to be offered to him. The most basic and common sacrifices were of animals. I participated in these and other evil rituals for almost four years, but I could not bring myself to kill a human being, which is required to make it to the highest (or, I guess you could say, the lowest) level of Satanism.” There was a professional abortionist in the group who expressed the view that abortion was all about sacrificing innocent lives to Satan.

On the one hand, David wanted to get out of Satanism because he could not bring himself to murder another person. On the other hand, he enjoyed the feeling of belonging. Because of his refusal to kill, others in the group got angry and assaulted him. He said that the tension made him “desperate and suicidal, which is where Satan wants us to be. Suicide is known in Satanic circles as auto-sacrifice or self-sacrifice. Satan is

‘honored’ by suicides because they are a mark of despair.”

Eventually, David prayed to Jesus and our Lord responded. David was given the grace to return to Confession and he began to receive Holy Communion with joy. He said, “I was also introduced to the Rosary, a set of prayers every Catholic should pray. Mary has authority over Satan, whose head she crushes, as described in Genesis. Satan is totally powerless against Mary because she has no sin. All Satan’s power rests in how much we sin.”

When asked his opinion of Halloween, David gave a negative response. He spoke of how when he was a Satanist he and his cohorts would curse Halloween costumes in the Halloween stores that pop up every fall. As for the home and yard decorations, he stated, “People make their homes look like haunted cemeteries. ... This invites evil spirits inside. It’s really simple: If you want to attract evil, you put up depictions of evil. If you want to attract good, you put up depictions of good. Every Catholic, then, should have Catholic art in his home.” I think David is correct about the macabre arrangements that people put in their yards and homes. Why should we glorify evil? Moreover, I wince at the thought that each year Halloween decorations seem to be more numerous than decorations for Easter, which is the high Holy Day of the Christian Calendar and the mark of God’s ultimate victory in Christ over sin and death. For Christians to celebrate Halloween more than they celebrate Easter seems absurd.

God bless you!

Father Eric

Bereavement Mass: The annual Sacred Heart Bereavement Mass will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 11 A.M. Each of our recently departed parishioners (September 2015 - August 2016) will be announced by name and their families will come to the altar where a memorial candle will be lit. Refreshments will follow in the school cafeteria. If you have received a letter please contact the rectory with how many family members will be attending.

Parish Abuse: Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at (212) 371-1000 ext 2949 or Deacon George Coppola at (917) 861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

The Goretti Group: The next meeting of The Goretti Group will take place at Holy Family on Friday November 4th from 6:15-9:30 P.M. Dinner will be served at 6:15 followed by music and recreation at 7, Mass and veneration at 7:30 and refreshments at 8:15. All are invited as the group strives to understand the “Why” and “What” of our Catholic teachings.

Legion of Mary: Sacred Heart Church’s Legion of Mary chapter meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday’s at 6:30 P.M. in the rectory. The meeting lasts roughly an hour; we say the Rosary and offer assistance to The Pastor. If you are interested in joining us please call Patti Foley at (718) 983-5416. All are welcome and we wish to thank you for supporting The Legion of Mary.

Sacred Heart Youth Group: The Sacred Heart Youth group will be holding a food drive this Sunday, October 23 at Stop & Shop on Richmond Avenue from 11-3 P.M. All collected goods will be for The St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.

St. Charles Parish: St. Charles, in Oakwood, will be having a Nocturnal Adoration the evening before The 2016 Presidential Election. It will begin at 9 P.M. with Mass celebrated by Bishop John J. O’Hara and conclude at 5 A.M. with mass celebrated by Father Louis Jerome.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October: 29:

5:00 Samantha Banislaw & James Esco

Sunday, October 30:

7:00 Tim Koleci & Bernard Daniels

9:00 Margaret Donovan & Christopher Basile

11:00 Jack Lotito & Angela Buscemi

1:00 Noelle Ehresman & Sarah Lauren

5:00 Mary & Anne McCafferty

Join a Choir Today

Il Viaggiare Coro 2018 (traveling choir) : Today, October 23rd 10:30 A.M. (11 A.M. Mass)

Parish Choir (ages 10 –110) : Rehearsal October 19th for rehearsal at 7:30 P.M (11 A.M. Mass on Oct 23rd.) Come join us!! Bring a friend, a daughter, a son, a grandma– your husband!! See you October 5th at seventy thirty in the basement hall. Questions??? Call Pamela (718) 442-0058 (VM 24)

Kids Praise Choir (ages 5—grade 5): Rehearsal Oct. 26th 5 - 6 PM in the Chapel, registration is required. Prizes!! Treats!! Hop on Board!!!

Family Choir : November 6th 10:45 A.M. In the Choir loft. Bring the entire family! Newcomers are most welcome and greatly appreciated!! If you have any questions please call Pamela. (VM 24). Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!
Come on up!!

Newcomers are Most Welcome and Greatly Appreciated to any Choir!! Any questions please contact Pamela at (718) 442 –0058 (VM 24).

Who is the Kids Praise Choir? Kids Praise Choir is a children’s choir of CCD children, parishioner’s, and school children ages 5-grade 5. They rehearse from 5-6 on Wednesday in the Chapel preparing music to sing at Mass. Join Us!! Prizes!! Treats!! Rehearsals begin October 19 at 5 P.M. in the Chapel across from The Gym. Free!! Registration required, forms are found in the back of the Church. Join a Choir today!!!

Calling all reasonably priced Bookbinders!! As part of our “hymnbook research” I need to speak with a “volume bookbinder”!! Please leave a name and number in the office!! Thanks so much!! Pamela & The Choirs (718 442-0058) (message for Pamela-Music Director).

Serve a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Come with us on our next International choir tour!