

TWENTY-Seventh SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, October 1

5:00 Anne Faine

Sunday, October 2:

7:00 Joseph Ajello
9:00 L. Benjamin Zarrelli
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Hon. Louis Jerome
5:00 Olga Antoncic

Monday, October 3:

7:00 John Kidd
9:00 Daniel Ostrowski

Tuesday, October 4:

7:00 Matthew Pavis
9:00 Margaret Newman & Margaret Newman
Connelly

Wednesday, October 5:

7:00 Louie Rena
9:00 Frank Gibson

Thursday, October 6:

7:00 Dorothy Donovan
9:00 Daniel Ostrowski

Friday, October 7:

7:00 Stephen Kubick
9:00 Hon. Louis Jerome

Saturday, October 8:

9:00 John McGarry
5:00 Joseph & Grace Abate

Sunday, October 9:

7:00 Elaine Murphy
9:00 Clarence Graves
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Jack McGarry
5:00 Margaret & Edward McCauley

Saturday, October 8:

5:00 Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, October 9:

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis
9:00 Don O'Shea Evelyn Bilotto
11:00 Maria Montouri Regina Torello
1:00 Philip Kahn Pat Jezycki
5:00 Bob Mazzucco 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 September 25: \$7,312
50/50 Collection \$425
Congratulations to M/M Brian Gallagher on winning the September 50/50 .

The Bread and Wine this week are donated by Patrick and Kate McCarthy in honor of St. Bernard's Memorare.

St. Joseph by The Sea Open House: The open houses will be on Sunday, October 16 from 1-4 P.M. for girls and Sunday, October 23 from 1-4 for boys.

Notre Dame Academy High School: Notre Dame Academy High School will be having their open house on Sunday October 23, 2016 from 1-4 P.M. To schedule a visit contact Mrs. Vulpis at (718) 447-8878 or register at www.notredameacademy.org

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

I read a beautiful reflection about forgiveness. It was written by Bud Welch, whose twenty-three year old daughter, Julie, was killed in the bomb blast that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. Welch writes:

“In December 1998, after Tim McVeigh had been sentenced to death, I had a chance to meet Bill McVeigh [Tim’s father] at his home near Buffalo. I wanted to show him that I did not blame him for my daughter Julie’s death. His youngest daughter, Jennifer, also wanted to meet me, after Bill had showed me his garden, the three of us sat around the kitchen table. Up on the wall were family snapshots, including Tim’s graduation picture. They noticed that I kept looking up at it, so I felt compelled to say something. “God, what a good-looking kid,” I said.

Earlier, when we’d been in the garden, Bill had asked me, “Bud, are you able to cry?” I’d told him, “I don’t usually have a problem crying.” His reply was, “I can’t cry, even though I’ve got a lot to cry about.” But now, sitting at the kitchen table, looking at Tim’s photo, a big tear rolled down his face. It was the love of a father for a son.

When I got ready to leave, I shook Bill’s hand, then extended it to Jennifer, but she just grabbed me and threw her arms around me. She was the same sort of age as Julie but felt so much taller. I don’t know which one of us started to cry first. Then I held her face in my hands and said, “Look, honey, the three of us are in this for the rest of our lives. I don’t want your brother to die and I’ll do everything I can to prevent it.” As I walked away from the house, I realized that until that moment I had walked alone, but now a tremendous weight had lifted from my shoulders. I had found someone who was a bigger victim of the Oklahoma bombing than I was, because while I can speak in front of thousands of people and say wonderful things about Julie, if Bill

McVeigh meets a stranger he probably doesn’t even say he had a son.

About a year before the execution I found it in my heart to forgive Tim McVeigh. It was a release for me rather than for him.” (Cited in Marina Cantacuzino, *The Forgiveness Project: Stories for a Vengeful Age*, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2015).

Forgiveness is a central part of Christianity. Jesus taught us: *Love your enemies. (Mt 5:44). He also said when we pray we should say, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” How very different is this approach compared to the jihadists and others (like McVeigh) who burn so badly with a desire to harm those whom they consider to be enemies that they go so far as to murder innocent people, including children.*

I told someone recently of the importance of simply praying for those who have offended us. That is the first step in the process of forgiveness. I explained to this person that such a prayer is an expression of love. Love and forgiveness go hand in hand. The Apostle tells us: *Love does not brood over injuries. (1 Cor. 13). Therefore, when we pray we love. When we love there is forgiveness. Thus, our prayer for one who has offended us is, at some level, an act of forgiveness. I received this response, “That just seems too simple. It doesn’t seem like it’s enough. I feel like I should be acknowledging what they did wrong to me in order to begin to forgive. I answered this good Catholic, “God is simpler than we are.”*

God bless you!
Father Eric

Bible Study : Father Eric is offering an eight week Bible series on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The series will be on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8 P.M. in the school cafeteria and will run from October 2 to November 20. The Gospel is featured throughout the next liturgical year at Sunday Mass beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016. This series is designed to help our parishioners enrich their Sunday worship by experience while expanding their knowledge of Sacred Scripture. No Charge. For further information please contact Father Eric at frapaglia@yahoo.com or at the rectory (718) 442 –0058

SHS Spartan League Registration: Sacred Heart will have Spartan League Registration on October 4th, 5th, and 6th from 7 to 8:30 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Children grades 3-8 may register and the parishioner price is \$100 for first child and \$30 for each additional child. The price for non parishioners is \$125 for one child and then \$100 for each additional child.

Columbus Day Mass and Parade: The Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York will be having a Mass and Parade in honor of Columbus Day. Timothy Cardinal Dolan will celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday October 10th at 9:30 A.M. For early registration go to <http://archny2016columbus.eventbrite.com>

Bereavement Support Group : The Parishes of Sts. Peter & Paul & Assumption are offering a support group for any adult who wishes to have a travel companion on the road through grief. The group will meet each Thursday evening in October at 7:30 P.M. at 15 Webster Avenue between Brighton and Castleton. If interested call (718) 727-2672 and leave your name and number so the organizers can contact you will details. .

Fifth Annual Sacred Heart Oktober Fest: The fifth annual Sacred Heart Oktober Fest & Car Show will take place on Sunday October 9th on the school grounds. This event is a big hit with our Parishioners and features German food and fare, baked goods, farmers market, games for the children and live entertainment. Please take a flyer located in the vestibule of the for the chance to win tickets to "*The Price is Right*".

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary: On Friday, October 7th at 6:30P.M. Father Eric will be celebrating mass in honor of The Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament will follow at 7 P.M. with recitation of The Holy Rosary (20 Mysteries), Meditation before each mystery (3 minutes) and Silent Prayer (5 minutes) after each of the four sets of mysteries. The service will conclude with Benediction at 9:30 P.M.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 8:

5:00 Kelly Shashaty & Elizabeth Eadiciccio

Sunday, October 9:

7:00 Bernard Daniels & Kevin Postler

9:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

11:00 Margaret Donovan & William Hollnsteiner

1:00 Angela Buscemi & Matthew Riccardi

5:00 Mary & Kathleen McCafferty

Join a Choir Today

Il Viaggiare Coro 2018 (traveling choir) :

October 2nd 10:30 A.M. (11 A.M. Mass)

Parish Choir (ages 10 –110) : Rehearsal October 5th 7:30 - 8:30 P.M (11 A.M. Mass on Oct 9th.)

Kids Choir (ages 5—grade 5): Rehearsal Oct. 12th 5 - 6 PM in the Chapel, registration is required. Prizes!! Treats!! Hop on Board!!!

Family Choir : October 2nd 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!! Any questions please contact Pamela at (718) 442 -0058 (VM 24).

Who is the Parish Choir?

The Parish Choir consists of parishioners (and friends) ages 10 - 110 who wish to serve Mass with the beauty, majesty and glory of singing Choral Liturgies!!

Here at Sacred Heart we sing 13 pieces of music for Mass resulting in an inspiring, spectacular and reverent Mass that help carry you through the week !! Better yet join us and help create the music yourself!!

Our first rehearsal is October 5th at 7:30 P.M. in the basement of the rectory. Singing for 11 A.M. Mass Sunday October 9th!!

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)

Who is the Kids Parish Choir? Kids Parish 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.