

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 7:

5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, October 8:

7:00 Xeu Qian Zheng
9:00 Robert Lo'Primo
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Helen Buckley
5:00 Mr. & Mrs. Eugulio Macaltoo

Monday, October 9:

7:00 No Mass
9:00 Richard Gibson

Tuesday, October 10:

7:00 Orlando E. Romaine
9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue

Wednesday, October 11:

7:00 Jeanne Collins Helbock
9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Thursday, October 12:

7:00 Candido Alegado
9:00 Special Intentions of Gordon Family

Friday, October 13:

7:00 Anthony Michael Tito
9:00 Vincent Scamardella

Saturday, October 14:

9:00 John Sullivan
5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Sunday, October 15:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Robert Lo'Primo
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 John Gambardella (11th Anniversary)
5:00 Deceased Members of The Carey & Driscoll Families

Saturday, October 14:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Anne Siemer

Sunday, October 15:

7:00 Theresa Zulch
9:00 Kennedy Apoe
11:00 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Bob Mazzucco
Elizabeth D'Antuono
Dorothy Tarafa
John Mooney Sr.
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

Collections:

October 1st.....\$5,929.00
St. Joseph's Seminary.....\$ 2,241.00
Congratulations to Ms. Connie Amore on winning the September 50/50.

Wedding Banns

II Juan Manuel Alejandro & Jennifer Lauren Minucci
II Leo Kim & Sihjae Lee

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

A recently-released CARA study indicated that only 2% of Catholics who are faithful to Mass go to Confession at least once a month. Jenny Uebbing wrote a good article on the Sacrament of Reconciliation entitled, "I Must Confess: Building a Habit of the Sacrament of Reconciliation." (Catholicnewsagency.com. September 21, 2017).

She spoke about how she did not appreciate Confession as a child. "I hated the sinking feeling in my stomach as I stood in line, palms sweating and heart speeding up as each penitent in line ahead of me disappeared behind the door with the red light overhead. I hated coming up with a list of things I was ashamed of and having to whisper them aloud to another human being, and I hated most of all knowing that Fr. Bob could probably tell just by my voice exactly who I was." She had a very limited appreciation of the Sacrament, which led her to a "just grin-and-bear-it attitude." Many Catholics maintain such a disposition their whole lives.

In the Sacraments Jesus is with the priest, overlapping him in a way, so that the priest acts in the person of Christ (*in persona Christi*—in Latin). Through Confession we deepen our love for Christ by repenting of our sins and humbly confessing them. We also receive good advice from the priest (most of the time) and we are anointed internally with the Holy Spirit who gives us the grace to fight off temptations in the future and to advance in virtue. Of course, we must cooperate with that grace.

Uebbing deepened her appreciation for Confession in her senior year in college, when she transferred to Franciscan University of Steubenville. She was shocked when during her first few weeks on campus, she not only saw huge crowds of co-eds for daily Mass, but, more amazing to her was to see lines of students waiting for Confession 30, 40, 50 deep, wrapping around the back of the church. This took place not only on Saturday afternoons, but before every single Mass on campus, seven days a week. They were eager to

have Confession. Some would argue that frequent Confession is not necessary for such students, who were going to Mass each Sunday and, generally speaking, avoiding mortal sin. Uebbing points out, "But it was precisely *because* they were growing in holiness that the hunger—and the need—for this beautiful Sacrament of healing was that much more acute. To borrow an analogy from the sporting world, as Michael Phelps or Philip Rivers or any other pro athlete increases in ability and performance, so too does awareness of the need arise to log more hours in the pool, to spend more hours watching film."

The more we love, the more we yearn for the person we love. The same happens with us and Jesus. We yearn for Him the more we love Him. We find Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Moreover, the more we love someone the more we want to please that person. The same happens with us and Jesus. Frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance is very pleasing to Jesus. In the next world, there is no one who is sorry for having gone frequently to Confession in this world. On the other hand, there are many, many souls who are sorry they did not.

Uebbing said well, "I've come to understand that Confession is actually less about what I'm doing wrong and more about what God wants to make right in my heart. That bringing my sins into the light of His mercy and refusing to hide behind my own pride—masked as shame, but pride nonetheless—is the bravest thing I can do."

God Bless You!

Father Eric

Columbus Day: Just a reminder that The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th in honor of Columbus Day. Also there is no 7 AM Mass on that day. Normal business hours as well as the 7 AM Mass will resume the following day.

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.

Dr. Timothy McNiff: Dr. McNiff, the current Superintendent of Schools, would like to share the news that for the third straight year The Archdiocesan Catholic school students outpaced both The NY State and NYC public schools on the 2017 NY State Math and ELA exams. This continuing upward trend is even more evidence of the superior quality and benefits of a Catholic school education.

Sacred Heart Basketball: The annual Sacred Heart Pep Rally will take place on Saturday, October 21st immediately following the 5 PM Mass. The rally will take place in the school gymnasium and let's all come and cheer our players on to a another successful, championship season.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14, 2017:

5:00 : Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

Sunday, October 15, 2017:

7:00 A. Cardone, E. Eadicicco, B. Daniels

9:00 J. Esco, S. Baniswal, J. Torres

11:00 N. Ehresman, H. Bond, B. Silva

1:00 B. Freund, T. Smith, A. Schmitt

5:00 M. Donovan, M. Postler, K. Postler

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)

Women of Wisdom: Tuesday, October 24th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sister Louis Curry. Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Therese of Lisieux and Saint Hildegard of Bingen were all named Doctors of the Church. Join us as we plunge into their lives and God's plan for the Church. 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

Pope Francis: Pope Francis has approved a plenary indulgence to the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church. The statue will be exposed for veneration on October 13th all day in the church to commemorate the anniversary of the Fatima apparitions of Our Lady. The statue will be near the sanctuary with a kneeler in front of it. Those seeking to the indulgence may pray an Our Father, The Creed, invoke Our Lady of Fatima and fulfill the usual conditions for receiving the indulgence, namely, confession, receiving Communion and saying prayers for the intentions of The Holy Father.

St. Peter's Boys High School: St. Peter's Boys High School will be having their annual open house on Sunday, October 29th from 1-4 PM. This year also marks the school's centennial anniversary so why not enroll in a school with 100 years of academic success and excellence.

St. Joseph by the Sea: Saint Joseph by the Sea High School will have their annual open house on Sunday, October 15th, from 1-4 PM for girls and the following Sunday, October 22nd, from 1-4 PM for boys. For more information please contact the main office at (718) 984-6500.