

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 9:

5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, September 10:

7:00 Xeu Qian Zheng
9:00 Stanley Modzelewski
11:00 Susan Whelan
1:00 Charles M., Mary & Charles Donohue
5:00 People of the Parish

Monday, September 11:

7:00 Christine Sconzo
9:00 Minnie & Louis Dellavalli

Tuesday, September 12:

7:00 Ricardo & Sylvia Copon (47th Wedding Anniversary)
9:00 Albert & Joseph Perry

Wednesday, September 13:

7:00 June Goga
9:00 Emilio Stella

Thursday, September 14:

7:00 Eleanor & Michael Nasella Sr.
9:00 Thomas Regan

Friday, September 15:

7:00 Special Intention for James Geraghty
9:00 Marie D. Carnegie

Saturday, September 16:

9:00 Florence Campbell (1st Anniversary)
5:00 Margaret O'Connor

Sunday, September 17:

7:00 Deceased members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Arlene Cunningham
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Anthony Flagiello
5:00 Carmella "Connie" Nix

Saturday, September 16:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Anne Siemer

Sunday, September 17:

7:00 Theresa Zulch
9:00 Kennedy Apoe
11:00 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Bob Mazucco
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, Richard Morey

Collections:

September 3rd.....\$6,286.00
Monthly Collection.....\$2,398.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief.....\$3,303.00

Sacred Heart Religious Education: In person registration will take place in the school cafeteria on September 13th from 3:30-7 PM. All parents are invited to participate in "The Day of Recollection" on September 16th with classes beginning on September 20th for CCD. Parent Confirmation Meeting on Sept. 21st and Parent Communion Meeting on Sept. 28, both at 7 PM in auditorium.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Vincent Capodanno was born in Mariners Harbor on February 13, 1929. He graduated from Curtis High School and attended Fordham University for a year. His hobby was swimming. In his early twenties, he heard the voice of Jesus within him calling him to the priesthood, and so entered the Maryknoll Missionary Seminary in Ossining, New York. He was ordained in 1957. Father Capodanno spent six years in the jungle in Taiwan as a missionary. Subsequently he went to Hong Kong to teach needy children.

When he was 35 years old, Capodanno volunteered to serve the Marines in the Vietnam War. After one tour of duty he was eligible to go home, but he requested twice to be reassigned because he very much wished to be where he believed he would be most helpful. He was deeply loved by his fellow Marines because he deeply loved them. Chaplains were discouraged from going out on the field with the soldiers but Father Capodanno insisted on doing just that. He lived like a Marine and he lived with the Marines.

On September 4, 1967, his regiment was severely attacked by North Vietnamese infantry. They were thoroughly outnumbered. He went from one wounded or dying soldier to another, anointing, comforting, praying. Then he heard the voice of a lone radioman: "We can't hold out much longer. We're being overrun." Fr. Capodanno ran toward him in a hail of bullets and helped him crawl to the top of a hill to relative safety. "I would never have made it up the hill alive without the chaplain's aid," said the soldier later. Then tear gas was dropped on the platoon and the priest gave his gas mask to a choking Marine who lacked one. When other Marines tried to give him theirs he said "You need it for fighting, I'm all right."

One corporal said that Fr. Capodanno was determined to do what he was there to do and to not let the enemy interfere. He said, "He would not get down because he wanted to look the wounded straight in the eyes. People were yelling at him 'Father, get down!' But Father Capodanno wanted to calm the wounded by looking them in the eyes." He continued to go back and forth giving last rites to the

dying and bringing in wounded Marines, one of whom said, "He made many trips, telling us 'stay cool, don't panic.'" Then he was wounded by shrapnel in the arms, hand and legs, losing part of his arm and fingers. The medic tried to patch him together but he waved him off. He said he wanted the wounded Marines to be taken care of first.

Capodanno took 27 bullets on the battlefield. Even then, he threw himself on soldiers to protect them. He was gunned down ministering to a wounded medic he had crawled to with his left arm. It was fifty years ago last week.

When news got out about the death of the padre, Marines throughout the entire battalion openly wept for their fallen chaplain. One soldier near the battle said, "It was like playing chess and you lost your queen—morale-wise it was devastating." Capodanno died in Vietnam at only 38 years old. His body was recovered and buried in his family's plot at Saint Peter's Cemetery in our very own West Brighton. Father Capodanno was awarded the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Congressional Medal of Honor—the nation's highest military decoration. He never fired a shot.

Here was a man of great courage. He seems to have heard the words of Isaiah the Prophet and taken them to heart: *Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! (35:4).* Why fear not? Because God comes with vindication. Fr. Capodanno knew this profoundly, and it enabled him to love even as the bullets flew. God comes with vindication for us too, and He is present in all of our earthly battles. St. Paul once asked: *What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us. (Romans 8:37).* Indeed, ultimate victory is assured to us through Jesus Christ, who promises to each of His faithful followers a heavenly medal of honor.

God Bless You!

Father Eric

**Sacred Heart Parish:** Our Pastor, Fr. Eric Rapaglia will be having a “Day of Recollection” for educators on Saturday, September 16th. It will be held in the school auditorium from 10 AM-2PM. The day will include a lecture, faith sharing, lunch, the Rosary, Confession and Mass. Parents, the first educators of their children are especially encouraged to join us. For this event. To register please contact Fran Rizzuto at (718) 448-1536 or [schreligiouseducation@yahoo.com](mailto:schreligiouseducation@yahoo.com).

**St. Padre Pio:** The Saint Padre Pio foundation have organized a tour of his relics on the occasion of his 130th birthday and the 15th anniversary of his canonization. The relics will be here in New York at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral on September 17th & 18th. On Sunday, September 17th there will be veneration of the relics from 7 AM-8PM with Masses at 7,8,8:45,10:15 AM, 12 Noon, 1 PM, 4 PM (Spanish) and 5:30 PM. His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating the 10 AM Mass. On Monday, September 18th veneration of the relics will take place once again from 7AM-8PM. The Mass schedule that day is 7AM, 7:30, 8, 12 Noon, 1 & 5:30 PM.

**Boy Scouts:** For those interested registration for Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 74 will be on Monday, September 18 at 7 PM in the school cafeteria. This includes children from Kindergarten through Freshman year of High School. Also the 6th annual Fall Festival and Car Show will take place on Sunday, October 8, and anyone looking to volunteer should call Tim Donnelly at (718) 816-7606.

**Hurricane Harvey:** The scouts are collecting donations for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The following items would be greatly appreciated: notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, book bags, pencil cases, loose leaf, glue, scotch tape, color pencils, construction paper and new socks.

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday September 16, 2017:**

5:00 : A. Buscemi, A. Basile, J. Orellana

**Sunday September 17, 2017:**

7:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

9:00 M. Fernando, J. Torres, J. Oliveras

11:00 B. Freund, R. Delamasa, T. Smith

1:00 L. O’Neal, N. Ramdass, A. Cruz

5:00 A. Maida, B. Silva, T. Koleci

**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)

**Faith is Good Medicine:** Wednesday, September 13, 9:30-11:30 AM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Grace Conte. While we are all destined to die there are many ways that can improve our wellbeing and increase our ability to cope when faced with disease.

**Prayer & You: Perfect Together:** Saturday, September 30th from 9:30 AM—12 noon, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sister Barbara Gondek. Does my personality style influence the way I pray? Don’t we all pray the same way? The truth is no and this retreat will show how our personalities affect our spiritual lives and influence our praying.

**Our Lady at Lourdes:** Saturday, October 7th from 1:30 –3:30 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Barbara Santillo. Almost 120 years ago our Lady appeared to little Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. Join us as we celebrate this anniversary where Mary announced her Immaculate Conception.

**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](http://SJRetreatCenter.org)

**Sacred Heart Choirs:** Just a reminder that the Adult and Children’s Choirs have resumed singing on their assigned weeks. The Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and The Children’s Choir sings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Rehearsals take place at 10:15 AM the Sunday you are scheduled to sing. So welcome back all our past members and if anyone wishes to join, please do so by simply showing up.