

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 10:

5:00 Leona Clark

Sunday, September 11:

7:00 Emilio & Madeline Stella  
9:00 Albert & Joseph Perry  
11:00 Silvanus Ahanaonu  
1:00 Ned Thompson & All First Responders  
5:00 Salvatore & Gloria Paramito

Monday, September 12:

7:00 Minnie & Louis Dellavalli  
9:00 Francis Gibson

Tuesday, September 13:

7:00 Salvatore Busacca  
9:00 Jack McGarry

Wednesday, September 14:

7:00 Joseph Tassiello  
9:00 Thomas Regan

Thursday, September 15:

7:00 Patrick Maloney  
9:00 Dorothy Easop

Friday, September 16:

7:00 Theresa Finn  
9:00 Margaret O'Connor

Saturday, September 17:

9:00 Arlene Cunningham  
5:00 James Crowdell

Sunday, September 18:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & The Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Sue Amore 12th Anniversary  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Ralph Knisley  
5:00 Stanley Modzelewski

Saturday, September 17:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Anne Siemer

Sunday, September 18:

7:00 Theresa Zulch  
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuono  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa  
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney  
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 4: ..... \$6,677.00  
September Monthly:..... \$3,195.00

*Newly Baptized:*

James Sean Gioia  
Daniel Noel Colon  
Adrian Francis Kadupaharage

*Wedding Banns*

III Tiffany Maldonado and Michael McAvoy  
III Danielle Francis and Paul Sessa  
II Amanda LaCava & Frank Balice

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Claude Newman was born in Arkansas in 1923. Newman was an illiterate, black sharecropper raised by his grandmother. In 1939, she married a man who continuously abused her. This deeply angered Claude, who eventually shot and killed him. Claude was sentenced to die in the electric chair on January 20, 1944. While on death row, Claude noticed a Miraculous Medal around his fellow prisoner's neck. The man gave it to Claude, who placed it around his own neck without understanding its meaning. Later that night, Claude was awakened to see, as he later explained, "the most beautiful woman that God ever created." Claude was overwhelmed, but the mysterious Lady calmed him saying, "If you would like me to be your Mother, and you would like to be my child, send for a priest of the Catholic Church." Prison chaplain Fr. Robert O'Leary (1911-1984) then met with Claude, who, along with his cell mates, asked to be received into the Catholic Church.

Several weeks passed, and Fr. O'Leary introduced the subject of the Sacrament of Penance when Claude interrupted him saying, "Oh, I know about that! The Lady told me that when we go to Confession, we're kneeling down not in front of a priest, but in front of the Cross of her Son. And that when we're truly sorry for our sins, and confess them, the Blood He shed flows down over us and washes us free from all sins." Fr. O'Leary and the nuns who were present in the class remained in stunned silence. Claude mistook their shock for anger and feverishly apologized. "Oh, don't be angry! Don't be angry!" he pleaded. "I didn't mean to just yell that out!" Overcome with emotion, the priest answered, "We're not angry, Claude. We're just surprised. Have you seen the Lady again?" Claude pulled the priest aside and whispered, "She told me that if you doubted me, I was supposed to remind you that you made a vow to her while you were lying in a ditch in Holland in 1940 during the war. She said she's still waiting for you to keep your vow." Fr. O'Leary later related, "Claude then told me precisely what the vow was."

Claude's revelation thoroughly convinced Fr. O'Leary that Claude was telling the truth. Apparently, Fr. O'Leary had promised our Lady

that he would build a church in honor of her Immaculate Conception. The priest was able to fulfill that vow in 1947 when he was transferred to Clarksdale, Mississippi to serve a black parish in need of a church building. The Bishop of Natchez, Mississippi had been sent \$5000 by Boston Archbishop Cushing for the Negro missions. The money was the exact amount needed to build the church for which the Blessed Mother had been waiting.

A week later, Fr. O'Leary was preparing to teach the prisoners about the Blessed Sacrament. The Sisters were again present for this lesson as well. Claude said, "The Lady told me that in Communion, I'll see what looks like a piece of bread but she told me that it's really and truly her Son, and that He'll be with me just as He was with the Lady before He was born in Bethlehem. She told me that I should spend my time like she did during her lifetime with Him—in loving Him, adoring Him, thanking Him, praising Him and asking Him for blessings. I shouldn't be distracted or bothered by anybody else or anything else. Instead, I should spend my time thinking about Him." After this period of catechesis, Claude and his cellmates and a group of women prisoners were received into the Catholic Church. Claude took the name Claude Jude. He was baptized on January 16, 1944. [*To be continued.*]

For further reading see Angelo Spagnaro, "The Amazing Conversion of Death Row Inmate Claude Newman." *National Catholic Register* (8 August 2016.)

God bless you!  
Father Eric

### Sacred Heart Remembers 9/11:

On Sunday, September 11th at the 11 A.M. Mass we will remember all those who died that fatal day. Following the Mass we will process to the 9/11 Memorial Garden to lay a wreath and have a Prayer Ceremony.

**Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017**  
Now accepting applications for September 2016.  
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds,  
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 (718) 442-0347

**Choir News**   
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**CCD Registration & Re-Registration:**

It's not too late to register..If you are interested in registering your child (entering 1st-7th grade in Sept 2016) for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year please email Mrs. Rizzuto at shcreligioused@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536.

**CCD Look Ahead to September:**

Classes Begin Wednesday, September 14th  
Confirmation Parent Meeting— September 22 @ 7PM  
Communion Parent Meeting—September 29 @7PM

**Bible Study**



**Bible Study Group** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-

0058.

**New Altar Servers Training Session:** Sacred Heart is recruiting new Altar Servers. Any practicing Catholic in the fifth grade or older may apply. There will be a training session on Saturday September 17th at 1P.M. in the Church. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Rapaglia by phone at (718) 442 -0058 or by email at frrapaglia@yahoo.com

**Sacred Heart CYO Basketball Registration:** Sacred Heart will have its annual CYO Basketball registration for grades 1-8 on September 8th, 12th and 15th from seven to nine in the school cafeteria. Please have your child's birth certificate, uniform size and a check or money order available upon registration. Any questions please contact our Basketball Coordinator Jeff Franzreb at (917) 612-9260.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 17:**

5:00 Eric Koleci & Timothy Koleci

**Sunday, September 18:**

7:00 James Esco & Samantha Braniswal

9:00 William Hollnsteiner & Christopher Basile

11:00 Matthew Ahern & Julia Ahern

1:00 Jack Lotito & Angela Buscemi

5:00 Kathleen & Mary McCafferty

**Join a Choir Today**

**Il Viaggiare Coro 2018 (traveling choir) :**

September 18th 10:30 A.M.

**Parish Choir (ages 10 –110) :** Rehearsal

October 5th 7:30 - 8:30 P.M

**Kids Choir ( ages 5—grade 5):** Rehearsal

Oct 12th 5 - 6 PM in the Chapel, registration is required.

**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).

**The Hymnbooks:** Thanks for all your support, comments and advice regarding the next course of action with regards to our beloved hymnbooks. I have passed along your ideas to Fr. Eric. They have included everything from complete replacement (\$8,500 - \$11,500 for 475 books/choir books/organ books) to the most economical solution (retire the wounded books and replace with misselettes, approximately \$1,200 a year). These retired books would go home with dedicated family members or be rebound by family and returned to the pew.

Fr. Eric will share your ideas with The Parish Council and see how best to proceed. In the meantime thanks so very much for your donations, commitments and checks to Sacred Heart Choir earmarked hymnbooks. I will keep you posted.

In the meantime, thanks for putting away a cherished hymnbook (pew, rack, number on back cover). Any questions call Pamela. (VM 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Come