

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 16:

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

Monday, September 18:

7:00 Anthony Mezzacappa

9:00 Corinne O'Brien

Tuesday, September 19:

7:00 Gene Amato

9:00 Michael J. Hyland

Wednesday, September 20:

7:00 Mamerta Pascual Fugoso

9:00 Nancy McVey

Thursday, September 21:

7:00 Timothy Spillane

9:00 Helen Buckley

Friday, September 22:

7:00 Sylvia Copon (Living)

9:00 Joseph J. Trembone (12th Anniversary)

Saturday, September 23:

9:00 Inhye "Jane" Jang

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Sunday, September 24:

7:00 James J. Maine

9:00 Sue Amore (13th Anniversary)

11:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner

1:00 John Buzzard

5:00 People of the Parish

Saturday, September 23:

5:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, September 24:

7:00 Joan Prenty

9:00 John Mooney Jr.

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Fred Maley

Maryanne Gambardella

Pat Jezycki

Dorothy Tarafa

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 10th.....\$8,547.00
Latin America Mission.....\$1,706.00
Air Conditioning.....\$810.00

Sacred Heart Religious Education: CCD classes will begin on Wednesday, September 20th, with grades 1-5 meeting from 3:30 –5 PM and grades 6-8 from 5:30-7 PM. Confirmation meeting will take place at 7 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, in the school auditorium. First Communion meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at 7 PM in the school auditorium.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

I just finished reading *Mystics & Miracles: True Stories of Lives Touched by God*, by Bert Ghezzi. Dr. Ghezzi makes an interesting point that God touched many famous mystics after they prayed the traditional prayer: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, the ancient hymn to the Holy Spirit. The hymn is attributed to St. Rabanus Maurus, an abbot and archbishop who lived in ninth-century Germany.

The *Veni Creator Spiritus* marked the moment when St. Clare of Assisi (1194-1253) made her radical commitment to follow Jesus in poverty, chastity and obedience. St. Francis and his friars met the lovely runaway at the door of the Church of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi. As they escorted her to the Altar, where she would embrace the Holy Gospel, they chanted this beautiful hymn to the Holy Spirit.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) characterized her early years in religious life as slugged in mediocrity. She says her spiritual life only began to flourish when her spiritual director required her to pray daily the *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Shortly after Teresa began to pray it, she experienced her first ecstasy. It was as if the hymn opened her spiritual ears to a divine voice within that motivated her to surrender deeply and completely to Christ.

The *Veni Creator Spiritus* also steepened the mysticism of St. Lutgarde (1182-1246). Biographer Thomas of Cantimpre reported that one Pentecost, when the hymn was chanted, observers saw Lutgarde mysteriously transported in prayer. They said she appeared to float off the floor. Thomas stated that the Saint's body seemed to share in the supernatural motions of her soul, which was elevated Heavenward.

The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we would transcend the limits of our own egoism. He loves us with a sincere, caring and committed love. He is our counselor, our advocate, our helper, and our teacher. He descends upon our hearts gently, like a dove.

Holiness is found by responding throughout the day to His subtle inner touches, which lead us to follow Jesus. Here is a version of the *Veni Creator Spiritus*:

“Come Creator Spirit, come from Your bright heavenly throne, come take possession of our souls, and make them all Your own. You who are called the Paraclete, best gift of God above, the living spring, the vital fire, sweet christening and true love. You who are seven-fold in Your grace, finger of God's right hand, His promise, teaching little ones to speak and understand. Oh guide our minds with Your blest light, with love our hearts inflame. And with Your strength, which never decays, confirm our mortal frame. Far from us drive our deadly foe. True peace unto us bring. And through all perils lead us safe beneath Your sacred wing. Through You may we the Father know, through You the eternal Son, and You the Spirit of them both, thrice-blessed Three in One. All glory to the Father be, with his co-equal Son; the same to You, great Paraclete, while endless ages run.”

God Bless You!

Father Eric

Blessing of the Animals: In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals, we will have our annual blessing of animals on Sunday, October 1st after the 11 AM Mass. The blessing will take place on the Rectory lawn and we encourage our parishioners to bring their dogs, cats, fish, birds, hamsters and whatever other pets that they may own. Refreshments will be served after the blessings.

Sacred Heart Parish: Our Pastor, Fr. Eric, is starting a Sacred Heart Prayer Group that will meet weekly on Saturdays beginning September 30th. The meeting will take place from 1-2 PM in the small cafeteria of the school. There will be a Rosary, a Bible Lecture and some faith sharing. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sacred Heart CYO Basketball Registration: Sacred Heart CYO Basketball registration for boys and girls in grades 1-8 will take place in the school cafeteria on the following dates:

Sunday, September 17th from 6-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 20th from 7-9 PM

Thursday, September 21st from 7-9 PM

If anyone has any questions or concerns in this matter please contact Jeff Franzreb at (917) 612-9260. You can also register online at www.sacredheartbasketballsi.com

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. Please see flyers in Church vestibule.

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 23, 2017:

5:00 : G. Seaborg, J. Mullen, A. Schmitt

Sunday September 24, 2017:

7:00 K. Postler, M. Postler, A. Buscemi

9:00 M. Fernando, J. Esco, S. Baniswal

11:00 Matt, Julia & Sean Ahern

1:00 Kathleen, Mary & Siobhan McCafferty

5:00 N. Ehresman, J. Torres

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)

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

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.