

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 23:

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

Monday, September 25:

7:00 Luigi Gassoso  
9:00 John Molloy

Tuesday, September 26:

7:00 Anthony Mezzacappa Sr.  
9:00 Gwendolyn Richardson

Wednesday, September 27:

7:00 Elizabeth Ponterio  
9:00 James Fleming

Thursday, September 28:

7:00 Evelyn M. Shirley Mullings  
9:00 Ann Lyons

Friday, September 29:

7:00 Anya Jaramillo  
9:00 Rowena Garcia

Saturday, September 30:

9:00 Douglas Peterson  
5:00 Romeo & Grace DeCore

Sunday, October 1:

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli  
9:00 Rosemary Lemily  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Peter J. Saldi  
5:00 Harradath Singh Bharatli

Saturday, September 30:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Pat Foley

Sunday, October 1:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz  
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryanne Gambardella  
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski  
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney Sr.  
5:00 Jack Gordon 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 17th.....\$7,323.00  
Budget Deficit.....\$787.00

Departed Parishioners

We ask that you kindly remember the souls of our recently departed Parishioners and their families in your prayers including: Joanna Ruth, Sarah Schmitt, John Clark, John Duffy and Elizabeth Sullivan.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Assisted suicide was in the news twice recently—and it was good news—praise the Lord!

First, a woman who planned to die by euthanasia changed her mind after talking to Pope Francis. Consuela Cordoba, from Colombia, was injured in 2000 when her ex-boyfriend threw acid in her face. “I had perfect teeth, I was very pretty. But now, I’m destroyed,” she said in a 2012 interview. “I’ve thought about committing suicide. I say to myself, why live? With a life like the one I have, what for?” This poor woman has undergone 87 operations and needs tubes in her nostrils to breathe. She can only eat liquid food and has to wear a mesh body suit all the time.

After she was diagnosed with a brain infection recently, she and her doctor agreed to end her life on September 29. Before that date, she wrote to Pope Francis for permission to discuss the matter when he would be visiting Colombia (last week). He agreed. The two hugged. Consuela asked him to give her permission to end her life. “He said ‘no’, he was not going to do it. He told me that I was very brave and very beautiful,” she said. “That changed my life. Now I want to live. Dr. Gustavo Quinonez was going to give me the injection, but I’m not going to do it because God is going to bring greatness to my life.”

The second piece of good news is that the New York State Court of Appeals ruled September 7, 2017 to uphold the state’s law that bans physicians from providing life-ending drugs to terminally ill patients. Catholic leaders welcomed the decision. It was in part the result of the combined work of the Church together with several other advocacy groups that oppose assisted suicide. Kathleen Gallagher of the New York State Catholic Conference said, “Unanimously the court judges have said very clearly there are rational, legitimate reasons for New York’s ban on assisted suicide, and then they list them: prevention of suicide in general, the ethical integrity of the medical profession, the preservation of life—all of these

rational reasons why we have this law in place.”

Edward Mechmann, Director of Public Policy for the Archdiocese of New York, said, “It was unanimous—all the lower courts were unanimous too—they [the assisted suicide advocates] haven’t gotten a single judge in New York to agree with them.” Mechmann added, “We don’t win too many pro-life victories in New York, so this is really very good for us.” Both Gallagher and Mechmann said they anticipate that groups will continue to push for legalized assisted suicide. They also emphasized that much more needs to be done when it comes to providing education on the issue.

Mechmann said one of the biggest misconceptions about assisted suicide is that it is about alleviating the physical suffering of the dying. However, most pain can be managed with palliative care. The main reason people choose assisted suicide is that they have lost their sense of purpose and meaning in life. Moreover, they do not want to be a burden on loved ones. Mechmann argues that the solution to this suffering is not death, but the support of family and friends. He said, “It’s really what the Holy Father talks about when he talks about accompaniment—we need to assure people that their family and their community and their parish will stand with them and walk with them when the end of life approaches.”

The Holy Father practiced what he preached when he lifted up Consuela in Colombia!

## 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.

**Moore Catholic High School:** Moore Catholic High School will be having their open house on Sunday, October 1st from 1-4 PM. The school is located at 100 Merrill Avenue and for more information you can call the main office at (718) 761-9200.

**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.

**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!

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday September 30, 2017:

5:00 : M. Fernando, M. Perkett, M. Donovan

Sunday October 1, 2017:

7:00 K. Postler, M. Postler, L. O'Neal

9:00 Kasey, Kelly & Erik Shashaty

11:00 V. Kaleta, A. Buscemi, A. Cruz

1:00 G. Seaborg, R. Delamasa, W. Wenzel

5:00 G. Garcia, W. Hollnsteiner, H. Bond

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

**Online Giving:** Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. This is perfect for our parishioners who take frequent vacations, have a busy weekend schedule or have moved but wish to continue their support of our parish. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org).

**Hurricane Irma:** Anyone wishing to make a donation to the victims of Hurricane Irma can make their donation payable to The New York Archdiocese. Also it can be mailed directly to them at NY Archdiocese, 1011 First Avenue, NY, NY 10022 c/o Hurricane Irma.

**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.