

TWENTY-Sixth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 24:

5:00 Victoria & James Crowdell

Sunday, September 25:

7:00 Domenico Petrecca
9:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner 1st Anniversary
11:00 Joseph Trembone
1:00 John Malloy
5:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner 1st Anniversary

Monday, September 26:

7:00 Marie Carnegie
9:00 Mary Romanelli

Tuesday, September 27:

7:00 Patricia O'Connor
9:00 Victor Bottalico

Wednesday, September 28:

7:00 Edmund Nahas
9:00 Thomas J, Virginia and Gerald Crane

Thursday, September 29:

7:00 The People of the Parish
9:00 Esther Alzaga-Selig

Friday, September 30:

7:00 Anthony Fiore
9:00 Jack McGarry

Saturday, October 1:

9:00 Mary Santora
5:00 Anne Faine

Sunday, October 2:

7:00 Joseph Ajello
9:00 L. Benjamin Zarrelli
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Hon. Louis Jerome
5:00 Olga Antoncic

Saturday, October 1:

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, October 2:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz
9:00 Roy Hansen Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski
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 18: \$6,286
Budget Deficit \$1,002

Wedding Banns

II. Samantha "Sammy" Genunu Kirinnagoda
&
Jemila Mohamed
II. Michael Azzato & Alisen Pappalardo

Newly Baptized

Esmeralda Rose Umana
Jillian Grace Spencer
Ryan Vincent Kliesch

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

A new report on the subject of sexuality and gender was written recently by Dr. Lawrence Mayer and Dr. Paul McHugh. It was published in the fall 2016 edition of *The New Atlantis*. The article is entitled “Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences.” Mayer is the scholar in residence in the Department of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a statistics and biostatistics professor at Arizona State University. McHugh is a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Mayer and McHugh considered more than 200 peer-reviewed studies related to human sexuality and found that understandings of sexual orientation and gender identity as “innate” rather than fluid are “not supported by scientific evidence.” They analyzed findings from a variety of scientific studies both accepted and ignored by the LGBT lobby to argue that “sexual desires, attractions, behaviors, and even identities” are fluid and sometimes change over time. Data show the LGBT population suffers from higher rates of childhood sexual abuse than those with heterosexual orientations, Mayer and McHugh reported, but “more research is needed to elucidate the biological or psychological mechanisms” behind the theory that sexual abuse is a causal factor in sexual orientation. Many factors, such as social and cultural environments, play a role in sexual attraction and behavior, Mayer and McHugh wrote. The notion that persons with homosexual orientations are born that way or are the product of very early developmental factors is “not a view that is well-supported by research,” the psychiatrists wrote.

They also found that compared to the general population, homosexuals are at an elevated risk for a variety of adverse health and mental health outcomes such as anxiety and depression. Social stressors, such as stigma, likely contribute to some of the increased mental health risks for the homosexual and transgender populations, but “they likely do not account for the entire disparity”. Mayer and McHugh reported that adults who had undergone sex change operations were about five times more likely to attempt suicide and about 19 times more likely to die by suicide than the general population.

The authors examined transgenderism and found that “there is no evidence that all children who express gender-atypical thoughts or behavior should be encouraged to become transgender. Children are a special case when addressing transgender issues,” the authors wrote. “Only a minority of children who experience cross-gender identification will continue to do so into adolescence or adulthood.” The doctors examined neurological and genetic research on gender identity and its origins. “There is little evidence that the phenomenon of transgender identity has a biological basis,” they wrote, and there is “little evidence” that gender identity issues have a high rate of persistence in children.

In sum, the report shows that there’s not a scientific consensus on what causes homosexual feelings and attractions, the LGBT population is more likely to experience mental illness, sex reassignment surgery is not the best treatment for gender confusion, and much more research is needed on all of these topics. Will the media, the entertainment industry, professors and politicians start admitting this?

“We may have some reasons to doubt the common assumption that in order to live happy and flourishing lives, we must somehow discover this innate fact about ourselves that we call *sexuality* or *sexual orientation*, and invariably express it through particular patterns of sexual behavior or a particular life trajectory,” Mayer and McHugh wrote. “Perhaps we ought instead to consider what sorts of behaviors — whether in the sexual realm or elsewhere — tend to be conducive to health and flourishing, and what kinds of behaviors tend to undermine a healthy and flourishing life.” They are correct, I believe. This is why the teachings of Jesus Christ as passed on by the Catholic Church are so relevant today!

God bless you!

Father Eric

New Altar Servers: Sacred Heart is recruiting new Altar Servers, any practicing Catholic currently in fifth grade or older may join. If anyone is interested contact Father Eric at (718) 442 0058 or email frapaglia@yahoo.com.

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.

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 shcreligious@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536.

CCD Look Ahead to September:

Communion Parent Meeting—September 29 @7PM

Bible Study : Father Eric is offering an eight week Bible series on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The series will be on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8 P.M. and will run from October 2 to November 20. The Gospel is featured throughout the next liturgical year at Sunday Mass beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016. This series is designed to help our parishioners enrich their Sunday worship by experience while expanding their knowledge of Sacred Scripture. All are welcome. No Charge. For further information please contact Father Eric at frrapaglia@yahoo.com or at the rectory (718) 442 -0058.

Youth Leadership Meeting: The Catholic Youth Ministry team is inviting all public and private high school students to a meeting at St. Charles School auditorium. The meeting will run from 6 to 7:15 P.M. on Wednesday September 28th. The attending students will gain service hours and leadership experience in planning for The Staten Island Catholic Youth Fest which will take place on Saturday March 11, 2017 at Moore Catholic High School from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

7th Annual Bravest BBQ: Firefighters for America's Bravest annual BBQ will take place on Saturday October 8th at Hillside Swim Club beginning at 12 noon. The cost is \$20 per person if purchased online, \$30 if purchased at the door and children 14 and under are free. There will be food and drink, music, raffles, Chinese auction and many activities for the children. All proceeds to benefit The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Tickets are currently available at www.bravestbbq.eventbrite.com or for questions call (718) 986 - 4587.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 1:

5:00 Matthew Ahern & Julia Ahern

Sunday, October 2:

7:00 Michael Manning & Hayley Bond

9:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

11:00 Kelly Shashasty & Eric Koleci

1:00 Austin Maida & Kevin Postler

5:00 Bernard Daniels Jr. & Veronica Kaleta

Choir News

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Join a Choir Today

Il Viaggiare Coro 2018 (traveling choir) :

October 2nd 10:30 A.M. (11 A.M. Mass)

Parish Choir (ages 10 –110) : Rehearsal October 5th 7:30 - 8:30 P.M (11 A.M. Mass on Oct 9th.)

Kids Choir (ages 5—grade 5): Rehearsal Oct. 12th 5 - 6 PM in the Chapel, registration is required. Prizes!! Treats!! Hop on Board!!!

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). Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! Come on up!!

Newcomers are Most Welcome and Greatly Appreciated!! Any questions please contact Pamela at (718) 442 -0058 (VM 24).

Who is the Parish Choir?

The Parish Choir consists of parishioners (and friends) ages 10 - 110 who wish to serve Mass with the beauty, majesty and glory of singing Choral Liturgies!!

Here at Sacred Heart we sing 13 pieces of music for Mass resulting in an inspiring, spectacular and reverent Mass that help carry you through the week !! Better yet join us and help create the music yourself!!

Our first rehearsal is October 5th at 7:30 P.M. in the basement of the rectory. Singing for 11 A.M. Mass Sunday October 9th!!

Come join us!! Bring a friend, a daughter, a son, a grandma— your husband!! See you October 5th at seventy thirty in the basement hall. Questions??? Call Pamela (718) 442-0058 (VM 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Come with us on our next International choir tour!