

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 2:

5:00 James Crowdell

Sunday, September 3:

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli
9:00 Richard Voss
11:00 Vincent Christopher Buono
1:00 Theresa Guglielmo
5:00 Tony McCleary

Monday, September 4:

9:00 Grace & Joseph Abate

Tuesday, September 5:

7:00 Beverly Tobin
9:00 Jeanne Rigney Benedetto

Wednesday, September 6:

7:00 Joseph Meskovic
9:00 John McGarry

Thursday, September 7:

7:00 Kermita Brutus
9:00 Matthew & Maureen Gordon

Friday, September 8:

7:00 Franklin Spence
9:00 Frank Duff, Adelaide Quinn & Alfie Lamb

Saturday, September 9:

9:00 Inhye "Jane" Jang
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

Saturday, September 9:

5:00 Mary Rosso

Barbara Kelly

Sunday, September 10:

7:00 Vincent O'Grady
9:00 Donald O'Shea
11:00 Maria Montouri
1:00 Pat Jezycki
5:00 Jack Gordon
Evelyn Bilotto
Regina Torello
Rosetta Messina
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

Collections:

August 27th.....\$6,712.00
August 2017 Building Fund.....\$643.00
Congradulations to Ms. Ilsa Muir on winning the August 2017 Fifty- Fifty.

Wedding Banns

III Matthew Mobilia & Maureen McDonough

Father Corrado Messini thanks all the parishioners of Sacred Heart who generously donated \$2,156 to his Mission Appeal.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

A priest I know is from the diocese of Orlando, Florida. One day, he took his sister out to lunch on his day off. He was not wearing his roman collar. As they drove past a store-front psychic, his sister indicated that she wanted to go in. He tried to discourage her. He told her that it was a mortal sin. She nevertheless persisted and so he decided to go in with her out of a brotherly protective instinct. A few minutes into the session the psychic said to the priest, whom she did not recognize as a priest, "I am sorry, sir. I must ask you to leave. You are causing all sorts of disturbances in here." That makes perfect sense. The psychic is in league with demons who are bewildered by the presence of a man of God.

Recently, Pope Francis sternly warned the faithful. He said, "A Christian does not have a horoscope to see the future. He doesn't go to a fortune teller with a crystal ball or have his palm read. No, no! He doesn't know where he is going. He is guided." The Holy Father was reminding us that we trust in divine providence for our future. Jesus is our king. He is in charge. We don't turn to psychics and mediums or horoscopes because that is a sin against the faith and trust we are called to have in God by virtue of the First Commandment: *Have no gods but the Lord*. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in article 2116: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone."

But, you may argue, don't these fortune tellers help people? The psychic does not help people. He or she leads others to sin. Remember what Christ said about such people: *Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.* (Matt. 18:6). The psychic works mainly through the power of the demons. The

demons know very much about our past. Their memories are excellent. The demon will inform the psychic in her heart about intimate details of the client's life and the psychic will mention these details to the client to inspire the client with trust, and then the psychic gives a prediction about the future that is vague, and able to be fulfilled in a variety of ways. An example of such a prediction is: "You will meet someone soon who will change your life." Occasionally, the demon gives the psychic an accurate prediction to pass on to the client. They are capable of this because demons are thousands of years old and have seen the patterns of earthly existence many, many times. Sometimes they have a sense of what is coming.

With Pope Francis, I urge you to avoid fortune tellers and horoscopes and related practices. I have met several people over the course of my priesthood who have come to me struggling with evil in their own lives or in their families. After informing me that a certain darkness has entered their spiritual lives and relationships, accompanied even by strange occurrences around the house, I then ask if they have been to a psychic, a medium, a card reader, or played with a ouija board. Each time the answer was yes. This is nothing new. King Saul, who was replaced by King David, the royal prophet, once visited the witch of Endor to serve as a medium for him. (1 Sam. 28). He was dead the next day. If we are tempted with worry about the future we need not consult a fortune teller. We need only to consult Jesus—and trust Him. *Consider the generations long past and see: has anyone trusted in the Lord and been disappointed?* (Sirach 2:10).

God Bless You!

Father Eric

In honor of Labor Day the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th. Regular hours as well as the weekday 7 AM Mass will resume the next day

Sacred Heart 2017-2018: Sacred Heart is still accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. At Sacred Heart children are inspired and educated in the image of God. One hundred percent of our 8th grade graduates are accepted into their high school of choice. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships, are accepted into advanced/specialized programs and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. We place emphasis on technology in the classrooms as our kindergarten—eight grade students have Chrome Books in the classroom. Homework assignments, upcoming events and school news are posted on our school website. Also our basketball, soccer, swimming and golf teams are not only competitive, they win! Sacred Heart also has a Junior National Honor Society as well as drama, art, chess clubs. In addition we offer a free Pre-K and financial assistance is available to students from K-8th grade. If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 442-0347, private tours are available.

Sacred Heart Soccer Registration: Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 Sacred Heart Soccer Team. Both boys and girls ages 4 (birth year 2013) thru 14 are welcome to join. Please visit www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com to register and for further information, registration ends this weekend.

New Novenas: Effective immediately there will be new novenas at Sacred Heart to complement the Miraculous Medal Novena on Monday. On Thursday we will have a St. Joseph Novena following the 9 AM Mass and on Friday we will do the following novenas after the same Mass:

1. 1st Friday: St Anne
2. 2nd Friday: St. John the Baptist
3. 3rd Friday: St. John Vianney
4. 4th Friday: St. Padre Pio
5. 5th Friday: Pro Life (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday September 9, 2017:

5:00 : Matthew, Sean & Julia Ahern

Sunday September 10, 2017:

7:00 W. Hollnsteiner, B. Daniels, M. Artuz

9:00 J. Mullen, H. Xuereb, J. Oliveras

11:00 V. Kaleta, M. Donovan, N. Ehresman

1:00 M. Riccardi, A. Schmitt, M. Perkett

5:00 A. Cardone, H. Bond, E. Eadicicco

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!!

The Eve of Solemn Remembrance: The 16th annual “Eve of Solemn Remembrance” will take place at Our Lady of Pity Church on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. A music overture will start at 7 PM followed by Mass at 7:30 PM. This Mass is offered in remembrance of all the people from Staten Island who perished on September 11, 2001. Msgr. Edmund Whalen, Principal of Monsignor Farrell High School will be the main celebrant. All of the names of the those who were tragically taken that day will be read aloud and a candlelit procession will follow.

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.

Church in Latin America: For over fifty years the special collection for the Church in Latin America has been a special sign of solidarity between the Churches of Latin America and The U.S. People living in Latin American regions have faced many barriers to practicing their faith such as lack of resources, shortages of pastoral agents and poor infrastructures. For example in Peru great distances and deteriorated roads mean that priests must travel on foot or by mule to rural communities. This means that some rural regions are visited by priests and ministers once a month and some even twice per year. However as a result of this collection 65 pastoral ministers were trained and now the people in these locations have increased exposure to the faith. The second collection next weekend will be for The Church in Latin America and Cardinal Dolan asks that you be as generous as your means will allow.