

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 3:

5:00 Josephine Ferrara

Sunday, September 4:

7:00 Jeanne Rigney Benedetto  
9:00 L. Benjamin Zarrelli  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Jody Haggerty  
5:00 John Hukle

Monday, September 5:

9:00 Grace & Joseph Abate

Tuesday, September 6:

7:00 Donald Hughes  
9:00 Christopher Hertman

Wednesday, September 7:

7:00 Sr. Helen Ann Ebbitt  
9:00 Philip & Margherita Frabotta

Thursday, September 8:

7:00 Ricardo Copon (Living)  
9:00 Gilda Reinhardt

Friday, September 9:

7:00 M/M Thomas Easop  
9:00 Mary Romanelli

Saturday, September 10:

9:00 Charles M., Mary & Charles Donohue  
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  
5:00 Salvatore & Gloria Paramito

**Wedding Banns**

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

Saturday, September 10:

5:00 Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, September 11:

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis  
9:00 Don O'Shea Evelyn Bilotto  
11:00 Youth Growth Regina Torello  
1:00 Philip Kahn Pat Jezycki  
5:00 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

**Collections:**

Regular August 28. . . . . \$6,045.00  
50/50 August.....\$408.00  
Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Ronald Benvenuto on winning the August 50/50.

Fr. Robert Ni Ni will speak about the Mission Appeal at all of the Masses this weekend .

**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.

The daily 7 A.M. Mass will resume on Tuesday September 6th.

The Rectory office will be closed Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. ON Tuesday, September 6th the office resumes regular hours of 9AM—5PM. The office assistant resumes 5PM-9PM.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Today Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized. I met her twice when I was a seminarian: once in the Bronx, once in India. As I met her in the Bronx, in the Missionaries of Charity convent on 145<sup>th</sup> Street, she smiled at me with a radiant grin and then gave me three Miraculous Medals. She was a firm believer in the power of these medals. I saved them in my home bedroom on the desk. I was convinced that one day she would be a saint and so I kept the medals with that in mind. My brother called me months later while I was at the seminary and told me that he met someone who was struggling in life and so he gave that person the three medals. He said that he hoped I would not mind. I told him, "No problem. Mother Teresa gave them to me, but they're in good hands now." He was flabbergasted! "Mother Teresa?!" he shouted. "Mother Teresa," I said. Now we will say, "Saint Teresa of Calcutta."

My favorite book about today's saint is entitled simply *Mother Teresa*, by Fr. Leo Maasburg. Fr. Leo spent several years with her when he was a young priest and so he offers wonderful stories about her that the typical biographer would not include in his or her work. He said, "I often heard her say this simple sentence: 'What you do, I cannot do. What I do, you cannot do. But together we can do something beautiful for God.'"

Fr. Leo remembered when Mother was going to Ethiopia as the famine was wreaking havoc on an already impoverished society. Little children came to her in Calcutta because they knew she was going to help. The Sisters had told the children how very much the children in Ethiopia were suffering. And they came and each one gave something, which amounted to very little, but whatever they had, they gave. Mother Teresa reported, "And a little boy came to me and said, 'I have nothing, I have no money, I have nothing. But I have this piece of

chocolate. And you give that, take that with you and you give it to the children in Ethiopia.' That little child loved with great love, because I think that was the first time that he had a piece of chocolate in his hand. And he gave it. He gave it with joy to be able to share, to remove a little of the suffering of someone in far Ethiopia. This is the joy of loving: to give until it hurts. It hurt Jesus to love us, for He died on the cross, to teach us how to love. And this is the way we too must love: until it hurts."

Although Mother Teresa did great works to help society, which brought her the Nobel Peace prize in 1979, she would have bristled if she was identified as a mere social worker. She was a woman of God and a person who centered her life in Jesus Christ. Fr. Leo points out, "In 1972 when a catastrophic flood struck Bangladesh, Mother Teresa immediately sent her Sisters there to help out. The needs were enormous, and the work demanded superhuman efforts on the part of the Sisters. So they were asked if they would make an exception and not interrupt their work for their prayer sessions. Mother Teresa decided against it: 'No, the Sisters will come home for Adoration and Holy Mass.' Many of the relief workers who had responded to the catastrophic flood did not understand, but for Mother Teresa it was clear that the Sisters' strength dries up if they are not nourished daily by Mass and their Adoration of the Holy Eucharist." St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

God bless you!

Father Eric

### Sacred Heart Remembers 9/11:

On Sunday, September 11th at the 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

## 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

RCIA—If you have questions about being Baptized in the Catholic faith or if you need to receive the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation consider attending RCIA classes here at Sacred Heart starting in September. For information contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

## The Goretti Group:

Friday, September 9th, 6:30 PM Holy Family Church  
Adoration/Praise/Worship/Reconciliation 630PM  
Mass 7:30PM, Veneration of Sr. Maria Goretti-8:15PM  
Talk-8:15PM— Margaret Fernandez, Fellowship-9:30

## Ignatian Spirituality :

Saturday, September 10th, 9:30AM  
Holy Family Church

## The Eve of Solemn Remembrance:

St. Peter's Church—September 9th-7PM  
53 St. Marks Place, Bishop O'Hara—Main Celebrant  
Sponsored by The Notre Dame Club of SI

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

### Saturday, September 10:

5:00 Joh Paul Hoey & Hayley Bond

### Sunday, September 11:

7:00 Sarah Laurenno & Gabrielle Garcia  
9:00 Kevin Postler & Matthew Kalikas  
11:00 Bernard Daniels & Veronica Kaleta  
1:00 Kelly Shashaty & Eric Koleci  
5:00 John & Michael Manning

## **Choir News**

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Family Choir sings, today, September 4th, 2016—  
11AM Mass..We welcome visitors from near and far!!  
See you in the loft! And bring the whole family!

## The Vote!!

Where is the next destination for Travelling Choir?  
Come up to the loft and find out!! See you September  
18th—10:30AM (for the 11AM Mass)!!

Summertime! A great time to look at some challenges  
before us— A growing concern/question I am often  
asked is “Why are many of the hymnbooks/missals in  
disrepair? “What is being done about this?”

A Bit of History: In 2004, The Parish Choir and I  
embarked on a Herculean fundraiser (via a year long  
concert series, including a hymnbook dedication as part  
of the ticket purchase). As a result of hundreds and  
hundreds (and hundreds!) of hours of painstaking work  
and great generosity from parishioners, we were able to  
purchase 400 hymnbooks/missals (in addition to 50  
choir books thanks to a generous Parish Choir  
member!) - permanently replacing the need to  
purchase an equal number of disposable missalettes  
yearly!

The Good News/Bad News: The good news is we  
have saved the church over \$108,000 over the last 12  
years by using our beloved hymnbooks, in lieu of  
disposable missalettes (not to mention the hundreds of  
trees saved in the process!). Additionally, of course, is  
the priceless devotional comfort for those who worship  
weekly, using the book dedicated to their loved one.  
The history of deceased members/family members of  
this parish live on in our hymnbook/missal dedications!

The Bad News: And so it is we are challenged on  
many levels as how best to meet the ever growing need  
of addressing our deteriorating books!! Approximately  
1/3 of the books need serious repair and/or  
replacement. Book binding repairs will usually cost  
more than a new book (New book—approx. \$16-\$26).  
Additionally our edition of Journey Songs is no longer  
in print (due to English revision of the Mass several  
years ago).

So if we purchase “new”, we need to purchase all new  
books (approx. \$8500)! Ideas? Checks anyone?  
Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24) 718-442-0058

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