

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN ANNIVERSARY

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILIES  
8:30 MAUREEN DONOHUE  
10:00 MARIE & FRANK BARNARD  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 MICHAEL DaROCHA  
5:00 DENNIS C. MAZOL

**MONDAY, APRIL 28**

7:00 MARY LILLIAN BAKER  
9:00 PAM GORDON

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29**

7:00 LUCY DiBIASE  
9:00 MARGARET NEWMAN

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30**

7:00 TERRENCE DOWNING  
9:00 JAMES O'CONNELL

**THURSDAY, MAY 1**

7:00 DOROTHY & THOMAS McNAMARA  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
9:00 EDWARD & FLORENCE KULBACKI

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

7:00 VIRGINIA CRANE  
9:00 NETTA FELLINE

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

9:00 GENNARO FISCHETTI & GUY NICOLAIS  
5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SOVA FAMILY

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE  
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI  
10:00 MICHAEL DaROCHA  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 ROSEMARY DALTON  
5:00 GUS LaROCCA

The **Bread and Wine** are in loving memory of **Marrianna Krasnicka** requested by Wanda Krasnicka and Silvestri Family.

**Lectors May 3 and 4**

**Saturday, May 3**

5:00 Frank Ponterio

**Sunday, May 4**

7:00 Sr. Iraida  
8:30 Charles Romanelli  
10:00 Frank DiSalvo  
11:30 Stephen Brown  
1:00 Charles Sullivan  
5:00 Sacred Heart Youth Group

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo

**Wedding Banns**

II Elizabeth Tuite and James Cummings

**Newly Baptized**

Isabella Louise Greco  
Oliver Frederick Oloumi

**Collection April 6**

Regular ..... \$7,484.50  
Monthly ..... \$2,721.00

**Collection April 13**

Regular ..... \$10,441.00

**Collection April 20**

Regular ..... \$6,354.00  
Easter ..... \$28,594.00  
Holy Land ..... \$1,768.00

Next weekend there is a special collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



Friday, May 2, is First Friday. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 11 AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of Venera Delamonico

## TWO NEW SAINTS AND TWO GREAT “PRAY-ERS!”

I suppose that most of us are aware that today, Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Church adds two new names to its long roster of saints- Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Pope John XXIII (1881-1963) was the Pope who convened the Second Vatican Council that brought many much needed reforms to the Church. John Paul II (1920-2005), with his indomitable spirit, helped bring about the defeat of Communism in Eastern Europe. Both these men were great statesmen and leaders. But above all, they were holy priests and men of prayer.



For example, on the day of his election as the Head of the Church back in 1958, people were pressing the newly elected Pope John XXIII to do many things. At the end of such a hectic day, his secretary came to him and asked, “Holy Father, now what is there that we must do?” Pope John XXIII looked up and said, “We are behind in our prayers! We must say the Breviary!” The Breviary is the Book of Prayers, composed of psalms, hymns and canticles that each priest says every day. Even with all the excitement of being elected as Pope, John XXIII kept the Lord and his spiritual life in the forefront.

Pope John was also very devoted to the Blessed Mother. As a sign of that devotion, the Holy Father would recite the entire Rosary - fifteen decades, each and every single day. At the end of his life, John XXIII was spiritually prepared to meet the Lord because he had always prayed and looked to God. Just before he died in June 1963, he said, “My bags are packed and I am ready to go.” Prayer was the breath of his entire life.



Pope John Paul II was also a man of great prayer and contemplation. There is a book written by Msgr. Slawomir Oder,

*Why He Is a Saint* detailing John Paul’s great sanctity. According to this account, his prayer life was intense and continuous.

When John Paul II was traveling abroad as he did so often during his Pontificate, his secretary would warn those planning the schedule not to have the Holy Father pass near a chapel with the Blessed Sacrament. The reason? He would want to go in and kneel down not for just a minute or two, but for a significant amount of time thus ruining the entire time schedule for the day!

On one such journey, the Archbishop of the diocese where the Pope was visiting placed a beautiful painting of Christ by Botticelli in the chapel of the residence where John Paul II was staying. At dinner, the Archbishop asked the Pontiff how he liked the painting. He responded that he had not even noticed the painting because in his prayer he had just gazed at the Tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament. For Pope John Paul II that was the most important thing in that room!

What a lesson for us to give more time and attention to things of God. Two Popes, two new “modern” saints, speak to us of the importance of connection with Christ and his Blessed Mother every day and not just when we are in trouble and “buckling on to a life preserver!”

On this Sunday as we honor Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, may we give more time and attention to the Lord by folding our hands in heartfelt prayer!  
Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** is now accepting Applications for September 2014



Openings in Pre-K 3 & 4  
Kindergarten - Grade 7  
Early Morning Drop-Off and After-School

Care until 6:00PM available  
Inquire at school office Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-3:00PM

**CCD - Classes resume** -April 30  
**CCD Communion Practice** -  
April 30<sup>th</sup> -3:30 - 5:00PM in the church

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will gather for the 10AM Mass Sunday, May 4 and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.

**SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP** The next Mass and General Meeting is Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 5PM Mass. The meeting follows after the Mass.



**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.

#### **SACRED HEART SPARTANS GOLF OUTING**

2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Sacred Heart Edger Sweeney Golf Memorial - Honoring Bruce Delmar - Thursday, May 1 at 8AM. Golf and Lunch at Staaten - \$160 per person, Lunch only - \$60. Please contact KC Senk or Jennifer Senk at 718-720-0960 or Eddie O'Neil at 917-796-9479.

**PACK/TROOP 74 AND THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES COUNCIL OF SACRED HEART** present **East Coast PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING** live from Sacred Heart School, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> -7:30PM. Tickets -\$20. Contact Tim Donnelly 718-816-7606. Please see the flyer in this bulletin.

#### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MAY 3 & 4**

##### **Saturday, May 3**

5:00 John Altschuler, Margaret Donovan

##### **Sunday, May 4**

7:00

8:30 Kevin & Kyle Watson

10:00 Andrew Johnson, Emma Newgarden

11:30 Rudy Merlino, Andrea & Donald Regan

1:00 Stephen & Megan Lauren, Giovanni Ercolano

5:00 Matthew Kalikas, Nicholas Fortunato

## **Choir News**

### It Takes a Village

So many people to thank for creating, supporting and providing the glorious music during Lent and Holy Week 2014!! Hats off to Parish Choir for making new stoles, providing funds for strings, singing Masses all throughout Lent and every Feast Day during Holy Week!! Kids Praise Choir joined forces with Family Choir for several Masses during Lent, with some families making their way to the loft on Easter Sunday 11:30AM Mass!! Of course the Easter Vigil is such a liturgical highlight of the Easter Season and Parish Choir, along with the strings, assisted in leading the congregation in victorious hymn singing, which we will replicate throughout the Easter Season!! Thanks to Donna Barnard, Theresa Cunningham, Jim Donlon, Nora, John Perry, families donating snacks, treats, prizes!! A million thanks to the donor of the new floor in the choir loft - it's beautiful!! But most of all we thank Fr. Jerome for his beautiful singing of The Exultet and his vocal song leading all year long!! We are so fortunate at Sacred Heart to have priests in residence that sing!! Such a joy!! Such a blessing!!

Easter Blessings and Peace to You All!!

Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24)

P.S. Lest I forget - The Traveling Choir is close to making a selection for their next International Choir Tour/ Pilgrimage 2016 - Come up on May 4<sup>th</sup> 10:45AM Choirloft to hear the final "Wild Card" presentation and cast your vote for our next adventure!! See you in the loft!!

**GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS** Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary anytime during 2014 are invited to attend the Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sat., June 14 or Sun., June 15 at 2PM. Pre-registration required -contact the rectory at 718-442-0058. The closing date to register is May 13th.

#### **CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

<b>GOAL</b>	\$83,000.00
<b>PLEDGE</b>	\$55,768.00
<b>NUMBER OF GIFTS</b>	130