

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

5:00 MARINO MARANION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

7:00 TERRENCE DOWNING  
 8:30 MARGARET NEWMAN  
 10:00 XUE QIANG ZHENG  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 JOHN TWOHY  
 5:00 DONNA GOODMAN

**MONDAY, APRIL 30**

7:00 ROLLINS FAMILY  
 9:00 MARION COLLISON-BROWN

**TUESDAY, MAY 1**

7:00 EDGER SWEENEY  
 9:00 MSGR. ANDREW F. QUINN

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2**

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
 9:00 FR. JOSEPH COLLINS

**THURSDAY, MAY 3**

7:00 MSGR. MATTHEW DEAHY  
 9:00 EUGENE & CLARE DUCLOS

**FRIDAY, MAY 4**

7:00 MARY NOONE  
 9:00 GENNARO FISCHETTI AND GUY NICOLAIS

**SATURDAY, MAY 5**

9:00 MARION COLLISON-BROWN  
 5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF SOVA FAMILY

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE  
 8:30 ANNA & ANTHONY VILLANI  
 10:00 KATHLEEN MURPHY  
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 1:00 MARY MAHONEY  
 5:00 DOROTHY & JOHN CZARNOMSKI

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, May 5**

5:00 Frank Ponterio Teresa Hudik

**Sunday, May 6**

7:00 Sr. Iraida  
 8:30 Charles Romanelli Dorothy Tarafa  
 10:00 Frank DiSalvo Patricia Hoey  
 11:30 Stephen Brown John Caban  
 1:00 Charles Sullivan  
 5:00 Teen Mass

**Sick Relatives & Friend**

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Gordon C. Gladden, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Tommy Baratta, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Patsy Jackson, Gabrielle Plumy, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Daniel Gomes, Grace Ford Seamans, Christian Pepo, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Bernard D. Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Al Ross, Jim Sullivan

**Collection for April 22**

Regular Collection	\$6,665.50
Easter	\$335.00
Fuel	\$165.00
<b>School</b>	
School Budget Deficit	\$816.00
School Building Fund	\$125.00
Rev. Poole Scholarship	\$13.00

In the Charity of your Prayers, please pray for the soul of Grace Stanger

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Elizabeth Barry requested by Rosetta Messina.



This Friday, May 4, 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.

## “REBOOTING” OUR CATHOLIC FAITH...

I have to admit that I am not a computer “whiz” at all. Oh, I know how to turn the machine on and off and to get online, but when problems occur, I am usually at a loss. At times when “glitches” on my computer have fouled things up I have discovered the simple trick of turning the machine off and then letting it “reboot”. Somehow the “rebooting” of the computer clears up the difficulty!

In reference to that, I sometimes think that maybe the Catholic Church needs a kind of a “spiritual rebooting” if I could use that analogy. After Vatican II (1962-65) there was unfortunately, a great deal of confusion engendered concerning the Church and her mission in the world. Along with the confusion came a loss of confidence religiously speaking.

Today not only do we need to bring new converts into the Catholic Church, we also need to “re-evangelize” many baptized Catholics who have sadly fallen away from the Church. We see evidence of that here at Sacred Heart each and every Sunday. Often at the Masses on the Lord’s Day, there are empty pews. Why? The sad explanation is that many Catholics do not participate in the Eucharist and in the sacramental life of the Church.

What can we do about it? Well, two things come to mind. First, we need to confidently and joyfully witness to the faith ourselves. A faith that is lived out in practice speaks more powerfully than any words could ever express. Saint Francis of Assisi once said, “Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words!” Again, the best sermon is one that is preached by a good example.

A faith that is joy-filled also should be the hallmark of a sincere Catholic Christian. A gloomy old atheistic philosopher once said, “You Christians want me to believe in a redeemer right? Well, it would be more helpful if you looked a little bit more redeemed!” The philosopher had a point.

Too many Christians feel that the expression of faith must be somber and sad. But that is not accurate. Jesus said to His Apostles, “You shall rejoice with a joy that no one can take from you.”

Certainly, our current Cardinal Archbishop lives his faith with joy. The Archbishop said that a priest had told him recently, “You had better stop smiling when you walk down the streets of Manhattan or you’ll be arrested!” The Cardinal’s emphatic point is that an evangelist must be a person of joy which makes absolute sense.

The second part in the “rebooting” of the Catholic faith is for all of us to take a little initiative and invite fallen away Catholics to “come home.” Oftentimes people need a little boost or encouragement to do that. Why not ask friends or relatives who don’t go to church to come to Sunday Mass with us? It might make a difference.

Christ has no other hands and voice in our world today but our own. During this Easter season, we read about the first Christians and their unlimited optimism and zeal. Let us in our time have a little more passion and “fire” for Christ and our faith. It will yield dividends not only here but for the hereafter!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

### Stewardship Appeal

Goal	\$90,000.00
Pledge	\$55,260.00
Number of Gifts	103
Date	April 20, 2012

**IN-PEW PLEDGES** - If you have not already made a pledge to the *2012 Stewardship Appeal*, this weekend at all the Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a commitment. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the *2012 Appeal*. Thank you.



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. A private tour of the school can be arranged by appointment only. For additional information please call the school office at 718-442-0347.

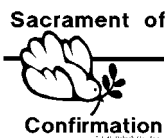


**CCD - Classes:** May 2, 9, 16

### COMMUNION REMINDER -

Mrs. Detore's class will practice in the church on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3:30-5. Mrs. Montuori and the academy children will practice on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 3:30-5.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our 57 young adults who



received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, April 23 by Bishop Gerald Walsh. Please continue to pray for them.

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will gather for the 10 AM Mass Sunday, May 6, and have their monthly meeting at 11 AM at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE May 5 & 6

#### Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

5:00 Deidre & John McCafferty, Tullis Gardner, Elizabeth Althoff

#### Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 Ryan O'Neil, Peter LaPeruta

8:30 Gabrielle Garcia, Albert Cardone

10:00 Giovanni Ercolano, Margaret Donovan, Chris Riccardi

11:30 Dustin Soliven, Sam Medina, Patrick Buzzard, Regie Delamasa

1:00 Peter Nagengast, Jackie Sullivan, Olivia & Anthony Scanni

5:00 Alyssa Debrosse, Noreen Donnelly, Nick Antonacci, Andrew Mistler



### Calling All Families!!

Come on up to the loft on May 6, 2012 11:30 AM Mass (arrive 11:15 AM - Loft). Help us create a beautiful music liturgy for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! Don't miss out!! Come on up!! (All ages welcome!!)

### Mark your Calendars!!

A very special music liturgy is in store for you on Mother's Day, May 13, 2012 11:30 AM Mass. Parish Choir will join Kids Praise Choir for their last music liturgy of the season - can't think of a better way to spend Mother's Day than listening and singing with our fantastic Parish Choir accompanying our Kids Praise Choir!!! See you there!! Don't miss out!!

3 spots left (at this price!!) for our next traveling adventure with Traveling Choir (hint! hint! Includes singing at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine!!) Hop on board!! Questions? Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

Join a Choir Fill a jar! Join A Choir! Fill A Jar!

### **ATTENTION SACRED HEART HOLY LAND**

**GROUP:** There will be a mandatory meeting for all travelers on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Church. The meeting will include demonstrations and procedures on group safety, walking, and sightseeing. A group photo will be taken for the *SI Advance*. Group apparel will also be distributed.

### **NOTRE DAME CLUB OF STATEN ISLAND - 13<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNUAL HESBURGH LECTURE** - Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Msgr. Farrell High School. This *free* lecture, presented by Prof. Daniel Lapsley, Ph.D of the University of Notre Dame, entitled *Decision Making and Risk Behavior in Adolescence*, is targeted at educators, students, and high school counselors. For information call 718-727-2672.

# ***Community Health Fair and Family Fun Day!***

Sponsored by

Sacred Heart School \* Fidelis Healthcare \* Richmond  
University Medical Center

***Entertainment by  
Radio Disney***

**Place:** Sacred Heart School

**Date:** Saturday, May 19, 2012

**Time:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Honoring:** Dr. Louis G. Gianvito, M.D. for his many years of service to our community

**Services Provided by RUMC to include:** Blood Pressure Readings, Testing for Body Mass Index, Pre-Diabetes Screenings, RN and Nutritionist available for questions.

**For the children:** Radio Disney, Fun Games, Hands-on Demonstrations, Food Olympics, and Face painting!

Additional demonstrations provided by **Hylan Dental Arts.**

**And Much, Much More! Open to all members of our community. Bring your friends, & bring your family!**