

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lectors August 31 and September 1

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00 MAZZITELLI & FRESSOLA FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
8:30 JOHN (JACK) CAMPBELL  
10:00 STANLEY MODZELEWSKI  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 DR. OTTO CARABBA  
5:00 DAWN WALSH

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00 ANNE MARIE SARNO  
9:00 DAWN WALSH 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00 JOHN J. PRENTY  
9:00 VICTORIA R. RAMIREZ

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 VICTORIA RAMIREZ 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
9:00 ANDREW DONNELLY, JR.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 MARGE SMITH  
9:00 IN HONOR OF MR. & MRS. FRANCIS BARRY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SR. TERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIEDEL  
9:00 JOHN (JACK) CAMPBELL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 SALLY SOLAZZO  
5:00 JOSEPH KIRAN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE  
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI  
10:00 MARGARET, GEORGE & THOMAS KOPF  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 SAMUEL J. BONA  
5:00 JOSIE ROGANDO

Saturday, August 31

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, September 1

7:00 Sr. Iraida

8:30 Charles Romanelli

10:00 Frank DiSalvo

11:30 Stephen Brown

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Bob Mazzucco

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, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Robert Pepe, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Frank Mirante

Collection for August 18

Regular ..... \$6,040.00  
Assumption ..... \$1,137.00  
A/C ..... \$1,836.00

**RCIA** Do you have questions about being Baptized in the Catholic faith or do you need to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation? If so, please consider attending the RCIA classes here at Sacred Heart starting on September 12, 2013 at 8PM. For information, please call Fr. Maurice at the rectory at 718-442-0058.

**The Rectory Office will be closed Mon., Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day.**

The Bread and Wine are for the Recovery of Robert Pepe requested by Richie, Nora and Mary.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Kevin Kealy requested by his Family.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is held on the first Tuesday and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

**Bible Study**



## **MASS-SACRED DRAMA IN THREE ACTS...**

Last week, the Sacred Heart Parish Players put on a wonderful show, "Aida" in the school auditorium. The young people rehearsed for many hours during this summer and put their heart into this production and it certainly showed. The love story between an Egyptian prince and a Nubian slave girl was brought beautifully to life and was very moving.

As I watched the actors and actresses on stage, the thought came to my mind that in a way, we in the Church present a Sacred Drama as well each day when Mass is celebrated. What do I mean by that? Well, when a play or show is produced, there usually is a script. But that script must be brought to life by the players in each show. Certainly if a show is good enough, it might even be taken on the road and be performed in different towns and cities.

Well, in the Sacred Drama of the Mass, the script is presented in the Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But this script is literally brought "to life" when through the actions of the priest, the sacrifice of Jesus is replayed and re-presented in an unbloody manner on each and every Altar throughout the world.

Each Mass is like a drama in Three Acts. In the First Act, we hear the word of God read to us. We listen to readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Epistles and then of course, from the Gospel. It is then the important job of the priest in the Homily to really "break open" the Word of God and to explain the Scriptures to us, just as our Lord did on the road to Emmaus with two of his dejected Disciples!

After the Homily, we present Petitions for all our needs and then the Creed is recited by everyone. The Creed or Profession of Faith is a summary of all the beliefs that we hold as Catholics.

The Second Act of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Bread and wine are

presented by members of the parish community and the priest, through the sacred power he possesses by virtue of his ordination, calls down the Holy Spirit of God and simple bread and wine, two common, ordinary substances are transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

An astonishing miracle really takes place therefore at every Mass that is celebrated whether that be at the great Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome or the smallest wayside chapel - Christ is now truly and really present on the Altar!

The Third Act in this holy drama is our reception of Holy Communion. We are fed at the table of the Lord with the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Christ literally becomes our spiritual "food." Saint John Chrysostom wrote: "Many mothers entrust the children they have borne to others to nurse them, but Jesus does not do that. He feeds us with His Blood and incorporates us into Himself completely."

The moments after Holy Communion therefore are precious moments! Jesus is with us and we should not forget to thank God for such an inestimable gift. If the Mass had been said only once, that would have been enough. But no - our Lord willed that the Sacred Drama of the Eucharist be offered continuously to the farthest corners of the earth. He did this so that His presence among us would not be just a pious memory but a living presence to be offered to each generation until the end of time.

The Mass is a drama that is ancient but is ever new as it is "replayed" time and time again. As we gather this Sunday in church, let us truly thank God for God's Sacred Drama - the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!  
Sincerely, Father Jerome



**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

The school office is currently open Monday -Friday from 8:00 - 1:00. On Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, the office will be closed for Labor Day weekend and will reopen on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00-2:30. School will be closed on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes will start on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and the office will resume fall hours: 7:00am - 3:00pm. The class schedule for the first day is:  
Grades 1- 8: 8:00 - 2:30  
Pre - Kindergarten: 8:15 - 10:45, Opening Day  
Kindergarten: 9:00 - 11:00, Opening Day  
Early morning drop-off is available at 7:00am. The After School Program is from 2:30 - 6:00pm. Both programs will begin on the first day of school. School bus service begins on Wednesday, 9/11/13. There are limited seats still available in Pre-K and one seat available in UPK. Registration for Grades K-8 is ongoing. Please contact the school office to register: 718-442-0347.  
We are excited about starting a new school year! See you in September!  
Mrs. Lacagnino

**GIVE WITH TARGET - Your Vote Makes a Big Difference To Our School** Target will give money to schools for one simple act: a vote. Our school needs just 25 votes to earn a \$25 donation from Target. For each additional vote, our school will get \$1 more. Please remember, although the gesture is small, the rewards are potentially huge. Go to GiveWith.Target.com to vote for Sacred Heart Elementary School once a week through Sept. 21 or until Target has given away \$5 million. Pass this on to your friends. Vote and see the rules at GiveWith.Target.com. Vote/sign-up through Facebook.

**REGISTRATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014**  
Any questions please call the Religious Education Office at 718-448-1536.  
**Children attending Catholic Academies** and wish to register for the Sacraments this year please call the Religious Education Office.



**Calling All Families!! Family Choir** joins **Portugal Choir** to sing a glorious 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 11:30AM Sept. 1, 2013!! Come on up to the choir loft and bring your aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters - Coffee!! Treats!! Prizes!! Come on up!! Put away a Hymnbook! Please take a minute at the end of the mass to put the Hymnbook you are using in its proper location. If you look inside the back cover, there is a small label at the top telling you the correct side; correct rack number(not pew number), and correct position number. Many hands-light work!! **IF EVERY PERSON** returned the book they were using during mass, to its correct location- **A MIRACLE!** All the Hymnbooks would be in their correct locations! Thanks for your help! Happy Summer  
Pamela 442-0058 VM24  
Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Come sing with us in Portugal 2013! Put a Hymnbook away!

**SACRED HEART SOCCER Last Chance to Register for the Fall 2013 Season.** For information call the **Coordinators:**  
**Girls:** John or Keri Mullen 718-442-2109  
**Boys:** Jon Field 917-478-3264



**MILITARY REVIEW** Sacred Heart is proud to renew the *Military Review*. All parishioners with family members in the Armed Services are invited to provide the rectory with the name and military address of their family member on active duty.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE AUG. 31 & SEPT. 1**  
**Saturday, August 31**  
5:00 Shea Murphy, Patrick Buzzard  
**Sunday, September 1**  
7:00 William Hollnsteiner, Laura Laureno  
8:30 Steven Mickel, Jr., Thomas Laub  
10:00 Albert Cardone, Luisa Montuori  
11:30 Sam Medina, Kyle Watson  
1:00 John Paul Hoey, Emma Newgarden  
5:00 Nicholas Antonacci, Rudy Merlino