

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

5:00 IN CELEBRATION OF MR. & MRS. FRANCIS BARRY 44TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MCCAULEY FAMILIES
8:30 ALEXANDRIA YACHMETZ
10:00 PAT MOSCHELLA
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARGARET SIX
5:00 EUGENE ESPOSITO

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

7:00 JOHN M. MURPHY
9:00 KEVIN GILMORE BULATOWICZ

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 VINCENT CASTELLI
9:00 JOHN J. KIRAN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 MARIE BULATOWICZ
9:00 HOWARD JOHNSON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 BARBARA DITTEMER
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY
JAMES KNIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 EDWARD CONROY
9:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 MARY MCGRATH
5:00 JOSEPHINE & JOSEPH DEMEO & MARY EVANGELISTA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 XUE QIAN ZHEN
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 SR. THOMAS
5:00 ANIELLO DIORIS

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of **Thomas J., Virginia and Gerard Crane** requested by the Crane family

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 5

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, September 6

7:00 Sr. Iraida
8:30 Charles Romanelli Mary Ann Gambardella
10:00 Frank DiSalvo Theresa Cunningham
11:30 Stephen Brown Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney
5:00 Efrain Ortiz Wanda 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, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, James Bauer, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Ambre Witte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne

Wedding Banns

III Rosaria Vitale and Kevin Liotta
II Mary Kate McVey and Michael Bellucci
I Katie Murphy and Kevin Rogers

Collection August 23

Regular \$7564.00
Air Conditioning \$1186.00

Friday, September 4, 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Apostle St James speaks of *the Father of lights* in today's second reading (James 1) with whom *there is no alteration or shadow caused by change*. God is so infinitely perfect that He does not change. A little boy asked me recently, "If God made everything, who made God?" My answer? No one! God is the uncaused cause of the universe. He has no beginning or end. He cannot be changed since change always involves a movement from lack to possession, or vice versa. This applies to each and every change from our waistline to our bank account. God is infinite, containing in Himself the fullness of every perfection, such as wisdom, power, knowledge and love. He is completely whole and wanting in nothing. We cannot say that He acquires anything new, nor extends Himself to anything whereto He was not extended previously. This is why He once said: *Surely I the Lord do not change* (Malachi 3:6).

But if God is immutable wouldn't that make Him frozen or indifferent? Also, doesn't Sacred Scripture portray Him as changing His mind? We might recall, for instance, how the Lord was moved with pity at King Hezekiah's tears on his death bed, and in response added fifteen years to his life (2 Kings 20). When God seems to change His mind, as when in *Book of Genesis* He is said to be sorry to have created the human race at the time of Noah's Ark, this is an indication that God has changed His mind not in itself, but only from our point of view. That is the perspective of the Biblical author at times. God always knows what He is going to do in order to govern the universe and to provide for us in our individual lives, and He knows this from all eternity. In other words, prior to the creation of the universe He knew all of the ways angels and men would use their freedom and He also knew all the ways in which He would respond. He cannot be surprised. Perhaps we can say that God has one simple action of His perfect being from all eternity that unfolds at various point in time. God's life is much different than our life and that it cannot change in

specifiable ways that creatures change. His knowledge, power and action is that of the Creator, not the creature. But he cannot be said to be indifferent to the world since He sent His Son to suffer and die for us. Moreover, He delights when we grow in holiness.

St Augustine offers us a good explanation about God's immutability. He states: "God's mind does not pass from one thought to another. His vision is utterly unchangeable. Thus, He comprehends all that takes place in time—the not-yet-existing future, the existing present, and the no-longer-existing past—in an immutable and eternal present". St Thomas Aquinas points out that time is nothing else but the measure of a before and after in movement. Since God is immutable, we cannot think of Him as subject to such movement. Hence, there is no way to attribute before and after God—no succession in God, and so we must speak of Him as outside of time or eternal. In other words, all is simultaneous to God. This is why God answered, "I am". Since He is total, absolute unchanging being He could rightfully say *I am*. He never says "I was" or "I will be".

God does not have to change. But you and I—we do have to change! At the heart of the Gospel is faith, as Jesus says: *Believe in the good news*. But prior to saying that Christ said: *Repent!* As Christians we are constantly in the state of repenting of our sins: the gossip, the slander, the backbiting, the anger, greed, gluttony, lust, envy and sloth. As lovers of Jesus, we are unceasingly shedding the negativity in ourselves the way snakes shed skin. When was the last time that we went to Confession? If a month has passed...it's time to go!

Father Eric



SACRED HEART SCHOOL The Summer hours are Mon - Thurs 8AM to 12PM. Registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K3, Kindergarten and 1-8. There are 4 seats available in PreK for Free (formerly UPK). Please call the school office for an application and information.

CCD REGISTRATION New Student Registration If

you are interested in registering your child (entering 1st-7th grade in Sept. 2015) for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 school year please email Mrs. Rizzuto at shcreligioused@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536. Your child's Baptismal Certificate and transcript if he/she has attended another Religious Education Program is needed. **Re-registration** Reminder all re-registration forms are now due. Please drop them off at the rectory.

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.

SCOUTING SEASON IS UPON US!!! Registration for Pack/Troop 74 will be on Mondays starting Sept. 21, 2015 for first grade to freshman year of high school. Any questions please reach out to Timothy Donnelly TMD426@aol.com (please put in subject-SCOUTING)

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR OKTOBERFEST 2015, please get in contact with Timothy Donnelly tmd426@aol.com (for email, please put in the subject Oktoberfest) or his cell number 718-816-7606.

FLOWER DONATIONS Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

Saturday, September 5

5:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

Sunday, September 6

7:00 Michael & John Manning

8:30 Albert Cardone, Elizabeth Eadicicco

10:00 Bernard Daniels, Jr., Thomas Laub

11:30 Sarah & Megan Lauren

1:00 Timothy Donnelly, Patrick Buzzard

5:00 Matthew Kalikas, Austin Maida

Mark Your Calendars!! Uncle Bill, Aunt Mae, Cousin Vinnie, Baby Rose - please come up to the choir loft to sing a rousing Sept. 6 11:30AM Mass! Bring your visiting families! Grand Prize for the family with the most members in the loft! Treats! Prizes! Coffee!! See you in the loft!!
Kids Praise Choir!! Come up to the loft Sept. 6th, to sing with Family Choir - trade in your medals for prizes! See you in the loft! See you there!
France Voyager Choir sings Sept. 6th 11:30AM Mass! Don't miss it!

Summer is the time for France Voyager Choir to put the finishing touches on their mystical music lenten liturgies (including Latin, French) they have been preparing for their upcoming Choirtour/ Pilgrimage to France Feb 16-23, 2016! Thanks so much for your support and good wishes! Come with us! (Details! Pamela VM 24)
Fall Brides Every bride must come to a consultation in the choir loft after any Sunday 1PM Mass, to discuss your music selections for your wedding. You must do so at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding or traditional selections will be made for you. See you in the loft! Questions? Pamela VM 24
Hymnbooks Have you seen your hymnbook lately?! After Easter, Confirmations, 1st Communions, special Feast Days Masses - oh the sheep have scattered! Besides their priceless sentimental value, our hymnbooks have saved us over \$105,000 to date! Please take a moment after Mass and put the book you used in its correct rack/pew number. Is it badly worn? Small donations greatly appreciated to repair/replace your book at your request-See Pamela! VM24
Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Join our Choirtour/Pilgrimage Great Cathedrals France 2016!

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY needs to restock its food pantry. Please donate one or more of these non-perishable food items: canned soups, canned vegetables, canned or jar fruit, tuna fish, pasta, rice, canned broth, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned or bottled juices. Donations can be dropped off in the church vestibule. Please check **expiration dates** on all donated food. We cannot distribute expired food. Thank you.