

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

5:00 WILLIAM, ANNA & JAMES MAINE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 TERESA ESPOSITO
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 EFRAIM T. AGUILAR
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 JOSEPH STENTELLA
5:00 HENRY HERMANN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 NORMA SORIA
9:00 EDNA JONES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 JOHN J. PRENTY
9:00 PAMELA & PHILIP MAZZARACO

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 ELEANOR TORKELSON
9:00 WILLIAM HEALY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 RICHARD P. MORRISON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
9:00 DR. ALFRED RUSSO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 JOHN MCGAUHEY
5:00 BEN ZARRELLI

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 HELEN & RICHARD MELDRUM
10:00 MARIE & FRANK BARNARD
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARIE MELLO
5:00 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE CHEN FAMILY

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 7

5:00 Mary Rosso Barbara Kelly

Sunday, February 8

7:00 Joe Meagher John Mooney
8:30 Don O'Shea Evelyn Bilotto
10:00 Frank DiSalvo Dorothy Tarafa
11:30 Ken Wisniewski Regina Torello
1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell
5:00 Sacred Heart Youth Group Wanda Ortiz

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Meghan Clark, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Joe Meagher, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Rita Paolini, Linda Powers

Collection January 25

Regular \$6,719.50
Christmas \$175.00

Tuesday, Feb. 3rd is the
Feast of Saint Blaise.
The Blessing of Throats will take
place immediately after
the 7AM and 9AM Masses



Friday, Feb. 6, 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.



FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS...

The late comedian Henny Youngman had a funny joke about a tramp coming to a lady's house and asking for something to eat. The lady inquired, "Would you take yesterday's soup?" The tramp nodded his head affirmatively. "Well then," she replied, "come back tomorrow!" Sometimes I can relate to that woman! A lot of people do come to the rectory and ask for food and they don't always call at the most opportune times (like in the middle of Mass) so we ask them to come back later!

Actually though, the Church should always be responsive to the needs of the poor whenever and wherever possible. The great Saint Vincent de Paul said that "The poor are taking the place of Christ today." How true! As Catholics we should really strive to see Christ in them. Sometimes that is not an easy thing to do especially if they are a bit rough around the edges or are trying to "scam" some money out of us.

I don't mind giving money at all to people who really need it. In fact some generous parishioners during certain times of the year have given me significant amounts of cash with the stipulation, "Father, give this to some family or person who really needs it!" Certainly we do not want to give money to people who are going to use it to buy drugs or alcohol - that would be self-defeating even if we ourselves give in the right spirit.

In line with this, I read a column in the *New York Times* last Sunday authored by a man named Chuck Klosterman who bills himself as "The Ethicist." In his column, "The Ethicist" provides supposedly ethical advice on business, finances and relationships. Some of the scenarios are rather interesting. One man had written about a subway trip he had taken recently. As it turned out an individual had boarded his train and told the entire car that

he was very sick and needed money for medications vitally necessary to preserve his health. Now being New Yorkers, most everybody ignored him!

But there were three young college students on board the subway and they felt sorry for this man. So they looked through their pockets and came up with \$20 to give to him. Soon afterwards, another rider came over and told the students that the man was a scammer, rode the rails every day and that they shouldn't have done it.

The question to The Ethicist revolved around the issue of whether he should have told the fellows sooner! When I read that, I could immediately relate to the students as I have been "scammed" many times by people asking for money. Usually, that is why we do not give out cash unless we check out things first. This Sunday, February 1st, is the final day of the "Feeding Our Neighbors" campaign here in the Archdiocese. Some of you might have noticed a rather large box in the vestibule. The box is for your food donations to replenish our pantries. There is also a box at Sacred Heart School.

I am proud to say that our St. Vincent de Paul Society in the parish runs an active food pantry in the rectory basement. At Thanksgiving the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides as many as 45 turkey dinners to disadvantaged people. At all other times of the year the Society will assist people with food, or with gift cards to local supermarkets so that they can buy what we don't have on hand here.

If you know of anyone who has a real need do not hesitate to contact us here. Feeding our neighbors is really a concrete application of the words of our Lord in the Gospel, "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat."

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



SACRED HEART SCHOOL
Now accepting applications for
September 2015

New Student Registration January 2015.
Re-registration for continuing students is also
required.

Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for 4 year-olds
Pre-Kindergarten 3
Kindergarten
Grades 1-8

Tours available by appointment. Please call the
school office for more info: 718-442-0347

CCD February Classes - 4, 11, 25

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Sunday,
Feb. 8 at the 8:30AM Mass with a breakfast
immediately following in the school cafeteria.
All men of the parish are encouraged to attend and
become a member of the Holy Name Society and
help in continuing and expanding one of the oldest
and most traditional parish societies in Sacred
Heart.

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 please call
the rectory at 718-442-0058.

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP Next Mass and
meeting Sun., Feb 8 - 5:00PM Mass - the meeting
follows after the Mass.



Thanks to our great Sacred Heart
parishioners who supported the
Sacred Heart Respect Life Committee
with your prayers and donations on
our recent (and once again inspiring)
trip to Washington DC!
Your encouragement helped to ward
off the chill!

A special thanks to the hearty souls, guided once
again by Elisa DeSimone's deft leadership, whose
voices were once again heard in the cause of life -
from conception to natural death.

Choir News

Happy New Year!!

Have you made your New Year Resolution to join
a choir at Sacred Heart yet?? Hope so!!
France Traveling Choir / Family Choir sings today,
Feb. 1st - Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time 11:30AM.
Prizes! Treats! Coffee! Bring the entire family!!
Kids Praise Choir resumes Wed., Feb. 4th 5PM
Chapel across from school - Kids ages 5-12...Come
join us!! (Registration forms required)
Parish Choir Rehearsals resume Wed. Feb 4
7:30PM Basement Parish Hall - Come out and
help us prepare for Ash Wed. and Lent!!
Also Parish Choir / France Traveling Choir sings
Sun., Feb. 8th 11:30AM Mass-Don't miss it!!

Wishing you peace and joy in 2015!!

Pamela and the Choirs (VM24)

CD's available from our Portugal Tour 2013 (including
the selections recorded 1st Sunday Advent in Fatima
Basilica!!) "Healing... restorative"... just a few
comments about this extraordinary CD - pick up a few
today for the bedridden, ill, infirm elderly - thank you
for your support!!

Thank You

On behalf of Fr. Jerome, Nora
and the Special Events
Committee we would like to
say Thank You to our parishioners, the St.
Monica's Mothers' Guild, the YAC, CCD, the Choir,
the Youth Group, the St. Vincent de Paul Society,
Holy Name Society, the Rosary and Altar society,
and the vendors and businesses that donated to
the Sacred Heart Christmas Fair. A special *Thank*
You goes out to all the volunteers for donating
their time at the Christmas Fair.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 7 & 8

Saturday, February, 7

5:00 Samantha Baniswal, Gabriella Fulton

Sunday, February 8th

7:00 David & Billye Albro

8:30 Jack Lottito, Michele Chen

10:00 Ryan & Kelly O'Neil

11:30 Timothy Donnelly, John Paul Hoey

1:00 Stephen, Sarah & Megan Laurenno

5:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan