

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JULY 12

5:00 PAULETTE GENEVE 3RD ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, JULY 13

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY
 8:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SUSAN PELLECCCHIA
 10:00 DIANA KISTO
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 JOHN JAMES SULLIVAN
 5:00 WALTER P. McCUE, SR. & WALTER P. McCUE

MONDAY, JULY 14

7:00 JOAN M. PRENTY
 9:00 MICHILA & JOSEPH ABATE

TUESDAY, JULY 15

7:00 KATHLEEN SVENNINGSEN 25TH ANNIVERSARY
 9:00 HUI ZHEN ZHENG

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:00 WILLIAM O'CONNELL
 9:00 JOSEPH & LUCY DiBIASE

THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:00 KENNETH CONNELLY
 9:00 THE FRANCIS FAMILY

FRIDAY, JULY 18

7:00 ELLEN FISKAA
 9:00 SR. THERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEAL

SATURDAY, JULY 19

9:00 JOSEPH SOUSA
 5:00 JOSEPHINE & JOSEPH DeMEO & CHARLES DeMEO

SUNDAY, JULY 20

7:00 RITA A. O'CONNOR
 8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
 10:00 ELIZABETH PACCHIA
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 GLORIA McKEE
 5:00 SR. THERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIFAEAL

The **Bread and Wine** are for **Special Intentions for Wanda Krasnicka and the Krasnicka Family** requested by the Silvestri Family.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is for **Special Intentions** requested by Bonnie MacDermott.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, July 19

5:00 Frank Ponterio Barbara Kelly

Sunday, July 20

7:00 Theresa Zulch
 8:30 Kennedy Apoe Evelyn Bilotto
 10:00 Roy Hansen Dorothy Tarafa
 11:30 Maria Montuori Ken Wisniewski
 1:00 Charles Sullivan Rosetta Messina
 5:00 Bob Mazzucco Wanda Ortiz

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, 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, Jim McGinley

Newly Baptized

Daniel Baccale Estee Jolie Granello
 Alexa Victoria Cruz John William Impellizzeri
 Deanna Dinora Cruz Cameron Tony Ortiz
 Steven Walter Glogocheski Daniel Robert Von Bevern

Collection June 29

Regular \$8,231.00
 50/50 \$565.00

Congratulations to Miss Lois Farese on winning the June 50/50

Collection July 6

Regular \$6,842.50
 Black and Indian Missions \$1,406.00

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of
 Edna Fleschner

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

GOAL \$83,000.00
PLEDGE \$85,543.00
NUMBER OF GIFTS 162

THE CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE...

Last week, as a member of the Priest Council of the Archdiocese, I had to participate in two day-long sessions at Saint Joseph's Seminary concerning the future of the Church here in New York. As I was heading into the seminary for the first day of meetings, I met a priest that I know who is currently assigned to a parish up in Westchester County.

Father Bob is a very fine and cheerful priest but he seemed rather troubled on this beautiful summer morning. When I asked what was wrong he said, "Oh, you know, they might close my parish and I'm going to have to move." I expressed my sympathy to him and the hope that perhaps this would not happen and that the parish would be spared. Father Bob said he did not really think that would be the case in light of declining attendance at his church.

At the two-day seminary sessions, we priests of the council had to vote on parish closures and consolidations. For me, it was a very sad two days. Sad, because some beautiful churches here in New York City and in the Upper Counties will be shuttered.

Why is this happening? Well, I suppose there are many reasons why churches close. Demographically, regions and neighborhoods do change and beautiful big structures are no longer needed in an area where there are few Catholics anymore. There are other reasons too why churches have to close.

Number one, fewer Catholics attend Sunday Mass than in the past. In the late 1950's, 75 percent of Catholics attended Mass on Sunday. According to one reliable study, last year Mass attendance was 24 percent. Quite a significant drop! Certainly this is a spiritual problem first of all. But in terms of support for our parishes and Catholic institutions it is a disaster!

Secondly, there has been a drop in vocations to the priesthood. We all know that we need priests to staff our churches and perform the sacraments. While laypeople or religious can do some things in a parish, they cannot do everything. Last May, Cardinal Dolan ordained five new priests for service in the Church of New York. While that's good that number does not come close to supplying all the needs that the Church has. So please pray for more vocations to the priesthood. It is one "white collar job" that is difficult these days but enormously gratifying!

All of us do need to cultivate our Catholic faith in a deeper way. In that regard, I think of the faith of the early parishioners here at Sacred Heart who wanted a church and school so badly in West Brighton. They petitioned the Archbishop for the erection of a parish here. Through their faith and belief, Sacred Heart was established over 125 years ago. Let us hope that such deep faith will not be lacking in the future!

In September Cardinal Dolan will make decisions about parish closures and consolidations. His is a very hard job and some people will not be very happy with some of his decisions. But as my friend Father Bob said, "Remember Lou, the Church is more than just a beautiful building - it is the people!" How true. May the people of God, the "living stones of the Church" shine out with greater faith in these difficult times. Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



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SACRED HEART SCHOOL accepting Applications for September 2014 Limited Openings for UPK Sept. 2014 Office Hours Monday - Wednesday

8:30-12:30. By Appointment Only!! Please call the office at 718-442-0347 to schedule an appointment. If no answer please leave a message. Messages are checked daily.

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.



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.

PASTORAL COUNSELING is a combination of psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical approach to unite the whole person - both mind and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling sessions will be held in parish facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JULY 19 & 20

Saturday, July 19

5:00 Stephen, Megan & Sarah Lauren

Sunday, July 20

7:00 Samantha Baniswal, Vincent Caprio

8:30 Christopher Basile, James Esco

10:00 Matthew Kalikas, Gabriella Fulton

11:30 Shea Murphy, Ethan Josen

1:00 Deirdre & John McCafferty

5:00 Victoria Bruno, Thomas Laub



Gloria In Excelsis Deo!

Ah!! Summer!! What a wonderful time to expand our musical repertoire - experiencing familiar and not so familiar Catholic music from our hymnbooks, we can incorporate into special Masses all year long!! To that end, Fr. Jerome and I have decided that one Mass a weekend (during the summer months) we will sing the Gloria in Latin (pg. 176 hymnbooks). At which Mass will this be sung?? A different Mass every weekend!! So let's see if sometime this summer you happen into the Mass celebrating the Gloria sung in Latin!!(pg. 176 hymnbooks)

Traveling Choir 2016/Family Choir sings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2014 11:30AM Mass. Calling all families, kids and curious travelers to the loft to create this joyfilled music liturgy!! (Where is Traveling Choir's next trip destination??)

The vote has been cast ...oo-la-la!!! France it is!! Singing in Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral - visiting Liseux for choral offering in between crepes, baguettes, white Vermouth, champagne...Oh don't miss this one!! Deposits due ASAP to secure this price!! Come up to the loft on August 3rd at 10:45AM and check out our itinerary!! Singers and Cathedral chasers alike - hop on board as Traveling Choir treks off to Great Cathedrals of France Feb 16-23, 2016!!

Questions?? Pamela (Voicemail 24)

Happy Summer!! Pamela (Voicemail 24)
Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Buy a CD! Come on our next International Choir tour Feb. 16-23, 2016: Great Cathedrals France!!

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS The Rectory Office will be open Monday to Friday from 9AM to 4PM. The Office Assistant will be in the office from 4PM to 8PM.