

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JUNE 22

5:00 ELSIE JONES & PATRICK A. O'CONNOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 MARY McGRATH

10:00 ESTHER ALZAGA-SELIG

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 MARIA EICH

5:00 MARY VALENTI

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SR. TERESE MARY O'CARM & KATHERINE FRIEDEL

9:00 JAMES & JUNE PALMER

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:00 RAFAEL CORTEZ 18TH ANNIVERSARY

9:00 ROBERT JOHNSON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 YVONNE DARMANIE

9:00 SHANNON TOBIN 3RD ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 JOSEPH RUSSELL 1ST ANNIVERSARY

9:00 PETER HUDIK

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 MARY TARASOVIS

9:00 FR. THOMAS HEAPHY

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 RITA THATCHER

5:00 RAYMOND G. SYKES

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 MARINO M. MARANION

8:30 BARBARA SCHNEIDER

10:00 COLEEN McGLYNN LEE

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DORIS SABELLA

5:00 ANNUNZIATA BIFULCO

Lectors June 29 and 30

Saturday, June 29

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, June 30

7:00 Joe Meagher

8:30 Don O'Shea

10:00 Theresa Cunningham

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Bob Mazzuco



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

Wedding Banns

I Bridget Slevin and Michael Palmieri

Collection for June 16

Regular \$7,637.50

Father's Day \$1,843.00

School

School Budget Deficit \$1,580.00

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of
Robert W. Schiltt

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Josephine Cresci
requested by the Grant Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Baby Andrew George
(Drew) requested by his family.

2013 Cardinal's Appeal

Goal \$85,500.00

Pledge \$94,946.00

Number of Gifts 186

POVERTY: A VIRTUE?

A famous actress once said, "I've been rich and I've been poor - rich is better!" Well, there is a good deal of truth in that statement. There is no doubt that having money and the things that money can buy, makes life a great deal easier. In fact, we need money to run the church! Some critical comments that we priests hear at times from the faithful is, "You're always asking for money!" Well, resources are needed to keep the church going, to maintain facilities and to complete projects.

Yes, money is necessary, even in the holiest of places. There is a saying that most of us have heard, "money is the root of all evil." Actually, that really is a misquote of the words of the great Saint Paul the Apostle who said, "The love of money is the root of all evil." There is a distinction here. When money or material goods become ends in themselves, we have a problem. In this scenario, money or things become like "gods" with power over us.

Recently, I heard that the new Holy Father, Pope Francis, is writing an encyclical letter on the subject of poverty. Apparently, the Pope leads a very simple and humble lifestyle. In fact, he took the name of "Francis" after Saint Francis of Assisi who so esteemed the virtue of poverty. It was Saint Francis who gave everything away and truly lived out the Gospel command of Christ to "take nothing with you on the journey." He divested himself of all his earthly possessions and was known as "Il Poverello," in Italian, "The Poor One."

Now certainly we cannot imitate Saint Francis in his radical detachment from earthly goods. Most of us are not members of religious orders which take a vow of poverty. However, we can perhaps simplify things and learn to go without rather than cluttering up our lives with more and more non-essential items. We might even be happier that way!

A priest that I know used to say, "Things were better when we were poor." In other words, when people had less, they depended more on each other and were not as isolated with the cold indifference that wealth often brings. Internet buying is another whole area where some of us and I include myself in this, have to be careful. All kinds of things are attractively advertised on the Internet and with "one click" you can make purchases very easily without leaving the privacy of your home or office.

Whether it is money, shoes, purses, tools, religious articles, golf clubs, books, toys or gadgets, excess accumulation of goods leads to a spirit of greed and self-reliance. Too many possessions can really "clutter up" our lives and can prevent us from having a closer relationship with Christ.

Material poverty is not a virtue in the sense that a person does not have enough food, clothing and other essential items that are necessary to live a normal and happy life. However, having a spirit of poverty in life, where we are not attached to money and the goods of this world is a real virtue.

Certainly, we can't take anything with us when we shuffle off this mortal life. There are no pockets in a shroud! The only thing that we can take with us is the sum total of our good deeds and our charity to neighbor. May we imitate Jesus Christ who became poor so that all of us might become rich in God's grace.

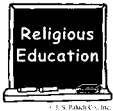
Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

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.



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Any questions please call 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
LAURA ESPOSITO
ON WINNING
THE 2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**

BIBLE STUDY GROUP will be 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.

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The Rectory Office will be open Monday to Friday
from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The Office Assistant will
be in the office from 4:00PM to 8:00PM

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JUNE 29 & 30

Saturday, June 29

5:00 Nicholas Fortunato, Joseph Basile

Sunday, June 30

7:00 John Paul Hoey, Matthew Kalikas

8:30 Deidre & John McCafferty

10:00 Albert Cardone, Danielle Riccardi

11:30 Kyle Watson, Emma Newgarden

1:00 Andrea & Donald Regan

5:00 Peter LaPeruta, Elizabeth Althoff

Choir News

Family Choir!! Mark your Calendars!!

We need you July 7, 2013 11:30AM to fill the loft
and help create an inspiring 14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time music liturgy! Bring the entire
family - Aunt Sue, Uncle Joe, Baby Moses - there's
half a pinata filled with candy (remember - Kids
Praise Choir??!) for the family with the most
family members in the loft - See you there!!
Portugal Choir sings a beautiful 12th Sunday of
Ordinary Time Mass today June 23, 2013
11:30AM!! If you are interested in joining our
Portugal Tour as choir member or supporter, this
Thanksgiving 2013, come on up and sing with us
today June 23 for 11:30AM Mass!! Just a few
highlights of our Portugal Tour include nonstop
flight from Newark to Lisbon; 6 nights 4 star
hotel; an amazing Portuguese/American
Thanksgiving Buffet Dinner; singing Advent
choral liturgy in Basilica of the National Shrine of
Our Lady of Fatima (Fatima). Questions??
Pamela (VM 24) or even better, see you in the
loft!!

Pamela 442-0058 VM24

Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Come sing with us in
Portugal 2013! Put away a hymnbook!

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
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