

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of
Caterina F. Loffredo
Bernard H. Nugent

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
5:00 JAMES GAVIGAN

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Raymond Wittek** requested by the Grant Family.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
7:00 ARLENE CUNNINGHAM
8:30 IRENE MELLO
10:00 NICHOLAS TORELLO
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MATTHEW DRISCOLL
5:00 JOHN McGAUGHEY

LECTORS EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

		<u>Saturday, March 21</u>	
5:00	Bill Jones		Theresa Hudik
		<u>Sunday, March 22</u>	
7:00	Vincent Tarasovis		Charlie Blaich
8:30	Charles Romanelli		Mary Romanelli
10:00	Roy Hansen		Pat Jezycki
11:30	Ken Wisniewski		Regina Torello
1:00	Stephen Brown		John Mooney
5:00	Bob Mazzucco		Amal Hanna

MONDAY, MARCH 16
7:00 MURIEL HASSEL
9:00 MARY KIRINCICH

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
7:00 DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART
9:00 EMMA WERNER



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, 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, James Bauer, Fr. Vincent De Fazio

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
7:00 JOSEPH RUSSELL
9:00 JOSEPH RUSSELL

Wedding Banns

III Taryn DeSio and Steven Garber

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
7:00 JOSEPH SCALZO
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
7:00 JUANITA PRESTANDRA
9:00 FILOMENA SINGER

Collection March 8
Regular \$6,653.00
50/50 \$448.00
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Jichetti on winning the February 50/50
This weekend there will be a special collection for Catholic Relief Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
9:00 BRENDAN HOEY
5:00 JOSEPH SYKES & MARY SYKES FROTHINGHAM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent. Exposition will start at 11AM (barring any funerals) and end with Benediction at 7:15PM. The Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30PM.



SUNDAY, MARCH 22
7:00 CHARLES LEE
8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
10:00 XUE QIAN ZHEN
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARGARET SIX
5:00 ANGELA & JACK CORSO

CARDINAL EGAN...HE LOVED THE CHURCH

Last Tuesday afternoon there was a splendid farewell Mass for the late Cardinal Edward Egan held at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Along with hundreds of other clergy, I was privileged to concelebrate the Mass of Christian burial. It was truly a beautiful send-off for a man who suffered a great deal for the Church.

In his homily at the funeral Mass, Cardinal Dolan mentioned that his predecessor Cardinal Egan truly "loved the Church of Christ" and that no one loved it more than him. Certainly the Cardinal was dedicated to the Church. As a priest and bishop in various capacities, he served the Church very well in whatever assignment he was given - whether that was in Chicago, Canon Lawyer in Rome, Bishop of Bridgeport and finally Archbishop of New York.

I was honored to be ordained a Deacon by then Bishop Egan on May 17, 1986. At that time he was Auxiliary Bishop to Cardinal John O'Connor. Later on, in 2001, the Cardinal assigned me to Sacred Heart Parish, for which I am grateful. Shortly thereafter, in a meeting, he asked me how I felt about becoming an Administrator and Pastor of the parish. I admitted that like with anything new, I had some trepidation. He said, "Why? You will do a good job!" Hopefully, I met his expectations!

Through the years, the Cardinal visited Sacred Heart twice. Once for the funeral of our beloved former Pastor Monsignor Andrew F. Quinn in December 2003, and then again in late November 2008 for the funeral of firefighter Robert Ryan, who died in a tragic fire here in New Brighton.

The Cardinal presided over this Mass and was very pleased with the way the church had been recently renovated. He asked me to give

him a quick tour, which I did. The Cardinal was right when he told me, "You have a beautiful church here!"

As we know, bishops are ordained to serve the Church. The role is an extremely tough one in our twenty-first century world. Cardinal Egan had some enormous challenges to face in his nine years here in the Archdiocese. He steered the Church of New York through the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Then soon after, the Church had its own "9/11" with the sexual abuse scandal which really rocked it to its foundations.

Also, the Cardinal had to deal with reorganization of parishes and schools, financial problems, a priest and religious shortage and a myriad of other concerns. He did not abandon ship! One reason why he did not was because "he loved the Church." Love implies sacrifice and the Cardinal sacrificed a great deal for his beloved Church.

I suppose that one of the worst things he suffered during his tenure in New York, was when some dissatisfied priests circulated a malicious letter against him calling for a "no confidence" vote in his leadership as Shepherd of the Archdiocese. Rightfully, the Cardinal was hurt by this letter which the disgruntled priests didn't even have guts to sign!

So at times, you see, it is not easy to love the Church and it's never easy to be a leader. But Cardinal Egan stayed the course. At the conclusion of the Mass as his casket was carried down the aisle of the Cathedral to its final resting place many in the congregation spontaneously began to applaud. It was an affirmation of a job well done for the Church which he loved so much. May he now rest in eternal peace!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



SACRED HEART SCHOOL registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K3, Free UPK, Kindergarten and 1-8. Please call the school office for an application and information.

CCD March Classes - 18, 25

PALM CROSSES The Sacred Heart Youth Group is fundraising through the sale of Palm Crosses which may be purchased after all Masses on Sunday, March 22, 2015 (while supplies last) for \$10 - cash only please.

SACRED HEART USHERS SOCIETY is looking for Men and Women, retired and active first responders, and parishioners who are willing to be defenders of faith, parish, family and community through communication, awareness, networking, being active and proactive. If you are interested in becoming a member please attend our first meeting which will be held after the 1PM Mass on April 12, 2015. PLEASE ATTEND THE MASS...The meeting will last 60 minutes at most. The purpose of this meeting is to meet with other members, discuss why we are doing this, and to create a contact list. Our next scheduled meeting won't be until the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Please spread the word. For more information, check us out on Facebook by searching for the Sacred Heart Ushers Society page or contact us by email at SacredHeartUshersSociety@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 21 & 22

Saturday, March 21

5:00 Steven & Nick Bivona

Sunday, March 22

7:00 Matthew & Billye Albro

8:30 Mary, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

10:00 John Paul Hoey, Victoria Bruno

11:30 Sean Hartnett, Margaret Donovan

1:00 Kevin Watson, Samantha Baniswal

5:00 Matthew Kalikas, William Hollnsteiner

Come Sing with Us!! Next rehearsal for Parish Choir is Wed. March 25th 7:30PM Church Basement. Join us as we prepare music for Holy Week 2015!! Blessings Abound!! See you there!!

Kids Praise Choir rehearses Wed., March 18th 5-6PM Chapel-join us today!! (Registration forms required)

France Traveling Choir is preparing a special Lenten liturgy March 22, 2015 11:30AM Mass-don't miss it!!

France Voyager Choir joins Parish Choir to sing for Palm Sunday March 29, 2015 11:30AM - what a glorious and poignant way to begin Holy Week 2015-See you there!!

Hope to see you in at least one choir for the upcoming Lenten-Easter Season -Don't miss it!! See you in the loft!!

Calling All Spring Brides!! If you have a wedding planned at Sacred Heart in the next 6 months, you are required to have a consultation regarding the music liturgy for your wedding. These consultations must take place at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding - no exceptions!! Please come up to the choir loft following any 1PM Sunday Mass for this consultation.

Pamela 442-0058 (VM24)

PS Did you know it's 60 degrees and sunny in Chartres this week?? Next year avoid the cold and snow and come sing or support our extraordinary Lenten choral liturgies in Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral and choral offering to St. Theresa in Liseux as Traveling Choir treks to Great Cathedrals France Feb. 16-23, 2016!! Questions?? Pamela (VM 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Join us on our Mass/Choir tour Great Cathedrals France 2016!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION OF STATEN ISLAND

INAUGURAL GALA honoring His Eminence, Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York -Apr. 16 at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information contact catholicingschoolgala.eventbrite.com or Diana.Gatto@archny.org.



St. Patrick



St. Joseph