

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 21

5:00 JOSEPH SYKES & MARY SYKES
FROTHINGHAM

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 CATHERINE LONG
9:00 JEREMIAH MCKENNA

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 GAETANA COSTANZO
9:00 CAROL REED

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 ELMER CLANCY
9:00 CAROL HARRIS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 WENJIAN LIU & RAFAEL RAMOS
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN &
LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 BRIAN RUHE
9:00 BENJAMIN SALVIONE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 CORAZON ARIADO
5:00 NIZIDA SALA VARONA ARBESU

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN &
MCCAULEY FAMILY
8:30 WILLIAM, ANNA & JAMES MAINE
10:00 ALEXANDRA DELLEVAS
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 ANDREW DONNELLY, JR.
5:00 MYRA & CHRIS DORMAN

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND, MARCH 28 - 29

Saturday, March 28

5:00 1 Bill Jones Shirley Fennell
2 Frank Ponterio

Palm Sunday, March 29

7:00 1 Vincent Tarasovis
2 Joan Prenty
8:30 1 Don O'Shea Anne Siemer
2 Charles Romanelli
10:00 1 Theresa Cunningham Mary Ann Gambardella
2 Kennedy Apoe
11:30 1 Stephen Brown Pat Jezycki
2 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 1 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa
2 Efrain Ortiz
5:00 1 Jane Coyle Efrain Ortiz
2 Bob Mazzucco



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, Gene Esposito, Michael John DiCostanzo, Sondra Cronin

Wedding Banns

I Christine Tacardon and Michael Olivio

Newly Baptized

Eddie Lynn Blyth
Emerson Grace Kelly
Theresa Diane McKendry
Emily Madison Ursomanno

Collection March 15

Regular \$7,427.50
Catholic Relief \$2,014.00



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.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of
Lorraine Daly

HIGH ON JESUS INSTEAD OF DRUGS...

Last week at our monthly clergy meeting held at Saint Roch's Parish, we had two interesting speakers by the name of Pedro and Chris. Both these men are part of an organization called "Drogadictos Anonimos." "Drogadictos Anonimos" is a group that helps men recover from the terrible scourge of drug addiction. Members have spoken at Sacred Heart Parish several times before.

Both Pedro and Chris were very impressive young men, both came from the state of Florida. Pedro, 30 years old, once had a promising athletic career. He was drafted by the Seattle Mariners. But he had an addiction problem. Eventually because of his dependency on drugs he lost his contract to play baseball and wound up on the streets of Miami, homeless and destitute. Pedro related that "Drogadictos Anonimos" gave him the critical help that he needed and saved his life.

Chris the other speaker, presented a different story. He had a successful career in business but got heavily into drinking. Eventually his drinking got way out of hand and ruined his career. He too, discovered this group and changed his life around. "Drogadictos Anonimos" therefore is a positive force for good in our community.

Actually, the group is now literally in "our backyard" here at Sacred Heart. A couple of weeks ago, I went over to bless their new facility right behind the church on Market Street. This building was for years a home for disturbed girls. "Drogadictos Anonimos" has completely renovated the building and their program should benefit many people right here in Staten Island.

The typical day in one of their houses usually starts off with a prayer. Then members of the group receive various assignments -

cleaning, making beds, etc. There are meetings interspersed throughout the day with study groups on "the Twelve Steps."

At the center on Market Street, the men showed me a full scale print shop and studio where they make T-shirts. The T-shirts are mainly religious in character. They gave me a very beautiful one with the Crucifixion on it. The T-shirts are sold to earn revenue for the program. Maybe some of you bought one when the men were here last time.

I think that we have to commend the staff of "Drogadictos Anonimos" in their concerted assistance and guidance to men who have this horrible problem of drug abuse. As most of us are aware, the problem of drugs here on Staten Island is a critical one.

The last couple of months *The Advance* has been publishing some very sad stories about young people who basically ruined their lives through drug addiction. Perhaps you might have read some of these articles. It seems that out of all the five boroughs of New York City, Staten Island has the highest percentage of drug abuse.

When I listened to Pedro and Chris talk at our priest conference, I was thinking of the grace of God and what it can do. The grace of God can rescue us from our "demons" whatever they be. One of the "Twelve Steps" of Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous states, "We came to believe that only a power greater than we could restore us to sanity." Of course that higher power is God!

Let's pray in a special way for Pedro, Chris and all people who are afflicted with the heavy cross of addiction to drugs. May they all be healed of their addiction and begin to live productive, happy and healthy lives again! Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



SACRED HEART SCHOOL registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K-3, Free UPK, Kindergarten and 1-8. Please call the school office for an application and information.

CCD March Class - March 25

PALM CROSSES The Sacred Heart Youth Group is fundraising through the sale of Palm Crosses which may be purchased after all Masses TODAY, 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY service on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 3:00PM in Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 28 & 29

Saturday, March 28

5:00 Jack Lottito, Matthew Riccardi

Sunday, March 29

7:00 Vincent Caprio, Christopher Basile
 8:30 Matthew Ahern, Austin Maida
 10:00 John & Deidre McCafferty
 11:30 Bernard Daniels, Timothy Donnelly
 1:00 Laura Laureano, Daniel Ramirez
 5:00 Stephen, Sarah & Megan Laureno

France Traveling Choir is preparing a special Lenten liturgy today, 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 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 25th 5-6PM Chapel-join us today!! (Registration forms required)

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!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

40TH REUNION Sat., April 11, 2015 contact Carolyne Melfi or Shelly Laub for details: dono8386@yahoo.com or shellmtk@verizon.net or see Facebook group page Sacred Heart School Class of 1975.

LENTEN CHORAL CONCERT St. Mary's Church Bay St., March 24th at 7:30PM. The event is free. All are welcome to attend.

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 catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com or Diana.Gatto@archny.org.