

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 17

5:00 EDWARD SMITH

SUNDAY, MAY 18

7:00 WILLIAM & DOROTHY MEAGHER
8:30 VERONICA MELLO TARBOX
10:00 XUE QIAN ZHEN
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 JOHN C. PAPOLIA
5:00 ANNE PICCOZZO

MONDAY, MAY 19

7:00 DONALD TARASOVIS
9:00 JOHN E. BAKER

TUESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 JOHN NEVINS JR.
9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN,
LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

7:00 MSGR. STANISLAUS J. McGOVERN
9:00 PRIMO BEVILACQUA

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:00 MSGR. PHILIP P. SHANNON
9:00 DONALD G. BAKER

FRIDAY, MAY 23

7:00 MARGE SMITH
9:00 CATHERINE DONOVAN

SATURDAY, MAY 24

9:00 LOUISE PIETROMONICO
5:00 THOMAS KOPF

SUNDAY, MAY 25

7:00 MANO J KUMAR
8:30 AL AMORE
10:00 ONORIO MORELLI
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 FILOMENA D'AMATO
5:00 EDITH MODZELEWSKI

The **Bread and Wine** Special Intentions for the Sacred Heart of Jesus & The Blessed Mother requested by Holly MacDermott.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is for **Deceased Parishioners of Sacred Heart**.

Lectors May 24 and 25

Saturday, May 24

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, May 25

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis
8:30 Charlie Romanelli
10:00 Roy Hansen
11:30 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Stephen Brown
5:00 Jane Coyle



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

Wedding Banns

II Melissa Staniland and Michael Cannizzaro
III Christina Greco and Thomas Piluso
III Pia Clemente and Glenn Caddell
III Christine Gleason and Brian Swords

Collection May 11

Regular \$10,200.50
Monthly \$2911.00
Mothers Day \$1,561.00

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

GOAL \$83,000.00
PLEDGE \$81,718.00
NUMBER OF GIFTS 154

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 contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of Mitch Kietzman requested by his wife and children Nicky, Katherine and Kenneth.

BRING FLOWERS OF THE FAIREST...

This Sunday, May 18th after the 11:30 Mass, we will be planting a tree on the lawn in front of the Rectory in honor of Michael DaRocha, a long time Parishioner and member of the Special Events Committee. Michael, who died last year, had many talents. One talent that the Lord blessed him with was a “green thumb.” It was Mike who planted all the beautiful flowers around the side of the Church each spring and made the place look so beautiful.

On this day also our Second Grade children who recently made their First Holy Communion, will honor the Blessed Mother by Crowning her statue with flowers. The children will sing and old hymn, “Bring Flowers of the Fairest.” May is such an appropriate month to honor Mary! Everything is in bloom, the flowers, the trees; the shrubs-nature is reborn.

Thinking of Mike and all his magnificent flowers and the children on Sunday who will present their little floral offerings made me think a bit about a wonderful prayer to Mary that is especially beloved by all Catholics and that is the Holy Rosary. The word “Rosary” really means “Crown of Roses.” In the Rosary, we give a “Spiritual Bouquet” to the Blessed Mother every time we pray it.

The Rosary as we know, is composed of the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. It is a wonderful form of prayer and a great way to reflect upon the events in the life of both Jesus and Mary. Besides the Rosary, there are many prayers, devotions and novenas in honor of Our Lady. Every Catholic Church has a special shrine or a statue of her. The Catholic Church honors Mary in a deep way.

Now, very often some Protestants, especially those of the Fundamentalist variety, object to our Catholic devotion and veneration of the Virgin Mary. They tell us that Christ is

the sole mediator between God and humanity- so why even bother invoking the Mother?

Well, the truth is that yes, Jesus is “The Way, The Truth and The Life” and no one can go to the Father except through him. But Mary cooperates in her son’s work as mediator! After all, it was she who brought her son in to this world. At the Annunciation, Mary said “yes” to the Angel and the plan of God was fulfilled. Christ physically came from her and thus there is a special bond between them.

Furthermore, Mary now assumed into Heaven, intercedes for all of us poor sinners. There is nothing wrong at all praying to Mary in all our needs and concerns. In line with that, I always think of the Wedding Feast at Cana, where Our Lord performed his First Miracle.

During this wedding party, the wine ran out- a great embarrassment to the hosts. Mary was present at this party and she noted the anxiety of the bride and groom. What did Mary do? She went right to her son Jesus! At first, Our Lord seemed to refuse her request. But Mary trusted that her son Jesus would take care of things. So she simply said to the waiters, do whatever he tells you!” And we know the story- water was changed into wine and the party kept going merrily onward.

From that Gospel we can see evidence of Mary’s maternal mediation with her son. So let us take full advantage of that. Whatever form of prayer and devotion it might be, let us give Mary her due because she is our life, our sweetness and our hope!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

Congratulations to our RCIA Newly Baptized and Confirmed-April 20, 2014

Victor Ortiz (Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist)

Elizabeth Ortiz (Confirmation-Eucharist)

Nina Weaver (Confirmation-Eucharist)

Amanda Carona (Eucharist)



SACRED HEART SCHOOL is now accepting Applications for September 2014

Openings in Pre-K 3 & 4
Kindergarten - Grade 7
Early Morning Drop-Off and After-School Care until 6:00PM available
Inquire at school office Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-3:00PM

The Catholic Alumni Partnership(CAP) is a program that will stabilize and enhance Catholic elementary schools well into the future. CAP is dedicated to preserving the values that Catholic education instills-a trained mind, a developed self and an inspiring spirit. It is our goal to engage a group of proud alumni and friends who support, advocate and partner with us to ensure the future of Catholic elementary education.

SACRED HEART SPARTANS GOLF OUTING RESCHEDULED The 2ND Annual Sacred Heart Edger Sweeney Golf Memorial - Honoring Bruce Delmar - has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 3rd at 8AM. Golf and Lunch at Staaten - \$160 per person, Lunch only - \$60. Please contact KC Senk or Jennifer Senk at 718-720-0960 or Eddie O'Neil at 917-796-9479.

A Marvelous Day for Young Mothers once again our came through in an extraordinary fashion for mothers and expectant mothers in need. The annual Sacred heart Mothers Day Collection for Crossroads Foundation came to a record-breaking **\$2,124.00**. Thanks to the holy Name Society for organizing the drive. Thanks also to the eighteen Parishioners who received contributions outside the Church after all the Masses. Everyone did a fine job.

COME AND PRAY- Every Tuesday, 7:30 PM at the Schoenstatt Shrine of Mary, 337 Cary Ave. During the 100th Anniversary Year of Schoenstatt, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to those who visit the shrine and pray there. Don't miss this opportunity for special graces, right in your backyard. For more information call 718-727-8005.

Traveling Choir sings June 1st, 7th Sunday of Easter(assisting the Family Choir). This is a great time to come on up to the loft and "test the waters" for traveling and singing Masses!! Our International Destination will soon be decided-once we have chosen a location, we begin the plans of learning Masses in that language(and Latin of course!) Now is the time to hop on board when the trip price is at its lowest and you have the most time to save and build your vocal capabilities.... See you in the Loft 10:45 AM June 1st-Check us out!! (P.S. Alternately you can come as a "supporter"-sightsee, shop & cheer us on!!)

Come on up!!
Thank you Kids Praise Choir for your inspiring singing last Sunday week with Family/Traveling Choir and for your beautiful music liturgies all year long!! Hope we see you all summer long first Sunday of every month in the summer - See you June 1st 11:30AM Mass!! Parish Choir ends their singing season with 11:30 AM Mass June 22, 2014 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ-Such a Glorious Mass!! Mark you calendars!! Don't miss it!!

Easter Blessings!

Pamela (Voicemail 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymn book! Buy a CD! Come on our next International Choir tour 2016!

ROBERT J. SHAY, JR., MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING Saturday, June 14 at Silver Lake. Dinner following at The Staaten. Information can be found on the website: robshayjrgolfouting.com - email address is robshayjrgolfouting@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE June 2 & 3

Saturday June 2

5:00 Danielle Riccardi, Michael Riccardi, Nick Antonacci, Bianca Roman

Sunday, June 3

7:00 Stephen Laureno, Megan Laureno
8:30 Regie Delamasa, Cassidy Zarrelli
10:00 Peter LaPeruta, Andrew Johnson, John Altschuler
11:30 Nick Fortunato, Kristen Gilbride, Caitlyn Gould, John Paul Hoey
1:00 Olivia Scanni, Anthony Scanni, Kyle Watson, Jackie Sullivan
5:00 Tullis Gardner, Jonathan Montemayor