

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SOVA FAMILY

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE  
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI  
10:00 MICHAEL Da ROCHA  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 ROSEMARY DALTON  
5:00 GUS LaROCCA

**MONDAY, MAY 5**

7:00 JOHN (RICKY) TODD  
9:00 MARGHERITA & PHILIP FRABOTTA

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**

7:00 KATHLEEN DOWD MURPHY  
9:00 MARION TORBORG

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

7:00 CATHERINE LONG & ROBERT LONG  
9:00 EUGENE & CLARE DUCLOS

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE VAN WORKUM FAMILY  
9:00 GRACE REILLY

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

7:00 TIMOTHY WARD  
9:00 PAUL DANANECKER

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

9:00 CHARLES, MARY & CHARLES DONOHUE  
5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

**SUNDAY, MAY 11**

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILIES  
8:30 MARGARET MASTERSON  
10:00 VELIA ANGELI & CECILIA MORELLI  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 VERONICA BUDNICK  
5:00 ELLEN TURTON

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of  
Dorothy Delmar  
Alice Santore  
Eugenio DiPietro

The **Bread and Wine** are in loving memory of **Patricia Schmitt** requested by Notre Dame Parent Guild.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is in loving memory of **Patricia Schmitt** requested by Notre Dame Parent Guild.

**Flowers on the Altar** in loving memory of **Barbara and Frank Schneider**.

**Lectors May 10 and 11**

**Saturday, May 10**

5:00 Mary Rosso

**Sunday, May 11**

7:00 Joe Meagher  
8:30 Don O'Shea  
10:00 Frank DiSalvo  
11:30 Ken Wisniewski  
1:00 Charles Sullivan  
5:00 Efrain Ortiz



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, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo

**Wedding Banns**

I Christina Greco and Thomas Piluso  
I Pia Clemente and Glenn Caddell  
I Christine Gleason and Brian Swords  
III Elizabeth Tuite and James Cummings

**Collection April 27**

Regular ..... \$6,999.50  
Easter ..... \$749.00  
Easter Flowers ..... \$2,626.00  
50/50 ..... \$480.00  
Congratulations to Mrs. Alexander Ross winner of the April 50/50  
This weekend there is a special collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

**GOAL** \$83,000.00  
**PLEDGE** \$59,028.00  
**NUMBER OF GIFTS** 140

## EASTER - MORE THAN JUST A DAY...

We had a wonderful celebration of Easter here at Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day and most of the Masses were very crowded. I wish that we could have that scenario every week! A friend of mine once spoke about “CAPE” Catholics. I said, “What are ‘CAPE’ Catholics?” He said, “Oh, those are Catholics who come only at Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter!” I only had heard of “A&P” Catholics - Ashes and Palms!

Well, thank God people come on those days and any day! Really, there is nothing secret about our joy during the Easter Season and we want to share that joy with as many as possible. Notice that Easter is more than just a day - it is a Season and lasts for fifty days - until Pentecost. Of course, we celebrate for fifty days because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. By rising from the dead, our Lord turned His tombstone into the cornerstone of Christianity.

Saint Paul writes, “If Christ is not raised then our preaching is useless and our faith is in vain.” Our faith is not in a dead person but in the Lord who is incontestably alive. His resurrection is a pledge of our future rising as well. This is a reason for great joy and celebration.

Easter is all about new life and the Church building itself reflects that. For instance, the Sanctuary is decorated in white colors symbolizing Paschal joy and gladness. The Altar is surrounded by beautiful Easter flowers, especially lilies. The lilies stand for purity and beauty. Their wonderful fragrance reminds us that we as faithful Catholics should be like an “aroma for Christ” by our lives. All the flowers bring to mind the rebirth of nature in the spring and the rebirth of our faith.

Holy Water is also another symbol of this

season. In the Sanctuary here in the church you will notice that the Holy Water is prominently displayed. The blessed water is symbolic of the newly Baptized at Easter. We share the joy of those who have been baptized as we renew our own commitment to serve the Lord.

The large candle near the Holy Water font is called the “Paschal Candle.” It is a very large candle which is lit at the Easter Vigil. That candle represents Christ who overcame the darkness of sin and death when He triumphed over the grave, it also recalls to us the fact that as followers of Jesus we are meant to be “children of the light” bearing witness to the faith by all we say and do.

Finally, during Easter we resume the singing of the “Alleluia” which was suspended during the forty days of Lent. “Alleluia” means “Praise the Lord.” We praise God for the great gift of His Son Jesus Christ and for the salvation He won for us.

Yes, there is a real cause for joy and celebration during this wonderful Season. Pope Francis reminds us of this in his wonderful Easter homily: “Let the risen Jesus enter your life. Welcome Him as a friend, with trust: He is Life. If up to now, you have kept Him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk - you will not be disappointed!”

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

Thank you to all who made our Holy Week Services a beautiful and tremendous success - our priests: Fr. Maurice, Fr. Reilly, Msgr. Mustaciuolo, Pamela Witre and our spectacular Choir, special Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, “Altar Servers and Ladies of the Altar Rosary Society.

Happy Easter Season, Father Jerome

CCD May Classes - 7 and 14  
First Holy Communion - May 10<sup>th</sup> 11AM and 1PM  
in the church

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
**April 7, 2014**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI**

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Courtney Adisano        | Brynn McQueen        |
| Elizabeth Althoff       | McKenna McQueen      |
| John Altschuler         | Octavio Mercado      |
| Nicholas Antonacci      | Rudolph Merlino      |
| Christina Bae           | Nicole Miller        |
| Lawrence Bligh          | Jonathan Montemayor  |
| Michael Bradley         | Luisa Montuori       |
| Victoria Bruno          | Matthew Mooney       |
| Anthony D'Arrigo        | Daniel Morgan        |
| Ethan Daut              | Shea Murphy          |
| Brandon Delapi          | Lexia Nalty          |
| Alyssa DeStefano        | Christopher Nevins   |
| Sonnie Detore           | Emma Newgarden       |
| Brandon Dilluvio        | Maia Nunez           |
| Michael Dilluvio        | Kyle O'Hare          |
| Isabella Escandon       | Elijha Perez         |
| Matthew Esposito        | Terrence Quinlan     |
| Lauren Farley           | Juan Quinones Torres |
| Connor Fischer          | Timothy Quinn        |
| Kimberly Garpestad      | Daniel Ramirez       |
| Peter Gottlieb          | Andrea Regan         |
| John Haas               | Christopher Riccardi |
| James Hall              | Robynne Rodriguez    |
| Theresa Hall            | Crystal Rose         |
| Maeve Halligan          | Jeremy Sanchez       |
| Emily Hansen            | Jake Siller          |
| John Michael Karasinski | Najzheem Spicer      |
| Maggie Kelleher         | Phoebe Taylor        |
| Robert Kevorkian        | Camryn Thanasoulis   |
| Thomas Laub             | Jacqueline Thompson  |
| Steven Leguillou        | Kyle Watson          |
| Kaitlyn Lotito          | McKenzie Wheeler     |
| Luke McNamara           | Raleigh Wheeler      |

It Takes a Village So many people to thank for creating, supporting and providing the glorious music during Lent and Holy Week 2014!! Hats off to Parish Choir for making new stoles, providing funds for strings, singing Masses all throughout Lent and every Feast Day during Holy Week!! Kids Praise Choir joined forces with Family Choir for several Masses during Lent, with some families making their way to the loft on Easter Sunday 11:30AM Mass!! Of course the Easter Vigil is such a liturgical highlight of the Easter Season and Parish Choir, along with the strings, assisted in leading the congregation in victorious hymn singing, which we will replicate throughout the Easter Season!! Thanks to Donna Barnard, Theresa Cunningham, Jim Donlon, Nora, John Perry, families donating snacks, treats, prizes!! A million thanks to the donor of the new floor in the choir loft - it's beautiful!! But most of all we thank Fr. Jerome for his beautiful singing of The Exultet and his vocal song leading all year long!! We are so fortunate at Sacred Heart to have priests in residence that sing!! Such a joy!! Such a blessing!!

Easter Blessings and Peace to You All!!

Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24)

P.S. Lest I forget - The Traveling Choir is close to making a selection for their next International Choir Tour/ Pilgrimage 2016 - Come up today, May 4<sup>th</sup> 10:45AM Choirloft to hear the final "Wild Card" presentation and cast your vote for our next adventure!! See you in the loft!!

**PACK/TROOP 74 AND THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES COUNCIL OF SACRED HEART** present **East Coast PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING** live from Sacred Heart School, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>-7:30PM. Tickets -\$20. Contact Tim Donnelly 718-816-7606.

**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](http://robshayjrgolfouting.com) - email address is [robshayjrgolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:robshayjrgolfouting@gmail.com)

**GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS** Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during 2014 are invited to attend the Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sat., June 14 or Sun., June 15 at 2PM. Pre-registration required - contact the rectory at 718-442-0058. The closing date to register is May 13th.

**MOTHERS' DAY COLLECTION -CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION** Next Sunday, May 11, the Holy Name men and volunteers from other parish groups will again be asking for your help. In the past, your generosity has been outstanding. We hope you will continue to support this fine cause as you have done on Mothers' Day for so many years.