

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:00 MARGHERITA & PHILIP FRABOTTA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
 8:30 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BARRY FAMILY
 10:00 ANIELLO & ANTONIETTA DeFAZIO
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 MARY MAHONEY SPITZER
 5:00 NICHOLAS CLOHESSY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 LEE WEYAND
 9:00 OLGA ANTONCIC 3RD ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00 KAY McMULLIN
 9:00 MARGARET NEWMAN & DOROTHY CONNELLY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00 REGINA IULO
 9:00 THERESA MARRETTA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 VERA & DERMOT COONEY
 9:00 SEFERINO FRIAS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 STEPHEN KUBICK
 9:00 CATHERINE L. DANNEMANN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 JAMES P. NOONE
 5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00 CHARLES & ROSEMARIE BLAICH
 8:30 AUGUSTINE APPIGNANI
 10:00 NED THOMPSON
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 NELLI CIPOLLONE
 5:00 JOHN GAMBARDELLA 5TH ANNIVERSARY

The Bread and Wine are in Loving Memory of **Richard Bradley** requested by Your Friends at Good Counsel

The Sanctuary Candle is in Loving Memory of **Richard Bradley** requested by the Wright Family

This Friday, October 7, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 11 AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5 PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend of October 8-9

Saturday, October 8

5:00 Mary Rosso Teresa Hudik

Sunday, October 9

7:00 Joe Meagher
 8:30 Don O'Shea Barbara Kelly
 10:00 Frank DiSalvo Pat Geraghty
 11:30 Ken Wisniewski
 1:00 Charles Sullivan Angela Medina
 5:00 Theresa Cunningham

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Rick Curley, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Margaret Shay, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Mary DiCostanzo, Christina Scott, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Aurora David, Gordon C. Gladden, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Irons, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Tommy Baratta, Dawn Meade, Rev. Thomas Blessin S.J, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C Marino, Rose Bradley, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Patsy Jackson, Gabrielle Plumy, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Robert Poggi USM., Tom Kopf, Bernard D Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Jeffrey Schnorbus, Barbara Brennan, Beverly Andrews, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Edward B. Hanson, Roseanne Liveo, Christian Pepo, Joan Romano, Daniel Gomes, Grace Ford Seamans, Sheila Jones, Patrick A O'Connor, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Donohue, John Twohy, Ottimia Paradiso

BANNS

III Megan Tortorella and Erik Olsen
 III Dawn D'Agostino and Milton Eng
 II Lauren DiMarco and David Brown
 II Dana Cupo and David Ferrelli
 I Naomi Coppola and Alex Shatzkamer

Collection for September 25

Collection	\$7,991.12
St. Joseph Seminary	\$265
Air Condition	\$420
50/50	\$480
Congratulations to Mr. T. McKernan for winning the 50/50	
School Building Fund	\$138
Budget Deficit	\$471

The Blessing of the Animals will take place today, October 2 after the 11:30 Mass on the lawn in front of the rectory. Refreshments will be served after the blessing.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CHURCH?

It was a cold winter morning in 1991 and I had just finished saying the 6:45 Mass at my first parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scarsdale, New York. As I was taking off my vestments, a woman came into the sacristy and suddenly started sobbing and crying. I tried to calm her down but she really was hysterical.

When she quieted down a bit, I asked her, "Did I say something that upset you?" She nodded yes. "It was in the petitions," she said. Because at that hour of the morning I am sometimes on "automatic pilot" I did not exactly remember what was read that made this lady, a daily Mass-goer, so very upset.

So I got the petition book and started reading them and the prayer that hurt this lady so much was one that stated, "For those who have committed the horrible sin of abortion that they may come to recognize the harm they have caused and the damage they have done" (or something to that effect). The woman cried out, "What you just read is what's so wrong with the Church!"

I tried to calm the lady down a bit and then I discovered that there was a reason for her outburst. After chatting with her for some time, I discovered that her daughter had indeed had an abortion. She, the mother was concerned that her daughter was condemned to hell. I tried to explain to her that if the daughter was truly repentant she would not suffer eternal punishment despite the sin.

It is true to say that we cannot judge anyone in this life. All judgement is in the hands of Almighty God and He alone knows the secrets of the heart. That being said, of course, there are some sins that are particularly grievous and abortion is one of them. The Catechism of the Church tells us: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable."

Oftentimes, it's not "what's wrong with the Church" so much but rather with ourselves when we make bad, sinful choices like abortion. Today, October 2nd, is Right to Life Sunday. The Church affirms the value and beauty of all human life from the very first moment of conception until natural death.

Of course, since the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade, our country has disrespected that most fundamental human right - the

right to life. The legalization of abortion forty years ago was a moral disaster for our country. Since January 22, 1973 almost 50 million legal abortions have occurred in our country. What a tragedy for America that has this basic right to life enshrined in our Declaration of Independence.

The late Mother Teresa said, "The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion." When I thought about that poor lady crying in church after Mass about her daughter's abortion I think that Mother Teresa was onto something. Abortion has many bad and disturbing effects for the mother and for the immediate family as well.

The Church, in her effort to bring souls to God desires not to condemn but rather to help and to heal. The good news is that no woman needs to make the decision to abort. For instance, there are many maternity services and crisis pregnancy centers available in the Archdiocese of New York.

Right here on Staten Island, the Crossroad Foundation does wonderful work with those facing unplanned pregnancies. Also, the Church provides services for mothers who have had abortions for their healing and spiritual health.

On this Right to Life Sunday, we pray in a special way for all our young people - that they might always make the right choice - the choice for life!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

All 41 people traveling on Sacred Heart's upcoming Holy Land trip are asked to attend the group meeting on Monday, October 3rd at 7pm in the Church. This meeting is absolutely mandatory as necessary financial and administrative transactions will take place then. Passports are also required at this meeting, if you have one. Mr. Diego Velez, of Collette Vacations, will be our guest speaker.

CUB SCOUT PACK 74 - Monday, October 3 - General Meeting.

Welcome
To
Sacred Heart School
On-going New Student Registration
Pre-K: 3 and 4 year-old's Full days or half days
Kindergarten - Grade 8
Fall Office Hours: 8:00 am - 3:00pm



Come Sing with the Choir today!!
 Young and old - come on up and help out the choir today 11:30AM Mass Oct. 2, 2011!!! Treats!! Prizes!! Coffee!! Come on up!!
Kids - (grades 1-5) Come Sing with Us!!
 1st rehearsal 5-6PM Oct. 19th Chapel across from school. Registration forms in the office. See you there!!
Kick it up a notch!! Help the Choir!!
 Sacred Heart Parishioners are the most generous parishioners in Staten Island!! It is your incredible generosity that helps us sustain our wonderful music-making at Sacred Heart!! Our music program is self-sustaining which means we need your contributions of healthy snacks/dollar store prizes; or CD purchase; or memorialize a hymnbook or donate choir robe/stole; or donate piano tunings or new music for the organ bench or donate string/brass players/Stuart for special Masses and holidays!! Or better yet ... **Join the Choir!!** Make this fall the time you hop on board and sing with us!!
Questions?? Donations?? Pamela 442-0058 VM 24
A Million Thanks!!
 Join the Choir!! Buy a CD!! Put away a hymn book!



CCD Classes - October 5, 12, 19, 26
Confirmation Meeting - All Parents
7 PM - in the school
To Register for CCD, please contact Mrs. Rizzuto at the CCD Office 718-448-

1536. The fee for CCD is \$155 per child and \$395 for 3 or more children. If you are a new student please bring a copy of your Baptismal Certificate and/or any other sacraments you have received when you register. If you are in any of the Academies and need to prepare for the Sacraments in 2011-2012 school year, please contact Mrs. Rizzuto or call the Rectory Office at 718-442-0058.



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT BEING BAPTIZED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH or you need to receive the

sacraments of Communion or Confirmation please consider coming to the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes here at Sacred Heart starting in the middle of October. For information call Fr. Deo at the rectory at 718-442-0058.

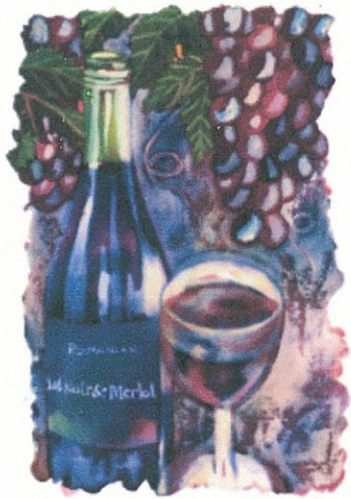
LECTORS NEEDED - If you are interested in becoming a Lector here at Sacred Heart, please contact Fr. Deo at the rectory.

To qualify for entrance to almost all our Catholic High Schools, eighth grade pupils must take the **TACHS** - Test for Admission into Catholic High School. The Exam will be held on Fri., Nov. 4, 2011. Applications for the exam must be made by Mon., Oct. 17th. Catholic school pupils will receive applications in their own school. Public school pupils may obtain applications from Catholic High Schools participating in the program, their parish elementary schools or parish religious education program. Students may also register 7 days a week online via www.tachsinfo.com or by phone from 8am-7pm at 1-800-866-618-2247. Further details may be obtained by calling the above number.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24 hours per day."

St. Peter's Boys High School will have its Open House on October 30th from 1 - 4pm.



SHS's 1st ever "Wine Trail"



Trail at your own pace.

Taste something new

from different stations featuring wines from

Germany, France, Italy,

Spain, Argentina and Austria.

Your trusty winegirl guide will

be available to answer any question!

*Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres will be
served*

Proceeds will benefit the April 2012

FashionShow

Enjoy a wonderful evening with the perfect combination

Good Wine, Food and Friends!



Saturday, October 15, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

\$20.00 per person

R.S.V.P. By October 10

return to Diane Quinlan c/o the SHS office

No. of persons _____ Amount enclosed _____