

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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 NELLIE CIPOLLONE
 5:00 JOHN GAMBARDELLA 5TH ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00 CHARLES & MARY DONOHUE
 9:00 JOHN WHALEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
 9:00 LUIS VASQUEZ

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 KAY McMULLIN
 9:00 MARY KANE 1ST ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 VERA & DERMOT COONEY
 9:00 RECOVERY OF GERARD CRANE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 THOMAS M. MURPHY
 9:00 RAYMOND TAYLOR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 JAMES P. KELLY
 5:00 JOHN & MARY DRISCOLL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00 DEIRDRE LEIGH
 8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
 10:00 DEIRDRE LEIGH
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 JOHN J. SULLIVAN
 5:00 PHILIP DeFRANCESCO

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend of October 15-16

Saturday, October 15

5:00 Frank Ponterio Evelyn Bilotto

Sunday, October 16

7:00 Theresa Zulch
 8:30 Kennedy Apoe Pat Geraghty
 10:00 Minerva Garcia Patricia Hoey
 11:30 Maria Montuori Maureen Driscoll
 1:00 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa
 5:00 Mary Ann Gambardella

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 Scotto, 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 Lauren DiMarco and David Brown
 III Dana Cupo and David Ferrelli
 II Naomi Coppola and Alex Shatzkamer
 I Kaitlin Vautrinot and Jeffrey Messina

Collection for October 3

Collection \$6,637.50
 Monthly \$2,796.00

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

The Rectory Office will be closed to regular business on Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 11 at 9:00am.

CLOSING DOWN THE CHURCH!

This past week, one of the great archbishops of the United States, Archbishop Philip Hannan, the retired Bishop of New Orleans, passed away at the age of 98. Archbishop Hannan led an extraordinarily full life. About two years ago, the bishop penned his memoirs in a wonderful book. The book is entitled, *The Archbishop Wore Combat Boots*. The title refers to the fact that Archbishop Hannan saw active service during the Second World War as a chaplain with the 82nd Airborne Division.

One of the stories that Hannan relates in the book was when he was pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish in Washington during the 1950's. In those days unlike now, most churches were very crowded on the weekend. One Sunday as the bishop tells it, Saint Patrick's Church was so crowded with people up and down the aisles that a police officer came in and threatened to close down the church.

"All this is illegal Father," he said, "and it's got to be stopped." Bishop Hannan said to the policeman, "Listen, you're the law officer! Go up there and tell the people that they have to get out." So the policeman walked up to one man standing in the vestibule and told him to leave. The man told the cop, "Go to hell!" Not exactly a Christian response during the Mass but at least he was sincere!

In reflecting upon that story this past week in the light of the bishop's death, I realized just how much Catholicism has really changed in the last fifty years. No, we don't have to worry about overcrowding in the church anymore. Ironically though, we still have to worry about the law closing down the Church. Not the church in the sense of the physical structure, but "closing the Church" in relation to her mission as a beacon of moral values in our confused world.

Take two current examples that prove my point. First, with the new health care legislation in our country there is a provision that mandates "preventive services." The current administration interprets that phrase to mean pregnancy as if it were a disease to be prevented!

Proposed health and human services regulations for health plan coverage will compel every employer to provide insurance coverage for sterilization and abortifacients which of course is against Catholic teaching. There will be an exemption to "opt out" but

the exemption is so narrowly defined for religious institutions that the Church would not even come close to qualifying.

What will happen? Rather than compromise her beliefs, the Church will be forced to "close down" in terms of health care services rather than violate its principles!

The second issue has to do with same-sex marriage. It seems now that the government has recently espoused a policy that considers support for traditional marriage as sexual orientation discrimination. The Defense of Marriage Act is being questioned and undermined by those in our society with a radical gay agenda that wants everyone to consider the homosexual condition as normative. Of course, the Catholic Church has always taught that marriage is between a man and a woman.

If the legislation prevails however, the Church could face lawsuits charging civil rights discrimination for her views. In this scenario, a Catholic adoption agency who would not allow a same sex couple to adopt a child could be charged with discrimination. Certainly the Church will suffer if it has to "close down" its social services just to maintain the moral principles of Christ. Many in our government and society would like to render the Church passive and inert. But the Church cannot and will not close up shop. Through changing times, may the Catholic Church always uphold the unchanging truths of her founder Jesus Christ!

Sincerely in the Lord, Father Jerome

BENEFIT CONCERT - Former New York Yankee Bernie Williams and his eight-member all star band will be performing a jazz concert Sat., Oct 15 at the St. George Theater. The concert will benefit Good Counsel's Catholic pro-life homes, which operate a residence here on Staten Island. Tickets start at \$30 and can be ordered by phoning 718-442-2900 or visiting Ticketmaster outlets. VIP Meet & Greet tickets are \$251 and can be ordered by emailing VIPGreeting@gmail.com.

SACRED HEART TROOP/ PACK 74 -

Oct. 10 - No Meeting . Columbus Day Round Table Meeting -7:30pm Moravian.

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



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 today 10/9/2011 11:30 AM Mass!!

Questions?? Donations?? Pamela 442-0058 VM 24
A Million Thanks!!

Join the Choir!! Buy a CD!! Put away a hymnbook!



CCD Classes - October 12, 19, 26
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 Oct. 19 at 7pm in the rectory. 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 718-442-0058.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL'S 1ST "WINE TRAIL"
 Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 7:30pm. See the flyer in today's bulletin for further details.

SPARTAN LEAGUE - Final Registration for the Spartan League is Mon., Oct. 10, 7-8:30pm in the school cafeteria. Open to all children K-8.

SAVE THE DATE - YAC HALLOWEEN PARTY
 Saturday, October 29, 2011
 6 to 10:30pm - SHS cafeteria
 \$40 per family of 5
 each additional person \$5.00
BYOB



Contact John Field -
 718-273-0274

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 is 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 programs. 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 at this number.

OPEN HOUSE:

St. Joseph Hill Academy - Saturday, Oct. 15 - 1 - 4pm, 850 Hylan Blvd., 718-447-1374.

Xavier High School - Saturday, Oct. 29 - 1 - 4pm, 30 West 16th St., Manhattan, 212-924-7900. 6th - 8th grade students and their parents are invited to attend.

St. Peter's Boys High School - Sunday, Oct. 30 - 1 - 4pm, 200 Clinton Ave., 718-447-1676.