

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, April 21:

5:00 Brendan Hoey

Sunday, April 22:

7:00 Eugenia Karey
9:00 Richard Morrison
11:00 Virginia Crane
1:00 Inhye Jang
5:00 Sarah Schmitt

Monday, April 23:

7:00 Laura Elizabeth O'Hanlon
9:00 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 24:

7:00 People of the Parish.
9:00 Grace Stanger

Wednesday, April 25:

7:00 Sr. Therese Mary O'Carm
9:00 Jane & Jack Gordon

Thursday, April 26:

7:00 John Burns Sr.
9:00 Eugene Hatton

Friday, April 27:

7:00 Rudolph, Lois & Kurt Duenzl
9:00 Thomas J., Virginia & Gerard Crane

Saturday, April 28:

9:00 Ben Zarrelli
5:00 Rowena Garcia (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, April 29:

7:00 Al & Sue Amore
9:00 Frank & Marie Barnard
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Terrence Downing
5:00 Margaret Newman

Saturday, April 28th:

8:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, April 29th:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Sister Iraida Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki
1:00 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa
5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Anna Parente, James Parente, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Cpl Justin Campbell, Sheila Jones, Frank Silvestri, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Jean Forte, Kathryn Capofari, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Joseph DeMeo, Michael DiCostanzo, Carol Perrone, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Stacey Tierno

Collections:

April 8th..... \$7,789.00
April 2018 Budget Deficit.....\$585.00

Sacred Heart Soccer: The Sacred Heart Soccer League is seeking a new administrator for the 2018/2019 season. If anyone is interested in becoming the head of our successful soccer league please contact Meaghie Reinhold at (347) 563-6353 or email her at meaghiereinhold@gmail.com/347.563.6353

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Father Jacques Philippe is a French spiritual author. He speaks about that interior calm that we so very much desire. He writes:

“The quest for interior peace is much more than the search for peace of mind. It really is about something else: opening ourselves up to God’s actions. It’s important to understand a simple but spiritually important truth: the more we reach out toward peace, the more the grace of God is capable of acting in our lives. Like a tranquil lake perfectly reflects the sun, so is a peaceful heart receptive to the action and movement of the Spirit.”

This advice is consistent with what the great spiritual director, Saint Francis de Sales, said in one of his letters to someone that he was instructing. He wrote, “The Devil is ever solicitous to banish peace from your mind, knowing well that God dwells there only in peace, and that it is in peace that He works His wonders.”

Fr. Philippe continues, “Remaining calm in the face of trouble, uneasiness, and interior disturbances is necessary in order for God to act in our lives. We can still grow in love, and our lives can have the fruitfulness we are called to have if we can accomplish this inward peace...When we’re preoccupied by worry, disturbed by events in our lives, our emotions can get the best of us and we don’t have an objective grasp on reality—we are tempted to see everything in black and white, and question everything in our life. On the other hand, when we are at peace we see life clearly...We should adopt the following rule of conduct: when a problem has robbed us of our peace, the most

important thing is not to resolve the problem in the hope of regaining our peace, but to regain a minimum of peacefulness, and then to see what we can do to face the problem.” [*Fire and Light: Eucharistic Love and the Search for Peace* (2016)].

I think Fr. Philippe does well to emphasize the importance of maintaining peace. After all, our Savior corrected His servant once, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.” (Luke 10:41). He also commanded us not to worry: “Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?” (Matthew 6:27). Moreover, throughout the Easter Season we hear Him saying in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass: “Peace be with you”. Our God is a meek, calm and gentle God. When our soul is in a similar condition only then can we hear His voice and understand His language and reflect His love.

God bless you!

Father Eric

Sacred Heart 2017-2018: If you and your spouse are considering a Private/Catholic school for your children, Sacred Heart is the perfect choice. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. The school currently has an enrollment of 278 students all of who are inspired and educated in the image of God. One hundred percent of our 8th grade graduates are accepted into their high school of choice. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships, are accepted into advanced/specialized programs and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. We place emphasis on technology in the classrooms as our kindergarten—eight grade students have Chromebooks in the classroom. Homework assignments, upcoming events and school news are posted on our school website. Also our basketball, soccer, swimming and golf teams are not only competitive, they win! Sacred Heart also has a Junior National Honor Society as well as drama, art and chess clubs. In addition we offer a free Pre-K and financial assistance is available to students from K-8th grade. If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 442-0347, private tours are available. The next Open House/Touring Tuesday will be April 24th from 9 AM - 11 AM

St. Ann's Society Basket Auction: The Saint Ann's Society Basket Auction will be held at St. Roch's on Sunday April 29th beginning at 1 PM. Admission is \$5 per person.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 28, 2018:

5:00 : A. Buscemi, A. Maida, T. Koleci

Sunday, April 29, 2018:

7:00 G. Garcia, N. Ehresman, M. Crowdell

9:00 Mary, Kathleen & Siobhan McCafferty

11:00 Matthew, Julia & Sean Ahern

1:00 A. Schmitt, E. Shashaty, J. Mullen

5:00 B. Daniels, M. Donovan, M. Fernando

Marian Conference: Notre Dame High School Academy will be hosting a Marian Conference on Saturday May 12th from 9 AM-5:30 PM. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present that day. There are only four of these in the whole world. The day will include the Rosary, a May Crowning, Saturday Mass as well as speeches from Good Counsel Homes members. Admission is \$35 per adult (children are free) and checks should be made payable to Pro Life Elderly/Good Counsel Homes. For more information call (718) 979-7291.

Collection for Church in Eastern & Central

Europe: Every year the Archdiocese of New York takes up a special collection for the Church in Eastern and Central Europe. During the many years of communist rule practicing the faith became illegal and people had to share secretly the truths of the Gospels. Still to this day Catholics in the region struggle to rebuild places of worship as well as Church ministries and communities. This collection is crucial in providing resources to countries struggling to breathe new life into the faith once again. For example in Tirana, the capital city of Albania, the people are trying not only to restore structures but also the spirituality of the faithful Catholics in that country. In 1996 a congregation of Nuns established a kindergarten, the very first Catholic school ever in Tirana. Since then, with your continued help, they have established a Catholic School for kids grades 1-9. They have also created daily activity centers for children which serve over 700 children from all different faiths and ethnic groups. On the weekend of April 28th & 29th a special collection will be taken up for this cause. Please be as generous as your means will allow and remember that your donations have and always will be valued.

Moore Catholic Hall of Fame Golf Outing &

Dinner: Moore Catholic's Hall of Fame Dinner & Golf Outing will take place on May 3rd 2018 at the Grand Oaks Country Club. The price for dinner and golf is \$225 per guest and \$100 for dinner alone. Please contact Gela Mikalauskas at (718) 370-4114 or email her at gmikalauskas@moorechs.org.

SACRED HEART PARISH **GROUPS**

Bible Study: Our Pastor, Fr. Eric, has a weekly Bible study group which meets on Saturdays from 1-2 PM in the school's small cafeteria. During the hour The Rosary is recited, Father gives a short bible lecture and there is a brief group discussion. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Altar Servers: We are always looking for new boys and girls to become altar servers. If you are in the fifth grade or older, are a practicing Catholic and have received your first Holy Communion you can join. If anyone is interested please contact the Rectory at (718) 442-0058 or simply ask Fr. Eric after Mass. Being a server not only increases one's spiritual experience at Mass but also is a great way to get involved in the parish.

Sacred Heart Youth Group: Sacred Heart currently has a Youth Group for children in grades 6-12. If your child is interested in joining or if you have any questions contact Maria Montouri at (347) 247-2930. The group meets every first and third Monday of the month in the school cafeteria at 7 PM. There is free pizza, drinks and snacks for all who attend the meetings. The group does service projects like clothing and coat drives, eyeglass drives and bake sales. There are fun social activities like movie nights, bowling and laser tag! The next "Movie Night" is scheduled for Friday April 29th at 7 PM in the small cafeteria. Admission is \$6 which includes pizza, snack and beverage.

Legion of Mary: The Sacred Heart chapter of the Legion of Mary meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the rectory. The meeting lasts roughly one hour and the members pray the Rosary and offer assistance to the Pastor. If you are interested please call

Patti Foley at (718) 983-5416. All are welcome. Thanks to all who support the Legion of Mary.

Holy Name: The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most traditional groups of the Church. We are excited to be bringing it back to Sacred Heart. All men of the parish ages 18 and older can join. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 6th at 6:30 PM in the school small cafeteria.

Sacred Heart Scouts: Just a reminder to all those interested that Cub Scout Pack 74 and Boy Scout Troop 74 meet every Monday, barring holidays, at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

Sacred Heart Choir: The Adult Choir sings weekly at the 11 AM Mass. Rehearsals take place at 10:15 AM in the choir loft. If any new members who can carry a tune wish to join they do so by simply showing up. Being a member of the choir is a great way to enhance your spiritual experience at Mass. Remember he who sings prays twice!

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass: The annual New York Archdiocese Golden Jubilee Mass will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 PM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. If any of our parishioners are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year and wish to attend simply call the rectory office and the Office Manager will assist you. Please take note that all registrations must be completed by Monday, May 14, 2018. Also each couple is permitted to have one guest sit with them in the reserved pews at the Jubilee Mass on June 3rd.

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving that makes donating quick and easy. This is perfect for our parishioners who take frequent vacations, have a busy weekend schedule or have moved but wish to continue their support of our parish. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, www.sacredheartsi.org and click on the link at the top of the page. Please remember Sacred Heart Church in your estate and will planning.