

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord



Saturday, April 8:

5:00 Bud Rosso

Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday):

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Vocations to the Priesthood
11:00 People of The Parish
1:00 Carol Pernicone
5:00 Gennaro Fischetti

Monday, April 10:

7:00 Carmella Nix
9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue

Tuesday, April 11:

7:00 Xeu Qian Zheng
9:00 Deceased Members of The Geraghty & Graham Families & Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 12:

7:00 Donald Mulligan
9:00 John Kirincich

Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday:

9:00 Betty Lee Barry
8:00 Service of Word, Last Supper

Friday, April 14 Good Friday:

3:00 Service of The Word. Passion of The Lord
7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday:

8:00 Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday:

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Lisa Gina Parisi
11:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
1:00 People of the Parish
5:00 No Mass

Saturday, April 15th Holy Saturday Vigil Mass

8:00 Roy Hansen Anne Siemer

Sunday, April 16th Easter Sunday:

7:00 Theresa Zulch
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuono
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa
1:00 Efrain Ortiz John Mooney



Susan

Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Terrence Gibbons, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Crystal Helewa. Jennifer Santore, Fr. Raymond Dolan, Rosemary Regan, Edward Fiorelli, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman

Collections:

April 2nd.....\$8,631.00
Building Fund March 2017.....\$828.00
Online Giving Jan-March 2017\$6,528.00

Wedding Bands

Brian Ortiz & Stephany Urzua II

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. It's perfect for our parishioners who still want to support while on vacation or have a busy weekend scheduled. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, www.sacredheartsi.org, click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Holy Week! On Thursday, we commemorate the founding of the Catholic priesthood. At the Last Supper Jesus ordained the first priests and celebrated the very first Mass. Simcha Fisher writes a poignant article about priests and preaching entitled: “Six Sermons I Could Do Without.” [www.catholicweekly.com]. Here is the abridged version featuring Simcha, a faithful Catholic, speaking to priests:

“Don Camillo, a faithful but very human priest once pitifully prays to Christ to help him blow his nose in a way that won’t be offensive to the congregation. He knows that he is under more public scrutiny than any other man in the village, and no matter what he does or how he does it, someone is going to complain.

I always keep this prayer in mind when a priest gets on my nerves, and I try very hard not to criticize him. Priests baptize our children. They bury our dead. They forgive our sins. They anoint and bless and guide us. And they give us Christ. The least we can do in return is give them some wiggle room! And so, when we are at Mass, I expect only the bare minimum from these men who are only human, but freighted with a superhuman responsibility.

I do, however, have a short list of things I could do without, which I offer out of sheer, self-giving generosity, as your respectful daughter in the Faith. And if my tone is a little bit lacking in patience, well . . . I’ll see you in the box next Saturday, Father. You know the drill. Here’s what I’d love to never hear from the pulpit again:

The Catechetical Dump. I know it’s tempting to take advantage of a captive audience, especially on Christmas or Easter or a funeral or wedding, when the church is full of folks whose butts rarely dust a pew; but if you want all those unfamiliar faces to come back for more, be intriguing. Be eloquent and concise. Be selective. Please don’t try and convey the entire Faith in one fell swoop.

Yelling At the Choir. What’s worse than preaching to the choir? How about railing at the choir because the choir is so small? Dear Father, we already know it’s important to come. That’s why

we’re here. But please don’t take out your frustration on the folks who actually made it through the door.

Sit, Stand, Kneel, Bow AND BEYOND. I don’t want to raise my hand if I have a Bible in my house. I don’t want to turn around in my seat and wave at my neighbor. I don’t want to be harangued into shouting “Amen” louder and louder and louder until you’re satisfied that we’re wide awake. I know that “audience participation” makes sermons more arresting and memorable, but we’re not actually an audience. We get to offer ourselves to the Father along with Jesus Christ crucified. You’re not going to top that, so please don’t try by resorting to gimmicks.

Miracle debunkers. You just read us the story of the Red Sea parting, or the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, and now help us understand what these miracles meant in the context of salvation history and what they tell us about God’s omnipotence and bounty. But no. Instead, you’re going to snark that probably the wind was just blowing really hard that day, and those primitive, gullible Israelites mistook it for a supernatural event. It’s especially destructive for our kids to hear that the Bible is chock full of *Nothing To See Here*. God does miracles. Please don’t trim Him down to manageable size.

Political rallies. We need to know what the Church teaches about matters up for public debate: Abortion, euthanasia, and so on. But please don’t imply that any politician will save us. That’s Jesus’ job, and it’s your job to help us remember that fact.

Baby shaming. Want to make sure the pews will be empty in ten years? Try publicly humiliating parents for the high crime of bringing their children to visit the Lord. If there’s a true problem with disruptive, out-of-control kids at Mass, a letter in the bulletin or an announcement before or after Mass will do.

And one more thing: Thank you. Thank you for being there, not only on Sundays, not only during normal working hours, but twenty-four hours a day, for your entire life. Thank you for your service to us and to God.”

God Bless You!

Father Eric

Message from Timothy Cardinal Dolan: Each year on Good Friday as we contemplate the passion and death of Our Lord in Jerusalem our Holy Father asks all the parishes of the world to take up a special collection for The Holy Land Mission. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection enables the Franciscan Fathers to continue in their care for the most sacred and holiest shrines of our faith. Please be as generous as possible when assisting the Franciscan Fathers in their very important and sacred work for the Lord.

Mother/Daughter Retreat: The Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, New Jersey will be hosting a Mother/Daughter weekend from May 12—May 14. The cost is \$135 a person and the weekend consists of Mass, personal reflection and testimonials, prayer gatherings and beach walks. This is a perfect opportunity for you and your daughter to get closer, find common ground and celebrate your differences. Anyone interested can sign up at www.capmaymarianists.org or call (609) 884-3829 for further information or questions.

50 Year Wedding Anniversary: On Sunday, June 11th, at 2 PM, St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan will be having a Mass for couples in The Archdiocese who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. If 2017 marks your "Golden Jubilee" and you and your spouse wish to attend please contact the rectory as couples can only register through the parish.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Thursday April 13, 2017:

8:00: B. Daniels, E. Eadicicco, A. Cardone

Friday April 14, 2017:

3:00: Passion of The Cross

A. Basile, C. Basile, A. Buscemi

Stations of The Cross:

7:30: B. Freund, W. Wenzel, T. Smith

Saturday April 15, 2017:

8:00 : Siobhan, Anne & Mary McCafferty

Sunday April 16, 2017:

7:00 R. Delamasa, J. Hoey, K. Postler

9:00 T. Koleci, M. Riccardi, B. Silva

11:00 T. Smith, S. Lauren, V. Kaleta

1:00 G. Seaborg, A. Maida, W. Hollnsteiner

Sacred Heart Easter Schedule 2017:

Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday April 8th 5 PM

Sunday April 9th: 7, 9, 11 AM, 1 & 5 PM

Confessions:

April 10th Reconciliation Monday 3-9 PM

Wednesday April 12th 3-5 PM, 7:30-9 PM

Saturday April 15 3-5 PM

Confessions will also be heard after the 3 PM

Service on Good Friday and after the 8 PM

Mass on Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday

8 PM Mass of The Lord's Supper

Good Friday

3 PM The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30 PM Way of The Cross & Homily

Holy Saturday

8 PM Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday

Masses: 7, 9, 11 AM & 1 PM

No 5 PM Mass

Golden Cross for Education Awards: The

Golden Cross for Education Awards Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 23rd. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:15 AM at St Charles, Oakwood, and the breakfast will follow from 9:30-

12:30 PM at the Excelsior Grand. Featured

honorees are Assemblyman Mike Cusick who is

being honored for his sponsorship of the

Education Tax Credit Bill. Also being honored is

Monsignor Peter Finn who has spent many, many

years serving Staten Island Catholic Education.

The honoree from Sacred Heart will be Ms.

Patricia McKee who taught at our school for over

40 years. Each of the other Catholic elementary

schools on Staten Island will have their own

honorees as well. Tickets range from \$37 for a

single and \$350 for a table of ten. For information

those interested should visit www.adny-si-org or

email Diana.Gatto@archny.org