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Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 14, 2022

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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

Handicapped Accessible (Bathroom)

Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions: Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

Holy Hour: Fridays after 9:30 Mass

Sundays 2-3 PM, Schoensatt Shrine (337 Cary Avenue)

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Parents & Godparents should attend a meeting at 3 PM on the second Sunday of the month in the Rectory to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

Websites:

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AUGUST 14, 2022

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME**

***OPENING HYMN: TABLE OF PLENTY
(OPTIONAL)***

***REFRAIN: COME TO THE FEAST OF
HEAVEN AND EARTH! COME TO THE
TABLE OF PLENTY! GOD WILL PROVIDE
FOR ALL THAT WE NEED, HERE AT THE
TABLE OF PLENTY.***

***O COME AND SIT AT MY TABLE WHERE
SAINTS AND SINNERS ARE FRIENDS. I
WAIT TO WELCOME THE LOST AND
LONELY TO SHARE THE CUP OF MY
LOVE.***

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly
King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; you take away the
sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For you
alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

READING 1 JER 38:4-6, 8-10.

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard,

letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 40: 2, 3, 4, 18.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!

R. Lord, come to my aid!

READING 2 HEB 12:1-4.

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

ALLELUIA**JN 10:27.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

GOSPEL**LK 12:49-53.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: IMMACULATE MARY (OPTIONAL)

IMMACULATE MARY, YOUR PRAISES WE SING! YOU REIGN NOW IN SPLENDOR WITH JESUS OUR KING! AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA! AVE, AVE MARIA! IN HEAVEN THE BLESSED YOUR GLORY PROCLAIM. ON EARTH WE YOUR CHILDREN INVOKE YOUR FAIR NAME. AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA. AVE, AVE MARIA.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Saint Pio died in 1968 in southern Italy. His father, Grazio Forgione, would often travel from his home in Pietrelcina to visit his famous son for a few days at the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. The superior of the monastery allowed Mr. Forgione to stay in one of the vacant cells.

One evening in 1928, when the Saint's father was in his late sixties, he excused himself from the company of the friars and went to his guest room, cell number 10. As he approached the room, he found it unusual that two friars were standing right in front of the doorway, blocking him from entering.

Grazio presumed that they were visiting friars who had mistakenly gone to the wrong room. He respectfully began to explain to them that he had to take his rest, and asked them to allow him to enter, since this was his assigned cell. But they seemed to ignore him. He repeated his request again, but the two friars held their ground, and gave no answer. Once more he asked them to yield. Once more no response.

Now Grazio grew impatient. He urged them to realize that the room could not be theirs. After all, it had only one bed. Finally, as a last resort, he decided to force his way past the men. But once he began to barge into his cell, the two friars just vanished into thin air! Filled with fear and confusion, he immediately set off to find his son, and told him about this strange happening.

Padre Pio understood at once what had occurred. He put his arm around his father's shoulder, and with gentle words comforted him in order to calm him down. When he saw that Grazio was composed and that his fear had subsided, he told him: "Dad, these two friars that you have just seen in front of your room are two pitiable religious who are in Purgatory. They are doing their expiation here in the very place in which they had violated the rule of St. Francis. They are also asking our prayers for their liberation. Therefore, be calm and don't worry. They will not return again." Then the Saint accompanied his father back to cell number 10 and waited until he had gotten into bed, before wishing him a good night. (Frank Rega, *Amazing Miracles of Padre Pio: and the Stories Behind Them*, 2019).

In the month of November, we pray in a special way for the dead. We recognize that it's not easy to get to Heaven. The Apostles once said: "*It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.*" (Acts 14:22). In our charity to the souls in Purgatory we pray for them and offer Masses for them, which is the highest form of prayer.

The Second Vatican Council stated, "This sacred council accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our brethren who are in the glory of Heaven or who are yet being purified after their death..." (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #51). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes clear: "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (#1032).

It's great to be a Catholic! We have the marvelous gift of the Mass to help our loved ones who are suffering on the other side. When they finally pass through the Pearly Gates, they will remember us forever with gratitude at the throne of the Almighty.

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God bless you!

Father Eric





Lector Schedule

Saturday, August 20:
5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, August 21:
7:00 AM : Theresa Zulch
9:00 AM: Kennedy Apoe
11:00 AM: Patricia Jezycki
1:00 PM: Vincent O'Grady

Saturday, August 13: Celebrant

9:30 Michelle A. Pashkoff Fr. Eric
5:00 Matthew & Kathleen Dowd Fr. Samuel

Sunday, August 14:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli Fr. Soju
9:00 Frank & Gloria Feeney Fr. Samuel
11:00 Sue Amore Msgr. Greg
1:00 Fr. Robert Navins Fr. Eric

Monday, August 15 (Feast of The Assumption)

9:30 Joan M. Prenty Fr. Samuel
12:00 Souls in Purgatory Fr. Samuel
7:00 People of the Parish Fr. Eric

Tuesday, August 16:

9:30 Corinne A. O'Brien Fr. Samuel
(16th Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 17:

9:30 Alice Perry Fr. Samuel
(27th Anniversary)

Thursday, August 18:

9:30 Mary Kate O'Carolan Fr. Samuel

Friday, August 19:

9:30 Raymond Riley Fr. Samuel

Saturday, August 20:

9:30 John & Donald Baker Fr. Eric
5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri Fr. Samuel

Sunday, August 21:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn Fr. Soju
& McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Frances Frabotta Fr. Eric
11:00 Brendan Hoey Fr. Samuel
1:00 Shawn Gunawardena Msgr. Greg

Collections

August 7th:
\$6,541.00

Pastoral Solidarity:
\$1,070.00

Attendance August 7th:
453

The Bread and Wine are donated in the loving memory of Donald Regan from his family & friends.

Monday, August 15th, is the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sacred Heart will be having Masses at 9:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM.



CCD Registration 22-23: Registration for CCD Classes for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. To register your child for classes you can either drop off the forms to the Rectory or stop by The Rectory and fill them out. The Office Manager is in Monday—Friday from 9AM—5PM. The cost is \$165 per child, \$400 for three children. Payment of the fee is not necessary to register your child and may be paid in increments. Only checks or cash no credit/debit cards. Any new or first time student must provide sacrament certificates.

Holy Name Food Pantry: The Sacred Heart Holy Name Society is once again in need of food donations to stock the pantry. canned fish and meats, vegetables, fruit, soup, boxes of instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, hot and cold cereals, pasta, jarred/canned sauces, peanut butter and jelly are all needed and appreciated.

Annulment Meeting: Carmen Noschese, coordinator of the Separated & Divorced Ministry of The Archdiocese of NY will host an information session about annulments. The session will take place at St. Ann's Church on Wednesday, August 17th, at 6:30 PM. If you or someone you know of would benefit from attending this seminar, please RSVP to Anne-Louise DePalo at (718) 351-3748 or email her at marketing@aldplaw.net.

Bible Group: Father Eric's Bible Group will begin meeting again on Saturday, September 18th from 1-2 PM. The topic this time will be the Book of Judith, one of the great heroines of Sacred Scripture. All are welcome.

The Holy Name will be holding its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 18th, at 10:30 AM at The Staaten. This year the keynote speaker will be John Walsh, Assistant Principal of St. Peter's Boys High School. Our honoree will be Father Louis Jerome. Please see the flier for more details.

SAINT BERNARD

FEAST DAY: AUGUST 20TH

WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT BERNARD ON BEHALF OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS



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