

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, August 20:

5:00 James Crowdell

Sunday, August 21:

7:00 Deceased Members of the Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Brendan J. Hoey
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Deceased Members of the Fressola & Mazzitelli Families
5:00 Dorothy O'Malley

Monday, August 22:

9:00 Mary Romanelli

Tuesday, August 23

9:00 Angela Hollywood

Wednesday, August 24:

9:00 Philip O'Carolan

Thursday August 25:

9:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Friday, August 26:

9:00 Dawn Walsh -10th Anniversary

Saturday August 27:

9:00 People of the Parish
5:00 Victoria & James Crowdell

Sunday, August 28:

7:00 John J. Prenty
9:00 Venancio & Victoria Ramirez
11:00 Steven Levine
1:00 Jeremiah O'Leary
5:00 Dawn Walsh

Saturday, August 27:

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, August 28:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Vincent O'Grady Maryann Gambardella
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Pat Jezycki
1:00 Stephen Brown Dorothy Tarafa
5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz



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, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha

Collections:

Regular August 14 \$4,793.00
Monthly \$2,734.00

Wedding Banns

III Juliana Mazo and Jason Carela
II Michelle Rotunno and Jonathan Blaha

RCIA—If you have questions about being Baptized in the Catholic faith or if you need to receive the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation consider attending RCIA classes here at Sacred Heart starting in September. For information contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

The Bread and Wine are offered for a special intention to the Virgin Mary by Sarah McDermot.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope that you are enjoying the final weeks of summer! Tracey Guglielmo, our parish office manager, has resigned in order to return to the field of education, which is more compatible for the rhythms of family life. Her last day is September 2nd. We will miss her. Of course, we will have to hire someone to replace her. If you know of anyone, please let me know. Let's pray for someone as good as Tracey!

Recently, I was speaking to a man who was complaining about his brother. I know them both well. The complainer loves his brother, and vice versa, and they get together when the latter is in town. I did not feel very comfortable listening to his criticisms. Why? It was basically backbiting. The truth is... I could have resisted the backbiter better by, for instance, changing the subject. St. Thomas Aquinas defines backbiting as the denigration of a neighbor's reputation by means of secret words. (*Summa Theologiae*, II-II, 73, 1). He calls it a "serious wrong". (*Ibid*, 83, 2). This is consistent with what St. Bernard says, "Backbiting is a great vice, a great sin, a great crime." These saintly doctors of the Church are using the language of mortal sin. That should frighten you and I who are journeying towards the day of judgment in the midst of a society of loose and vindictive tongues. St. James the Apostle says: *No human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.* (3:8). The truth is we need the help of Jesus Christ to keep us from backbiting and from encouraging backbiters to backbite. Come Holy Ghost!

A wonderful little book (of only 49 pages!) on this subject is *Sins of the Tongue: The Backbiting Tongue* by Fr. Belet. It was originally written in French in 1870. Belet points out specific ways in which a person can backbite his or her neighbor. One way is when he gets carried away by vanity and imputes things against his neighbor that never happened. Another way to backbite is when she brings a hidden or unknown fault to light. What she says is true, but still she should not say it. Even if the sin she reveals is

not altogether secret but known only to a few, as long as it is not public knowledge, she is backbiting if she reveals it to someone who was unaware of it. In this case, she backbites not by saying something untrue, but by wounding her neighbor's reputation. "This a very common sin among us," says Fr. Belet.

Another way one backbites is if he exaggerates someone else's fault, be it true or false. Moreover, one backbites when she relates something that another person did that is not evil in any way, but she speaks as though her neighbor had done the deed for evil reasons. Another way to backbite is through silence. A person who says nothing about the integrity or good morals of his neighbor when he is questioned about them, or when his neighbor is accused of having done something wrong, is backbiting in a certain way.

Lastly, a person is guilty of backbiting if she is publicly blamed for something she did, and she denies her guilt, thereby making her accuser pass for a liar. "It is surely not an obligation to publicly admit a fault committed in secret. However, one should justify himself in some other way, saying, for instance, 'Those are only words, they don't prove anything. Whoever heard them may have been mistaken. Don't believe everything you hear.'" This way of speaking is very charitable! A good example can be furnished from the life of Plato, the great philosopher of ancient Greece. Someone approached to tell him that Xenocrates, his student, had been spreading all kinds of malicious stories about him. Plato replied, "It is highly improbable." Since the accuser insisted with every indication of truth, Plato added, "I cannot believe that I am not loved by someone I love so much." Then the accuser swore that what he said was true. Not wanting to test whether the man was lying, Plato simply said, "Xenocrates would not have spoken thus unless he thought he were doing me a favor."

God bless you!

Father Eric

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 (718) 442-0347

CCD Registration & Re-Registration:

It's not too late to register..If you are interested in registering your child (entering 1st-7th grade in Sept 2016) for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year please email Mrs. Rizzuto at shcreligioused@yahoo.com or call and leave a message 718-442-1536.

CCD Look Ahead to September:

Classes Begin Wednesday, September 14th
Confirmation Parent Meeting—September 22 @ 7PM
Communion Parent Meeting—September 29 @7PM

Sacred Heart Soccer:

Last chance to register for the Sacred Heart Soccer Program. Pre-K thru 8th grade. For info contact Meaghie Reinhold at (347) 563-6353 or email: meaghierinhold@gmail.com. Season begins early September.

OKTOBERFEST & CAR SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Calling Sacred Heart's volunteers, parish & school groups and bakers for this year's Oktoberfest, Fall Festival & Car Show—October 9, 2016. If interested in volunteering contact Tim Donnelly at TimDonnelly426@yahoo.com or call the rectory.

OKTOBERFEST RAFFLE:

To offset the costs of this year's Oktoberfest, Sacred Heart will be raffling two PRIME tickets to the Price is Right Show which will be taped, October 9th at the St. George Theater. Doors open at 6PM. The raffle will be drawn at the Oktoberfest at 1PM. Cost—\$20. See Oktoberfest flyer. Return raffle ticket to the rectory or in the collection basket. Cash is preferred but checks can be made payable to Sacred Heart Church (in memo, PIR Raffle). Good Luck!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 27:

5:00 John & Michael Manning

Sunday, August 28:

7:00 Veronica Kaleta & Noelle Ehresman

9:00 Elizabeth Eadicicco & Bernard Daniels

11:00 Deirdre & John McCafferty

1:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

5:00 Kevin Postler & Angela Buscemi

Summertime! A great time to look at some challenges before us— A growing concern/question I am often asked is “Why are many of the hymnbooks/missals in disrepair? “What is being done about this?”

A Bit of History: In 2004, The Parish Choir and I embarked on a Herculean fundraiser (via a year long concert series, including a hymnbook dedication as part of the ticket purchase). As a result of hundreds and hundreds (and hundreds!) of hours of painstaking work and great generosity from parishioners, we were able to purchase 400 hymnbooks/missals (in addition to 50 choir books thanks to a generous Parish Choir member!) - permanently replacing the need to purchase an equal number of disposable missalettes yearly!

The Good News/Bad News: The good news is we have saved the church over \$108,000 over the last 12 years by using our beloved hymnbooks, in lieu of disposable missalettes (not to mention the hundreds of trees saved in the process!). Additionally, of course, is the priceless devotional comfort for those who worship weekly, using the book dedicated to their loved one. The history of deceased members/family members of this parish live on in our hymnbook/missal dedications!

The Bad News: And so it is we are challenged on many levels as how best to meet the ever growing need of addressing our deteriorating books!! Approximately 1/3 of the books need serious repair and/or replacement. Book binding repairs will usually cost more than a new book (New book—approx. \$16-\$26). Additionally our edition of Journey Songs is no longer in print (due to English revision of the Mass several years ago).

So if we purchase “new”, we need to purchase all new books (approx. \$8500)! Ideas? Checks anyone?
Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24) 718-442-0058

Family Choir sings, September 6th, 2016—11AM Mass...We welcome visitors from near and far!! See you in the loft! And bring your whole family!!

Travelling Choir votes on their next trip destination August 21 -10:30AM and then sings for the 11AM Mass following. Trip #1 or Trip #2??? Come cast your vote! See you in the loft!!

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Come with us on our next choir tour!