

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 4:  
5:00 Richard Morrison

Saturday, February 11th :  
5:00 Mary Rosso  
Barbara Kelly

Sunday, February 5:  
7:00 Jeanne Rigney Benedetto  
9 :00 Marie & Frank Barnard  
11:00 Peter Pellegrito  
1:00 Elizabeth Sullivan  
5:00 Pauline Porpora

Sunday, February 12th:  
7:00 Vincent O'Grady  
9:00 Don O'Shea  
11:00 Maria Montouri  
1:00 Pat Jezycki  
5:00 Jack Gordon  
Evelyn Bilotto  
Regina Torello  
Rosetta Messina  
Efrain Ortiz

Monday, February 6:  
7:00 St. Jerome Emiliani  
9:00 People of the Parish



Tuesday, February 7:  
7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli  
9:00 Matthew & Maureen Gordon

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, Richard O'Shea, Crystal Helewa. Jennifer Santore

Wednesday, February 8:  
7:00 Nancy McVey  
9:00 Joyce Rusinak

Thursday, February 9:  
7:00 Helen Buckley  
9:00 Thomas Walsh

Friday, February 10:  
7:00 Barbara Doherty  
9:00 Charles M, Mary & Charles Donohue

Saturday, February 11:  
9:00 Jean Acquista  
5:00 Bud Rosso

**Collections:**  
January 29th.....\$7,544.68  
January Building Fund.....\$1,685.00  
Congratulations to M/M Michael Perkert on winning the January 50/50

Sunday, February 12:  
7:00 Msgr. James Dorney  
9:00 Deceased members of The Mello Family  
11:00 Peter Pellegrito  
1:00 Stanley Modzelewski  
5:00 Laura Marcucci

The flowers on the Altar were donated by Mr & Mrs Stephen Hyland in the loving memory of Nancy McVey and Jeanne Rigney Benedetto

**Online Giving:** Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, [www.sacredhearts.org](http://www.sacredhearts.org), click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

New York City Police Officer Steven McDonald died January 10, 2017. After a gunshot wound sustained on duty left him paralyzed below the neck he became famous for his peace-making endeavors throughout the world. Here is an interview this saintly man gave in a documentary entitled, "The Face of Mercy."

"Before I hit the streets as a new police officer, the first thing I did was to go to my local rectory and ask the priest to bless my badge. I think that put me in a good place for future events. One summer day in the early 1980s, I was on patrol with my supervisor. We saw three kids who fit the description of those who were doing crimes in the Central Park area. As I was saying, 'I'm a police officer, I'd like to talk with you,' I thought I saw a weapon in the sock of one of the boys. When I made the tactical error of taking my eyes off the boys, one of them moved towards me with a small handgun. Before I could say, 'don't shoot,' the boy pulled the trigger. It was very loud, scary loud. The first bullet entered my head. As I fell backwards, the boy stepped closer and shot me in the throat, and then as I lay on the ground he shot me a third time.

As they brought me into the ER, I'm told, the surgeon said, 'This kid's not going to live; you better bring his family here to say goodbye.' There was a young police officer standing nearby, no rank, no high station, but when he heard that, he stepped forward into the crowd and said, 'We need to give him a second chance.' I believe that was the Holy Spirit speaking through Brian, who is my friend today. Just like that, they loaded me up on a special ambulance and flew me down to Bellevue. It was there they truly saved my life.

With Cardinal John O'Connor's support, we had Mass at my bedside every day from July until the following April. It was a game changer. With each passing day, the hospital room became more like a chapel. The darkness was lifted and light filled the room, and that's the way my life has been ever since. My wife Patti Ann was

pregnant with our first child when I was shot. After one particularly negative meeting with the doctor, we didn't have much hope. When he left, Patti Ann collapsed on the floor and I had no way of calling for help. It was one of those dark, dark days when I didn't think I wanted to live much longer.

One day, I was looking out a dirty window, caught up in my thoughts. All of a sudden I felt this soft little face touching my skin. My wife was able to sneak up behind me with our new baby. It was like being touched by the finger of God. The message I received was, 'Here's this new life; you have to live for him.' During a press conference after the shooting, Patti Ann told everyone that I wanted to forgive the boy who shot me. The media were taken aback; they weren't expecting it. But if I chose not to forgive Shavod Jones, I don't think I would be alive. All the negative emotions would have overtaken me. Once I said yes to the idea of forgiveness, it freed me and I was able to move forward with my purpose in God's plan. Shavod died in a motorcycle accident three days after his release from prison. I never had the chance to help him, but my wife encouraged me to reach out to kids like him so they might know life without the violence on the streets. I understand much better now that our world needs prayer, and that God always answers our prayers, even though the answers come in His time.  
God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

**Discovering Christ:** Discovering Christ is a seven week experience where all are invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Sundays at 6:30 PM beginning on February 26th and ending on April 9th. The weekly sessions include four components: a meal, prayer time, a video teaching and a small group discussion. We are very excited to bring Discovering Christ to our parish and if you are interested sign up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church.

**Sacred Heart Pre-K for All:** Come and see the wonderful learning environment and community that our Pre-K for All students experience. We invite all parents to “Touring Tuesday” on January 31st from 9-11 AM and to our “Open House” on Sunday February 5th from 11AM-1PM. The school is located at 301 North Burgher Avenue and can be contacted at 718-442-0347. Those interested can apply online at [Schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline](http://Schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline) or at 718-935-2067. The application period is from January 17th thru February 24th and the online code for Sacred Heart is 31RABJ.

**St. Peter’s Boys High School:** On Friday March 3, 2017 St. Peter’s Boys High School will be having its annual Chinese Auction. The event starts at 6 P.M. in the school Gym located at 200 Clinton Avenue. The admission price is \$5, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and no children under 12 will be admitted. This is a major Fund Raiser for The School’s Parents Club and numerous refreshments, raffles and prizes will be available.

**2018 Mass Book:** The Sacred Heart 2018 Mass book is now open so you can plan your mass intentions. If you have more than three requests please drop the list in the collection basket and James Perrone our Office Manager will contact you.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday February 11, 2017:**

5:00 W. Wenzel, E. Eadiccio, A. Buscemi

**Sunday, February 12, 2017:**

7:00 Mary, Siobhan & Kathleen McCafferty

9:00 J. Esco, S. Baniswal, H. Bond

11:00 J. Hoey, M. Donovan, K. Postler

1:00 B. Silva, S. Lauren, W. Hollnsteiner

5:00 R. Delamasa, B. Freund, G. Seaborg

**The Emmaus Ministry:** The Emmaus Ministry is a special organization that counsels parents whose children have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. The loss of a child is a loss unlike any other and The Emmaus Ministry is a faith based program which provides Spiritual Retreats for grieving parents by grieving parents. St. Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoodie, will be hosting two one day retreats on Saturday, February 11th and Saturday, February 25th. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple for further information contact Sue DiSisto at (646)-794-3191 or register online at [www.emfgp.org/achny](http://www.emfgp.org/achny).

**The Seton Foundation:** The Board of Directors, the Parents Guild and most of all the children of The Seton Foundation would like to express their gratitude to the parishioners of Sacred Heart for donating to their annual Christmas Raffle. This raffle is a major fundraiser which raises approximately 10% of their annual budget for The Mother Franciska Elementary School and The Bishop Patrick V. Ahern High School. This year the raffle was a tremendous success with a total of \$86,701 being raised, of which Sacred Heart contributed \$2,455. All of the prayers and support they receive are a great blessing as are your generous donations. Thanks once again.

**St. Francis Catholic Singles:** The next meeting of Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30’s-50’s, will be on Thursday February 23rd at 7:15 PM at Holy Family Church. Father Angelo Micciullo will discuss the sacrament of Confession from its origins in the early church, its evolution over the ages and how the sacrament works today. Donations of \$5-10 are greatly appreciated.

**Choir News:** Welcome to the Sacred Heart Choir News. I would like to invite you to join our choirs, The Adult and The Children’s Choir. If you can carry a tune and are willing to sing, you are in! Remember the one who sings prays twice. Our Children’s Choir sings the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and the Adult Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11 AM Mass. Rehearsals are held at 10:15 AM the same Sunday before Mass. Come let’s praise the Lord together.