

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 20:
5:00 Mary & Frank Santora

Saturday, January 27:
5:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, January 21:
7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
9:00 Steven Crea Jr.
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Brendan Hoey
5:00 James J. McVey

Sunday, January 28:

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

Monday, January 22:
7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Fr. Raymond Dolan



Tuesday, January 23:
7:00 Roberto Marin
9:00 Gerald Cocozello

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, Moira Mackey, Michael DiCostanzo, Carol Perrone

Wednesday, January 24:
7:00 Sr. Mary Vogl
9:00 Gerarda Ucelli

Thursday, January 25:
7:00 Patricia Molloy
9:00 Joanna Ruth

Friday, January 26:
7:00 Special Intentions
9:00 Joseph & Grace Abate

Collections:

January 14th.....\$7,063.00
January 2018 Building Fund.....\$564.00

Saturday, January 27:
9:00 Eileen Blazejeski
5:00 Helen Kubasek

Online Giving: Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which 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.

Sunday, January 28:
7:00 Wayne Nash
9:00 Al & Sue Amore
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 William, Anna & James Maine
5:00 Frank & Florence Murphy

Wedding Bands

Ian Co & Nicole Reed

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Cerith Gardiner writes about a beautiful, but short, marriage in “The Last Words of a Dying Bride.” (Aleteia.org, 5 January 2018). On December 23, 2016, Heather Mosher from Connecticut, received the overwhelming news that she had breast cancer. How did David Mosher, her boyfriend, react? He took her in a horse-drawn carriage and proposed to her under a street light. David said, “She didn’t know I was going to propose that night, but I said to myself, she needs to know she’s not going to go down this road alone.” Over the following year, Heather battled the disease with David’s constant support, sympathy and encouragement. The cancer then spread to her brain and within a few months Heather needed life support just to breathe. “She was tough. Anyone else would have given up a long time ago. The doctors even said we don’t know how she’s still here,” David said.

Cancer was not going to overcome the couple’s love and intention to marry. Although they had planned to exchange vows at church on December 30, doctors quietly advised David to move the date forward. Hence, on December 22, the couple said their vows in front of their family and friends at the St. Francis chapel of the hospital.

“We were losing her as we were all standing there, thinking, to hold onto this, because this was the last she had to give,” said Heather’s bridesmaid, Christina Karas. There’s a wonderful photo of the bride immediately after the exchange of vows with outstretched arms manifesting her overflowing joy. She was “jubilant” in being able to proclaim her love for the man “who didn’t abandon her in her time of need.”

Karas stated solemnly, “The last words she said were her vows.”

David the groom declared: “She’s my great love, and I’m going to lose her, but I’m not losing her forever.” Just 18 hours later, on December 23, a year to the day she became engaged, Heather died a married woman.

Gardiner, the author of this article, points out a very important truth, explaining, “Heather’s story is what a wedding is all about. Not an expensive dress, flowers, and the perfect venue, but declaring your love and commitment to that someone special, and showing them that you will be by their side as you navigate life’s journey together, no matter how long, or short.”

At Sacred Heart Church in Staten Island, there are many spouses who have embodied these noble sentiments. I believe they are giving much glory to God by fulfilling their sacred vows with great love, reflecting in their own marital unions the perpetual love that Jesus Christ has for His bride, the Church. Moreover, these couples are doing much for society. After all, marriage is the foundation of family. Family is the cornerstone of civilization. We thank the married couples of our parish for their witness.

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.



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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 27, 2018:

5:00 : R. Delamasa, W. Wenzel, G. Seaborg

Sunday, January 28, 2018:

7:00 M. Postler, K. Postler, J. Oliveras

9:00 Matt, Julia & Sean Ahern

11:00 V. Kaleta, A. Maida, T. Koleci

1:00 A. Cruz, M. Perkert, J. Torres

5:00 J. Orellana, L. O’Neal, A. Basile

St. Joseph Retreat Center Overnight Retreats (St. Joseph Hill Academy)

Lenten Silent Directed Retreat: Friday– Sunday March 2-4th, facilitated by Nanci Bachman and Pat Stephens. As we journey through Lent, we take a pause and this week provides silent time and space to enter into the heart of Jesus. Each day there is Mass, meetings with spiritual directors and time for prayer.

Meditation Monday: February 12th, March 12th, April 9th and May 7th. 7:30-9 PM. \$20 per session, facilitated by Grace Daquila. Come and be renewed, refreshed and restored with an evening of faith sharing, reflection and prayer.

Centering Prayer Group: Wednesdays (January 24th, February 14th and 28th, March 14th and 28th). 7:30-9 PM, facilitated by Ann Louise DePalo, \$10 per session. Come and pray and rest in God’s presence. Light refreshments are served so come journey with others looking for a deeper, more personal relationship with God.

The retreat house is located on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Blvd. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Ronnie Keane at (718) 720-1097 or visit SJRetreatCenter.org

Sacred Heart School: Now accepting applications for September 2018, www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsnyc.org.

- Free Universal “Pre K For All” (4 year olds born in 2014).
- Apply Online beginning February 5, 2018 at www.schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline, Sacred Heart code is 31RABJ

Open House Dates:

- Sunday, January 28, 2018 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
- Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9AM-11 AM
- Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9AM-11 AM
- Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9 AM– 11 AM

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 encouraged and 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 as well as fun social activities like movie nights, bowling and laser tag! Also, any student who is currently in need of community service hours can join for an easy way get hours and have some fun at the same time.

Legion of Mary: The Sacred Heart chapter of the Legion of Mary meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday's 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

and thanks to all who support The Legion of Mary.

Holy Name: The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most traditional groups and we are excited to be bringing it back to Sacred Heart. All men of the parish ages 18 and older can join and meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium. Light refreshments are served. The next meeting is on Sunday, February 18th at 6:30 PM.

CALLING ALL ST. MONICA'S MOTHERS GUILD ALUMNI

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A COCKTAIL PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS THAT WERE FORGED DURING OUR YEARS AS MEMBERS OF THE ST. MONICA'S MOTHERS GUILD. LETS ALL GET TOGETHER AND REMINISCE ABOUT THE TALENT SHOWS, THE SMG PLAYS, ITALIAN NIGHT, ST. PATTY'S DAYS PARTIES AND COUNTLESS HOURS SPENT IN THE GYM SETTING UP FOR HOLIDAY FAIRS, GRADUATES BREAKFASTS JUST TO NAME A FEW. PLEASE REACH OUT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY, COME RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE NIGHT!

DATE: February 23RD, 2018

TIME: 8PM TO 11 PM

PLACE: THE STAATEN, OF COURSE!

PRICE: \$65

INCLUDES DJ, 3 HOUR COCKTAIL PARTY, OPEN BAR

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE STAATEN.

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 16TH

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE PM CAROL

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