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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 4, 2021

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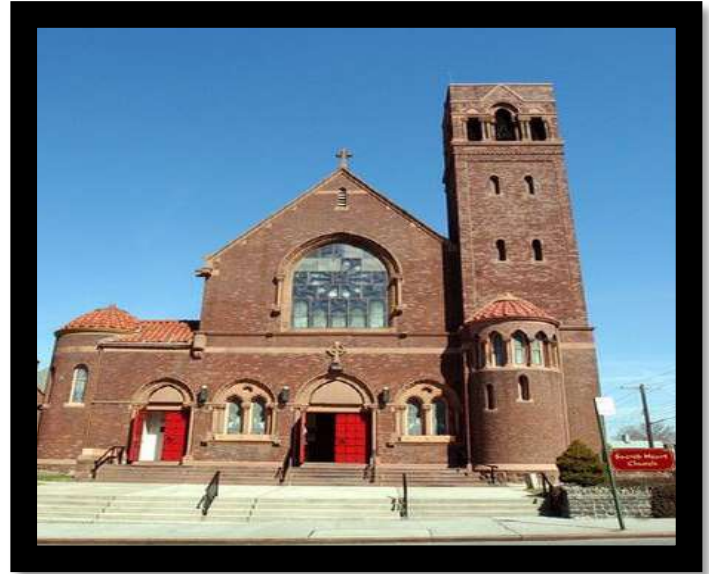
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 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

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

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 with Fr. Eric to initiate the Sacrament.

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.

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JULY 4, 2021

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

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 **EZ 2:2-5.**

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 123:1-2, 2, 3-4.**

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven —As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress, So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity on us.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

READING 2 **2 COR 12:7-10.**

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

ALLELUIA **LK 4:18.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

MK 6:1-6.

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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 : **"America The Beautiful"**

**Oh beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties,
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on Thee,
And crown thy good
With Brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A throughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God shed his grace on Thee,
And crown thy good
With Brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On this, the 245th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we recall that our beloved country was founded by a believing people. They had every intention to initiate a republic “under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” This verse from the Pledge of Allegiance makes that very point.

Unfortunately, many in our nation are not believing people. We pray for them. We also remind them that there are rational proofs for the existence of God. Rational proof refers to a reasoning process that leads each individual, regardless of his or her religion, or lack thereof, to the truth that God exists. One rational proof of God’s existence attractive to many is the role of conscience.

Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) was a very influential philosopher from Germany. Some of his thought proved quite detrimental to human flourishing. On the other hand, his argument for God’s existence was a boon. He said that we know with certainty that God exists because of the force with which the moral law imposes itself upon our consciousness. He was referring to “conscience,” which he called “the categorical imperative.” Where there is law there must be a lawgiver, in this case, a Divine Lawgiver.

St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890) agreed. Newman said that conscience “has rights because it has duties.” (*Letter to the Duke of Norfolk*). He added, “We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.” (*Letter to Mrs. William Froude*).

Archbishop Charles Chaput writes, “As Catholics, we must act according to our conscience. But we should also remember that we all have great skill at self-deception when it suits us. Conscience is never merely a matter of personal preference or opinion. Nor is it a self-esteem coach. It is a gift of God; the strong, still, uncomfortably honest voice inside us that speaks the truth if we let it.” (Charles J. Chaput, *Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life* [2012], p. 147).

Newman argues, in fact, that “the more a person tries to obey his conscience, the more he gets alarmed with himself for obeying it so imperfectly ... But next, while he grows in self-

knowledge, he also understands more and more clearly that the voice of conscience has nothing gentle, nothing of mercy in its tone. It is severe and even stern. It does not speak of forgiveness, but of punishment. It suggests to him a future judgment; it does not tell him how he can avoid it.” (Newman, *Sermons Preached on Various Occasions*, no. 5, “Dispositions for Faith”. Quoted in Chaput, p. 148).

Chaput elaborates: “Conscience has the task of telling us the hard truth about our actions. The Church has the task of expressing God’s love and leading us to salvation. For Catholics, “conscience” demands a mind and heart well formed in the truth of Jesus Christ. And these come foremost through the teaching of the Catholic faith. Obviously, faith is not a mathematical equation. People often face difficult issues in daily life. Some Catholics may find themselves sincerely unable, in conscience, to accept a point of Catholic teaching. When that happens, the test of a believer’s honesty is his humility; that is, his willingness to put the matter to real prayer and the seriousness of his effort to accept the wisdom of the Church and follow her guidance. If after this effort he still cannot reconcile himself with the teaching of the Church, he must do what he believes to be right, because ultimately, every Catholic must follow his or her conscience. At the same time, we should remember that honest private decisions—the kind that come from hard self-examination—are very different from the organized, premeditated, public rejection of Catholic belief by persons who use their Catholic identity to attack what the Catholic faith holds as true.” (Ibid, p. 149).

God bless you!

Father Eric



St. John Henry Newman



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Saturday, July 3:

5:00 Joseph Brideson

Sunday, July 4:

7:00 Katherine Kocian Rodgers

9:00 Steven Raffone

11:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner

1:00 Lisa Lopez

Monday, July 5:

9:30 President Joseph Biden

Tuesday, July 6:

9:30 Patricia M. Silvestri

Wednesday, July 7:

9:30 Intentions of The Meagher Family

Thursday, July 8:

9:30 John & Helen Kubasek

Friday, July 9:

9:30 People of the Parish

Saturday, July 10:

9:30 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

5:00 Joseph & Michila Abate

Sunday, July 11:

7:00 Susan Pellecchia

9:00 John Cooney

11:00 Sarah Ahern

1:00 Joseph Martino

Saturday, July 10:

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

Sunday, July 11:

7:00 AM Vincent O'Grady

9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.

11:00 AM Maria Montuori

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 10:

5:00 PM Abigail Cruz

Sunday, July 11:

7:00 Jacob Torres

9:00 Stella Albano

11:00 Sean Ahern

1:00 Michael Contardo

Collections:

June 27th.....\$11,145.00

Building Fund..... \$518.00

Congratulations to M/M Frank DiSalvo on winning the June 2021 50/50.

ATTENDANCE JUNE 27TH: 508

Wedding Banns

**I. James Thomas Duffy
& Samantha Alessandra Herz**

Goretti Group: The Maria Goretti Feast Day Mass will take place on Friday, July 9th, at 7 PM at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Manhattan. Bishop Peter J. Byrne will be the celebrant and Most Holy Redeemer is located at 173 East 3rd Street. The Mass will be followed by fellowship and light refreshments in the courtyard at 7:45 PM. At 8 PM a talk hosted by Chris Brennan about divorce and what we can do about it will take place.

Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast: The annual Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, September 19th, at 10:30 AM at The Staaten. This year the keynote speaker will be Frank Siller, Chairman and CEO of The Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Members of The Holy Name Society will begin selling raffles after the Masses on Sunday during the summer. The cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for children (children under 12 are free) and all checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart Church. After a very difficult time with the Corona Virus this is a great opportunity to come together as a parish and give thanks for all we have been given.

Black & Indian Missions: The second collection on Sunday, July 11th will be taken up for the benefit of Catholic Missions among Black & Indian People. This collection reinforces the call of Pope Francis to share the faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ. Your continued support provides for bibles and catechetical materials for religious classes. It also provides food, shelter and medical care for priests and religious ministering in these regions. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

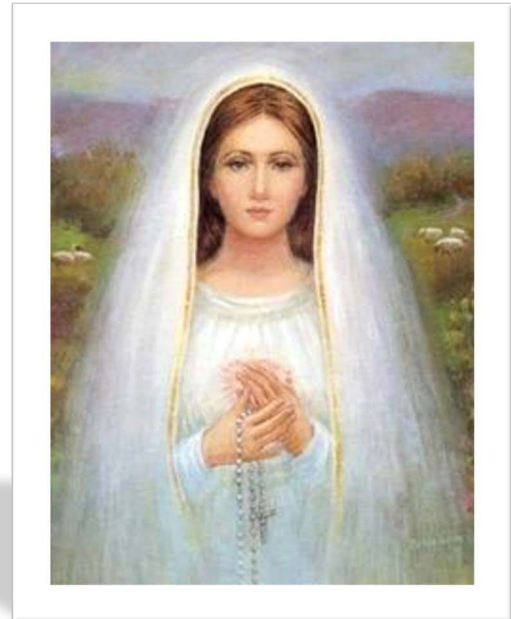
Fr. Angelo Micciulla: Fr. Angelo Micciulla, Pastor of Holy Family Church on Staten Island, is in need of a kidney transplant. Several months ago he was diagnosed with stage 4 Chronic Kidney Disease and is getting dangerously close to stage 5. Although he is still functioning as a Pastor, his poor health often limits his schedule. Fr. Micciulla is only 42 and his physicians have advised that a transplant from a living donor is the best option to extend his life. If you or anyone you know wishes to be a living donor you should contact Lisa Russo of Holy Family at (718) 761-6663. Please spread the word and keep Fr. Micciulla in your prayers so that he may continue his ministry for many more years.

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 5th, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. On behalf of Father Eric and the faculty and staff of Sacred Heart we would like to wish all of our parishioners a safe and blessed holiday.

SAINT MARIA GORETTI

FEAST DAY: JULY 6TH

WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF ST. MARIA GORETTI ON BEHALF OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS



Sick Relatives & Friends
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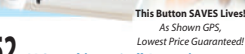
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