

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, July 7:**

5:00 John Smith

**Sunday, July 8:**

7:00 Eileen Downing  
9:00 Special Intention for Susan Pellecchia  
11:00 People of the Parish  
1:00 Douglas Peterson  
5:00 Richard Merenda Jr.

**Monday, July 9:**

7:00 Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Helen & John A. Kubasek

**Tuesday, July 10:**

7:00 Vocations to the Religious Life  
9:00 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

**Wednesday, July 11:**

7:00 Fr. Joseph M. Collins  
9:00 Sarah Ahern

**Thursday, July 12:**

7:00 Joseph Yannantuono  
9:00 Patricia Molloy

**Friday, July 13:**

7:00 Fr. Bruce Jackson  
9:00 Diana Kisto

**Saturday, July 14:**

9:00 Joan M. Prenty  
5:00 Grace & Romeo DeCore

**Sunday, July 15:**

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri  
9:00 Michael McKee Sr.  
11:00 Lisa Lopez  
1:00 Xue Qian Zheng  
5:00 Shawn Gunawardena

**Saturday, July 14:**

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer

**Sunday, July 15:**

7:00 Theresa Zulch  
9:00 Kennedy Apoe Elizabeth D'Antuono  
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa  
1:00 Stephen Brown John Mooney Sr.  
5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz



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, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Michael DiCostanzo, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Stacey Tierno, Douglas Carnegie

**Collections:**

**Due to an early deadline with our bulletin production company the collections for the weekend of June 30/July 1st will be published next weekend.**

**Online Giving:** Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving that 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](http://www.sacredheartsi.org) and click on the online giving icon at the top of the page.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

St. John the Apostle tells us what we can expect in Heaven (please, God, may we all get there!). He says: *Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.* (1 John 3:2). It's exciting to think about seeing God face to face!

If we could quantify all of the beauty of the universe, such as Niagra Falls, the Grand Canyon, the sunrise and sunset, the newborn infants, the brides sauntering down the center aisles of our churches, all of this beauty would be sheer ugliness compared to the Face of God.

Although the elect in Heaven see God they do not comprehend Him. The Fourth Lateran Council (1215) taught infallibly that God is incomprehensible to created beings. To say, as St. John, says that "we will see Him as He is" means that some will see God more clearly, some less, according to the merits we have accumulated on earth. Even the Immaculate Mother of God, who sees God more clearly and perfectly than all the angels and saints combined, cannot achieve an adequate vision and knowledge of God. The reason is that we creatures are limited while God is not. Whatever we succeed in discovering about God's nature and perfections is nothing compared with what the eternal Divine Being contemplates in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

Fr. Charles Arminjon compares this dynamic to viewing the ocean. (*The End of the Present World and the Mysteries of the Future Life*, 1887). He writes, "The traveler knows that it is the ocean, he sees with his own eyes the ocean, which stretches out and unfolds in the immensity, and he says, 'I have seen the ocean.' Nevertheless, there are reefs and distant islands he does not discern,

and his gaze has not encompassed all the riverbanks and all the contours of the ocean. Accordingly, contemplation of God will not mean immobility but, above all, activity, an ever-ascending progression, where movement and repose will be bound together in ineffable harmony."

Fr. Charles continues: "In order the better to understand this, let us imagine a scholar who has been given wings by nature. He would have the power of traversing all the regions of the stars and the firmament. He would be enabled to explore all the hidden marvels in the countless groups of constellations, and this scholar would go from one sphere to another, from one planet to the next. As he advanced further into the immensity, he would meet one surprise after another, thrill upon thrill, seeing richer spectacles appear ceaselessly, opening up vaster and more radiant horizons to his gaze. However, a moment would come when he reached the limits."

But God is infinite and "infinity has no limits, no bottom or shore. The happy mariners of that fortunate abode will never cry, like Christopher Columbus: 'Land! Land!' They will say: 'God, God always. God yet more....Forever there will be new perfections they will seek to gain. Forever more pure and more intoxicating delights they will aspire to taste. They will go from glory to glory, from joy to joy. For as St. Gregory of Nyssa says, 'The infinite Good has no limits, the desire that He arouses is immeasurable.'"

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 whom 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—eighth 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 by appointment.

**Sacred Heart Capital Campaign:** The Sacred Heart Capital Campaign is in full swing and we are pleased to announce that “Commitment Weekend” was very successful. We have now taken in \$838,780 from 151 families! That number represents 91% of our overall goal of \$926,000. We thank everyone for their generosity and we encourage those who haven’t pledged yet to pledge whatever their means will allow. (May not be accurate due to early print)

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, July 14, 2018:**

5:00 H. Bond, W. Wenzel, G. Garcia

#### **Sunday, July 15 2018:**

7:00 Matt, Julia & Sean Ahern

9:00 A. Buscemi, A. Basile, M. Basile

11:00 M. Perkert, V. Kaleta, J. Mullen

1:00 B. Freund, T. Smith, J. Smith

5:00 T. Murphy, M. Donovan, B. Daniels

## **St. Joseph Retreat Center** **(Telephone Number :718-720-1097)**

**Summer Silent Guided Retreat:** Arrival 4 PM Friday, July 13th-Departure 2 PM Sunday, July 15th. \$250 for single occupant, \$200 for double occupant, \$50 non refundable deposit due by July 6th. Facilitated by Sister Gerrie Conteno and Sister Josita Devita. At the height of the summer season join us as we take time to pause and enter into God’s glory. The retreat will provide an opportunity to be one with nature, each other and God. There will be time for silent prayer, Eucharistic Liturgy and spiritual direction if requested.

**A Time of Grace, Summer Guided Retreat:** Sunday, August 12th-Friday, August 17th, facilitated by Fr. Michael Sullivan. \$450 for single occupant, \$400 for double occupant and \$300 for a commuter option. Non-refundable deposit of \$50 due one week prior to retreat. During this “Year of Grace” as proclaimed by Pope Francis, Father Sullivan will awaken the wonderful gift of grace that God has given each one of us. Father’s humorous way to speaking will definitely put a smile on your face and leave you feeling with pride to be a part of the body of Christ.

**Sacred Heart RCIA:** Have you are anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about The Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion and confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments at Sacred Heart during the Easter season. Call the rectory at (718) 442-0058 if you or someone you know is interested for more details.

**St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Food: Your Saint Vincent DePaul Society is in need of non-perishable food donations. Canned meats, vegetables, fruits, boxed cereal, rice, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, canned tomato sauce and boxes of pasta will be greatly appreciated.**

## **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 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. There are fun social activities like movie nights, bowling and laser tag!

**Legion of Mary:** The Sacred Heart chapter of the Legion of Mary meets weekly (if possible) on Wednesday 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 917-608-7587. All are welcome. Thanks to all who support the Legion of Mary.

**Holy Name:** The Holy Name Society is one of the oldest and most traditional groups of the Church. We are excited to be bringing it back to Sacred Heart. All men of the parish ages 18 and older can join. There will be no Holy Name meeting for the month of July, the meeting will resume in August, exact date to follow.

**Communion Breakfast 2018:** The Holy Name is also pleased to announce the return of the Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast which will take place on Sunday, September 23rd from 10:30 - 1 PM at The Staaten. All parishioners are welcome. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 13. More details will come as the date nears. We are excited about the return of this annual event which helps launch our school year. For more details please contact either Bill Althoff at 347-249-7692 or Bill Rautenstrauch at 917-756-2715.

**Sacred Heart Scouts:** Pack and Troop 74 for grades K-10 for "ALL" children meets on Mondays at 7 PM in the school cafeteria, open registration.

**Sacred Heart honors Pat Reilly:** The fifth annual Sacred Heart Edger Sweeney Golf Memorial will be held on Monday, July 16th. The Golf outing at Silver Lake begins at 8 AM shotgun start, best ball wins. A luncheon will follow at Li Greci's Staaten. The cost is \$165 for both the lunch and the round of golf and \$60 for the lunch only. Hole Sponsors are available at \$100, Prize Sponsors at \$250 and one lucky family will win a \$1,000 Sacred Heart tuition payment. To qualify you must have a child enrolled at the school and you must compete in the golf outing. For more details contact Tom Corson at (718) 909-7709, Jeff Maida at (917) 270-8229, Rick McGlynn at (646) 361-2187, Roddy Weir at (917) 355-1829 or Tom Mallen at (646) 436-7862.