

Pentecost Sunday



Saturday, May 19:

5:00 Thomas Kopf

Sunday, May 20:

7:00 Nancy McVey
9:00 Brendan Hoey
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Peter J. Saldi
5:00 Pablo Laviera

Monday, May 21

7:00 James Lynch
9:00 Ava Errichiello

Tuesday, May 22:

7:00 Edith Ghigliotti
9:00 Betty & Ed Fisher

Wednesday, May 23:

7:00 Georgina Martinez
9:00 Richard Merenda Jr.

Thursday, May 24:

7:00 Louise Pietromonico
9:00 James & June Palmer

Friday, May 25:

7:00 Ruth Irons
9:00 Edith Modzelewski

Saturday, May 26:

9:00 Special Intention (James Geraghty)
5:00 John Ahern

Sunday, May 27:

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
9:00 Al Amore
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Edith Modzelewski
5:00 John Clark

Saturday, May 26th:

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, May 27th:

7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Sister Iraida Maryanne Gambardella
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Patricia Jezycki
1:00 Charles Sullivan Dorothy Tarafa
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, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Lizabeth Walsh, Joseph DeMeo, Michael DiCostanzo, Carol Perrone, Barbara Lord, Linda Powers, Dana DiPietro, Joseph Detz Sr., James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Stacey Tierno

Collections:

Ascension Thursday.....\$2,058.00
May 13th..... \$7,285.00
May 2018 Mother's Day.....\$1,592.00
May 2018 Building Fund.....\$906.00

Wedding Bands

II Christopher Michael Giordano & Lindsey Rose Noone

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the great feast in which we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. One of the great benefits of the presence of the Holy Spirit within us is that He helps us to bear our burdens. Trials and tribulations affect all, it seems. A common saying in our neighborhood is, “Everybody’s got something!” The Apostle was accurate (as always) when he wrote: *We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now.* [Romans 8:22]. He also consoled us by saying: *For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.* [2 Cor. 4:17]. Fr. Charles Arminjon speaks of how suffering serves as an antidote to a certain spiritual poison. (*The End of the Present World and the Mysteries of the Future Life, 1887*). He states:

“Let’s take the case of a man whose every desire on this earth is satisfied. He will be lulled to sleep amidst this fatal prosperity. He will seek no other life. Thoughts of Heaven will be powerless to detach him from the slime of material and tangible things. But should an affront to honor or a cruel persecution press its sharp painful barbs into that man, then, like a liquor compressed into a narrow vessel, his heart, annihilated and crushed beneath the weight of the misfortune, will at once seek a way out for itself; and not finding a single [earthly] object to which it can turn for support or which assures it of relief, it breaks free from the ephemeral bonds of space and time, and casts its longing gaze upon the mountains of infinite mercy, from where flows all refreshment, light and relief.”

In other words, suffering makes us less attached to this earthly life and more desirous of the mountains of mercy in Heaven. We grow ready for the call of Jesus to the *mansions* He has prepared for us in His Father’s House. [Cf. John 14:2]. We then find

ourselves seeking first the Kingdom of Heaven, as Christ urged us to do in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:33), and, as a result, all good things will be ours besides, as He promised. In other words, when we put Heaven first earthly good is added to our lot. When we put earth first, we miss out on both heavenly and earthly goods. The Jesuit, Fr. Peter Arnoudt, asked, “How many there are who, through temptations, persevered and were saved, and who, had they been without these trials—growing by degrees lukewarm and proud—would in the end have become reprobates!” (*The Imitation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1904*).

Trial produces hope. In other words, trial is necessary in order to have hope. The Apostle elaborates when he says: *We even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.* [Romans 5:3-5]. Notice how this biblical quote finishes with the work of the Holy Ghost. It ends with the Spirit because He is the driving force behind all the good that we’ve done and behind all that we’re capable of doing. May He be praised forever.

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. Private Tours are available by appointment.

New at Sacred Heart: On Friday, June 1st (and all subsequent First Fridays) we will have a holy hour at 4 PM followed by a votive Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 26, 2018:

5:00 M. Crowdell, H. Bond, M. Fernando

Sunday, May 27, 2018:

7:00 E. Eadiccio, J. Orellana, J. Oliveras

9:00 C. Basile, A. Basile, I. Jichetti

11:00 G. Seaborg, T. Smith, B. Freund

1:00 J. Torres, W. Hollnsteiner, A. Cruz

5:00 R. Delamasa, N. Ramdass, N. Ehresman

Cross Road Foundation Honors Fr. Jerome:

On Sunday, June 10th, Father Louis Jerome will be honored by The Cross Road Foundation for his pro-life efforts. Father will be honored at a brunch from 11 AM - 1 PM at the Excelsior Grand.

Individual tickets are \$30 per person, children 12 and under \$25 per ticket. Please RSVP to 718-556-3474 or crossroadfoundation.org.

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

Meditation Monday: June 11th, \$20 per person, 6-8:30 PM, facilitated by Grace Daquila. An invitation to be refreshed, renewed and restored so kick back and go of the stress. The evening includes faith sharing, reflection and prayer as well as coffee and desert.

Centering Prayer Group: May 23rd, June 13th & 27th, \$10 per person, 7:30-9 PM, facilitated by Ann Louise DePalo. Come and pray and be still in God's presence, each session is a stand alone so anyone can join at any time.

The Trinity: Community of Love: May 16th, 1-3 PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Sr. Gerrie Contento. This presentation will focus on The Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit.

Alba House Adoration Chapel - 25th

Anniversary: Alba House will have a special Mass on Sunday, June 3rd (Feast of Corpus Christi) at 5 PM honoring the 25th anniversary of its Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Monsignor Peter Finn will be the main celebrant and Bishops John J. O'Hara & Peter Byrne will be in attendance.

St. Dorothy Academy Carnival: St. Dorothy Academy will be having a carnival on Friday, May 25th at 5 PM and on Saturday and Sunday, May 26th & 27th at 4 PM. There will be rides, raffles, games and plenty of food.

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. The next meeting has been set for Sunday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM in the small cafeteria in the school.

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 not only helps kick off our school year but also serves as a great way for our parishioners to get to know one another.

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.

Collection for the Church in Latin America: This weekend May 19th & 20th a special collection will be taken up for The Church in Latin America. The needs facing this region are difficult and seem at times to be insurmountable. The deteriorated conditions of the roads and the distances of rural communities make regular celebration of Mass difficult. In addition, language barriers and lack of resources also present serious problems. For example in San Cristobel, Cuba the Church is not present in many of the rural areas and for many years there were no missionaries, priests, nuns or even a Church building for these villagers. The message of the Gospels could not be spread because of too few messengers to share it and too few places to gather to hear it. However, through the many years of your support pastoral agents have received special training to bring the Gospel to people in these areas. Evangelization and repair of Church buildings have allowed for religious education and retreats. Your gifts have and always will be appreciated so be as generous as your means will allow.

**May God Bless all of of the children
who made their Confirmation this
weekend!**

Matthew Francis Ahern	Billye Procopius Albro
Derek Joseph Braithwaite	Daniel Francis Corbett
Nicholas Michael Cruz	Olivia Anne D'Amico
Fiona Cecelia Donovan	Divine Philomena Ebisike
Ayomide Theresa Fagbuyi	Liam Patrick Field
Elizabeth Nina Fitzpatrick	Sean Kilian Franzreb
Alexandra Catherine Fundaro	Katherine Mary Gatto
Carl Paul Gordon	Timothy Francis Koleci
Keith Patrick Lotito	Jillian Anne Mahala
Austin Nicholas Maida	Ashley Catherine Maloy
Julia Rose Mercado	Madison Julian Marcinak
Jenna Sebastian Marrero	Olivia Rose Masullo
Grace Teresa Murray	Trinity Faith O'Neal
Sofia Claudia Rammairone	Lia Giovanna Samuels
Karissa Rose Shamah	Christopher Mark Teitler
Taylor Judith Troost	Evan Joseph Tupone
Maya Cecilia Aviles	Hayley Sebastiana Bond
Emmas Louise Bresowsky	Charles Joseph Clementz
Joseph Gerard Cusumano	Elizabeth Maria Eadicicco
Christian Michael Escandon	William Raphael Fulton
Abigail Elizabeth Grandstaff	Alison Theresa Holst
Thomas Patrick Keane	Denis Matthew Kelleher
Cody Mark Lamadiou	Christina Maria Lambraia
Giovanni Sebastian Maniscalco	
John Thomas Manning	Michael Francis Manning
Luis Patrick Martinez	Tynan Peter Murphy

Riley Rose O'Connor
Christopher Joseph Parascandola
Samantha Rose Peralta
Christopher John Reilly
Cierra Bernadette Richardson
D'Vonte Sebastian Richardson
Nathaniel Christopher Richardson
Jocelyn Cecilia Rios
Annelia Adjutor Rivera
Cole Francis Schiro
Angela Joan Tabansi
Tobenna Bernadette Tabansi
Amelia Rose Vega
Ryan Michael Virga
Katherine Jerzy Vogt

