

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 27:

5:00 Thomas Kopf

Sunday, May 28:

7:00 People of the Parish

9 :00 Al Amore

11:00 Edith Modzelewski

1:00 June DiLodovico

5:00 Mary Lazicki

Monday, May 29:

7:00 No Mass

9:00 June DiLodovico

Tuesday, May 30:

7:00 Thanksgiving of The Carpio Family

9:00 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 31:

7:00 Marcella Wasserman

9:00 Rose Marie Siggia

Thursday, June 1:

7:00 Eileen Kuhn

9:00 Ronald J. Bell

Friday, June 2:

7:00 George Costello

9:00 Corinne A. O'Brien

Saturday, June 3:

9:00 Janet Mahoney

5:00 Albert Perry (45th Anniversary)

Sunday, June 4:

7:00 Benjamin Zarelli

9:00 Al Amore (14th Anniversary)

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Mary Carmella Anzalone

5:00 Helen Buckley

Saturday, June 3:

5:00 Frank Pontiero

Pat Foley

Sunday, June 4:

7:00 Efrain Ortiz

9:00 Roy Hansen

Maryanne Gambardella

11:00 Frank DiSalvo

Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Stephen Brown

John Mooney Sr.

5:00 Jack Gordon

Efrain Ortiz



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, Crystal Helewa, Fr. Raymond Dolan, Rosemary Regan, Anthony Umana, Barbara Rotondo, Carmela D'Angelo, Mark Herman, Richard Juliano, Arthur Schmitt Sr.

Collections:

May 21st.....\$8,211.50

April/May 2017 Budget Deficit.....\$1,135.00

Wedding Banns

II Steven Zielinski & Megan Lancelot
Stephen Butka & Kristy Horning

Memorial Day: On Monday, May 29th the Rectory Office will be closed and there is no 7 AM Mass that day. Normal business hours and the 7 AM Mass will resume the following day.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Memorial Day Weekend! How blessed we are to have been served by so many brave soldiers, who gave so much for so many!

Legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of chemicals at the request of a terminally ill patient. Proponents call these bills “death with dignity” and “patient self-determination”. Christians call it assisted suicide. By the way, ironically, more often than not, these same people who refer to assisted suicide in such euphemistic (and deceiving) terms also call the vicious murder of unborn children “women’s rights” and “reproductive freedom”.

Governments spend so much time and effort to prevent suicide from happening. Think of toll-free hotlines and anti-bullying campaigns, for instance. Is it coherent to promote suicide while fighting against suicide at the same time? Definitely not. As one commentator said, “It makes no sense to recognize suicide as a critical public health concern while simultaneously promoting it as ‘dignified and humane’ for certain populations.” Moreover, assisted suicide generates the message that suicide is acceptable. It is never acceptable. *Thou shalt not kill.* (Exodus 20:13).

A person would be eligible for assisted suicide if a doctor has diagnosed him or her with six months or less to live. Our parishioners who are in the medical field would remind us that a terminal prognosis is difficult to predict. Medical prognoses are based on statistical averages. Frequently, people outlive the odds.

Often the person who opts for assisted suicide is coerced by a family member who stands to gain financially from the demise of that person. Assisted suicide is far less expensive than palliative and supportive care at the end of life. Legalized assisted suicide allows others, such as family members, health care organizations, and insurance companies to put pressure on older, weaker, vulnerable people to encourage them to cut short their lives. It discriminates against people with disabilities. After all, patients with a terminal illness usually become disabled as their disease progresses. Others devalue their lives and speak of less “quality”.

Assisted suicide turns doctors into killers. This is radically at odds with the physician’s role as healer. It compromises and violates the bond of trust between doctors and their patients. As one commentator stated, “Patients deserve doctors who will support them through their illnesses, not offer them a quick exit.” Under the New York State legislation, doctors are specifically required to state untruthfully on the death certificate of someone who has committed assisted suicide that the cause of death is the underlying disease, and not the suicide. Therefore, assisted suicide turns doctors not only into murderers, but also into liars.

Some might argue, “But how lacking in compassion are you who oppose assisted suicide! Do you want these poor people to die a long and agonizing death?” We would answer that almost all the physical pain can be controlled through pain management and medications. Moreover, as Christians we trust in Jesus Christ the King. If He sends us suffering He may be helping us to atone for sin. It is much better to make reparation for sin in this world rather than the next. Moreover, He may be deepening our faith and trust as we surrender to His providence, however temporarily uncomfortable that may be. Furthermore, He may be purifying our soul so that it is prepared for Paradise.

Please inform yourself about the dangers of this proposed legislation in New York State by visiting: NewYorkersForLife.org.

God Bless You!

Father Eric

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, click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

Sacred Heart 2017-2018: Sacred Heart is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. At Sacred Heart children 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.

Sacred Heart Soccer Registration:

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 Sacred Heart Soccer Team. Both boys and girls ages 4 (birth year 2013) thru 14 are welcome to join. Please visit

www.sacredheartsoccerclub.siplay.com to register and for further information. The early discount applies through June 30, 2017.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday June 3, 2017:

5:00 : Kathleen, Anne & Siobhan McCafferty

Sunday June 4, 2017:

7:00 H. Bond, R. Delamasa, A. Buscemi

9:00 M. Riccardi, S. Baniswal, J. Esco

11:00 A. Collado, A. Basile, G. Seaborg

1:00 T. Smith, B. Freund, W. Wenzel

5:00 S. Laurenno, G. Garcia, J. Diaz

Pack 74 Auto Show: On Sunday June 4th from 12-4 PM. Pack and Troop 74 will present its 8th annual Auto Show. There will be a variety of classic car and muscle cars on display as well as food and live entertainment by “London Fog”. The admission price is \$2 a person and children under twelve are free. If you are interested in coming or somebody you know might be interested in showing off their car details are in the flyers located in the vestibule of the Church. Come and support our scouts as all proceeds go to benefit the Boy Scout Troop 74 of Sacred Heart Parish. In case of bad weather there is a reserved rain date on Sunday, June 11th at the same time and place.

Knights of Columbus Recruitment: After all the Masses on June 10th and June 11th The Knights of Columbus will be in the rear of the church answering questions about how one can become a member of their organization. They will also be distributing information about their time-honored organization and faith-based works.

Sacred Heart Basketball: Anyone interested in coaching CYO “Division A” basketball for the 2017– 2018 season should contact Jeff Franzreb at (917) 612-9260.

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.