

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 7

5:00 JOHN F. SMITH

SUNDAY, MAY 8

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF PERRY FAMILY

9:00 CORRINE A. O'BRIEN & JOYCE KENNEDY

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 GRACE REILLY

5:00 ATHENA ALEXANDER

MONDAY, MAY 9

7:00 PAUL POWER

9:00 JOHN MC GARRY

TUESDAY, MAY 10

7:00 CHARLES M., MARY & CHARLES DONOHUE

9:00 ROB LIANDER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

7:00 JENNIFER POWER

9:00 JOHN MC GARRY

THURSDAY, MAY 12

7:00 ALBA RAMOS

9:00 VINCENT CHIRELLI

FRIDAY, MAY 13

7:00 KARL G. REINA

9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KELLY & MURRAY FAMILIES

SATURDAY, MAY 14

9:00 JOHN MURRAY

5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:00 HELEN & RICHARD MELDRUM

9:00 THERESA MELLO

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 DORIS NOGUEIRA

5:00 MAY SANTAGATA

The **Bread and Wine** are offered for **Karl G. Reina** requested by Karl, Betty-Ann & Michele Reina.

The **Flowers on the altar** are in loving memory of **Barbara & Frank Schneider** requested by Doris Rowland.

The **Flowers at The Sacred Heart of Jesus** are offered from all **Grandparents of Isabella Jichetti**.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 14

5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Seimer

Sunday, May 15

7:00 Teresa Zulch

9:00 Kennedy Apoe

11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Jane Coyle



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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, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Crystal Helewa, Tina Russo

Collections:

Regular May 1 \$6,926.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe . . . \$1,366.00

Ignatian Spirituality Session:

May 14, 2016 - 8:30AM Mass/ 9:30AM Meeting
Holy Family Church

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day! Reflecting on motherhood, Audrey Assad writes (Magnificat, April 2016, 117): "Before I had my son William, I romanticized the sacrificial aspect of motherhood. (I naively did the same thing before I got married, as many of us do.) I laughingly remember that, when asked in an interview what I most looked forward to about motherhood, I said, 'Becoming less selfish.' A few short months later, I was plunged mercilessly into the blinding fog of seemingly never-ending sleep deprivation, post-partum blues, and the feeling that my body was not my own (mirroring 1 Cor 6:19).

Death to self sounded beautiful before I had a baby. And it is—eternally so. But somewhere in the thick of it all, it stopped sounding so poetic and just felt horrid. If death to self felt poetic and romantic and beautiful and important while it was actually going on, it wouldn't be working.

Being a mother is both laborious and lovely: the very literal labor it takes to birth a new life ends in a 'golden hour' of sudden, intense affection—an affection which inaugurates a relationship that leaves a mother permanently changed. This tenuous balance of love and labor never disappears—it is perfectly balanced to bring about in the heart of a mother that death which leads to life. The labor of love that is motherhood is marked irrevocably into a woman's body and into her heart. These marks, both physical and spiritual, seem somewhat akin to the

wounds of Christ—signs of both death and life."

The mother's love is a very beautiful icon and a very accurate symbol of the love that Jesus has for each of us. It is a tender love. It is unconditional. It is steadfast. Do we ever stop to think about the enormous impact that mothers have on the course of human events? Who spurs and influences the growth and development of the human person as much as a mother? What if our Lady, the mother of mothers, said 'no' to the angel Gabriel, Heaven's ambassador who requested her permission for the Incarnation? Perish the thought! We recall that famous scene from the 1950s comedy show *The Honeymooners* where the main character Ralph Kramden, expressing his male pride, points out the achievements of men in history. He brags that there would be no America without Christopher Columbus. His wife Alice answers, "There would be no Christopher Columbus if it wasn't for his mother!"

Even if, as the Apostle tells us (Eph. 5:23), the husband and father has a certain authority as the head of the household, we all know that the wife and mother is the heart of the family, and family is the cornerstone of civilization. Today is the day, in a special way, we say: Hooray! Hooray for all the mothers, the grandmothers, the godmothers and the spiritual mothers! Where would we be without them? Thank you Mothers!

God bless you!
Fr. Eric

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8

CCD MAY HAPPENINGS

Classes in Session May 11, 18 & 25

Vendors Wanted for Indoor Garage Sale:

Sunday, May 22, 9:00AM-4:00PM
Gymnasium of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel &
St. Benedicta Grammar School. Tables are
\$10 each. Call rectory at 718-442-3411 to reserve
by Friday, 5/20.

Car Raffle:

The Sacred Heart Home School Association is
raffling off a 2016 Hyundai Elantra (or \$10,000
cash). Proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart School
and Parish. Tickets are \$100 each and only 400
will be sold. The drawing will be held on June 5,
2016 during the Boy Scouts Annual Car Show.
Please contact Sean McCafferty at 917-415-0086
or Peter Buscemi at 516-987-5187 for more
information or to purchase tickets.

YAC - Night at the Races:

Fri, May 20th- SH Auditorium, Doors open 6:30pm
\$25pp by May 10 or \$35pp at the door
Make Checks Payable to Sacred Heart YAC
Cost includes: Racing, DJ, Light Fare, Soda, Water,
Coffee & Dessert.
BYOB & Table Snacks is desired.
Questions- Call Kathy Evans 917-697-7911
Kathy Hoey 917-855-8565

Bethlehem Christian Families:

Next weekend, Bethlehem Christian Families, a
nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will
be with us speaking about the Christian situation
in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious
art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood
which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. The goal
of this mission is to build a Charitable Hospital in
Bethlehem. For more information please visit:
www.landofpeace.org and www.bcfmission.com

Now is a great time to join a choir at Sacred
Heart!! There are only a few weeks left to the
Parish Choir season! Traveling Choir will carry on
throughout the summer, as will Family Choir!!
(Kids break in May!!) Which choir will you join?
Join a choir today!

Parish Choir/France Voyager Choir sings, Mother's
Day, May 8th at the 11AM Mass. Come hear their
inspiring 7th Sunday of Easter liturgy!! - better yet
bring your Mom up to the loft and ...come help
us!!

Parish Choir/France Voyage Choir- sings May 22nd
11AM Feast of the Holy Trinity- Hop on Board the
Choir Train for these spectacular Feast Sundays at
the end of the Easter Season - see you at rehearsal
on Wednesday, May 18th- 8PM (basement)!!

Top 10 Seemingly Insurmountable Reasons For
Not Joining Choir (Real life responses to my
requests for new choir members!)

10. I want to be close to the altar for Mass...
(solution: Go to more than 1 Mass- several choir
members do for this reason!!)

Spring/Summer Brides/Groom!!

Time to schedule your music liturgy consultation for your
upcoming wedding Mass/ceremony!! This must take place
at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding day - please leave
your email address/phone on my voicemail and I will get
back to you. (VM 24)

Happy and most Blessed Easter!!

Pamela & the Choirs 442-0058 (VM 24)

Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD!
Come with us on our next choir tour!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE May 14 & May 15

Saturday, May 14

5:00 Kevin Postler & Patrick Buzzard

Sunday, May 15

7:00 Bernard Daniels & Gabrielle Garcia

9:00 David & Billye Albro

11:00 Jack Lotito & Sean Hartnett

1:00 Sarah Laurenno & Laura Laureano

5:00 Kelly O'Neil & Chris Basile