

Thirty Third SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, November 12:

5:00 Patrick O'Connor

Sunday, November 13:

7:00 For Vocations from Sacred Heart

9:00 Sue & Al Amore

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Michael Mustillo Jr.

5:00 James & Christine Sullivan

Monday, November 14:

7:00 Patricia Antonelli

9:00 Sheila O'Leary

Tuesday, November 15:

7:00 Stephen Siller

9:00 Thomas Coppola

Wednesday, November 16:

7:00 Benny Pignone

9:00 Mary Romanelli

Thursday, November 17:

7:00 John O'Neill

9:00 Mary Ruggiero

Friday, November 18:

7:00 Eileen Kuhn

9:00 Patricia Silvestri

Saturday, November 19:

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Perry

5:00 John Kirincich

Sunday, November 20:

7:00 Nancy McVey

9:00 Mary & Joseph Sykes

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Charles Spitzer

5:00 Edward Kisto Jr.

Saturday, November 19:

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Anne Siemer

Sunday, November 20:

7:00 Theresa Zulch

9:00 Kennedy Apoe

Elizabeth D'Antuono

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

Dorothy Tarafa

1:00 Charles Sullivan

John Mooney

5:00 Bob Mazzucco

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, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari

Due to an early publication date with our bulletin provider the collections taken up on November 6th and All Saints Day will be published next week.

Newly Baptized

Austen Rhys Alam

Caiden Thomas Myers

Michelle Zhou Chen

Rochelle Brooks

Luke Thomas Travis

Christopher Robert Travis Jr.

Liam Kerry Travis

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

A special group of women from our parish are mothers of children who were born premature. They would probably appreciate this story from Erma Bombeck entitled, "How Premie Moms Are Chosen." Bombeck writes:

"Did you ever wonder how the mothers of premature babies are chosen? Somehow, I visualize God hovering over Earth, selecting His instruments for propagation with great care and deliberation. As He observes, He instructs His angels to take notes in a giant ledger. "Armstrong, Beth, son. Patron Saint, Matthew. Forrest, Marjorie, daughter. Patron Saint, Celia. Rutledge, Carrie, twins. Patron Saint...give her Gerard. He's used to profanity." Finally, He passes a name to an angel and smiles. "Give her a premie." The angel is curious. "Why this one, God? She's so happy." "Exactly," smiles God. "Could I give a premature baby a mother who knows no laughter? That would be cruel." "But does she have the patience?" asks the angel.

"I don't want her to have too much patience, or she'll drown in a sea of self-pity and despair. Once the shock and resentment wear off, she'll handle it. I watched her today. She has that sense of self and independence so rare and so necessary in a mother. You see, the

child I'm going to give her has a world of its own. She has to make it live in her world, and that's not going to be easy." "But Lord, I don't know if she even believes in you." God smiles. "No matter, I can fix that. This one is perfect. She has just the right amount of selfishness." The angel gasps, "Selfishness?! Is that a virtue?"

God nods. "If she can't separate herself from the child occasionally, she will never survive. Yes, here is a woman whom I will bless with a child less than perfect. She doesn't know it yet, but she is to be envied. She will never take for granted a spoken word. She will never consider a step ordinary. When her child says momma for the first time, she will be witness to a miracle and know it. I will permit her to see clearly the things I see-- ignorance, cruelty, prejudice-- and allow her to rise above them. She will never be alone. I will be at her side every minute of every day of her life because she is doing my work as surely as she is here by my side." "And what about her Patron Saint?" asks the angel, His pen poised in the air.

God smiles. "A mirror will suffice."

God bless you!

Father Eric

Sacred Heart School News: This month on November 15th Sacred Heart School will be having its first “Touring Tuesday” of the academic school year. Mothers and Fathers are invited to tour our fantastic Catholic elementary school. The school has been offering a Catholic education to children for many years and routinely Sacred Heart students have among the highest ELA scores on Staten Island. We are always looking for new additions to our Sacred Heart Family and furthermore if you are an Alumni why not give your children the same wonderful experience you had as a child. For more information contact the school at (718) 442-0347.

Seton Foundation: Next weekend representatives from the Seton Foundation for Learning, a program for developmentally disabled children and young adults ages 3-21 years will be selling raffle tickets for \$5,000 cash at the doors of the Church. The cost of the tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Please support this very worthy program.

Thanksgiving Mass: On Tuesday November 22nd there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:30 PM. The third and fourth grade students in both our school and our CCD Program are invited to dress up as characters representing “The First Thanksgiving”. At the conclusion of the Mass Blessed Bread will be given to all those in attendance.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 19:

5:00 Naomi Randass & Thomas Smith

Sunday, November 20:

7:00 Bernard Daniels & John Paul Hoey

9:00 Jack Lotito & Austin Maida

11:00 Samantha Baniswal & James Esco

1:00 Wayne Wenzel & Benjamin Freund

5:00 Noelle Ehresman & Gabriel Garcia

Saint Francis Singles: The next meeting of The St. Francis Catholic Singles will take place on Thursday November 17 at 7:15. The group includes Catholic singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s and the theme of the evening is “Spoons and Pumpkin Pie Game Night.” Longtime member Joe G will lead the group in a game of spoons and pumpkin pie and cider will be available for all. For more information see their website www.sgspsi.org.

Ignatian Spirituality: The next session of Ignatian Spirituality will be held on Saturday December 10th at Holy Family Church in Willowbrook. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM in the meeting room in the basement of the church after the 8:30 Mass (optional). We look forward to seeing you there.

St. John Villa Academy: This year St John Villa’s annual musical will be “Sister Act”. It will take place in the school gymnasium at 7 PM on November 17th, 18th and 19th. If you are interested in attending you may call Irma Cruz at (718) 442-6240 ext. 170 or for reservations email her at icruz@sjva.org



New Director of Music at Sacred Heart: We welcome Tom Czarnecki to our parish as the new Director of Music. Born in Poland, Tom is a Catholic family man from New Jersey. We would like to wish our outgoing Music Director, Pamela Witri, godspeed in her future endeavors. Both keep both Tom and Pamela in your prayers.