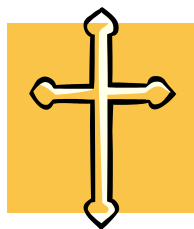




MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9:30 AM	October 19, 2014 Maryann Rossignolo
Monday 8:00 AM	October 20, 2014 James Boylan
Tuesday 8:00 AM	October 21, 2014 Austin (Sonny) McGowan
Wednesday 8:00 AM	October 22, 2014 George & Margaret Ledwith
Thursday 8:00 AM	October 23, 2014 Joseph & Almerinda Mazzeo
Friday 8:00 AM	October 24, 2014 Katherin & Stephen Mazurkiewicz
Saturday 8:00 AM	October 25, 2014 Maureen Lyons
Sunday 9:30 AM	October 26, 2014 87 th Anniversary of The Servant Of God Mary Grace Bellotti



BAPTISM

We welcome the following persons who have been baptized into the Christian community and extend congratulations to their parents.

John Joseph Lombardi
Violet Rose Vazquez
David Joseph Vazquez

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays 4PM – 5:30PM and Wednesdays from 3PM – 5:30 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM – 1 PM. If your child is currently enrolled in an academy, please call Terri Ann at 718-447-7686 during the office hours listed above if he/she needs to make the sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation this year.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

Reflection:

Here is an old prayer; at least part of it is old. It is based on one found in the *Verona Sacramentary* of the 6th century for an ordination of a bishop (see Paul Turner, *Pastoral Companion to the Roman Missal*, 2010, World Library Publications, p.152).

Heavenly things are not far off. We participate in them this day, not only here in this sacred place, this parish church, but all the places in the world where we spend the rest of the week. It is the same Christ who is wholly present and active here, there, and everywhere.

Heavenly things are not far off. Make a list. Count the benefits. And as good as all this is in the present age – and it is very good, God says – it pales in the brilliance of gifts that are eternal. Make a new list. Count those benefits.

We live actively in this present age and love it well; we also keep one eye on Heaven and long for that gift, that place, That Day.

Prayer:

O God of earth and Heaven, because of this Communion help us stay focused on that one day of eternal life with you as we serve the men and women of this age this day.

CHOIR

The choir has begun rehearsals this fall. Anyone interested in joining should call the rectory any weekday afternoon for information. 718-727-0671.



FALL RAFFLE

November 25th, 2014

It is that time of year for our Annual Fall Raffle, just in time for your Christmas shopping. It is only \$2.00 per chance to win a 1st prize of \$500. Odds are you will win this raffle before you win the lottery. Secure a sheet of five chances. Just fill them out and return the sheet with your \$10 in an envelope marked Fall Raffle and place in collection basket on Sunday. Or you may drop them at the rectory office during business hours. If you should need more, please feel free to run off copies. It is a great way to help YOUR parish defray some of the costs it has.



BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

There is still time to register to play CYO basketball this season for the MIJ Hurricanes (St. Mary-Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph). You must call Bill at 718-815-2147. We can still use 4th & 5th grade girls, 4th & 5th grade boys, 7th & 8th grade boys, too.



ST. CLARE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Clare Employment Support Group is open to the unemployed, those concerned about a possible layoff, and family members of the unemployed. There is no charge for our services and each meeting of the Employment Group is led by a qualified professional who volunteers their time. Their mission is to provide information about community resources, improve job search skills, and help support participants during the stressful period of job transition. Meetings are held Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Pastoral Center in the rear of the convent located on Lindenwood Road. Information about the group can be found on our website at stclare.si.com or by calling 718-984-7873.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

Saint Francis Catholic Singles' next meeting, for those in their 30's 40's and 50's, will be held at our new location which is Holy Family Parish located at 366 Watchogue Road on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM. The topic will be **Do It Yourself Apartment/Home Repairs.**



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Have you worked to make your marriage of God, or is it of the worldly things? Come and learn how to bring God into your marriage. The next WWME Weekend is November 1 & 2. For more information please call 1-877-NYS-WWME ext 3.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

ST. JOSEPH by-the-SEA HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, October 19th for Girls
12 noon – 3PM

Sunday, October 26th for Boys
12 noon – 3PM

ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

200 Clinton Avenue
Sunday, October 26th
1PM – 4PM

RESPECT LIFE

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN – Heavenly Father, You created us in Your own image, and you desire that not even the least among us should perish. In your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. I ask that you help reach those considering abortion, and by your Grace, change their hearts and protect the unborn.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

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