

**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 22ND, 2014**



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY JUNE 21ST:

5:00 pm Living and Deceased Fathers of the Parish

SUNDAY JUNE 22ND:

7:30 am Anne & Joseph Vassallo

9:00 am Gloria Creazzo

10:30 am Helen & Frederick Blossfeld

NOON Paolo & Donata Pesce

MONDAY JUNE 23RD:

7:15 am Anna Maria Romero

8:00 am Intentions of Frank Bradecich

TUESDAY JUNE 24TH:

7:15 am Lucia Mangieri

8:00 am Margaret Devery

WEDNESDAY JUNE 25TH:

7:15 am Margaret Devery and Intentions of
Father Thomas P. Devery

8:00 am Giulio Franceschini

THURSDAY JUNE 26TH:

7:15 am Eulogio Gonzalez

8:00 am Greta Morano

FRIDAY JUNE 27TH:

7:15 am Sam & Fara Badalementi

8:00 am Gloria O'Dowd

SATURDAY JUNE 28TH:

8:00 am Grace Bonaguro & Gracelyn Langone

5:00 pm Catherine & Joseph O'Brien

SUNDAY JUNE 29TH:

7:30 am Theresa & Al Fusco

9:00 am Thomas & Mary Murphy

10:30 am Salvatore & Libera Mazzella

NOON Sarah Squicciarino

2:00 pm Society of St. Paul 100th anniversary

BEREAVEMENT

"Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted."
-Matthew 5:4.

Our Bereavement Minister, Deacon Michael Venditto, is available to assist anyone who has experienced a loss. Call the rectory (718-761-5421) weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm to set up an appointment with Deacon Michael.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Anyone desiring a Certificate to serve as a sponsor for a Sacrament must be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. They must be registered in the parish for at least 3 months or known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Our Golden Age Club is suspending meetings for the summer. The next Golden Age Club meeting will be sometime the end of September.

 **MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 22ND** 

The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINE** this week are in memory of:

ORLANDO SCOTTO

requested by Angela Diaz and Family.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of:

CONCETTA ERRICO

requested by the Venditto Family.

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:

RAUL RIOS

requested by Mike & Nancy Terracino.

The **BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:

DANA MARIE MATTERA

requested lovingly by her grandparents, Teresa & Fred Monforti.

MAKING THE MOST OF COMMUNION ATTIRE...

Donating Communion attire to the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica, West Indies. You could only imagine the joy it brings a child to come before the Lord in a beautiful dress or handsome suit. Clothing can be dropped off at the sacristy after Mass, or left at the parish office. The clothes will be personally hand delivered to the Missionaries on our next trip. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Joe Magliocco at 718-698-8054. God bless you all.



Theme for **JUNE** prayer is for:

THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND THE DYING

A Jubilee Year is a time for both celebration and prayer. On Tues. July 15th we will join our Jubilee celebration with the 100 year jubilee being celebrated by the Apostolic Schoenstatt Movement, of which Sister Marcia is a member. Sister Marcia has invited us to the Marian Shrine on Cary Avenue to pray a rosary with indulgence prayers. After prayers, Sister Marcia will teach us about the shrine and give our pilgrims some private time for personal prayer. Then, following refreshments, we can visit the shop that the Sisters run in conjunction with the shrine. Mark the date on your calendar and speak to Sister Marcia if you have any questions. Or, e-mail the Jubilee Committee: olp100years@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"We, though many, are one body." Your sacrament is important to our Church. Strengthen your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates call toll-free 877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

Dear Parish Family,

It was only a week or two after returning from the Missionaries of the Poor in the Island of Jamaica that I realized that I was having difficulty dealing with the vanity and waste of our present day culture. Someone handed me this article and it began to make great sense. I'd like to share it with you.

Just before Palm Sunday, Bishop Arthur Serratelli, the bishop of Paterson Diocese in New Jersey, wrote this for his diocesan newspaper, The Beacon. This is entitled "A Time for Temperance".

"The United States national debt stands at a staggering \$16.4 trillion. The number is so overwhelming that it is hard to grasp. But one fact is clear: The U.S. government has been on the greatest spending spree in history, with no hope of stopping on the horizon. But the government's lack of restraint is not simply a problem. It's a symptom of something much wider in the American culture. We are becoming a nation of individuals who do not curb our desires.

Since the financial crisis of 2008, bank after bank have failed. By the end of 2011, 92 banks had failed. This cost \$72 billion to the FDIC. Last year 51 bank failures cost the FDIC \$2.5 billion. All too often the banks have lent money to people who want to buy houses or other commodities, but who cannot afford to pay for them. This evidences a lack of restraint and control both on the part of the individuals and the banks.

Something has gone wrong here in the United States. We have created a culture of excess. The signs are everywhere. Throughout the centuries, people have worked long hours just to provide food for their families. But today, it is otherwise; 35.7 percent of adults are obese. And 17 percent of all children and adolescents in the United States are overweight. That is three times as many as just one generation ago.

Today we benefit from the availability of so many goods. In just one store, a consumer can purchase anything from a toothpick to a 60 -inch TV. The lure of a bargain and the pressure of advertisements entice people to buy things that they do not need or cannot afford.

No doubt this lack of self- restraint is fed by an overabundance of goods. But, more profoundly it stems from an inability to distinguish between need and desire. Well- intentioned parents want their children to do better and have more than they did growing up. They tend to give and give and give to their children, catering to their wants and desires, even when there is no real need.

The consequences of such behavior, when repeated, are disastrous. Children do not learn how to judge what is necessary and what is desired. They look for immediate self-gratification and begin to see themselves as entitled to more than they earn. Our recent financial corporate scandals are the logical outcome of such attitudes. Immediate satisfaction, even at a heavy cost to others.

We live in a time of self-indulgence. Food. Drink. Sex. Money. It is all too easy to want life on our own terms. However we can easily see what happens when the desire for good things is satisfied without concern for a greater good. Gluttony in food or intemperance in drink lead to health problems.

Promiscuity stunts the opportunity of forming good relationships and also brings the risk of disease. Greed closes the heart to the legitimate needs of

others. In effect, this harms not only the individual concerned, but all of society as well.

When Benjamin Franklin began his self-improvement program, he decided to begin with temperance, the virtue of self-control. He realized that the individual who is self-disciplined in food and drink has a much easier time dealing with the other natural appetites for pleasure. The desire for food and drink are primal instincts in every person. They can be difficult to manage. Anyone who wishes to have mastery over his or her life has no better place to begin than gaining control over these natural appetites. Once an individual learns this control, that individual can more easily exercise restraint in other areas.

We recognize that, as a country, we are facing a financial and moral crisis. But there is a remedy. Temperance. It begins with each of us exercising control and self-restraint. This means not giving into self-gratification when it brings harm to someone else. It means not satisfying our own desires when a greater good, such as our own health or the well- being of another, can be achieved by self-denial.

Temperance is something that is hardly ever mentioned in our self-indulgent culture. Yet, it is a necessity for a healthy individual and for a healthy society. Isn't it time to get reacquainted with temperance?"

This article has me looking once again at priorities. A blessed week to all of you.

Father Tom Devery



GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

After Jesus feeds the five thousand people with barley loaves and fishes, He tries to make them understand the significance and the meaning of what He has done. He tells them, in mysterious and beautiful words, that the bread He gives is His flesh and says, ***"I myself am the living bread...if anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever."***

MARIAN CONSECRATION

Another class to prepare for the Schoenstatt Marian Consecration will begin on July 7. Classes will be held on Mondays at 7:30 pm for 9 weeks at the Schoenstatt Marian Shrine, 337 Cary Avenue, 10310.

For reservations call 718-727-8005 or see Sister Marcia.

DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel open 24 hrs.-7days a week located on the grounds of Alba House. Would you like to be an **Adorer of Christ?** Sign up and consider becoming a **guardian**. Call Peter & Gabriella at 718-442-5884 or Lydia at 718-761-2932.



BASKETBALL PROGRAM

For anyone interested in our Basketball Program call our Athletic Director Bob Anderson at 347-838-1121 and he will meet with you at a convenient time.

CCD PROGRAM

Fall registration will be held Sept. 9th and 10th from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Classes begin Sept. 23rd.

HELP NEEDED!

Now that Father Mendis has settled in and all good things are in place - he needs a car! Got his license but needs his wheels. If anyone has a used (like new) car they wish to donate or sell for a good price, please call Father at the rectory at 718-761-5421.

NAMES PLEASE

It is that time of the year when parishioners are asked to submit the names of family members who will be, or already have, graduated from **College** this year. Please leave the graduate's name, degree and the college he/she attended at the rectory. Call the parish office to leave the graduate's information.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY JUNE 28th:

5:00 pm M/M Pastena – M. O'Brien – R. Colella

SUNDAY JUNE 29th:

7:30 am D. Volpe – M. Langone – J. Coraci

9:00 am M/M Violetta – J. Porto

10:30 am M/M Mannino – M/M Bocchieri

NOON M/M Terracino – T. Hanley – R. Skelton

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY JUNE 28th:

5:00 pm M. Pontarella

SUNDAY JUNE 29th:

7:30 am N. Tricorico

9:00 am C. Daniels

10:30 am M. Donadic

NOON S. Bilardi

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY JUNE 28th:

5:00 J. Carristo – J. Bosco – J. Clyne

SUNDAY JUNE 29th:

7:30 am J. Flood – R. Vargas – J. Morreale

9:00 am S. Demartino – L. DeMartino – C. Baria

10:30 am N. Lopez – R. Whalen – D. Pangilinan – J. Inigo

NOON J. Caruso – C. Garzon – A & A Rivas

LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday, June 29, the Staten Island Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a Life Chain at Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue from 2:30 to 3:30. Parishioners are urged to be a public witness for the right to life peacefully and prayerfully, holding signs to remind those passing that "abortion kills."

NEEDY MOTHERS SUPPORT PROGRAM

The SI Right to Life committee is in urgent need of summer (boys and girls) clothes, sizes 4 to 14, as well as infant car seats, basinetts, pampers and formulas. If you can donate any of the items mentioned please drop them off (any Tues. noon to 4 pm) at 2187 Victory Blvd. - Alba House.

DELUXE TRIP TO THE SOUTH COAST OF MAINE

August 25th – 29th, 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners (including a Lobsterbake dinner). Much touring and entertainment. Bus departs at 8 am from 134 Sommer Ave.

UPCOMING TRIP TO ORLANDO FLORIDA

Motorcoach trip, 7 days – 6 nights (Sun.-Sat.) August 3-9th. Trip includes 6 nights lodging, including 4 nights in Orlando. Many interesting tours.. Cost: \$549, \$75 due upon reserving. Interested call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

! In this current epoch, laws have been enacted which have curtailed our rights as devout faithful and have impinged upon our freedom of religion. The Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States, on April 12, 2012, designated a fourteen day period of prayer leading up to Independence Day each year (from June 21st – July 4th). These days include the feast days of St Thomas More and St John Fisher, who both were martyred for their religious convictions concerning the divorce and remarriage of King Henry VIII.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE SICK

Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshipping community is called to pray for the sick or elderly in their parish. It is a privilege to ask Our Lord to heal and strengthen the sick. **The Prayer List for the Sick** is our way of reaching out to our parishioners, young and elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life:

Maryann Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Nora Bonilla, Sally Caputo, Rosalie Carroll, Vera Cerullo, Michael Delfino, Carol Devine, Donna Hazen, John Hudson, Vanessa McIntosh, Ralph Moceo, Maria Scaglione, Ann Volpe and Joseph Volpe.

The listed names above for those asking for prayers has been updated according to months on the list. Those remaining have been reinstated by parishioners calling after the six month period. If anyone wishes to add the name back or to add a new name of a parishioner who is sick please contact the rectory Mon.-Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

