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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil—5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon

Monday—Saturday at 9:00am

Holydays

Eve of Holyday at 7:30pm

Holyday at 9:00am & 12 Noon

Devotions

Rosary: Monday—Saturday before 9:00am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Mondays after 9:00am Mass

Thursdays: Holy Hour for Vocations 1-2pm

Exposition, Rosary, Benediction

First Friday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Sacred Heart Novena after 9:00am Mass

Benediction at 10:00am

First Saturday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Rosary-Fatima Devotions after 9 am Mass,

Benediction 10am

Confession

Saturdays 3:30pm—4:30pm/ Or by appointment

Baptism

Saturdays at 12:00pm. Call to inquire & register.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made six months prior to the wedding. Contact rectory for details.

Anointing/Communion for the Sick

Anointing of the seriously ill: call rectory.

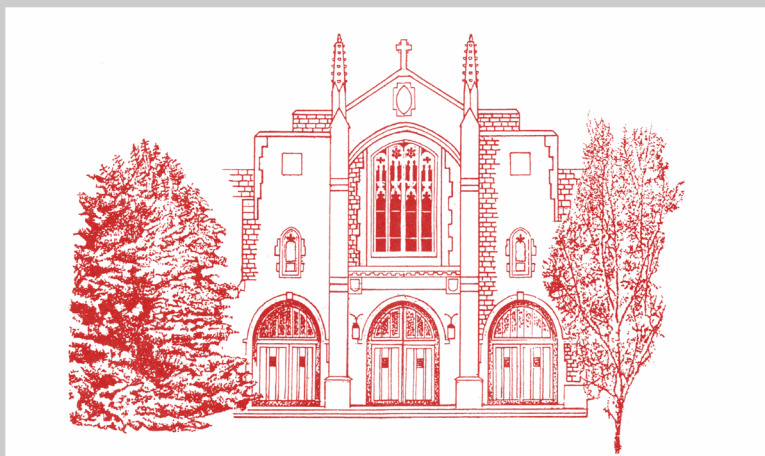
Communion for the homebound: call S. Kathleen.

Rectory Office Hours—Daily

open 9am to 1pm closed 1pm to 2pm open 2pm to 5pm

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 27, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26th

5:00 Octavio & Paquita Pastor
(Pastor Family)

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 Deceased Members of the
James S. Mooney Family
(Ann Quinn & Family)

10:00 Collective Mass

Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart (Jelenic Family)
Thomas A. Pastorino (Brigulio Family)
Alfred Bonagura (Nina M. Principe)
Kathy Nebgen (AnnMarie/Clint Moebes)
Patrick James Brady (DeMillio Family)
Intentions of Raymond & Janet Stankes
(John & Jeannie Machalski)

12:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, August 28th

9:00 Mary DiConza
(Camille & Jennifer Gramlich)

Tuesday, August 29th

9:00 Daisy Cestero (Cardone Family)

Wednesday, August 30th

9:00 Octavio & Paquita Pastor
(Pastor Family)

Thursday, August 31st

9:00 Robert DiLibero (Parents)

Friday, September 1st

9:00 Deceased Members of
the Espinol Family (Pastor Family)

Saturday, September 2nd

9:00 Martha Kasper (Jeanne R. Teed)
5:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, September 3rd

8:00 Josephine Gallagher (Ann Quinn)

10:00 Collective Mass

Mary & James O'Donnell (Family)
Patricia Zuriat (living) (Daughter, Stephanie)
Patricia McGee Cellini (Raymond Holland)
Kenny Staudle (McCarthy Family)
Salvatore Amoroso
(Joe & Jo-Ann Ruggiero)

12:00 Alma & Daniel Bertorelli (Family)



Please
remember
in your
prayers
those who are ill especially

Millie & Frank Pennachio, Trina Den, Marion
Colegari & Mason McCulloch

PRAY FOR OUR
DECEASED



Christopher Camisa
Maria Marinucci
Carl Chiavarino

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Group will resume on September 5th at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday, of the month. For information contact Sr. Kathleen Masterson at 718--224-5695.



The Bread & Wine
& the Altar Candles
and Sanctuary Lamp
Are offered this week
In Thanksgiving for the
Sisters of
Mercy



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Item 1

Please remember that the work of the parish takes place 24 hours a day-7 days a week-365 days a year. Even though you might not be present at a particular Sunday or holy day Mass, or you may be away for the summer the parish depends on your weekly contributions to meet its bills and carry out its mission. **Please send in your weekly envelopes or consider signing up for online giving- this takes the burden off you to remember to send in your make up contributions and helps us to better plan our cash flow.**

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS: SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS AND THE PARISH CAN COUNT ON A STEADIER CASH FLOW ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.

CASH FLOW HAS BEEN VERY TIGHT THIS SUMMER. NORMALLY, OUR PARISH 'EMPTIES OUT' IN THE SUMMER DUE TO THE FACT THAT MANY OF OUR PARISHIONERS HAVE HOMES OUT EAST; THIS COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT WE NEVER REGAINED OUR FULL CONGREGATION AFTER COVID HAS REALLY HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE CASH FLOW.

Item 2

On the stand next to the Baptismal Font is a notebook in which you can write your prayer requests or intentions which I will carry with me when I go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I will place that notebook on the altar in all the holy places- Nazareth, Bethlehem, Calvary, etc. – and remember your prayer intentions that are contained therein. The notebook will be there until I leave on September 22.

Item 3

It's hard to believe that labor Day is around the corner! Where did the summer go/ the older I get the more quickly the days go by! If you are traveling on these last days of the summer season please be careful and do so safely. Enjoy these last days of summer! May St. Christopher and Our Lady of the Highways be your companions as you travel and protect you!

Item 4

In a recent storm tree limbs came down on 216th Street (in fact, one came down and smashed the hood of my car which will go into the repair

shop while I am on my pilgrimage in a few weeks because the damage did not render the car undrivable). I have filed a request via 311 and have a case number for the Parks Department to come and inspect the trees and trim the branches. I am especially concerned since during the school year the street is closed off as a play street for the children of the Academy.

Item 5

A while back I mentioned that our landscaper expressed his concern to me about the condition of many of the trees on our property, he stated that many had gotten too tall and thus were top heavy and many had rotted from the bottom and on the inside. Also, the area in front of the rectory is a bit of a wind tunnel in these strong storms that have become more frequent in these last few years. Last year one of the trees behind the rectory came down in a storm. This past week our landscaper, who is our parishioner, hired a tree service to come in and remove dead branches, trim back others and remove the trees that were most dangerous. Two trees were removed (one totally rotted out in the middle from ants and termites!) As he keeps reminding me: "Monsignor, It is not a question of if these trees will fall but when they will fall. And then where they will fall- on the church? Or on the rectory?" I certainly do not like to see the trees removed but we have to ensure the safety of people and the parish buildings first. I am grateful to our landscaper for his attention to this matter and for his generous gift of paying for the tree service which cost \$5,000.00 for the removal of "problematic" trees ,trimming of dead branches and carting off of debris. May God bless him for his generosity. In the coming weeks the rest of the trees behind the rectory, many of which are in bad shape and in danger of falling in a storm will be attended to by the landscaper and the tree service. Once again, nobody likes to see this happen but even in nature when trees get old, or too tall, or succumb to the elements they fall down.

Item 6

WE ARE OVER GOAL! WE ARE OVER GOAL!

WE have gone over goal in ACA 2023. I cannot, as your Pastor thank you enough for your generous response to the annual appeal.

Our goal was the same as last year-\$91,954.00.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As of August 21, \$115,195.00 has been pledged and \$106,628.58 has been paid in full. 172 generous donors have already participated in this year's ACA. We are again grateful to the parishioner who contributed \$30,000 to the ACA and paid the pledge in full. If we did not have this generous gift, we would have difficulty in reaching our goal each year. All monies collected over the goal come back to the parish in full **(see the announcement of money returned over goal for this year in red below).**

THANK YOU to all who have already made a pledge! God bless you! Please consider making a pledge if you have not done so yet or have never done so in the past! Remember the parish receives 100% of all monies collected above goal! Last year we went more than \$20,000 over goal which helped tremendously with some of the larger bills we receive annually- i.e., insurance, diocesan assessment, etc.

ON JULY 28, THE FIRST RETURN OF MONEY OVERGOAL WAS RECEIVED FROM THE ACA OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,862.00. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS WE RECEIVE THE REST OF THE MONEY THAT WE ARE OVERGOAL FROM THE ACA OFFICE.

Item 7

The new A/C and fence cost \$300,000.00 The security system is on hold AS WE ARE DEALING WITH ROOF/GUTTERS/FLASHING ISSUES.

113 parishioners and friends have contributed to the appeal thus far donating \$97,585.00. We really need all our parishioners to come together and help us with this goal. I know it is an astronomical amount of money, but these repairs and updates will serve our parish for years to come. THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this project thus far. May God reward you for your goodness. *****N.B. A special thank you to those parishioners (and there are quite a few) who have made a second and third (and some a fourth and fifth!) contribution to this appeal!**

IF YOU HAVE NOT REPONDED TO THIS APPEAL AS OF NOW I ASK THAT YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER DOING SO TO HELP WITH THIS BILL

Item 8

When making your last will and testament please remember your parish. Your parish will

be grateful to you and remember you in our prayers.

Item 9

LEGION of MARY-We have been asked if there are any parishioners who are interested in starting Legion of Mary groups in our parish- one in English and one in Spanish. Each group would need a minimum of 8-12 members in order to start the group. If you are interested please call the rectory and speak with Msgr. Tom. Three Spanish speaking parishioners have, and one English speaking parishioner have expressed an interest thus far. Two parishioners have come forward and expressed an interest in the English-speaking group.

Item 10

Mark Your Calendar:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8- OPENING SCHOOL MASS SACRED HEART CATHOLIC ACADEMY- 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10- Wreath laying in our Prayer Garden after the 10:00 A.M. Mass in memory of all those who died in the terrorist attack on our city and nation on 9/11.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11-Sacred Heart Catholic Academy- 9/11 Memorial Wreath Laying at Flagpole in front of the Church-1:00 P.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11- 7:30 P.M.- ANNUAL 9/11 Mass – Our celebrant and homilist will be The Most Reverend Raymond F. Chappetto, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The parishes of our deanery will be invited to join us for this Mass as in the past.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, IS ALSO OUR FIRST FAMILY MASS OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND AT THE END OF MASS WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ALL STUDENTS no matter where you attend school or what grade you are in. Please bring your backpacks, school supplies, Chromebooks, laptops markers., crayons, glue sticks, pencils-anything that you use for school- to be blessed as you enter into the new school year.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8- 1:30 P.M.-BLESSING OF ANIMALS IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI IN OUR PRAYER GARDEN.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15- AFTER THE 12 P.M. MASS- BLESSING OF THE NEW MEMORIAL BRICKS AND PRAYER SERVICE IN OUR PRAYER GARDEN.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26- 7:00 P.M.- MASS of HEALING and HOPE for ALL SURVIORS of ABUSE at St. Bernard's Church, 2055 East 69th Street, Brooklyn, Bishop Robert Brennan will be the celebrant. All are invited to come together on this day to pray for healing for all those impacted by abuse.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30- OPENING MASS for the SCHOOL YEAR-SACRED HEART SCHOOL of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)-9:00 A.M.

Item 11

Pass along the good word about Sacred Heart Catholic Academy. Registration is going on now! For information call the Principal, Mrs. Conlan at 718-631-4804.

Special dates/celebrations this week:

August 27- Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time begins

August 28- St. Augustine

August 29- Passion of St. John the Baptist

September 1- WORLD DAY of PRAYER for the CARE of CREATION FIRST FRIDAY

September 2- FIRST SATURDAY



TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Religious Education classes are held on Saturday mornings September through May for children in public or private schools. The program is for students grades first thru eighth grade, older children and special needs children. The Diocese requires two consecutive years of religious instruction prior to making First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The registration form is available on the parish website or you can email Mrs. Georgette Lyons, Director of Religious Education at shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com or call 718-631-1307.

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This Week's Readings at Mass

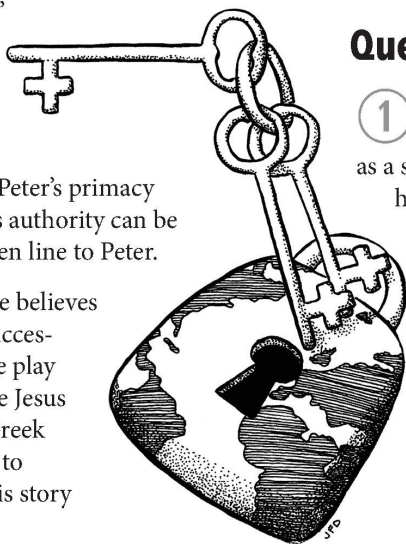
- Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 • Eliakim chosen by God
- Romans 11:33-36 • Praise of God
- Matthew 16:13-20 • Peter the rock

The Gospel reading picks up on images of keys and a key holder from the first reading from Isaiah. Keys signify ultimate power over the palace; the one with the keys has the authority to decide who is allowed in and who is kept out. When Jesus promises Peter the “keys to the kingdom of heaven,” he raises him to a place of high authority as well. This is the Gospel passage that gives us the image of St. Peter guarding the “pearly gates” and controlling access to heaven.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all include this Gospel story of Jesus asking his disciples who the people think he is. They all include Peter's correct answer that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. It is only Matthew's Gospel that incorporates the next few verses upholding Peter as the foundation of the church and the “keeper of the keys” to the kingdom of heaven.

Catholics look back to this story as the basis for their belief in Peter as the first pope and the idea of apostolic succession. Traditionally it has been understood that in this exchange, Jesus made Peter the primary apostle. Later, Peter transferred his authority to another man, who transferred it to another, and so on, down through all the bishops of Rome, the successive popes. Other Christians do not accept Peter's primacy or the idea that the pope's authority can be traced back in an unbroken line to Peter.

Regardless of whether one believes in the idea of apostolic succession, it is good to note the play on words in the nickname Jesus gave to Simon. Peter in Greek is *Petros*, which is related to the word *petra* “rock.” This story



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“Who do you say that I am?”

Sheepish Question:

How has your knowledge of God grown in the last year? And who is the Son of Man?

suggests Peter's ability to be a rock-solid foundation for the church. Just a few verses after this reading, though, Jesus orders Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me” (Mt. 16:23), another play on Peter's “rock” nickname. So Peter, like all human leaders, has the potential to be a solid foundation for God's kingdom in the world, *and* the potential to be in opposition to that kingdom. Even though Jesus praises Peter in this story, Peter will always remain human. The same can be said for every pope we have ever had.

Questions of the Week

- 1 If Peter had a “rocky” nature that had the potential for greatness, but also could pose as a stumbling block, what characteristic(s) do you have which has potential for good but also the potential for harm?
- 2 In thinking of church leaders in your lifetime, who has demonstrated the ability to be a strong foundation for you and the greater church? How so?

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Week of August 27, 2023



Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.



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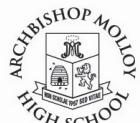
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