

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00 DIANA KISTO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 CORRINE A O'BRIEN & FLORENCE KENNEDY

8:30 THERESE O'SHEA

10:00 XUE QIAN ZHENG

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 ALLAN SPANGLER

5:00 LOGAN WATSON

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 MATTHEW KIELTY

9:00 FRANK MIRANTE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 ELAINE ROHE

9:00 MICHAEL McGRATH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 JOAN & JOHN PRENTY

9:00 IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 LUCILLE PADULA

9:00 ROBERT CALLAHAN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 CHRISTOPHER MEAGHER

9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 MARGARET LONG

5:00 MARY & JOHN KIRINCICH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 MICHAEL DaROCHA

10:00 ROSALIE DOCKETT

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF ATHENA SPA

5:00 PATRICIA CHIASERA

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of

Howard Zulch, Jr.

Joan Taylor

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Virginia Rodriguez requested by Sandra Garcia.

Lectors February 22 and 23

Saturday, February 22

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, February 23

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis

8:30 Charles Romanelli

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Stephen Brown

5:00 Efrain Ortiz

Sick Relatives & Friends

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Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio

Wedding Banns

II Mary Louise McCarroll and Kevin Whyte

Collection February 9

Regular \$7,076.50

Peter's Pence \$1,878.00

50/50 \$430.00

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCauley on winning the January 50/50.

2014 Cardinals Appeal \$8,750,000 of the funds raised through the Appeal helps needy schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the 2014 Cardinals Appeal.

CATHOLIC...AND PROUD!

The headline of the *Daily News* for Monday, February 10th screamed out, “*Gay and Proud!*” Hardly something I wanted to read as I downed my first morning cup of coffee. As I scanned the paper, I discovered that the headline referred to a college football player from Missouri by the name of Michael Sam. Sam, a six foot two, 255 pound defensive lineman aspires to be the first openly gay NFL player. I suppose that in this year of 2014, nothing can really shock us anymore although maybe some things should.

Pope Francis reminds us that we are not to judge people, as all judgement is in the hands of God. Still it must be stated unequivocally, that homosexual activity is a sin, it is immoral and could conceivably send a person to Hell if engaged in. It is hardly something to be “proud of.” The *Catechism of the Church* tells us, “Homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered. They are contrary to Natural Law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life...under no circumstances can they be approved.”

Gay persons, like everyone, are called to be chaste and to live a moral life. Is that difficult? It certainly is in the current world in which we live in where as that old song says, “Anything Goes!” The Church does not condemn gay people. But she imitates her founder Jesus Christ who said to the woman caught in adultery, “I do not condemn you, but from now on avoid this sin.” The Supreme Law of the Church is the salvation of souls. In order to save our soul we must follow God’s commandments - it’s as simple as that.

February is “Black History Month.” It is a time for us to remember the contributions of black people to our society and to our Church. In distinction to the Michael Sam story, I would like to tell you about another black

athlete, an “Athlete for God” by the name of Charles Lwanga.

Saint Charles Lwanga was one of 22 Ugandan martyrs who converted from paganism. Charles worked in the court of Mwanga who was a superstitious, pagan king. The king was also a practicing homosexual. Charles was the Chief of the Royal Pages in the court and was one of the strongest athletes in the kingdom and considered as the most handsome man in Uganda. He instructed his friends in the Catholic faith and personally baptized the boy pages. He encouraged his companions to remain chaste and faithful. He protected them from the immoral, homosexual demands of King Mwanga.

Because of his opposition to the gay king, Charles and twenty-two of his companions were rounded up and put to death. Charles was executed on June 3, 1886 by being burned alive. Before he died, the saint made this statement, “I am glad to die for the true faith.”

Yes, we Catholic Christians have the true faith. We should strive to live up to it each and every day -that’s not easy! But when we feel wearied with the struggle to do that, let us think about Saint Charles and his friends who made the supreme sacrifice - they shed their blood for Christ and for the faith. Now that is something to be truly proud of! Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PETER’S CHURCH Come Celebrate this Historic Event Sat. March 8, 2014 in St. Peter’s Church 53 St. Marks Place. 5:00PM Concelebrated Mass led by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Cocktail Reception 6:30-9:30PM. Donation \$25. Contact St. Peter’s Rectory at 718-727-2672.



Now Accepting Applications for
September 2014



CCD - February Class - 26



SAVE THE DATE: Saint Monica's
Mothers Guild Fashion Show
Thursday, April 10, 2014.
**CALLING ALL SACRED HEART
FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS**

The **SMMG** April 2014 Fashion Show is coming upon us and as a school fundraiser we rely on donations in order to make the Fashion Show the huge success that it is! There are many different ways to help in this effort. You can donate a basket of your own, team up with other families, or donate a new item to be used to create a general, super or grand basket. Whatever you decide is totally up to you. If you are not sure how or what items are needed please feel free to reach out to Peggy Maida 917-301-6822 or Lisa Hartnett 347-553-5549. Thanks so very much for your generosity and support!! The Fashion Show Committee

CHINESE AUCTION - ST. PETER'S BOYS HS
Mar. 7th in the school Gym - 200 Clinton Ave.
718-447-1676. Doors open 6PM. Admission \$5.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 22 & 23

Saturday, February 22

5:00 Chris Riccardi, Peter LaPeruta

Sunday, February 23

7:00 Sean Hartnett, James Esco
8:30 Kathleen, Siobhan & Mary McCafferty
10:00 Giovanni Ecolano, Steven Mickel, Jr.
11:30 John Altschuler, Stephen & Megan Lauren
1:00 Danielle & Michael Riccardi, Timothy Donnelly
5:00 Maeve Butler, Gabrielle Garcia

Choir News

Parish Choir sings 7th Sunday Ordinary Time!!
Feb. 23, 2014 - Arrive by 10:45AM to choir loft, and join us as Melody Choir!!
Family Choir sings March 2, 2014 - Bring your aunts, uncles, cousins, up to the loft and sing along with the whole family for Mass!! Arrive by 11:15AM and come on up!!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!
Kids Praise Choir resumes rehearsals Feb. 26, 2014 5-6PM Chapel - See you there!! (Registration is free - form required for new members!!)
Mark Your Calendars!!
Traveling Choir sings on March 2, 2014 for the 11:30 Mass!. People so often say to me, "Oh I wish I would have gone with you to sing in _ _ _" - this happens after every trip!! Now is the time to hop on board and be a part of the process as we select a location - work on liturgies in other languages... last but not least sample the wines from the countries we wish to visit!!
It all starts now with no commitment, initially no money - just come for a Mass of inspiration and fun, as we explore the possibilities for our next adventure - See you March. 2 for 11:30AM Mass (with Family Choir)!! Questions?? Pamela 442-0058 (VM24)
Portugal Tour: check out:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZw8EZYCSco
more to follow from this trip!!
Join a choir today! Put away a Hymnbook!! Buy a CD!! Come on our next International Choir tour/Pilgrimage to..!!

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES for those in their 30's, 40's and 50's: the next gathering is Feb. 27 at 7:15PM at the St. Francis Friary. Call 718-981-3131.



To Father Jerome and Parishioners:
Thank you so much for helping me support Penn State's THON in helping children fight cancer.

Through the generosity of Sacred Heart's Parishioners we were able to raise over \$300 towards this great cause! I am so proud to be a member of the Sacred Heart community and I cannot fully express how grateful I am for your help!
Thank you and God Bless,
Emily Kinzel