

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 21, 2015

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

ITALIAN NATIONAL PARISH

37 SCHUYLER AVE

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT 06902

**REV. ALFONSO PICONE**

**PASTOR**

**REV. MARTIN deMAYO**

**PAROCHIAL VICAR**

**REV. CARLOS R. RODRIGUES**

**IN RESIDENCE**

**TRUSTEES**

MR. RAYMOND BOWLING

DR. ARTHUR IACUZIO

**PARISH FINANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

MR. LOUIS SILEO, CPA

203-348-3499

**PRESIDENT OF THE PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MRS. FRANCES BIANCO

**ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

MR. GREGORY FREILINO

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

MRS. CAMILLE VITTI

203-348-3185

**RECTORY OFFICE STAFF**

MRS. BEA CENTONZE

MRS. MARIE MARINO

**HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY**

9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**HOLY MASS**

MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00AM

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

**SATURDAY: VIGIL MASS 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,**

10:30 AM. (ITALIAN), 12:00 NOON

1:30 PM (SPANISH)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)**

**SATURDAY 2:45 PM-3:45 PM**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

4:00PM TO 5:00 PM

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

**MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

**FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE  
AND BAPTISM**

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR APPOINTMENT**

**10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**203-324-9544**

**FAX# 203-324-9202**

**Email address:sacredparish@optonline.net**

**WEB SITE stamfordsacredheart.org**



**WE WELCOME ALL NEW PARISHIONERS!**

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANYONE ON OUR OFFICE STAFF. WE ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH BE REGISTERED. REGISTRATION FORMS SHOULD BE REQUESTED IN THE RECTORY OFFICE. THIS REGISTRATION IS OUR ONLY MEANS OF CERTIFYING ANYONE AS A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH.



PRE-NEED PLANNING ~ TRADITIONAL SERVICES ~ CREMATION SERVICES  
*Family Owned & Operated Since 1926*  
**Anthony J. Lacerenza, Founder (1904-1949)**  
**8 SCHUYLER AVENUE, STAMFORD • 203-324-0158**

Est. 1947  
**Pellicci's**  
*Catering for all Social Functions*  
**203.323.2542**  
 96 Stillwater Ave., Stamford

**LIMITED TIME OFFER!**  
**\$250 OFF\***  
 PURCHASE OF A NEW STAIRLIFT!  
 EXPIRES August 31, 2015  
**ACORN STAIRLIFTS**  
**1-866-558-5540**  
\*Certain conditions apply.

**RALPH D. RUSSO**  
**PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.**  
 ~ Established 1948 ~  
**203-323-6882**

**CARPET RON**  
 Carpet & Vinyl Sales and Service  
 Upholstery Cleaning  
 Carpet Cleaning  
 Carpets, Vinyl & Laminate Flooring  
 Ron LaRoche, Sr. Ron LaRoche, Jr.  
 203-327-0319 203-359-4285

**Giulio**  
 3ft. to 6ft.  
**L&G Italian Deli**  
 ~ Catering For All Occasions ~  
 Finest in Italian Cold Cuts & Groceries  
 Freshly Made Mozzarella & Ricotta  
 Cold Beer & Soda • Daily Lunch Specials  
**425 WEST MAIN STREET**  
**STAMFORD • 324-2886**

**STAMFORD AUTO BODY REPAIR**  
**Teodoro Coppola & Teodoro Melchionno**  
 Owners

**VILLA ITALIA**  
 RISTORANTE & BAR  
 Christenings • Confirmations  
 First Communions • Showers  
**203-348-7742**  
**VillaItaliaStamford.com**  
 26 MILL RIVER STREET • STAMFORD

**mjm**  
 STAMFORD HARDWARE, LLC  
*Proud to Supply Sacred Heart*  
 171 Stillwater Ave. 348-2930

**Lima Tile & Marble**  
 WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE  
 Huge Selection  
 Free Consultation  
**203-333-6000**  
 www.limatiles.com  
 Open To The Public 1832 COMMERCIAL DRIVE • BRIDGEPORT/FARFIELD LINE

**SYNERGY HomeCare**  
*The most trusted name in homecare*  
 • Personal Care • Live-in & Hourly Care  
 • Meal Planning & Preparation  
 • Medication Reminders  
 Light Housekeeping • Daily Living Assistance  
**203-661-6969**  
 info@synergyhomecarect.com  
 1200 Summer St., Ste. 105, Stamford CT

**Chief Frame Machine & Down Draft Pivab Spray Booth**  
 368 West Main St., Stamford  
**203-348-7695**

**dcr**  
 D'AGOSTINO CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION  
 a subsidiary of D'AGOSTINO COMPANIES, Inc.

**Pimpinella Construction Co., Inc.**  
 Residential • Industrial • Commercial  
 Buildings • Construction Management  
**T: 203-329-6662 • F: 203-329-6664**  
 Stamford *Mario Pimpinella ~ President* Connecticut

**WESTOVER PIZZERIA**  
 Catering • Take Out • Delivery  
 234 Stillwater Ave., Stamford  
**569-6090**  
 westoverpizzeria.com

**TEDMAR ELECTRIC, INC.**  
**MARIO TUCCARONE TED CATINO**  
 COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL  
 CT LIC. # 104056  
 "SEE OUR WORK AT THE CHURCH"  
**203-323-1175**  
 21 BELLTOWN RD., STAMFORD

"See Our Work at the Church"  
**352-425-5921**  
 joed@dcrgreen.com

**Louis M. Sileo, CPA**  
**Sileo & Company, LLC**  
 1100 Summer Street • Stamford, CT 06905  
**TELEPHONE 203-348-3499 • FAX 203-348-2931**

**bare feet**  
**WATCH MICKELA MALLOZZI**  
 every week on her TV series, *Bare Feet*, as she experiences the world, one dance at a time! Mondays at 9pm, Saturdays at 12pm & 8:30pm - Only On NYC Life (Channel 22 or 25, Check Your Local Listing)  
 www.TravelBareFeet.com

**Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation**  
 453 Shippan Ave, Stamford, CT  
**203-325-9300**

**O'Neill and Sons Inc.**  
 Moving & Delivery Service  
**out of state moves**  
**packing • moving deliveries • cleanouts**  
**dump runs • furniture sales**  
**203-817-0510**  
 oneillandsons@aol.com

**Antoinette Mallozzi, Realtor**  
*Experiencing life's rewards one property at a time!*  
 WILLIAM RAVEIS  
 -REAL ESTATE • MORTGAGE • INSURANCE-  
 voicemail - 203-653-5644

**D. PALLADINO & SON CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.**  
 General Contractors • New Construction  
 Additions • Renovations • Carpentry  
 Kitchens • Baths  
 ~ DARIO PALLADINO ~  
 Phone & Fax 203-357-8258  
 dpjconstruction@hotmail.com  
 FULLY LICENSED & INSURED (Lic. #584721)

**ASTACIO PLUMBING & HEATING LLC**  
 HVAC  
**203-253-0769**  
 www.AstacioPlumbing.com

Stamford Ford Lincoln was once again ranked #1 in Connecticut in 2013!  
**STAMFORD LINCOLN**  
 Visit us at [stamfordford.com](http://stamfordford.com) or call us at **203-357-0357**  
 212 MAGEE AVENUE • STAMFORD, CT 06902

**NICHOLAS F. Cognetta**  
 FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY  
*Family Owned ~ Since 1953*  
 CREMATORY ON PREMISES  
**203-348-4949**  
 WEBSITE: [www.cognetta.com](http://www.cognetta.com) 104 MYRTLE AVENUE • STAMFORD

Compliments of  
**EDWARD J. FRATTAROLI**  
 Land Surveyors  
 Engineers • Land Planners  
 Lic. in CT and NY  
**Kenneth E. Frattaroli**  
**203-359-2235**  
 kfrattaroli@frattaroli.com

**PRIME CHOICE DENTAL & LABORATORY**  
 All Aspects of Modern Dentistry  
 SAME DAY, NEW, OR  
 REPAIR DENTURES / IMPLANTS  
**203-890-9190**  
 70 Mill River Rd., #UL-2  
 Stamford, CT

**Venus Enterprises**  
 Painting (interior & exterior) • Roof Repair • Deck Repair • Deck Staining  
 Oil Spraying • Power Washing • Gutter Cleaning • Gutter Repair  
 Gutter Installation • Window Cleaning • Power Washing • Asphalt Roofs  
**BENNY PISANELLI / 203-356-1177**

Susan Morelli, CRS, GRI  
 Realtor  
**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices**  
 203-912-7840 Cell  
 susanmorelli@bhhsNE.com  
 susanmorelli.bhhsNEproperties.com

## HOLY MASS

### Saturday: June 20, 2015

4:00 PM Joseph and Eleanor Bianco & Joan Mirek by M/M A. Bianco

### Sunday June 21, 2015

7:30 AM Tommaso Marena by Michelina Marena

9:00 AM Giuseppe Conte by Maria Conte

10:30 AM Rosino Zezima by Maria Zezima and Family

12:00 Noon Deceased of the Benevelli and Rainone Families by Rita Rainone

1:30PM For the intention of the Parishioners

The Lamp for the week of June 21 through June 27 is in memory of Salvatore Marena by Teresa Marena

The Hosts for the week of June 21 through June 27 is in memory of Carol Pinto by Sister Sandy Vizzo.

The Wine for the week of June 21 through June 27 is in memory of James Greco by daughter Cheryl & Family

### Monday June 22, 2015

7:00AM Salvatore and Marianna Guarna by Daughter in Law

### Tuesday June 23, 2015

7:00 AM Augustino Burriesci by Dauplaise Family

### Wednesday, June 24, 2015

7:00 AM Deceased of the the Tolla Family by Family

### Thursday June 25, 2015

7:00 AM Daniel Fasoli by M/M Donald M. Miller

### Friday June 26, 2015

7:00 AM Rosina and Phil Longo by M/M P. Longo

### Saturday June 27, 2015

8:00AM Mary Ambrosio by Anna and Lenny Norman

4:00 PM Francesco, Rosina, Antonio, Rosaria & Vittorio Bria by M/M A. Bria

### Sunday June 28, 2015

7:30 AM Loreta and Loreto Gentile by Daughter and Family

9:00 AM Generoso, Maria and Angelo Buzzeo by Family

10:30 AM Salvatore and Grazia DeBlasi and Teodoro Boccuzzi by Elena Boccuzzi

12:00 Noon Carl Rainone by Family

1:30 PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

**Our God is a personal God who loves each of us and calls us to do the same.**

**Sunday Collection** for the weekend of June 13 and 14 totaled \$4,557.00 Thank you for your generosity. If you are away from church please try to make up your envelopes.

**PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS** will be held on the First Saturday of every month at 1:00PM The next class is to be held July 11, 2015. Please call the Rectory at 203-324-9544 to register for the class. Baptisms in English are held the second Saturday of each month at 1:00PM.

**FOR THE DECEASED:** We ask the Lord to grant Eternal Rest to the Deceased Members of our Parish: Jennie M. Moavero, Rose Rubino.

**CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE:** As of July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the Sunday Mass Schedule will be changed from 7:30A.M., 9:00A.M., 10:30A.M., 12:00P.M. and 1:30P.M. to the following: **8:30A.M., 10:00A.M. Italian, 11:30A.M. and 1:30P.M. in Spanish.** The **Saturday Mass at 4:00P.M.** remains the same.

**KRISTA ADAMS SANTILLI CONCERT SEPTEMBER 13, 2015. TICKETS ARE ON SALE STARTING JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>** Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Please address ticket requests to Sacred Heart Church Concert, Attn: Jeff Curtis, and drop off in the Collection basket or at the Rectory office. Ticket information and Sales, please call Jeff Curtis at (203) 968-1234.

**THE ILL OF THE PARISH-** Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill: Willard Kemp, Vinnie DePreta, Sal Rotante, Pietro Fiorita, Joseph Vivona, Alice Carella, Alfredo Coppola, Alfredo Correa. The thoughtfulness of cards or phone calls to them or their family would be welcome. Please keep the parish office (203-324-9544) informed of anyone who needs a priestly visit and the Sacrament of the Sick.

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**THE FEAST OF MADONNA DELLE GRAZIE (MINTURNO)** will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at the 10:00am Mass, followed by a short outdoor procession at 11:00AM.

**SYNOD CLOSING Celebration Mass of the Synod 2014-2015-** On Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 11:00am at Webster Arena in Bridgeport, Bishop Frank Caggiano invites you to join 9,000 faithful throughout the Diocese for Mass, Music and Thanksgiving. Sacred Heart will have bus transportation to this event. There will be very little parking in the Arena. Tickets are free of charge, and can be ordered on line at [www.2014synodorg/tickets](http://www.2014synodorg/tickets) or contact Bea Centonze at the Rectory 203-324-9544. Tickets must be ordered by June 30th.

**ST. PIO PIETRELCINA** Annual Feast Day Celebration in honor of St. Pio Sunday, September 27th 2015, Mass at 12:15PM in St. Margaret Chapel followed by a procession and Final Blessing of the St. Pio Shrine. Reception immediately following Mass at Roberto's Restaurant, 505 Main St., Monroe, CT Full sit down dinner, table wine, coffee and dessert, entertainment and 50/50 raffle. Donation is \$50.00 per person to be paid in advance. Please make reservations by September 12, 2015 Contact Rose Santangeli at 203-922-8079 or Paola Verrelli at 203-936-9862.

**DVD BASED PRESENTATION ON "DISCERNMENT OF THE SPIRITS"** (as shown on EWTN): Father M. deMayo is conducting a ten week course starting on Friday, June 26, 2015. For reservations please call the rectory at 203-324-9544 between 10:00am and 3:00pm. There are two (2) books involved in this course and they total \$25.00. Sign up by June 18, 2015.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING:** will be held on June 27th after the 4:00PM Mass and on Sunday, June 28th after the 9:00AM Mass.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Father Picone, It is with sincere thanks that I acknowledge your generous contribution of \$3,291.00 on April 22, 2015 to the Loaves and Fishes Campaign. Your charitable gift benefits the feeding programs of Catholic Charities including: The Thomas Merton Center, New Covenant House, Morning Glory, and our senior nutrition programs. Every Contribution is appreciated and does make a difference in helping us bring to life Catholic Charities mission statement that puts our faith into action by providing Food, Housing, Mental Health, Adoption, Immigration and Family Support services to the needy and vulnerable of all faiths in Fairfield County. Again, my heartfelt thank you for your support in helping us meet the ever increasing needs of the community. Warm Regards Al Barber President.

**GENEROSITA`** Cortesemente cercate di aumentare sia la vostra offerta settimanale sia quella mensile. Un aumento di \$5, \$10, \$15 o piu` sara` molto apprezzato. Se andrete via per la vacanze o se vi e` impossibile partecipare alla messa nella Chiesa del Sacro Cuore, vi chiediamo di fare il meglio possibile per recuperare le settimane in cui siete mancati. Iniziate a utilizzare le buste settimanali della canonica. Grazie per il vostro supporto.

**MESSA IN MEMORIA SETTIMANALI** Se qualcuno vuole donare l'ostia, il vino per la messa o la lampada del santuario in memoria di una persona cara o come una donazione si prega di contattare l'ufficio 203-324-9544. L'offerta e` di \$25.00 per ciascuna.

**INFIRMI DELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA-** Per favore ricordate nelle vostre preghiere i seguenti parrochiani che sono ammalati Willard Kemp, Vinnie DePreta. Sal Rotante, Pietro Fiorita, Joseph Vivona, Alice Carella, Alfredo Coppola, Alfredo Correa. Se avete in mente di mandare una cartolina o di telefonare ai familiari o direttamente a loro sarebbe un pensiero veramente apprezzato. Per favore informate l'ufficio parrocchiale, se qualcuno ha bisogno della visita di un sacerdote e del sacramento degli infermi. Telefonate ufficio 203-324-9544.

**POR LOS ENFERMOS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA** Por favor incluya en sus oraciones a los siguientes feligreses que están enfermos de nuestra parroquia Wilard Kemp, Vinnie DePreta, Sal Rotante, Pietro Fiorita, Joseph Vivona, Alice Carella, Alfredo Coppola, Alfredo Correa..

**REGISTRACION EDUCACION RELIGIOSA 2015-2016**

Las registraciones de Educacion Religiosa para el nuevo año escolar 2015-2016 estan abiertas si desea puede pasar por la oficina los Lunes de 11:00 a 2:00. Gracias.

**PRE-BAUTISMALES CLASES:** en Español se ofrecen el tercer sabado de cada mes, a la 1:00PM en la Iglesia. Por favor llamar a la oficina para registrarse (203) 324- 9544. Los Bautizos en Español se celebran el cuarto sabado del mes a la 1:00PM.

**OFRENDAS PER LA SEMANA:** Dedique la vela del Santisimo, el Vino y el Pan a un ser querido por una semana. Cada ofrenda es \$25.00.

**GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD** por favor trate de incrementar su ofrenda semanal o mensual, un aumento de \$5.00, \$10.00 \$15.00 o más es apreciado. Gracias por su apoyo y participación en nuestra parroquia del Sagrado Corazón. Si se va de vacaciones o está enfermo no se olvide de enviar sus sobres. Nuevamente gracias por su generosidad.



**2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

SACRED HEART PARISH GOAL	\$45,000.00
CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL	\$32,823.00

**FOLLOW HIM! THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

All of our parishioners listed below have already generously contributed to the 2015 Appeal. For these offerings we are very grateful. Many of our contributors from last year have yet to pledge or contribute towards this year's goal. We are depending upon your charity to enable us to reach our goal and have Sacred Heart Parish participate in a broader Christian community. God Bless your efforts.

4 Anonymous Donors, Mrs. R. A. Arena, M/M E. R. Attanasio, Mr. R. Berardi, M/M A. Bianco, M/M S. Biggica, M/M M. Bitetto, M/M L. Blackmon, Ms. D. Bouchard, Mr. R. Bowling, M/M A. Bria, Mr. L. Buzzeo, M/M F. J. Caporizzo, Jr. Mr. Wm. M. Carello, M/M J. T. Carlsson, Ms. C. Caporizzo, Ms. J. Casillo, M/M N. Casinelli, Mrs. L. Caruso, Ms. L. Cascia, M/M V. Catino, Dr. & Mrs. J. F. Centonze, M/M Wm. Cerulli, M/M M. Colabella, Jr., Mrs. M. Colucci, M/M J. Connole, M/M P. Conetta, Mrs. M. Conte, Mrs. A. Coppola, M/M E. Coppola, M/M M. Crocco, M/M A. Cucco, M/M J. T. Curtis, Sr., M/M P. Curto, M/M J. D'Agostino, M/M J. T. D'Agostino, M/M L. D'Andrea, Mr. D. J. DeCarlo, Mrs. G. D'Elia, M/M A. DelCarmine, Rev. M. P. deMayo, M/M D. R. DeNicola, M/M L. DeSantis, Ms. J. M. Desrochers, M/M J. De Vos, Ms. I. DiCamillo, Ms. N. DiCamillo, Mrs G. DiLorenzo, Dominican Sister of Our Lady of the Springs of Bridgeport, Dr. G. D'Onofrio, Mr. G. E. Ducanic, M/M E. Dulemba, M/M D. Dunn, M/M V. J. Fanning, Mr. A. Ferrajina, Mrs. J. M. Ferrara, M/M A. Follo, Mr. R. F. Fox, Ms. D. L. Gasparino, Mr. P. Giordano, M/M J. Golino, Ms. E. Caraballo-Gonzales, Mr. F. Gublet, Mrs. L. Guglielmo, M/M A. Iacuzio, Jr, Miss J. Infante, Ms. C. Irvine, Mr. R. A. LaRoche, Jr., M/M R.. LaRoche, Sr., Ms. T. LaRusso, M/M J. A. Loglisci, M/M Y. Loiseau, M/M V. Lorenti, M/M J. Mallozzi, M/M M.D. Macri, M/M J. A. Macari, Mr. R. A. Magliari, M/M J. Mallozzi, Mrs. V. Malozzi, Ms. M. P. Malafarina, M/M A. Malagisi, Mr. S. Maranelli, Mrs. T. Marena, M/M D. A. Marino, Mrs. P. Martino, Mrs. M. Scime, M/M A. Mattered, Mrs. E. Mead, M/M P. Melchionno, M/M P. Melonakos, M/M P. Messanelli, M/M T. Mirto, M/M E. Moavero Jr., M/M T. Moccia, M/M A. Monteclaro, Mrs. S. Murphy, M/M D. Musilli, M/M G. Narine, Mrs. G. A. Nowakowski, Mr. M. Nunan, M/M J. V. Pappalardo, Ms. R. Parrotta, Ms. M. Pastore, Mrs. K. Pavia, M/M P. Perrotta, Mrs T. Piacenza, Rev. A. Picone, Mr. P. Pelli, Mrs. M. H. Powers, Mrs. R. M. Rainone, M/M A. Raus, M/M F. Raus, M/M A. Richichi, M/M A. Rizzi, Ms. C. Romaniello, M/M J A. Sabia, Sr., Mrs. C. Sabia, M/M J. L. Sabia, Jr.,

M/M J. B. Sabia, Mrs. L. Sabia, Mr. P. L. Sabia, Sacred Heart Our Lady's Guild, Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society, Mrs. F. Salvatore, M/M E. J. Samaha, Jr., Mrs. A. Sandolo, Mr. M. L. Sayers, M/M T. Scanlon, M/M T. F. Schmalzl, Ms. M. Scime, M/M D. D. Sforza, Mrs. Z. A. Shaw, M/M J. Sabilia, M/M R. Simonelli, Mrs. A. D. Smeriglio, Mrs. C. Soggi, M/M W. J. Stanek, Mrs. R. C. Steward, Ms. P. L. Sy, Mr. R. N. Taranto, Mrs. L. T. Terravecchia, Ms. R. Tarzia, Ms. G. Uva, M/M R. Vacca, M/M S. Valente, M/M E. Varricchio, Ms. C. Vassallo, Mrs. A. Verrastro, Mr. F. Verrastro, Ms. M. I. Villa, M/M A. Vitti, Mrs. M. C. White, Mr. D. Zaccagnino, Mr. C. Zachariadis, M/M K. I. Zarrilli, Mrs. M. Zezima, Mrs. A. Zinicola.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **LETTER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

May the Peace of Christ live within your hearts and your families. A family that prays together stays together and remains together. It is necessary to keep the presence of the Lord in our lives so that He can help us do the things that we need to do for the benefit of our souls and lives.

We all experience different types of violent storms in our lives: physical storms, emotional storms and spiritual storms. We face storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation and passion. Only Jesus can still these storms. Jesus can give us real peace in the storm of sorrow. When we are totally depressed with sorrow, Jesus assures us of the glory of the life to come. Jesus consoles us at the loss of our dear ones with the assurance of eternal life for them in the heavenly home of God the Father, where we too will live one day. When the storms of doubt seek to uproot the very foundations of our Faith, Jesus is there to still that storm, revealing to us His Divinity and authority behind the words of Holy Scripture. Jesus gives us peace in a tempest of doubt, tension and uncertainty, provided we humbly submit to Jesus' guidance. He gives us peace in the storms of anxiety and worry about ourselves, about the unknown future and about those we love.

In today's Gospel, Mark describes how, by a single commanding word, Jesus stilled a storm on the Sea of Galilee. He returned the sea to its natural order and saved His followers from drowning. The incident reminds us to keep Jesus in our lifeboat and to seek His help in the storms of life.

By the way, the Sea of Galilee is a lake, more than six hundred feet below sea level. It is thirteen miles long from South to North and eight miles broad from East to West at its widest. It is notorious for its sudden squalls. On the west side there are hills with valleys and gullies, and rivers that have cut deep ravines through the tablelands down into the sea. When cold winds blow from the west, these valleys and gullies act like gigantic funnels. The wind becomes compressed in them, and it rushes down upon the lake with savage violence and with startling suddenness, causing violent and unexpected storms. This was just a little insight about the Sea of Galilee.

To end I would like to thank again all those that helped by volunteering for the Sacred Heart Feast, it was a great success, the weather was beautiful. It was a special moment for the Parish and Parishioners to come together, to be with each other and enjoy each others company. Many came to see each other after a long time of not being able to encounter one another during the Masses or liturgies of the year.

Again thank you to the events committee formed by: Fran Bianco, Judy Coppola, Rose Coscarelli-Curtis Jeff Curtis, Andrew DelCarmine, Marie Loiseau and all volunteers who made this feast possible for the year 2015. I would like to also thank Gregorio and the Choir for the beautiful music shared during the weekend of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

God bless you     Father Alfonso Picone

P.S. Please continue to support the ACA (Annual Catholic Appeal).