

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 20, 2015**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 19**

5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri

**Sunday, December 20**

8:30 a.m. – Bill Lenahan req. by his wife, Eleanor

10:00 a.m. – Mildred & Martin Di Guiseppi req. by Pat & Jack

**Monday, December 21**

12:00 p.m. – John Borris, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary, req. by the Nelson family

**Tuesday, December 22**

12:00 p.m. – Cindy Meudt

**Wednesday, December 23**

12:00 p.m. – Janet Sautter

**Thursday, December 24**

**Vigil of Christmas**

4:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

6:30 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

11:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

Midnight Mass – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

**Friday, December 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

10:00 a.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

**Saturday, December 26**

5:00 p.m. – John & Dorothy Ryzner req. by family

**Sunday, December 27**

8:30 a.m. – Loretta Ann Joyce req. by the Royek family

10:00 a.m. – Elizabeth Carroll req. by Annie Stefanik



Bill Lenahan  
Requested by: his wife, Eleanor

**Collection for December 12&13: \$3366.00**  
**Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2073.36 (November)**  
**Collection from last year: \$ 2835.00**  
**Retirement Fund for Religious: \$ 1200.00**  
**Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$9466.30**

**PARISH PAY:** Have you thought about automating your giving? No more writing checks! You decide the amount and the frequency. Sign up today for automatic contributions to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Go to the Parish Pay link at [www.sacredheartrockaway.org](http://www.sacredheartrockaway.org) or call 866-727-4741.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**  
**IN THE MILITARY**

Major Mike Cherry  
LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, SSgt. Zhenya Killeen  
Airman 1st Cl. Andrew Mistkowski,  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jessica L. Rotide Rudo  
Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer, 1

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** M.J. Simon, Irene Schreiber, Rosemary Woodring, Doug Bansch, Kevin McGuire, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Jean Weber, Ben Marvilla, Frances Murphy, Michelle Monslave, Theodora Maulbeck, Enid Osorno Patricia Martinelli, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary

Davenport, Jose Prado, Jean Hageny, Eugene Walsh, Arlene Berlin, Emil Fahrman, Jim Goliat, Robert Nielsen, Betty Dixon, Marge Vogel, Dan Koettters, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, Carol McMahon, Peggy Jankowski, John Skutka, William McBurney, Kay Shaffer, Tom Haynes.

**PARISH POLICY – PLEASE NOTE** - All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration as a parish member has many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. **Please contact the Parish Office at 973-627-0422**

**First Friday Communion Calls:** A priest will be making "First Friday" visits to those who are homebound. These visits will be made by one of our priests who will distribute Holy Communion. He will also be available for the sacraments of penance and anointing of the sick. Please call the rectory at 972-627-0422 to register your name for this monthly visit by one of our priests.

**Want to be more involved?**

If you are wondering "how can I become more involved in my church community", we happen to be looking for a few good people!! If you would like more information on how to become a Lector, Minister of Communion or an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 ext: 15 or [martmich1983@gmail.com](mailto:martmich1983@gmail.com)

**Religious give thanks.** "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God Bless you for your goodness!

**FR. JAMIE'S MASS SCHEDULE ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

**December 25th**

10:45 am & 12:15 pm

**December 27th**

10:45 am & 12:15 pm

**January 3rd**

8:00 am & 9:15 am

**Welcome:** We wish to extend a warm welcome to the Stehle family, the Martinelli family, and the Baird family who recently registered as parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they grow with us within the life of our parish community.

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>December 26 @ 5:00 pm</b>	DJ Farrelly	Bridget Wilson Laura Andreotta	Maggie Farrelly <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<b>December 27 @ 8:30 am</b>	Bob Martinelli	Claire Miller Kathy Caldwell	Richie Lazar Nicholas Schreiber
<b>December 27@10:00 am</b>	Chris Simonetti	Joanne Gula Michele Shaffer	Joseph Sannito Nicholas Sannito

*ALL MINISTERS: Copies of the schedule are available in the sacristy. Any questions/concerns please contact the appropriate group leader.*

*My dear parishioners,*

*As we assemble to celebrate the Lord's Day we also mark the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Advent journey is nearly complete for we have only five days before reaching the Solemnity of Our Lord's Nativity. In today's Gospel we hear about the journey made by the Mother of God to her relative Saint Elizabeth. Mary's travels from Nazareth south to Ein Karem, the village of Zachariah and Elizabeth. When the Blessed Virgin arrives and the two pregnant women embrace the Prophet John stirs within Elizabeth's womb in recognition of the presence of the Lamb of God. Saint Elizabeth cries out: **BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.***

*The Lord wants to visit with us if we have room in our hearts for Him. When sin and evil take up residence in our souls we need to seek repentance and forgiveness in the sacrament of penance. Confession is the spiritual cleansing we need to undergo to make ourselves right with God and one another. I pray that you and your family will come to confession tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7 o'clock for our Advent Penitential Devotions. A number of priests will be available for confession. Our Advent journey is not complete without the sacrament of penance.*

*Last Sunday Father Jamie announced at the two masses he celebrated that he would no longer be coming to Rockaway for Mass. Father Jamie has taken on added responsibilities in the religious institute of which he is a member. This lack of time and the burden of driving one hour from New York State to Rockaway has taken its toll. Father has agreed to return when I am in dire need for help. Father Jamie will be with us until January 3rd. In the meantime, I extend an invitation to you to join with me in a reception for Father Jamie in Hayes Hall of Sunday, December 27th following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. I know that Father will be happy to see you and for you to give him your best wishes.*

*I look forward to seeing all of you in church for Christmas. This is a major feast day and a holy day of obligation.*

*Please take careful note of the Mass times because I have made a few adjustments to the schedule.*

*Please remember to keep Christ in Christmas!*

*God bless you!*

*Father Zig*

**IUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY** – The Saint Monica Guild of Saint Cecilia Church is sponsoring a pilgrimage May 17-18 (Wednesday-Thursday), to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The pilgrimage is open to all parishioners of Saint Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately \$200 per person. Details regarding departure, schedule of devotions, hotel information, etc. will be forthcoming. We anticipate a full bus for this religious journey during the Holy Year of Mercy. Please call St. Cecilia Parish office for information 973.627.0313.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** – On Monday evening, December 21st at 7 o'clock, a penance service will be held in Saint Cecilia Church for parishioners of St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishes. Six priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Confession before Christmas is cleansing for the soul!

#### **School News:**

Holiday Shopping: Please keep in mind while shopping for your holiday meals to purchase food gift cards, which helps support Sacred Heart School. They are sold after all the Masses and in the school office. They also make great stocking stuffers, holiday grab bag gifts, and for family and friends gift ideas. Thank you for always supporting Sacred Heart School!!

**Our Sacred Heart School Community wishes all our parishioners a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!  
Thank you for all your support and all you do for us!**

The School's Annual Calendar Raffle ticket sale is in process! Tickets cost \$10.00 and are sold after the Masses, by our parents and in the school office. There will be a total of 51 chances to win \$8,100 in prizes. Drawings will be held Wednesday mornings in the school office beginning January 27<sup>th</sup> and end on April 27<sup>th</sup>!