

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 13

5:00 p.m. – Helen Walko req. by Michele, Tom, & Alison Suto

Sunday, August 14

8:30 a.m. – Nicholas Prosser req. by Jacobus family

10:00 a.m. – Bob Hill req. by Peter & Susan Kelly

Monday, August 15

12:00 p.m. – Jack Moran, 10th Anniversary, req. by family

Tuesday, August 16

12:00 p.m. – Peter Byrne req. by Carol McMahon

Wednesday, August 17

12:00 p.m. – Deceased members of the Parcell family, esp. Mike & Verna req. by Hopler & Profit families

Thursday, August 18

12:00 p.m. – Dorothy Hado req. by Sue Ellen Appleby & family

Friday, August 19

12:00 p.m. – Janet Sautter

Saturday, August 20

5:00 p.m. – William M. Phelan req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

Sunday, August 21

8:30 a.m. – Constance & Salvatore Di Lorenzo req. by Pat & Jack Zayac

10:00 a.m. – Gunner Christopher Martin req. by Nicolette Radovcic



Helen Walko
Requested by: Michele, Tom, & Alison Suto

Collection for August 6&7: \$2779.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2473.44(July)

Collection from last year: \$ 2,787.00

Ongoing Renovation: \$22,005.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$1,305.45

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 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,

1st Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force

Captain Jessica L. Rotile Rudo

Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer, 1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: M.J. Simon, Irene Schreiber, Rosemary Woodring, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Enid Osorno Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Emil Fahrman, Robert Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, John Skutka, William

McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman, Mike Izzo, Ethel Gorman, Edward Frame.

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 or Minister of Communion please contact Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 ext. 15 or martmich1983@gmail.com. Interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Mateusz at 973-627-0313 ext. 14 or fr.m.jasniewicz@gmail.com.

For St. Cecilia Cemetery information, please email Diane Boykow at StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY: REGISTRATION OPEN-

Registration for Divine Mercy Academy for the 2016-2017 school year is now taking place. Divine Mercy Academy, Rockaway’s New Catholic School, will offer an academically excellent, faith-based education to students in pre-k3 through eighth grade. Full –day and half day pre-k3 & 4 will be available as well as full-day kindergarten. We will also offer a before care program and an after school program. For more information please call 973-627-6003.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: We will pray the Divine Mercy chaplet every Friday during July and August at 3 o’clock in Saint Cecilia Church. **Please join us at the “hour of mercy” each Friday afternoon during the summer.**

Food Certificates: Food certificates will be available after the Masses and in the rectory to purchase. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile program. If you have not, please give it a try!

	Lector	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers
August 20 @ 5:00 pm	Elmer Maximo	Bridget Wilson	Sierra Walsh Ben Raroque Mateo Raroque Sofia Raroque
August 21 @ 8:30 am	John Sautter	Mark Howarth	Lilian Brennan Marc Winowski Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
August 21@10:00 am	Jack Zayac	Dennis Corbisiero	Danielle Waskas Jessica Waskas Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

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 gather to celebrate the Lord's Day on this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time the Scriptural texts speak of the suffering which accompanies faith. Indeed the Prophet Jeremiah suffers because of his fidelity to the vocation to which God has given him. In the Gospel the Lord Jesus tells His listeners that they will experience upset in their relations with others all because of their allegiance to Him. In the epistle reading believers are encouraged to know that they are surrounded by "a great cloud of witnesses", the company of heaven who had run the race and now share in the victory of the righteous.

Yes, suffering accompanies us in our faith journey through life. Conducting ourselves according to the Commandments and Evangelical values proclaimed by the Lord will put us at odds with others and the world in which we live. This will bring division and will distinguish the followers of Christ from those who reject Him. This division will be seen in families, neighborhoods and the work places where authentic Christians are to be found. Called to be different can be a scary and difficult invitation. Strength is found in the Epistle to the Hebrews which says, "...Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on JESUS, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart."

By keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus we will gain the courage to live honorably, generously and with great virtues. Once we take our gaze from Him we will be seduced by the lures of the devil which will lead us into the dark places which bring disaster. Many are headed in this dark direction but we must stay the course which has been run by the saints before us, that great cloud of witnesses who are cheering us on to the finishing line in heaven.

Our parish church contains the images of the saints which remind us that we are all called to holiness of life. I am so grateful to those who responded to my appeal to help us with some "clean up" at Sacred Heart. We met for two Saturday mornings in a row with the first Saturday being very humid and temperatures reaching 90 o's. I am especially grateful to those who came from Saint Cecilia Parish to work for our church. My sincere thanks to: Vince Turco, Greg Weber, John Rodimer, Charlie Burke, John Sullivan, John Sautter, Charlie Killeen, Kelly and Brian Stehle, Ralph DiMarcantonio, Ron Gatzke, Jack Zayak, Caroline Milano, Tom Gorman, Andy Chop, Joe Voorhees, and Derek Nelson (I hope I didn't forget anyone). This was a wonderful crew who worked very hard and to whom I am most grateful. Also many thanks to my assistants: Father Marcin, Father Mateusz and Seminararian Matt!

Lastly, I will have information in the bulletin very shortly regarding our faith formation classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Both classes will be meeting in the rectory basement on a designated schedule for the reception of the sacraments here at Sacred Heart Church. Mrs. Lucy Rovegno will be the catechist for the First Communion Class and Mrs. Michelle Schaffer will continue to serve as the catechist for the Confirmation class.

Have a good week! (and, God bless you!)

Father Zig

"BLOOD DRIVE"; Saint Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ; Wednesday, August 17, 2016; 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville and New Jersey Blood Services

NEXT YEAR: SICILY & THE AMALFI COAST – Father Zig will be leading a trip next spring to Sicily and the beautiful Amalfi Coast, April 20 to May 3, 2017. Enjoy breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and wonderful cuisine. An information meeting for all interested travelers will take place on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Cecilia Hayes Hall.

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) is honoring two Filipino Saints: St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod, on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at St. Clare R.C. Church located at 69 Allwood Road, Clifton NJ 07014. Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, will be the principal celebrant at the Holy Mass. Please come at 12:30 in the afternoon for the rosary and novena followed by the Mass at 1:00 p.m. Fellowship and a simple program will immediately follow at the Parish Hall. Come and celebrate with us!

Bereavement Support Group Series: St. Cecilia's Bereavement Support Ministry invites those, who have suffered a loss and who are grieving, to a journey towards healing. A series of six weekly sessions will begin on Wednesday evening, September 14th, 2016 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, at the Parish Office, 90 Church Street (the brick building to the left of the Church); Rockaway, NJ 07866. This group is lead by a trained facilitator certified by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. We pray that in this informative environment, you will find understanding, suggestions for coping, practical help, people who care, and friendship. Please contact the Parish Office 973-627-0313 x10 for additional information and to register. Advanced registration is required at your earliest convenience, but no later than September 8th. There is no charge for this series. Confidentiality will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

Attention all incoming 9th and 10th Grade Students: Confirmation sign-up for classes beginning in the fall are underway. All 9th & 10th grade students who are parishioners of Sacred Heart and intend to receive the Sacrament should be enrolled in faith formation. Please fill out the form on our website www.sacredheartrockaway.org A.S.A.P. and return it to Michele Shaffer or the rectory. Any questions, please contact Michele at 973-625-9274.

Be a Voice for the Voiceless! The Human Life Action Center invites you to advocate for good federal laws that defend life and liberty. Human Life Action is a service of NCHLA, which was founded in 1974 by the United States Bishops and works to support the Pro-Life legislative agenda of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Human Life Action tracks federal legislation and then sends out calls to action that go directly to your e-mail inbox. You can be made aware of federal legislative action by going to NCHLA.org and clicking on Sign Up. Human Life Action alerts people, when action is needed, to contact Congress and advocate for Pro-Life policy in federal law. With a quick click you can become informed about an issue and send a message to your elected officials in Washington urging them to support laws that protect life and religious liberty. They make it easy for you, by matching you with your elected officials and preparing email messages that you can personalize and send. It's that easy! The impact of your voice, when joined with so many others from across the nation, will be enormous. Please take a moment to sign up for action alerts. It will not require much time from you. Kindly don't miss another opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless. We never sell or share your contact information. Thank you for considering this very meaningful endeavor. National Committee for a Human Life + PO Box 34116 Washington, D.C. 20043 + 202-393-0703 + nchla.org + Twitter: @nchla

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