

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 17

5:00 p.m. – Howard Pratt Jr. req. by Mike & Donna Lucas & family

Sunday, September 18

8:30 a.m. – Marion Cookowski req. by Louis & Carol Maffei

10:00 a.m. – Protection of babies in the womb req. by Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry

Monday, September 19

12:00 p.m. – For the intention of Dorothy Daniels in celebration of her birthday

Tuesday, September 20

12:00 p.m. – For the intention of Divine Mercy Academy

Wednesday, September 21

12:00 p.m. – For the intention of Father Mateusz in celebration of his birthday req. by mom & sister

Thursday, September 22

12:00 p.m. – Lee & Mary Chervenak req. by Hopler & Profit families

Friday, September 23

12:00 p.m. – Howard Pratt 1st Anniversary, req. by Marie Byrne

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

8:30 a.m. – Teresa Wry req. by Dr. & Mrs. Louis Maffei

10:00 a.m. – William McCue req. by Shaffer family



Rosemarie Mitte-Rebels
Requested by: Jacquelyn & Nancy Struble

Collection for September 10&11: \$ 2,522.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2,368.11(August)

Collection from last year: \$ 2,612.00

Ongoing Renovation: \$22,489.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$821.45

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, 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, Adam Hayward, Ronnie Abrams.

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

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!

FALL BEAUTIFICATION :On Saturday, October 1st at 1pm, we will be meeting outside of the Church to spread mulch and plant flowers for the fall. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer at kolbeskrew@gmail.com. If you cannot assist with the physical labor but would like to donate to the parish for the purchase of flowers, you can send a check to the parish but make sure to put "FALL FLOWERS" in the memo.

BISHOP TO VISIT DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY – His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli will celebrate the 8 o'clock morning Mass in Hayes Hall of Saint Cecilia Church on Tuesday, September 20 for the students and faculty. Following Mass the Bishop will visit Divine Mercy Academy. We welcome the Bishop to our new school and look forward to showing him our remodeled facility.

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
September 24 @ 5:00 pm	Anne Reilly	Elmer Maximo Jeff Meudt	Sierra Walsh Emma Wahlers Jesse Wahlers Noah Wahlers
September 25 @ 8:30 am	Marie Byrne	Mark Howarth Claire Miller	Richie Lazar Ashley Garzon Brandon Garzon Alejandro Orellana
September 25@10:00 am	Michele Shaffer	Dennis Corbisiero Joanne Gula	Anthony Yagoda Marc Winowski Luke Foth 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 we come to the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Scripture texts remind us of the needy and our accountability as stewards of God's resources. The Apostle Paul writes to his protégé Timothy reminding him of the constant need to lift up one's hands in prayer for the sake of all.

Last Sunday we introduced the BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL which takes place during this time of the year in the Diocese of Paterson. As I listened to the presentation which was given last Sunday by Jim Gallagher, our parish lay coordinator for the Appeal, I was amazed by the number of services which our Catholic Charities agencies offer to the poor, the elderly and the disabled. So many people rely each day on the help offered by Catholic Charities to get them through their sufferings. Old and young alike look to the Church for help which is made possible because of the faith and love of our Catholic people. Our participation in the BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL brings a great blessing to our brothers and sisters in need. We would all hope that we would never be in their situation and need the services of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is the primary beneficiary of the BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL.

The recent canonization of Saint Teresa of Kolkata is yet another sign of the Church's commitment to serving the needs of the poor and marginalized. A favorite motto of Mother Teresa was "Do small things with great love." That she did throughout her life in service to the poor first in India and later throughout the world where the religious order which she established, the Missionaries of Charity, is found. Mother Teresa also said, "The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference toward one's neighbor who lives at the roadside, assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease."

Saint Teresa of Kolkata is among the many friends we have in heaven who were mindful of the needy and they inspire us to follow in their footsteps. The BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL is just one way in which we can DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE. What is important is that we all participate in the appeal and give what we can.

The BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL and Saint Teresa of Kolkata encourage us not to be indifferent regarding those in need. We are accountable before the Lord who calls us to share the resources He has given us. Let us pray that we will be responsive and generous!

God bless you,

Father Zig

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES TO BEGIN – First Holy Communion classes will begin in October for children of our parish ages 7-8, second grade. Mrs. Lucy Rovegno will serve as the catechist. Classes will meet following the

10 a.m. Sunday Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the rectory basement classroom. Please call the rectory office for registration and other information. The first class will take place on Sunday, October 9th from 11-11:45 am.

20/20 Pro-life Vision Conference: Saturday, October 1, 2016: Please come to the 20/20 Vision Conference on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains, NJ. This historic, non-denominational event is designed to incrementally end abortion by collaborating with churches and educating the public about the humanity of the babies in the womb. World-class pro-life speakers include: Stephanie Gray (Love Unleashes Life), Maureen Condic, PhD (University of Utah), and Tina Whittington (Students for Life). \$50 per person before September 15th, \$65 thereafter. Pre-registration is required. Please call 973-497-4500 or visit BabiesintheWombFeelPain.com for more information. [This initiative has the support of the NJ Catholic Conference of Bishops.]

November 12, 2016—10:00 am Pilgrimage to the Holy Door St. Margaret of Scotland, Morristown Fr. Marcin will be leading a pilgrimage for St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishioners and their friends and family. If you wanted to receive an indulgence for the Year of Mercy, you should join Fr. Marcin at St. Margaret of Scotland. 10:00 am—Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet 11:00 am—Holy Mass. Driving Directions will be available. (Get 3 friends together and carpool!)

VOTER REGISTRATION – Voter registration will take place the weekend of September 24-25 to encourage all eligible parishioners to vote in the November elections. This is a non partisan effort to encourage us to be faithful citizens.

KRISTALLNACHT OBSERVANCE – We have received an invitation from Rabbi Charles Popky and the membership of the White Meadow Temple to join them in an interfaith program to be held at the White Meadow Temple (153 White Meadow Road) on Sunday, November 6th at 7 p.m. The program will be in observance of Kristallnacht, an organized Nazi pogrom marking the first deportation of Jews to concentration camps. North Jersey HaZamir, part of an international teen vocal group, will present choral selections appropriate for this occasion, following which we will view a documentary film, “Margarit-NotA23029,” produced by Peppy Margolis, Director of Cultural Outreach T Raritan Valley Community College. There are some disturbing scenes from the Holocaust in the film; therefore, we recommend this program for adults and teens of at least high school age who are informed about its content in advance. Both the producer and Margit Feldman, the main character of this film, will be attending and will participate in the discussion that follows. Ms. Feldman was born on the same day of the same year as Ann Frank and both were sent to the same concentration camp; however, unlike Frank, Ms. Feldman survived. Following the program coffee and dessert will be served. Father Zig will be attending. Please notify the rectory if you will be attending no later than Thursday, October 27th so that we can notify the temple of how many of our parishioners will be in attendance.

MONDAY NIGHT HOLY HOUR TO RESUME – Our Monday evening HOLY HOUR will resume on Monday, October 3rd at St. Cecilia from 7 to 8 o'clock. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the sacrament of penance will be available at that time. Come to church and spend some quite time with our Lord.

Divine Mercy Academy is proud to announce an intergenerational program called Grandfriends in Faith. The goal of this program is promote love, unity, and warm fellowship between youth and senior adults. We would like to extend a warm invitation to all senior citizens to join this wonderful program. Our third grade students and their Grandfriends will meet one Friday per month in our new school, from 12:30 to 1:30. During these planned meetings, the children and their Grandfriends will share prayers, songs, conversations, snacks, and crafts. Where the motive is to promote love and fellowship among members of Christ's body, God is honored and glorified and the church is built up. If you are interested in joining Grandfriends in Faith, please contact Ms. Eleanor Borris at 973-361-4799 at your earliest convenience.