

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. – Eddie Piaskowski Jr. req. by Irene Shucavage

Sunday, January 8

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

10:00 a.m. – Mary Polinak req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

Monday, January 9

12:00 p.m. – James Skelly req. by Catherine Olivo & family

Tuesday, January 10

12:00 p.m. – Peter & Mary Micanovic req. by Lucy

Wednesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. – Peter Chipko

Thursday, January 12

12:00 p.m. – Generoso Petecca

Friday, January 13

12:00 p.m. – Howard Pratt

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. – Maria Pilat req. by Maulbeck family

Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. – Robert “Bob” Kamenetz req. by Friends from Sacred Heart School

10:00 a.m. – Emil Fahrman req. by Maulbeck family



Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, M.J. Simon, 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, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Mike Martinelli.

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 Rectory 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

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

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY – The cemetery gate is open from 8 am to 4 pm during the winter. The cemetery is closed during and immediately following a snowstorm until the roadway is treated.

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!

We’ve changed envelope companies: If you haven’t received your most recent set of envelopes, please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422.

Hospitality: Please join the Women Society for hospitality after the 10AM mass on Sunday, January 15th..

Food Drive: The weekend of January 14th and 15th is our monthly food drive for the Rockaway Food Pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, etc. Thank you so much for your generosity during the holiday months.

Collection for December 31 & January 1: \$2095.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2517.19 (December)
Collection from last year: \$ 3598.00
Christmas Collection: \$7,518.60
Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$23,997.80
Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)
Net: \$870.45

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,
 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: Irene Schreiber, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Robert Nielsen, Marge

	Lector	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
January 14 @ 5:00 pm	Tom Gorman	Jeff Meudt Anne Marie Hople	Ben Raroque Mateo Raroque Sofia Raroque Volunteer Needed
January 15 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Mark Howarth Paul Iapalucci	Gianna Nelson Gabe Nelson Marc Winowski Volunteer Needed
January 15 @10:00 am	Michele Shaffer	Joanne Gula Bridget Wilson	Ashley Garzon Brandon Garzon 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,

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast is traditionally observed on the 12th day of Christmas, January 6th, but with the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council now shifts to the Sunday closest to January 6th. This feast is also known as “Little Christmas” or “Three Kings Day”. This day marks the visit of the Magi, Gentiles from the East who came to worship the Christ Child. As the Gospel writer Matthew tells us they were guided to the Lord by following the light of the star which brought them to Bethlehem.

Like the Magi, we too are on a journey which will conclude when we come before the Lord. The GOSPEL is the light which we are called to follow as we make our way to Him. The Gospel illumines our path as we meet the poor, encounter the sick and find ourselves in company with the suffering. Our response to all those we come in contact with during our life is what will be used to determine whether we will be with the Lord forever or in everlasting torment (Matthew, chapter 25).

Because of the way in which Christmas fell this year, tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan. In other years this observance is commemorated on the Sunday after Epiphany. Tuesday begins Ordinary Time with next Sunday being the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week our church interior Christmas decorations will be taken down. The outdoor crèche will remain up until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This is an ancient tradition which commemorates Christmas for 40 days. As I recall the gifts given to the Child Jesus by the Magi I am reminded of the generosity which we in the rectory received from many of you. So, again and again, THANK YOU to all those who remembered us at Christmas. Be assured that YOU will be remembered by me, Father Marcin and Father Mateusz as we celebrate the Holy Mass.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Father Zig

FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE FOR THEBLESSING OF THE HOME AT EPIPHANY:

The family gathers in the main room of the house.

The father (or mother) of the family begins by inviting everyone to make the sign of the Cross

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen

L: During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the magi, to John the Baptist in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding in Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place!

L: Let us pray: Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your Law. We ask in the Name of Jesus who is Lord forever and ever.

R: Amen

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Without words the leader sprinkles those present and the house with holy water. The leader takes the blessed chalk and writes the following inscription on the top door post of the main door of the house,

20+K+M+B+17

The inscription reminds us of the initials of the Magi (Kasper, Melchior and Balthasar).

The three crosses represent the Blessed Trinity. The numbers are the current year of grace

Divine Mercy Academy's Calendar Raffle is underway! The calendar raffle will feature a total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. A winner will be drawn every Friday from February 3rd through June 2nd. Each week the winning ticket will be put back in the drum, so each \$10 ticket gives you 18 chances to win! Tickets will be available from our gift card sellers after Masses. Or you can email HSA@DMARockaway.org

Come to our Open House on Sunday January 29th, from 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM!

Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. Our mission is to provide an academically excellent Catholic education, and to instill within our students the virtues of mercy and compassion, forming them as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins during Catholic Schools Week, January 29-February 4th.

Pasta Dinner!!! Fundraiser for our Divine Mercy Academy 8th Grade Graduates will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Suchon Hall (church basement) on Friday, January 20th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dinner includes pasta, salad, beverage and dessert for \$25.00 per family (up to 4) or \$7.00 per person. Please send in your cash or check made payable to Divine Mercy Academy to the school office or rectory no later than January 17th. If you have any questions, please call Dena at 973-219-3987 or email denarusso38@hotmail.com