

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. – Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc req. by Raroque family

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. – Martin Matis req. by Maulbeck family

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

Monday, February 27

12:00 p.m. – Edward & Maria Pilat req. by Maulbeck family

Tuesday, February 28

12:00 p.m. – Helen Banta

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

12:00 p.m. – John Miller req. by Lucas family

Friday, March 3

NO NOON MASS

6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross followed by First Friday

Devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 p.m. – adoration and confession

7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. – Simon Shucavage req. by Irene Shucavage

Sunday, March 5

8:30 a.m. – Dorothy Hado req. by Martinelli family

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

Andreotta



Helen Banta

Collection for February 18&19: \$3430.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2677.12 (January)

Collection from last year: \$ 3425.00

Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,492.80

Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)

Net: \$1365.45

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 Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, M.P. Simon, Amanda Villarubia, Mary

Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Ethel Gorman, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Mike Martinelli, Jessica Gorman, Theodora Maulbeck. Jackie Hendershot, John Krause, Ethan Chandra.

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**

.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.

The Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal will be taken in our parish this weekend. Most of the money from this collection is used to support the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. A portion also is given to religious congregations in Slovakia represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious. Your support for this collection is greatly appreciated.

Pilgrimage to Baltimore & Seton Shrine

MAY 16 & 17, 2017

Sponsored by: The St. Monica Guild

More Info? Call Pat Zayac 973-625-4572

Ash Wednesday

Sacred Heart Church ~ 12:00 noon ~ 7:00 pm

St. Cecilia Church 8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm (Liturgy of the word – no mass) ~ 7:30 pm

Pizza with Bishop Serratelli on March 7th @ Pope John XXIII H.S. from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. If you are a young man in high school, college, or even older come join us for adoration, reflection, fellowship, and of course pizza. For more information please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext 711.

2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Please take a copy of the 2017 Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis which can be found in the church vestibule. The pamphlet is produced by the Apostleship of Prayer and contains the monthly intentions of the Pope. Please joint with our Holy Father in praying for the needs of the world

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
March 4 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Jeff Meudt	Ben Raroque Mateo Raroque Sofia Raroque Anthony Raroque
March 5 @ 8:30 am	Marie Byrne	Kathy Caldwell	Marc Winowski Lilian Brennan Ella Di Scala Jake Di Scala
March 5 @ 10:00 am	Jack Zayac	Dennis Corbisiero	Danielle Waskas Jessica Waskas Anthony Yagoda Luke Foth

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

My Dear Parishioners

Coming together to celebrate the Lord's Day we observe the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We leave Ordinary Time this week with the beginning of Lent on Wednesday. Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter during which we actively engage in PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. As we reflect upon the sufferings that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, endured for our salvation we are challenged to conversion and a change of heart. The disciplines of Lent (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) assist us in our responding positively to repentance. I will be reminding you during this holy season of the various opportunities we all have to reform our lives and become true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Starting on Wednesday we begin FASTING and we will do so every Friday during Lent. Remember only one full meal is permitted on these days. The pious custom of denying (giving up) a certain "like" is admirable during the Lenten season. The fasting regulations are included within today's bulletin. Parents should introduce this practice to their children and promote it to the entire family. PRAYER is to be done daily and be brought to life in the home. Daily Mass, weekly Stations of the Cross, Monday Evening Holy Hour & Confessions, are just be a couple of ways in which we are invited to come close to the Lord during this time.

ALMSGIVING is another important part of our Lenten observance. RICE BOWL is the Catholic Relief Services almsgiving program for the Church in the United States which touches more than 100 million lives in our country and throughout the world. Did you know that 75% of our Rice Bowl donations support CRS programs around the world and 25% helps ease hunger and poverty in the Diocese of Paterson? For the 40 days of Lent you are asked to place \$1 per day in the alms box. \$1 per day for the 40 days of Lent means 3 months of clean water for a family; 2 years of seed for a farmer; and 1 month of food for a family. Our fasting produces so much good in the world for those who have so little. I ASK THAT EVERY FAMILY IN OUR PARISH TAKE A RICE BOWL HOME AND PLACE IT ON THE TABLE WHERE MEALS ARE SHARED SO THAT YOU MAY BE REMINDED OF LENT AND OUR CALL TO PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING. This is just but one small way in which you can bring the holiness of Lent into your home. I know that the Lord will richly bless your household for this sign of faith.

Last call for the LENT RETREAT which will take place on Saturday! You do not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to begin the holy season. Call the parish office no later than Monday for registration, HAPPY LENT!

Father Zig

BIBLE REFLECTION

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MT 6:24-34

“...You cannot serve God and mammon...”

“...Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?...”

“...Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.

Sufficient for a day is its own evil...”

- What is mammon? “Mammon” stands for “material wealth or possessions” or whatever tends to “control our desires.”
- There is one master alone who has the power to set us free from slavery to sin, fear, pride, and greed, and a host of other hurtful desires. That master is the Lord Jesus Christ who alone can save us from all that would keep us bound up in fear and anxiety.
- God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him.
- God loves each of us, here and now. He is not putting off his love until tomorrow. He loves us now. We need to pause for a second and just think about this: right now God loves me and you with a love deeper than any of us can understand.
- Tomorrow is not yet. What matters is today. Our focus must be on today. Today is the day we need to love and to grow in holiness through all those little occurrences of our lives that make up our lives.
- When the Lord tells us not to fear for tomorrow, He is not telling us to be imprudent and not prepare for the future. What the Lord is telling us is to live each day as if it were the only day in our lives. Each day is the one that we must fill with love for God. We cannot let a day slip through our hands. Today will not come around again, ever. God expects us to fill today with acts of love for Him and for His Presence in others.

Who is your master – God or mammon?

Generous God, free us from the worry that would hold us back from seeking your kingdom, and give us confidence in your love and care for us. AMEN!

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, March 8th, 2017 from 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, at the Parish Office, 90 Church Street (the brick building to the left of St. Cecilia Church). This group is led 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 at St. Cecilia’s @ 973-627-0313 x10 for additional information and to register. Advanced registration is required at your earliest convenience, but no later than March 3rd. There is no charge for this series. Confidentiality will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

“Welcome Home”: Welcome Home is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from March 6th to April 3rd, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don’t be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though it’s made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

LENTEN LUNCHESES—The Rockaway Ecumenical Clergy Association will once again sponsor a Lenten Luncheon for seniors every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. The Lunch begins at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church located on Church Street. Following lunch a brief prayer service and reflection will be given by a designated clergy person from the Catholic and Protestant Congregations serving Rockaway.

ENCOUNTER LENT - Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in church, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.