

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 7, 2018**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:00 p.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Gloria De Gise  
8:30 a.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Ann Stefanik  
10:00 a.m. – Teofilo Valerio req. by the Maulbeck family  
**Monday, January 8 – The Baptism of the Lord**  
12:00 p.m. – Cesar & Anita Varela req. by Onelia & Maria  
**Tuesday, January 9-Weekday**  
12:00 p.m. – Fr. Jean Claude  
**Wednesday, January 10- Weekday**  
12:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Hopler req. by JoAnn Daly  
**Thursday, January 11- Weekday**  
12:00 p.m. – Frank Wach  
**Friday, January 12- Weekday**  
12:00 p.m. – Peter Chipko  
**Sunday, January 14- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 p.m. – Claire McCarthy req. by Dave & Claire Miller  
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



Bill Lenahan  
Requested by: his wife, Eleanor

Collection for December 23&24: \$3409.00  
Collection for December 30&31: \$2878.00  
Christmas Collection: \$8,352.00  
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$3418.27 (December)  
Collection from last year: \$2095.00

**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, Airman 1st Cl.  
Andrew Mistkowski, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, 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, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica Gorman, Theodora Maulbeck, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray, Louise Kelly, Tom Gorman, Carlos Carbajal, Danielle Cicchetti, Miguel Fojas, Mila Sering.

**PARISH POLICY –PLEASE NOTE:** All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration has

many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

**CERTIFICATE OF ELEGIBILITY** – All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the offering envelope system or Parish Pay.

**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 week from February 2nd through June 1st. Weekly cash prize amounts vary. Each week the winning ticket will be put back in the drum, so each \$10 ticket gives you 18 chances to win! Please email [HSA@DMARockaway.org](mailto:HSA@DMARockaway.org) or call 973-769-1028 for tickets. Tickets will also be available from our gift card sellers after Masses. Thank you for your support of Divine Mercy Academy!

**Come to Divine Mercy Academy's Open House on Sunday January 28th, from 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM!**

87 Halsey Ave., Rockaway: Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes! We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Before-care/after-care and extracurricular activities available. Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs starting at \$2350/year.\* Full Day Kindergarten through 8th grade tuition rates as follows: 1 child: \$4890 2 children: \$7980 3 children: \$9700 per year.\*Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins during Catholic Schools Week, January 28th-February 3rd.\*2017-2018 tuition rates

**MSZA PO POLSKU:** Polish Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart next Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us with your family & friends as we worship God in the Polish Language.

My Dear Parishioners,

We assemble together to celebrate the Lord's Day and to commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany. In the Western Church our primary focus is upon the visit of the Gentile Magi, to the Christ Child, who came from a great distance following the light of a star. The Evangelist Matthew tells us: "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the Child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His Mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." These gifts have a symbolic meaning regarding Jesus. Gold represents His kingship as Lord of heaven and earth, frankincense used in worship indicates Jesus' divinity and myrrh, which is used as a burial perfume, indicates that He would die for our salvation.

Gift giving is important. It is a sign of respect and love. Gifts which are given sacrificially are especially treasured. God's ultimate gift of love given to us is His Only Begotten Son whose manifestation to the Magi we celebrate today. God's gift provides us eternal life, a gift no one else can give us.

Gift giving to God has been the important element in divine worship throughout salvation history. This practice is a sign of our faith which keeps our focus on God the Giver of all. As we begin this New Year we will once again be reminded of our gift-giving to God. Early next month a mailing will go out to all parishioners asking us to prayerfully consider what our gift will be to the Lord for the coming year. Like last year, we will participate in the increased offertory program produced by Our Sunday Visitor, asking us to commit to a pledged amount for our Sunday offerings. The mailing will include an informative brochure regarding our parish life and its finances. Also included will be a pledge card which we will be asked to bring to church on PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY. I want to inform you of this today because of the Sacred Scriptures reminding us how we need to be like the Magi who "prostrated themselves and did Him homage...they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts..."

I thank God for the wonderful gift He has given me, our two parishes of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saint Cecilia. Your faith, your generosity, your love for Christ's Church inspires me and encourages me as your pastor. YOU ARE MY PRECIOUS GIFT WHICH I LOVE AND EMBRACE!

Happy New Year!

Father Zig

**FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING 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

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

Response: Amen

Leader: 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!

Leader: 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.

Response: 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+18. 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

**FATHER CERILO** – “Where’s Father Cerilo?” You may ask. He is visiting his family in the Philippines and will be returning to us on January 24th. We wish him a good vacation and safe travel.

**THANK YOU CLEANING CREW** – I am so grateful to the volunteers who meet every Thursday evening to clean our church. In addition, I would like to thank them for their “Cleaning Crew Christmas Contribution” to our church which totaled \$100. May God richly bless: Carol McMahan, Lyle and Diane Ryder, Peggy Jankowski and John Sautter. – Father Zig

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** – The Christmas decorations in the church will be taken down this week following Monday’s celebration of Our Lord’s Baptism in the Jordan. The crèche and other exterior decorations will remain until the 40th day, the Feast of the Lord’s Presentation on February 2nd following ancient custom.

**On behalf of the Sacred Heart Confirmation Group**, we would like to thank all of our parishioners who supported our Angel Tree for Christmas. We collected every single gift, received many rolls of wrapping paper, and dozens of gift bags! Thank you for always opening your generous hearts to those in need or less fortunate. We wish you all a blessed, happy, and healthy New Year.”

**Knights of Columbus March for Life Bus Trip**: We invite you to the 45th March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19th. The bus departs at 6 AM from the Gardner Field Park & Ride in Denville. There will be Mass at 5:15AM at St. Mary’s in Denville. There is no charge for the bus but we ask that you bring \$10 (for the DC metro and a tip for the driver). Seats are on a first come, first served basis, so please contact Jim Rizos at 973.627.2596 or j.rizos@verizon.net to reserve your place. If you are unable to join us on the March, please keep the cause for life in your prayers.

**IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT**: sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359 February 2, 2018 – February 4, 2018 (Feb 2, 2018 at 7:15 PM to Feb 4, 2018 at 1 PM) at Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ. Join us for a Men’s Weekend Retreat led by Fr. Tom Marciniak, S.J. The retreat will focus on the topic of Surrender??? - Learning How to Yield Lovingly to our God. Open to all men of the parish (18 or older). Membership in the Knights of Columbus is not necessary. Details at [www.kofc3359.org](http://www.kofc3359.org) or contact Damiano Servidio at (973) 407-0186 / dservidio@fordham.edu.