

***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

***March 25, 2018***

**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 25– Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri  
8:30 a.m. – Bill Lenahan req. by his wife, Eleanor  
10:00 a.m. – Patricia Campbell req. by Sacred Heart Choir

**Monday, March 26- Monday of Holy Week**

12:00 p.m. – Elizabeth “Ellie” Rivera req. by the Di Scala family

**Tuesday, March 27-Tuesday of Holy Week**

12:00 p.m. – Steven Accation req. by Carol McMahon

**Wednesday, March 28- Wednesday of Holy Week**

12:00 p.m. – Pam Miller req. by family

**Thursday, March 29- Holy Thursday**

**No Noon Mass**

7:00 p.m. - Evening Liturgy of the Lords Supper, Adoration at the Repository will take place until 9:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 30- Good Friday**

**No Noon Mass**

3:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

**6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

**Sunday, April 1- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil: For the People  
8:30 a.m. –For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
10:00 a.m. –For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

*This week the  
Sanctuary  
Candle*  
*burns in memory of ...*

Ethel & James Gorman

Requested by: Eddie & Eileen Jones & families

Collection for March 17&18: \$3472.00  
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2335.10 (February)  
Collection from last year: \$3841.00

**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, 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

**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 the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though 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.

**Divine Mercy Academy** is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. 87 Halsey Ave. 973-627-6003. 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 \$2420 a year. Full Day Kindergarten through 8th grade tuition rates as follows: 1 child: \$5030 2 children: \$8200 and 3 children: \$9960 per year. Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes!



**RICE BOWL ALMS PROGRAM:** Palm Sunday: For those we encountered on our Lenten journey with CRS rice Bowl, and all the people around the world who struggle to provide enough food to meet their families' daily needs. May we welcome the homeless, the lost and the wanderer, recognizing that Jesus Himself lived without a permanent home. We pray to the Lord.....

**YOU ARE INVITED**—Bishop Seratelli invites you to join with him and the priests of the diocese for the annual Chrism Mass on Monday, March 26th @ 7:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Free parking in the indoor garage adjacent to the Cathedral. For more information contact Fr. Zig. We need parishioners from St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart to represent Rockaway at this event.



My dear parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day we begin Holy Week with the commemoration of Palm Sunday which marks the joyous entry of the Lord Jesus in Jerusalem. The Gospels recount this day which began the events leading to the Lord Jesus' suffering, death and Holy Resurrection. The reading of the Passion Gospel from the Evangelist Mark in today's liturgy will remind us once again of all that the Lord endured for our salvation.

I firmly believe that the cruelty shown in the Mel Gibson movie, "The Passion of the Christ," is indeed authentic. Graphic as they are, the scenes from this movie bring further commentary to what is found in the Gospels which testify that Jesus suffered greatly for our sins. Many times we may find ourselves unmoved by looking at a crucifix yet this terror was real and its suffering unbearable.

We can see to what great lengths our Lord Jesus went through for love of us. He experienced all this pain for the remission of our sins and that one day we might live forever with Him in Paradise. From all this sorrow came the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Many of us would rather skip the suffering associated with Holy Week and jump right to the joy of Easter. Such an attitude testifies to ignorance as well as a selfish spirit. The Sacred Scriptures tell us that in order to have part with Christ we must also share in His sufferings. There must be the daily dying to ourselves, our desires, so that we may put on Christ.

No one should excuse themselves from participating in the liturgies which will be celebrated this week in our parish to commemorate the Lord's Passion and Death. This is the most sacred and solemn time of the Christian year. This is the week in which all of us should "inconvenience" ourselves by changing our weekly routine, our schedules, and MAKE CHURCH A PRIORITY THIS WEEK! All of us are called to be in church HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER. This obligation seems so small compared to the horror the Lord Jesus endured so that you might have eternal life!

As your father I beg you not to ignore the rigors of Holy Week, the time of prayer, fasting, works of charity and participation in the liturgies of this week. Parents: bring your children to church during this week and model for them the devotion which should be shown. All of us must encourage one another in testifying to our faith in Christ Jesus who gave Himself up to death so that we might have life.

I look forward to seeing you in church throughout this Holy Week. I know that the Lord will look kindly upon those who accompanied Him during the commemoration of the events which we call the Paschal Mystery.

God bless you!


Father Zig

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Second Sunday of Easter, April 8th is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, a universal commemoration in the Roman Catholic Church. You are cordially invited to participate in the Divine Mercy service which will begin at 2:00 in Saint Cecilia Church. The service will consist of a musical program of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of Penance. Be with us for this wonderful encounter with the Lord Jesus as we celebrate His great gift of MERCY.

**New Movie You Must See:** The nationwide theatrical release of Paul, Apostle of Christ, is March 23, 2018. Produced by Catholic ministry ODB Filmas and starring acclaimed actors Jim Caviezel and James Faulkner, this movie dynamically and truthfully illustrates the beginnings of Christian persecution under the Roman Empire. St. Paul's story is one of conversion, forgiveness and perseverance in the face of extreme intolerance, not unlike that faced by many Christians today. This dramatic retelling of his life can move the hearts of both believers and nonbelievers. The film, dedicated to the persecuted Christians of today, is an opportunity to spread awareness of their plight among your friends, family and community. Invite them to watch this inspiring film, and help spread awareness for the future of Christianity!

**NEW WOMEN'S GROUP: Women at the Well:** The Women at the Well meet the FIRST SATURDAYS of each month. These evenings are meant to serve as spiritual and social refreshment for women. The evening begins with a potluck dinner, followed the Rosary, quiet prayer and ending with dessert and socializing. Registration is required by emailing Jennifer Nelson & Faith Rose at wellwithmysoul17@gmail.com. with your name, parish and email address. This group is open to those outside the parish as well. Bring your Rosary and a friend!

**PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARD** - I ask for your cooperation in returning the PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARD which was mailed to all parishioners. The commitment card was accompanied by a brochure which contained a message by me, information about our ministries and services, as well as a snapshot of our financial condition. Please complete the commitment card and place it in the offering basket at Sunday Mass or mail it to the parish office. I am always so grateful for your support which is a sign of your faith in Christ our Savior - God bless you! - Father Zig



The  
Season  
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**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE** - The final celebration of the sacrament of penance will take place on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, March 28th at 7 o'clock in Saint Cecilia Church. Eight priests will be present to hear confessions for both adults and children. Please mark the date and plan to go to confession before the celebration of Easter.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Week Schedule**

**Monday, March 26th**  
 Mass at 12:00 (noon)  
**Chrism Mass at 7:00 pm at St. John's the Baptist Cathedral**  
**The Blessing of oils and the renewal of Priestly ordination vows takes place.**  
**Tuesday, March 27th** Mass at 12:00 (noon)  
**Wednesday, March 28th** Mass at 12:00 (noon)  
**Penance Service at 7:00 pm at St. Cecilia Church**  
**The Easter Triduum**  
**Holy Thursday, March 29th**  
 Evening Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm  
**Adoration at the Repository will take place until 9:30 pm**  
**Good Friday, March 30th** Good Friday Liturgy at 3:00 pm  
 Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm  
**Holy Saturday, March 31st**  
 Blessing of Easter Food - 2:30 pm  
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm  
**Easter, April 1st**  
 Holy Mass at 8:30 am and 10:00 am  
 Polish Mass at 11:30 am

**Saint Cecilia Holy Week Schedule**

**Monday, March 26th** Mass at 8:00 am  
**Tuesday, March 27th** Mass at 8:00 am  
**Wednesday, March 28th** Mass at 8:00 am  
 Penance Service at 7:00 pm  
**The Easter Triduum**  
**Holy Thursday, March 29th** Morning Prayer - 9:00 am  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm (followed by adoration until 10:00 pm)  
**Good Friday, March 30th**  
 Morning Prayer - 9:00 am  
 Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm in Church: Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm at St. Cecilia's Cemetery  
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5:00 pm  
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 8:00 pm (Vietnamese Community)  
**Holy Saturday, March 31st**  
 Morning Prayer - 9:00 am  
 Blessing of Easter Food - 1:00 pm and after the Easter Vigil  
 Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm  
**Easter April 1st**  
 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm & 3:30 pm (Vietnamese)

**A Musical Afternoon With Our Sisters:** Join us for a very special concert on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson for Our Sisters in Concert. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!



**SAVE THE DATE:** The Men's Society is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Beefsteak Dinner Dance Catered by Gireri's Catering Saturday, April 28th @ 7:00 pm in Hayes Hall More information will be appearing with an insert in a future bulletin. Any questions, please contact Ralph DiMarcantonio @ 856-952-5657. Hope to see you there!

**Array of Hope "Awakening Hearts"** We are excited to announce the Array of Hope is coming to our deanery! Morris Catholic High School, Friday, April 13th, 2018 7:30pm! Array of Hope is a multimedia concert experience that features multiple musical acts, motivational speakers and thought-provoking film presentations which joyously provide a counterweight to the negative media surrounding today's society. It brings Christ's message of faith, hope and love to its audiences; it celebrates family life and the joy that comes from a relationship with God. Please join us in celebrating an appreciation of family. It will be a wonderful night that you won't want to miss. For tickets are being sold thru Eventbrite, go to <http://goo.gl/nXX25X> on the internet to purchase tickets. For more information contact Sue Drew [sdrew@morriscatholic.org](mailto:sdrew@morriscatholic.org)

**Please be advised that all the "Senior Events"** are open to everyone of every age from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishes!

**Tuesday, April 3**—Regular Meeting

11 am set up, 12-1 pm social hour, coffee & cake

1-2 pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

**Tuesday, April 10**—Sands Casino- Price: \$25

For more info-- Casino trip call Lorraine @ 973-366-6871

**Wednesday, April 18**— Day Trip to High Point Banquet & Event Center

Day includes hot breakfast, hot lunch, 2 shows, bingo and more—Members: \$60/ Non-Members: \$65

For more info on High Point Trip call Carol 973-537-5529

**St. Cecilia Seniors Adventure of The Seas:** Come join us on May 17, 2019 for an 8 night Bermuda & Bahamas cruise! For reservations and/or pricing on staterooms for 2, 3, or 4+ guests & special promotions call Royal Caribbean International at 1-800-465-3595. Reference Group #9517279. Itinerary: Cape Liberty, NJ. To: Kings Wharf, Bermuda—Nassau, Bahamas—Cococay, Bahamas—Deposit \$500 per stateroom—Final payment due: 2/16/19. We need 8 cabins booked by 3/19/18 or we lose \$50 per stateroom onboard credit. For More Information: Call Alice Koller @ 973-627-8558

**Next Monday Night Bible Study Topic** - The Book of Wisdom Do you want to know what wisdom is and what it isn't? Join the Monday Night Bible Study which will explore the Book of Wisdom. Drawing on the Wisdom Books of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach Ecclesiastes - we will examine Biblical Wisdom as it relates to daily life. Using the Ascension Press series, we will meet from 7:30PM - 9PM in Hayes Hall (Church basement) from April 9 until June 7. (These dates could change due to study guide delivery) If interested please bring a \$25.00 Check to the Parish Office made out to St. Cecilia by March 29th. This fee is for the Study Guides. Please contact savondollen@gmail.com if you have any more questions. Thank you!

**The Compassionate Friends**, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Signs, Dreams, and Coping"

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND - ISRAEL/JORDAN:** Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus, Moses & Mary. 11 DAYS, NOV 6-16, 2018. \$2790. + \$590 Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge, RT Airfare from Newark Daily Breakfast/Dinner, great Hotels, Tips for Guided Tours, Deluxe Motor Coach Driver & More. FR ABE ORAPANKAL, Pastor, St. John Neuman, Spiritual Director/ Tour Chaplain. Please Call Juliet Hobson 732-439-2835 Email: yetjcb@aol.com

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## Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

### Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will give up/do without \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will do this act of love/good deed \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sundays optional)*

**Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.**

### SWEET as HONEY

