

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 29- Fifth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 p.m. – Irene Walko req. by Michele & Tom Suto
 8:30 a.m. – MaryAnn Hopler req. by the Rovegno family
 10:00 a.m. – Alicia Balmar req. by Onelia & Maria
Monday, April 30- Saint Pius V, Pope
 12:00 p.m. – Anthony Peplowski req. by Fr. Zig
Tuesday, May 1- Saint Joseph the Worker
 12:00 p.m. – MaryAnn Hopler req. by Monica Profit
Wednesday, May 2- Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 12:00 p.m. – Aldo Vukosa req. by Ann & Carlo Thompson
Thursday, May 3- Saint Philip & James, Apostles
 12:00 p.m. – Karen Profit req. by Arlene Pratt
Friday, May 4- Easter Weekday
No Noon Mass
 6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
 7:00 p.m. - Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Holy Mass
Sunday, May 6- Sixth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 p.m. – Josephine Maulbeck req. by Joe & Janet Maulbeck & family
 8:30 a.m. – Patricia Campbell req. by Bob & Lucy Rovegno
 10:00 a.m. –**First Holy Communion:** For the intention of the communicantes and their families

Dorothy Murray, Louise Kelly, Tom Gorman, Carlos Carbajal, Miguel Fojas, Victoria Santana, Mary Merz.

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

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!


 Josephine Maulbeck
 Requested by: Maulbeck family



Join Us For DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY'S

2nd Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 15th, 2018, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club \$120 per Golfer/\$420 per Foursome*Includes greens fees, cart, lunch, buffet dinner, alcohol & soda

1:00 PM Check-in & lunch. Immediately following golf is a buffet dinner & 50/50 raffle.

For more info, call Patrick Rudolph at 973-440-0748, or email prudolph817@gmail.com

*If purchased by May 15th. \$130 a golfer after 5/15.

Divine Mercy Academy presents: "Cinderella's Glass Slipper" Friday, May 4th at 7:00 pm, Saturday, May 5th at 1:00 and 7:00 pm, Sunday, May 6th at 2:30 pm. Open seating for all performances. Tickets available at the door! \$7 for adults; \$6 for students and seniors

Collection for April 21 & 22: \$4337.50
 Easter Collection: \$7555.50
 Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2371.74 (March)
 Collection from last year: \$2789.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE

MILITARY: Aleksandr Killeen, Airman 1st Cl,
 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,

My dear parishioners,

Today we mark the Fifth Sunday of Easter in our celebration of the Lord's Day. In reviewing both the epistle reading and the Gospel reading for this Sunday the word REMAIN is present within both. This word is used to convey a "communion" or an adherence with something. In the epistle we read: "Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the spirit he gave us." In the Gospel the Lord Jesus speaks about his oneness with his disciples, "Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

Communion with God is indeed the identifying factor in the life of a disciple. Union with the Lord is that which we seek to maintain throughout life. Since the time of the Last Supper this union has been manifested through the Eucharist as the faithful receive the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus, the pledge of eternal life. In chapter 6, verse 56 of the Gospel of John we hear Jesus speaking after the miraculous feeding, "For my flesh is real food and my blood real drink, he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

It was at the Last Supper that Jesus commanded his apostles to celebrate the Eucharist until he returns in glory. Faithfully the Church has done so as evidenced in the Holy Scriptures and Holy Tradition. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is crucial for our remaining in union with God, without it "you can do nothing!" The Eucharist nourishes us, strengthens us and keeps us in union with Christ and His Church.

This time of year is the time in which many of our Catholic young people receive their First Holy Communion. At Saint Cecilia's we have 3 celebrations and at Sacred Heart of Jesus 1. As we welcome our children to the Eucharist table for the first time we remember them in our prayers that they may always hunger for the Bread of Life and thereby make the Sunday celebration of the Holy Mass a priority in their lives. We also remember in prayer their parents who have brought them to this sacred moment. May their parents continue to guide them and encourage them to regular reception of Holy Communion through their good example.

As I informed you in last Sunday's pastor's article I again remind you that the resumption of the distribution of the Precious Blood will begin next Sunday at those Masses in which we have sufficient ministers of Holy Communion. The distribution of the Precious Blood was suppressed by our Bishop due to the flu epidemic which has now passed. I do remind you that those who may be ill, regardless the time of year, should not present themselves at the "Cup of Salvation".

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION! - CHRIST IS RISEN!!

Father Zig

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$571.00 to support those on margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

Baptism: Zephyr Philip Barbato was baptized at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on April 7, 2018. We congratulate his parents and godparents. Please pray for Zephyr and his family.

ALL PARISHIONERS: The 5th Sunday Rosary Service is today—Sunday, Apr. 29th. We gather at 3pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Come join our parish family in a faith & fellowship experience..... ALL ARE WELCOME.

ALL MINISTERS: The FINAL MAY ministers schedule has been released. Copies are available in the sacristy.

ATTENTION MEN – A new men’s group called FATHERS OF ST. JOSEPH will be meeting every other Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. in the St. Cecilia Office Building. The sole aim and purpose of the group is to labor for the restoration, revitalization and redemption of human fatherhood, in order that it may become what it has been created to be: an efficacious icon that directs the human family to its Father. The Fathers of St. Joseph gatherings are not so much meetings as they are mini retreats, whose aim is to communicate the spirituality of fatherhood in a manner that encourages and inspires fathers to embrace, engage and – by the power of the Holy Spirit – sanctify their vocation. Next meeting is May 12th.

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!

2018-2019 Registration K-8th Grade Traditional CCD, 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation & Generations of Faith Registration for all religious education classes will open on Sunday, May 6th after each of the morning masses in Hayes Hall. Registration forms will soon be available on the parish website. No registrations will be taken **before May 6th.** If you have any questions about registration for next year, please contact Jim Clancy at 973-627-0310 ext 17 or at stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com.

***CCD CLASSES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ARE HELD AT SACRED HEART. ALL OTHER CLASSES ARE TO MEET AT ST. CECILIA.**

Healing Mass: For all who are in need of healing; spiritual, physical, mental, or emotional, there will be a Healing Mass at St. Cecilia’s church on Saturday, May 12 at 11:00 am, sponsored by the Christian Care Committee. All are invited to attend.

Please be advised that all the “Senior Events” are open to everyone 55 and over from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart

Parishes! **May 1 & 15**—Regular Meeting

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

1-2 pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

May 8—Mohegan Sun Casino

Price \$25—Slot Play \$25—Food \$5

May 17—Anniversary Luncheon at Hilton Garden

Info: Casino—Lorraine @973-366-6871 / Luncheon-Kathy @ 973-989-1148

Sunday, July 1—Paper Mill Playhouse Day Trip

Day trip at Paper Mill Playhouse to see “Halftime”

Members: \$65.00—Nonmembers: \$70.00

Charlie Brown Restaurant (price not included)

For info, please 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 refundable up to 2/16/19. We need 8 cabins booked by 4/19/18 or we lose our group pricing. For More Information: Call Alice Koller @ 973-627-8558

POPE FRANCIS STARS IN NEW FILM – Pope Francis is coming to America! Perhaps not in person, but at least in a one of a kind new movie co-produced and endorsed by the Vatican. “POPE FRANCIS-A MAN OF HIS WORD” will open in theaters nationwide on May 18, 2018. Wim Wenders’ documentary is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, as he sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today’s global questions. From his deep concern for the poor, to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face in a way never seen before. Running time is 92 minutes. The Vatican has said, “The film masterfully shares the tenderness, humanity and revolutionary thinking of Pope Francis, and shows that he is a man who practices what he preaches.”

BANNS OF ORDINATION: Deacon Joseph Boykow is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on May 26, 2018. Christ’s faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to the Ordinary or to the pastor before ordination according to the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051, 2 of the Code of Canon Law. If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church, please contact: Bishop Arthur Serratelli or Father Sigmund Peplowski.

Deacon Mateusz Darlak is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on May 26, 2018. Christ’s faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to the ordinary or to the pastor before ordination according to the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051,2 of the Code of Canon Law. If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church, please contact: Bishop Arthur Serratelli or Father Sigmund Peplowski.

MAY DEVOTIONS – Following the weekday Masses at both Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and Saint Cecilia Church the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed during the month of May.

DIOCESAN MAY CROWNING – Bishop Serratelli will preside at the Diocesan May Crowning of the image of the Blessed Virgin May on **Sunday, May 6th** at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin May Church in Wayne. The ceremony begins at 3 pm. Directions can be received by calling our parish office.

BISHOP TO CELEBRATE HOLY DAY MASS IN ROCKAWAY – His Excellency Bishop Arthur Serratelli will celebrate the 12 Noon Mass on **Ascension Thursday, May 10th**, in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. This is the 40th day of Easter and commemorates the Lord Jesus’ ascension into heaven, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics.

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES: Good Counsel is a private Catholic agency whose primary mission is to help homeless pregnant women by providing a loving family environment in a safe and secure shelter. Begun in 1985 by Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Chris Bell, both leaders in the pro-life movement, Good Counsel has grown to five homes in the New York greater metropolitan area. Working closely with the Sisters of Life through our Lumina outreach we have developed an outstanding program of support and healing for those suffering from abortion related problems. Women receive educational and vocational assistance and professional counseling. Mothers staying with us are able to learn a trade and map out goals to achieve while at Good Counsel and when they move on to new, independent lives. For more information: Good Counsel 411 Clinton Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030 (201)795-0637 www.goodcounselhomes.org Pregnant/Need Help? Call 800-723-8331