

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5

5:00 p.m. – Deceased members of the Waranda family, esp. Blanche

Sunday, December 6

8:30 a.m. – Helen & Charles Vasey req. by their daughter, Ethel Gorman

10:00 a.m. – Margaret & Edward Porter req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

Monday, December 7

7:00 p.m. – Pat DiGirolamo req. by her husband, Anthony

Tuesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

12:00 p.m. – Howard Pratt

7:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Cecilia's

Wednesday, December 9

12:00 p.m. – Anne Bahnatka req. by Ed & Kathy Murphy

Thursday, December 10

12:00 p.m. – Frank Sinatra req. by Marie Byrne

Friday, December 11

8:00 a.m. – Constance Di Lorenzo req. by family

Saturday, December 12

5:00 p.m. – Rachel D'Anton & William V. D'Anton Sr. & Jr.

Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m. – Loretta Ann Joyce req. by Sue Ellen Appleby & Family

10:00 a.m. – William McCue req. by the Shaffer family



Janet Sautter

Collection for November 21&22: \$2877.00
Collection for November 28&29: \$3450.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2073.36 (November)
Collection from last year: \$ 2548.00
Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$9112.30

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, SSgt. Zhenya Killeen
Airman 1st Cl. Andrew Mistkowski,
1st Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force
1st Lt. Jessica L. Ratile Rudo
Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer, 1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: M.J. Simon, Irene Schreiber, Rosemary Woodring, Doug Bansch, Kevin McGuire, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Jean Weber, Ben Marvilla, Frances Murphy, Michelle Monslave, Theodora Maulbeck, Enid Osorno Patricia Martinelli, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary

Davenport, Jose Prado, Jean Hageny, Eugene Walsh, Arlene Berlin, Emil Fahrman, Jim Goliat, Robert Nielsen, Betty Dixon, Marge Vogel, Dan Koettters, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, Carol McMahon, Peggy Jankowski, John Skutka, William McBurney, Kay Shaffer, Tom Haynes.

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 Parish Office 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.

Want to be more involved?

If you are wondering "how can I become more involved in my church community", we happen to be looking for a few good people!! If you would like more information on how to become a Lector, Minister of Communion or an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 ext: 15 or martmich1983@gmail.com

You are invited to pray the Rosary every Sunday at 9:30am. Bring the intentions deep in your heart to Our Lady.

Hospitality: Please join us for hospitality after the 10AM mass on Sunday, December 20th.

Food Drive: The weekend of December 19th and 20th is our monthly food drive for the Rockaway Food Pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, etc. The food pantry sent a BIG thank you for all the food from the November drive. It was much needed for Thanksgiving.

Women Society Christmas Party: All women are invited to our annual Christmas Party on Monday night, December 14th at 7pm. It will be held in the All Purpose Room of the school. If you would like to bring a dessert or goodie to share great! Our favorite grab bag is a \$10 gift if you would like to join in the fun. For more information, please call Claire 973-586-9706.

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. **Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

	Lector	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
December 12 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Jeff Meudt Donna Perkalis	Jason Emelieze Christine Habib
December 13 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Paul Iapalucci Claire Miller	Richie Lazar Nicholas Schreiber
December 13@10:00 am	DJ Farrelly	Dennis Corbisiero Elmer Maximo	Maggie Farrelly Sarah Smith Stephanie Smith

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

My dear parishioners,

We gather on the Lord's Day to celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. The scriptural texts are filled with anticipation and joy for the coming of the Holy One of Israel, Christ the Savior. This is also a time of joy and anticipation as we welcome the JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY which begins with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, December 8th. This extraordinary holy year will be inaugurated by our Holy Father, Pope Francis who wrote in the Papal Bull, Misericordiae Vultus, "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life." He noted the Church's "very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love." Our Holy Father is asking us to bring new life to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy during this jubilee year, something I hope to talk with you about at another time.

His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli has written a pastoral letter to all of us, the faithful of the Diocese of Paterson, regarding the Jubilee year. Our Bishop, a scripture professor, brings to our attention the wonderful story of the jubilee and how this Holy Year should impact our lives. I urge you to read the pastoral which can be found on the diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org.

On Tuesday we will hang the JUBILEE HOLY YEAR BANNER in the sanctuary of our church. The banner will remain there until the conclusion of the Holy Year on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe, Sunday, November 20, 2016. The banner bears the artwork of Jesuit priest, Father Marko Rupnik and is entitled, "Merciful like the Father," taken from Luke 6:36. The logo invites us to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. In the image we see the Risen Christ having taken upon His shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of His incarnation culminating in redemption. I am looking for someone who might consider donating the Holy Year Banner which will hang in the church. The donation is \$200. I am sure that this gesture will bring with it many blessings to the donor during this Holy Year of Mercy. Please contact me for additional information.

There's a lot to tell you about the Jubilee Year and, of course, I cannot do it all now but have a whole year to do so!

God bless you!

Father Zig

Holiday Shopping: Please keep in mind while shopping for your holiday meals to purchase food gift cards, which helps support Sacred Heart School. They are sold after all the Masses and in the school office. They also make great stocking stuffers, holiday grab bag gifts, and for family and friends gift ideas. Thank you for always supporting Sacred Heart School!!

SIMBANG GABI: The first night of the Filipino tradition of a nine-day Novena Masses during Advent in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus will be held here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. You are cordially invited to join the Diocesan and parish-sponsored Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Mass of the Night or Evening) celebration on **Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00** in the evening. Our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Marcin Michalowski will be the main celebrant. The Simbang Gabi is coordinated by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson. For more information or if you wish to help, please contact Elmer Maximo, Vice President of DCCFM at imerism@gmail.com Filipino refreshment immediately follows Mass in Suchon Hall.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY – The Saint Monica Guild of Saint Cecilia Church is sponsoring a pilgrimage May 17-18 (Wednesday-Thursday), to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The pilgrimage is open to all parishioners of Saint Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately \$200 per person. Details regarding departure, schedule of devotions, hotel information, etc. will be forthcoming. We anticipate a full bus for this religious journey during the Holy Year of Mercy. Please call St. Cecilia Parish office for information 973.627.0313.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – On Monday evening, December 21st at 7 o'clock, a penance service will be held in Saint Cecilia Church for parishioners of St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishes. Six priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Confession before Christmas is cleansing for the soul!

ALTAR SERVES TO MEET – Father Mateusz will meet with all current and new altar servers on Thursday, December 10th at 6p.m. in the church. The ministry of serving at the altar is open to both boys and girls 4th grade and up.

NEW HOLY WATER RESERVOIR NEEDED – Our holy water reservoir needs to be replaced. A donor is needed for this sacramental container. The cost is \$500. Please contact Fr. Zig for details and memorial information regarding this liturgical item.

A DIVINE MERCY ENCOUNTER - FREE YEAR OF MERCY CONCERT Please join us on Saturday, December 19th from 7-9pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for an evening of prayer & reflection on Jesus' Divine Mercy. This evening will feature music meditations composed by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish music director, Derek Nelson. Compositions are based on the writings of St. Faustina, Blessed Mother Teresa, Saint Pope John Paul II, and others. The evening begins with Eucharistic Adoration (Confession will be available), and ends with the singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This program is a perfect way to get into the spirit of the upcoming "Year of Mercy". The cost is FREE, but a good will offering basket will be left out to support the ministry. For more information please contact Derek or Jennifer Nelson at atadinemercyencounter@gmail.com.

Hear Yee, Hear Yee.--TASTEFULLY BRITISH is back. The Men's Society of St Cecilia is sponsoring a Fish & Chip next weekend, Saturday Dec. 12, from 5 to 7pm, at St. Cecilia's, Hayes Hall. Eat-in or take out. Tastefully British is the caterer (we know how good they are!). Reservations are available after mass TODAY. If you missed ordering after mass: call or email Jack Zayac at 973-625-4572 PJZAY@OPTONLINE.NET.

The following are the raffle results from our November 20th, Friday Night Drawing for Morris County Right to Life:

1ST PRIZE	2016 Volvo	#07973	Dorota Szumski	Middlesex County
2nd PRIZE	\$1,000 Shoprite GC	#169767	Anthony Raimo	Bergen County
3rd PRIZE	\$750 Shoprite GC	#140061	John & Joyce Paciga	Hunterdon County
4th PRIZE	\$500 Shoprite GC	#097797	Marjorie Bryner	Somerset County

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Winners! Thank you for your support.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FOLLOW UP - St. Cecilia/Sacred Heart Pro-Life Ministry would like to thank all those parishioners of St. Cecilia Church/School and Sacred Heart of Jesus Church/School who participated in the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser to benefit: Birthright, Birth Haven, Lifenet, Pro-Life Across America, Sisters of Life, Several Sources Shelters, St. Cecilia/Sacred Heart Pro-Life Ministry. The fund raiser was an overwhelming success due to your generosity. The net amount collected was equally distributed among the top six charities with each charity receiving \$900.00 while St. Cecilia/Sacred Heart Pro-Life Ministry received \$881.80. We would also like to acknowledge the outstanding job done by the children in both our schools in collecting over \$900. Once again, we thank you for your kindness and the spirit with which you gave.