

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 30

5:00 p.m. – Helen & Charles Vasey req. by Ethel Gorman

Sunday, May 1

8:30 a.m. – “Protection of Babies in the womb” req. by Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry

10:00 a.m. – Anna Gula req. by daughter, Joanne

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

Monday, May 2

12:00 p.m. – For the intention of a peaceful & fair election in the Philippines

Tuesday, May 3

12:00 p.m. – Agapito Vivo Jr. req. by the Maximo family

Wednesday, May 4

7:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Thursday, May 5:

Ascension Thursday

8:00 a.m. – Patricia DiGirolamo req. by Sacred Heart School

12:00 p.m. – Josephine Lusardi req. by Mike & Donna Lucas

Friday, May 6

8:00 a.m. – Joseph R. Maulbeck req. by family

6:30 p.m. – First Friday and devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, May 7

5:00 p.m. – For the Mothers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Sunday, May 8

8:30 a.m. – For the Mothers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

10:00 a.m. – For the Mothers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

11:30 a.m. – First Holy Communion

Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Emil Fahrman, Jim Goliat, Robert Nielsen, Betty Dixon, Marge Vogel, Dan Koettters, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman, Ann McCue.

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 or Minister of Communion please contact Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 ext. 15 or martmich1983@gmail.com. Interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Mateusz at 973-627-0313 ext. 14 or fr.m.jasniewicz@gmail.com.

For St. Cecilia Cemetery information, please email Diane Boykow at StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com



Anna & John Gula
Requested by: daughter, Joanne

Collection for April 23&24: \$3391.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2562.32 (March)

Collection for last year: \$ 2612.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$771.00

Ongoing Renovation “Jug” Money: \$11,913.05

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. Rotile Rudo
Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer,1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: M.J. Simon, Irene Schreiber, Rosemary Woodring, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Enid Osorno Amelia Marie Cayea,

Parish Picnic: Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Cecilia Parish Picnic is planned for Sunday, June 5th at Fireman’s Field. Activities will begin after 12:00 noon mass (bring a chair) and continue until around 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping, please call the rectory.

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improving housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk. 4:18)

Banns Of Ordination: Rev. Mr. Slawomir Tomaszewski will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, May 28, 2016. According to the norms of cc.1043 and 1051.2 of the code of Canon Law, Christ’s faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to Sacred Orders, if they know of any, to the Bishop or Pastor before Ordination.

| | <i>Lector</i> | <i>Ministers of Communion</i> | <i>Altar Servers</i> |
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| May 7 @ 5:00 pm | Jack Cunic | Marion Cunic Laura Andreotta | Ben Raroque Mateo Raroque Sofia Raroque |
| May 8 @ 8:30 am | Bob Martinelli | Kathy Caldwell Mark Howarth | Richie Lazar Alejandro Orellana |
| May 8@10:00 am | Elmer Maximo | Joanne Gula | Nicholas Sannito Joseph Sannito Luke Foth Anthony Yagoda |

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 to celebrate the Lord's Day on this Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel passage for today we once again hear a portion of the conversation the Lord Jesus had with the Apostles at the Last Supper. In this periscope the Lord tells them that He would soon be leaving them and returning to the Father. Jesus tells them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I."

Where was Jesus going? He was returning to God the Father and to the place from which He had been prior to His conception in the womb of the Blessed and Ever Virgin Mary. I guess this was the place He called home, with the Father in Heaven. In today's second lection from the Book of Revelation the seer and Apostle John sees "...the holy city Jerusalem...I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord god almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the lamb."

Heaven, the New Jerusalem is place were the faithful set their sights. This is our destination as we follow Jesus, the pioneer who has shown us the way to eternal life. For we know that we have not permanent dwelling here and are only passing through. As future citizens of the Heavenly Jerusalem we are preparing ourselves to enter the city which is above where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. But in order to gain entrance we must be sure to possess the proper credentials, that is, a life lived in fidelity to the Gospel.

This week we celebrate a Holy Day of Obligation, the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. Holy Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock and Thursday afternoon at 12 o'clock. Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Cecilia's on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock. This 40th day of Easter commemorates the Lord Jesus' return to the Father and His entrance into the "holy city Jerusalem."

God willing, I will be returning to the holy city of Rockaway on Friday after being in Europe on our parish trip since last week. I am so grateful to Father Marcin and Father Mateusz who have been taking such good care of you in my absence. Our two young priests work very hard and they're the best!!

Christ is Risen!

Father Zig

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY: REGISTRATION OPEN- Registration for Divine Mercy Academy for the 2016-2017 school year is now taking place. Divine Mercy Academy, Rockaway's New Catholic School, will offer an academically excellent, faith-based education to students in pre-k3 through eighth grade. Full -day and half day pre-k3 & 4 will be available as well as full-day kindergarten. We will also offer a before care program and an after school program. For more information or a registration packet, please call the rectory @973-627-0422, Sacred Heart School @973-627-7689, St. Cecilia Parish Office @973-627-0313, or St. Cecilia School @973-627-6003.

Attention all current 8th and Current 9th Grade Students: Confirmation sign-up for classes beginning in the fall are now underway. All 8th and 9th grade students who are parishioners of Sacred Heart and intend to receive the Sacrament should be enrolled in faith formation. Please fill out the form available on our website www.sacredheartrockaway.org no later than May 31, 2016 and return it Michele Shaffer or the rectory. Any questions, please contact Michele at 973-625-9274

PARISH REBATE – Our parish received a check from the diocese in the amount of \$4,086 which represents 50% of the cash received over the parish goal for the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal. A second rebate will be processed in June. The 2015 Goal for our parish was \$15,645. Cash received through March 21, 2016 was \$23,817. 50% of the over-goal cash is \$4,086. Rebate as of March 21, 2016 is \$4,086. Many thanks to all those who participated in the Appeal which funds Catholic Charities, seminarian education, Catholic schools and much more!

The Ascension of the Lord Mass Times: **Sacred Heart Church:** Wednesday May 4th 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 5th 8:00 a.m & 12:00 noon --- **St. Cecilia Church:** Thursday, May 5th—8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Women's Society Meeting: Please join us on Monday night May 9th at 7pm in the Convent (School Library). For more information about our society, please call Claire 973-586-9706.

Rosary Tea: Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 1pm in the school's All Purpose Room. Afternoon tea \$10.00. Bring your own tea cup if you would like. RSVP by May 15th. Please see flyer in the bulletin or in the foyer of the church. For more information contact: Claire Miller 973-586-706. (limited seating)

HEALING MASS: For all who are in need of healing: spiritual, physical, mental, or emotional, there will be a Healing Mass on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia Church. This is sponsored by the Christian Care Committee. All are invited to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS This Friday, May 6th, is the FIRST FRIDAY and devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place at Sacred Heart Church on East Main Street beginning at 6:30 in the evening with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. From 6:30 to 7 o'clock the sacrament of penance will be celebrated. At 7 o'clock the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be prayed followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass. The FIRST FRIDAY observance will take place each month at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Please join us in our worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Kolbe Krew ~ May 7th The Kolbe Krew Family Rosary Group is a number of families from Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia Parish who meet to teach children how to pray the Rosary and enjoy a meal together. All ages are welcome! Children in the group range in age from newborn to 13. We meet every first Saturday of every month throughout the year at 6:00pm at St. Cecilia Church Parish Office. Please email Kolbeskrew@gmail.com to be added to our email list. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for the group, "Kolbe Krew Family Rosary Group."

FATHER MARCIN ANNIVERSARY – Father Marcin will be celebrating his 5th anniversary of ordination this month (May 28th). We will commemorate his anniversary with the celebration of the Holy Mass on MONDAY, MAY 23rd at 8 a.m. Following Mass we will meet at the Saint Francis Center in Denville for breakfast with Father Marcin. Registration for breakfast must be made by calling the rectory @ 973-627-0422 or Pat Zayak at 973-625-4572 prior to Friday, May 20th. The cost is \$20 per person (which does not include a gift for Father). May the Lord continue to bless Father Marcin as he ministers to us with pastoral love and care.