

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 27, 2015

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. – John & Dorothy Ryzner req. by family

Sunday, December 27

8:30 a.m. – Loretta Ann Joyce req. by the Royek family

10:00 a.m. – Elizabeth Carroll req. by Annie Stefanik

Monday, December 28

12:00 p.m. – Joseph Bakos

Tuesday, December 29

12:00 p.m. – Jillian Johnson

Wednesday, December 30

12:00 p.m. – Anna Lindi Casier

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. - For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day

12:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

6:30 p.m. – Adoration & Confession

7:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

Saturday, January 2

5:00 p.m. – Mary Polinak req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

Sunday, January 3

8:30 a.m. – Sophie Swenty req. by Joanne Gula

10:00 a.m. – Joseph Christoff req. by the Maulbeck family

11:30 a.m. – **Polish Mass**



John & Dorothy Ryzner

Collection for December 19&20: To Be Announced
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2073.36 (November)
Collection from last year: \$ 2668.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$ 1200.00
Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$9501.30

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. Rotile 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

St. Cecilia Church Mass Schedule

December 31st

4:30 pm

January 1st

11:00 am

Polish Mass: Msza Po Polsku

Polish Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart next Sunday, January 3rd. Please join us with your family & friends to worship God in the Polish Language.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL ministers and their family. Your service to Sacred Heart is not only self satisfying but appreciated. VIVA JESUS.

| | <i>Lector</i> | <i>Ministers of Communion</i> | <i>Altar Servers</i> |
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| January 2 @ 5:00 pm | Jack Cunic | Marion Cunic Jeff Meudt | Christine Habib Liam Orr |
| January 3 @ 8:30 am | Marie Byrne | Mark Howarth Claire Miller | Danielle Berlin Ella Di Scala |
| January 3@10:00 am | DJ Farrelly | Dennis Corbisiero Michele Shaffer | Maggie Farrelly Inigo Cadag Joaquin Cadag |

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

My dear parishioners,

As we gather to commemorate the Lord's Day our Christmas celebration continues with the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In the Gospel reading we hear about the "Finding in the Temple," which has become the fifth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. The Evangelist Luke is the only Gospel writer to convey this story which occurred when the Lord Jesus was 12 years old and had become separated from His parents while visiting the Temple in Jerusalem. This event was the cause of great anxiety for Mary and Joseph as they feared the worst. All parents can associate with this stress on the thought of losing a child. This upset is heard in the words of the Blessed Virgin to the Child Jesus when they are reunited: "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

Unless there is something wrong with them, all parents are concerned for their child's safety and well being. Parents love their child and want to make sure, on a daily basis, that their child is far from danger. One of the dangers that parents should especially guard their children against is SIN! Evil has a devastating effect upon all of us, including children. It becomes imperative that parents should keep their children close to the Lord by reminding them of their daily prayers, bringing them to Holy Mass on the Lord's Day and coaching them in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. By doing this they will not be lost in the darkness of sin but will shine in the light of the Lord. Mindful of these Christian parental obligations we know that children will one day stand near their parents in the Kingdom of Heaven. These days of Christmas are days of family gatherings and celebrations which strengthen the bonds of love among us. The expressions of love encourage us to stand strong when crisis and anxiety approach. Love is the ingredient of which family life consists.

We bid a farewell to Father Jamie this weekend as he takes up added responsibilities with his religious institute. We wish him well and hope that he will visit us as time permits.

On behalf of Father Marcin, Father Mateusz, Father Jamie, Deacon Slawek and Deacon Paul I take this opportunity to express our thanks to all those who remembered us at Christmas. Your gifts are generous expressions of your warm love which is characteristic of our parish family. Please be assured of our prayers and best wishes during Christmas and in the New Year.

May Christ the Savior bless all of you!

Happy New Year!

Father Zig

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.

School News:

**Our Sacred Heart School Community wishes all our parishioners a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!
Thank you for all your support and all you do for us!**

The School's Annual Calendar Raffle ticket sale is in process! Tickets cost \$10.00 and are sold after the Masses, by our parents and in the school office. There will be a total of 51 chances to win \$8,100 in prizes. Drawings will be held Wednesday mornings in the school office beginning January 27th and end on April 27th!