

First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13

5:00 p.m. – Thomas A. Morgan req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

Sunday, February 14

8:30 a.m. – Mike Stefanik req. by his wife, Ann

10:00 a.m. – Peter Chipko req. by his wife, Lucy

Monday, February 15

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

Tuesday, February 16

12:00 p.m. – Joseph Bakos

Wednesday, February 17

12:00 p.m. – Adam & Carolyn Bugan req. by Barbara Martin

Thursday, February 18

12:00 p.m. – Gillian Johnson

Friday, February 19

8:00 a.m. – Shirley Galese req. by the Ruzicka family

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20

5:00 p.m. – Howard B. Pratt Jr. the Rega & Curtis families

Sunday, February 21

8:30 a.m. – Frances Murphy req. by Sue Ellen Appleby & family

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



Kevin McGuire

Collection for February 6&7: \$3357.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 4975.17(January)
Collection from last year: \$ 3187.00
Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$10,558.55

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. Rottle Rudo
Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer,1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: M.J. Simon, Irene Schreiber, Rosemary Woodring, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoude, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Enid Osorno Patricia Martinelli, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Eugene Walsh, 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.

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

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from February 15 to March 14, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!
www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

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 it's 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.

	Lector	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers
February 20 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Donna Perkalis	Liam Orr Luke Foth Jason Emelieze
February 21 @ 8:30 am	John Sautter	Elmer Maximo	Danielle Berlin Nicholas Schreiber Ella Di Scala Jake Di Scala
February 21@10:00 am	DJ Farrelly	Anne Marie Hopler	Maggie Farrelly Marc Winowski Gianna Nelson Sofia Nunez

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

My dear parishioners,

Today we observe the First Sunday of Lent as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. This holy season is one in which we will be incorporating the disciplines of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMS-GIVING which will accompany us during this 40 day journey. In today's Gospel the Evangelist Luke tells us that when the Lord Jesus left the Jordan River following his baptism, He proceeded to the wilderness for a 40 day retreat in preparation for His salvific work. During this time He was tempted by the devil who tried to lure Him from the way He was to go. Through prayer and fasting the Lord Jesus was armed with strength to resist the assaults of the wicked one.

The devil would continue to oppose Jesus throughout His three years of ministry but the forces of darkness would be defeated in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. During this holy season of Lent we will be invited to mediate more deeply upon this Paschal Mystery through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. As we incorporate these disciplines in our life during this time be prepared to meet the forces of evil which will try to tempt you from doing these holy things. Like the Lord Jesus, we must be strong and stay close to Him who loves us and gave His life for us on the Cross. Remember, LENT IS NOT EASY and it requires from us commitment. We need to stay focused on the Cross so that we don't stray into the dark places where sin and death are to be found. Let us also remember how important it will be for us to encourage one another to keep a good Lent. Parents will have a special duty to introduce Lent to their children and to maintain its special character at home. I ask that you investigate the liturgies, devotions, faith formation gatherings and other opportunities which are taking place in our parish(es) which are available for our spiritual benefit.

Opening this Friday at the AMC theatres is the movie "Risen" starring Joseph Fiennes, who just last week met with Pope Francis at the Vatican. The following synopsis is from AMC: "Follows the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non believer. Clavicus, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem." This might be a good opportunity for families to view together and then discuss at home in the light of our Easter faith.

May our Lent, your Lent, be a good one!

Father Zig

The School's Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket Winners will be posted on the school's website weekly.

www.sacredheartnj.com - Drawings will be held Wednesday mornings in the school office beginning January 27th and end on April 27th!

Hospitality: Please join us for hospitality after the 10AM mass on Sunday, February 21st. This is hosted by the Women Society in Suchon Hall.

Food Drive: The weekend of February 20th and 21st is our monthly food drive for the Rockaway Food Pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, etc. Thank you.

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY: YEAR OF MERCY WORK OF MERCY

The Kolbe Krew Family Rosary group will be collecting donations at the end of Masses on the weekend of the 21/22nd to be donated to Catholic Charities to assist the residents of Flint, Michigan to have clean water for drinking & cooking. Flint residents have been exposed to high levels of lead in their contaminated drinking water, and it is unsafe for them to consume. PLEASE FILL AN EMPTY WATER BOTTLE with loose change, cash or a check (made out to Catholic Charities). You can hand them to the Family Rosary group representatives after Mass that weekend. Water bottles will be emptied of funds and recycled. THANK YOU in advance for your participation in this initiative of giving drink to the thirsty.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach. Take part with Morris County Right To Life at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960, 8AM to 8PM seven days a week from Ash Wednesday February 10 through Palm Sunday March 20. We invite pro-lifers as individuals or groups to participate. Bring signs to hold (except graphic type) or will supply as needed. Please register at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown/>. Alternatively you may email: info@morriscountyrighttolife.org or call 973-933-2800.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. **Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

2016 Annual SS. Cyril & Methodius Appeal will take place next weekend, February 20&21. Most of the money from this collection is used to support the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their Bishops for graduate studies. A portion also is given to religious congregations in Slovakia represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious. Your support for this collection is greatly appreciated.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHESES

Each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) a luncheon is held at the First Presbyterian Church beginning at 12 Noon followed by a Lenten reflection offered by one of the clergy of the participating churches. The theme for this year is "God's Name is Mercy."

The following schedule has been set:

Feb. 12 – First Presbyterian Church

Feb. 19 – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

February 26 – Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

Mar. 4 – Saint Simon the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Mar. 11 – Teabo United Methodist Church

March 18 – Saint Cecilia Roman Catholic Church.

All are welcome to attend,

An offering for the lunch is appreciated.

Join us as we continue with our parish 'CD of the Month' program. For the month of February all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to "Freedom through Forgiveness" by Ken Yasinski. This audio CD is a great talk by a world class speaker. Ken Yasinski does an amazing job of explaining the deepest mysteries of our faith in a way that all people can understand and relate to. This is a simple opportunity to listen, learn, and share our faith together as a community. On Thursday, February 25th, in Hayes Hall, 'Formation Night' will be dedicated to a discussion and sharing on this CD. All people are welcome to attend. CDs are available by contacting the rectory at 973-627-0422. CDs are \$3 each.

Birthright, located in Hope House, Dover, is looking for volunteers. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 973-361-6665 to speak with one of our volunteers. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

