

Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2016
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27

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

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. – Frances Murphy req. by the Maulbeck family
10:00 a.m. – Gabriel Del Busto req. by his wife, Onelia & daughter, Maria

Monday, February 29

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

Tuesday, March 1

12:00 p.m. – For the protection of babies in the womb req. by Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry

Wednesday, March 2

12:00 p.m. – Donald Ditzler req. by Carol McMahon

Thursday, March 3

12:00 p.m. – Kevin McGuire

Friday, March 4

8:00 a.m. – Jeanne Weber

6:30 p.m. – Adoration & Confession

7:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross at **St. Cecilia Church**

Saturday, March 5

5:00 p.m. – Helen Vuksta req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

Sunday, March 6

8:30 a.m. – Joyce D'Agostino req. by her sister, Ann

10:00 a.m. – Rachel D'Anton req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

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.



Collection for February 20&21: \$3425.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 4975.17(January)
Slovak Catholic Federation: \$444.00
Collection from last year: \$ 3043.00
Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$10,869.55

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. 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 Patricia Martinelli,

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
March 5 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Laura Andreotta Jeff Meudt	Jason Emerlieze Christine Habib Liam Orr Tzion Wong
March 6 @ 8:30 am	Marie Byrne	Kathy Caldwell Mark Howarth	Danielle Berlin Ella Di Scala Jake Di Scala Lilian Brennan
March 6@10:00 am	DJ Farrelly	Dennis Corbisiero Anne Marie Hopley	Maggie Farrelly Inigo Cadag Joaquin Cadag Luke Foth

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

My dear parishioners,

The Third Sunday of Lent is observed as we gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. In the Gospel reading for today a group of people tell Jesus about some Galileans who were killed by Pontus Pilate and ask if this is the result of some sin they had committed. The Lord replies that it is not. And He says the same about the eighteen people who died as a result of an accident in Siloam. But He tells those gathered before Him: "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did."

Repent is the clarion call during the holy season of Lent. The invitation is made by our Lord through His mystical body, the Church. These 40 days bid us to return to the Lord through the sacrament of penance. Our Bishop is once again encouraging us to come to confession before Easter through the WELCOME HOME initiative in the Diocese of Paterson. Every Monday evening from 7 to 8:30 in every parish of our three county diocese (Passaic, Morris and Sussex) a priest is available for the sacrament of reconciliation. All of us, old and young, have a duty (Easter duty) to receive the sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins. When we do we are responding positively to Jesus' invitation when He said, "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Our going to confession is a YES to Jesus' invitation.

Bishop Serratelli has issued a beautiful pastoral letter to the diocese for Lent. In it the Bishop addresses the importance of the sacrament of penance, its history and praxis. I used the pastoral letter as the teaching I had given to a group of parents at the last family faith formation session held at Saint Cecilia's. I encourage you to read the pastoral so that you will have the information for your own faith formation and to use as an apologetic in your discussion with others. You can find the pastoral letter on the diocesan website, www.patersondiocese.org.

How sad for us that we think the call to repentance is for someone else and NOT ME! Our self righteousness is among the sins we need to confess to the Lord before the priest. Our sins weigh us down and not only that, they bring us into the dark places where only sorrow and death are to be found. REPENT! Today, tomorrow may be too late!!

Happy Lent!

Fr. 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 at 973-627-0422 or St. Cecilia Parish Office at 973-627-0313.

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!

Partners in Faith update: I am happy to report that our parish recently received a check from our Diocese for \$9,273.00. This represents the third rebate returned to us as part of the Partners in Faith campaign. These parish funds are only available because of those parishioners who are making ongoing payments on their Partners in Faith pledges. I am so grateful to all who are consistent in paying their pledge, and ask any who may have fallen behind to re-commit to their pledge if possible. It is important to the work of the Diocese and to our parish. May God bless you for your generosity!

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:

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.

SAVE THE DATE: THE PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD SUNDAY JUNE 5 AT FIREMAN'S FIELD. Plans include a mass at the field starting around noon. Details will be announced as the date gets closer. If you are interested in helping please call the parish office.

Msza Po Polsku: Polish Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart next Sunday, March 6th. Please join us with your family and friends to worship God in the Polish language.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT -- HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START: The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

St. Cecilia Cemetery Notice: According to rules and regulations all Christmas Decorations and Wreaths must be removed by February 15th. Any left after that date will be removed by parish maintenance.

CD of the Month: Join us as we continue with our parish 'CD of the Month' program. For the month of March all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to "My Beloved Son" by Bishop Robert Barron. This is a simple opportunity to listen, learn, and share our faith together as a community. On Thursday, March 17th, in Hayes Hall, our 'Formation Night' will be dedicated to a discussion and sharing on this CD. All are welcome to attend. CDs are available by contacting the rectory. CDs are \$3 each.

On Sat., March 19 at Pope John XXIII High School, Sparta @7pm St. Luke's Productions will be performing a live theatrical Performance of "Faustina! Messenger of God's Mercy." FAUSTINA Messenger of Divine Mercy -Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults they can be purchased online at: www.faustinasparta.eventbrite.com. Keep in mind that 3/19 is St. Joseph's Feast Day, we implore his blessing on this important day, as Jesus asks all of us to "Tell everyone about my Mercy!"

Sacred Heart School presents Seussical Jr. the Musical. Performances scheduled for 3/4 @ 7, 3/5 @ 3 & 7. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 at the door. Location: St. Mary's School, Wharton. To reserve tickets call 973-714-3408.