

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**April 3, 2016**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 2**

5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3**

8:30 a.m. – Jeanne Weber

10:00 a.m. – Florence & Anthony Lombardi req. by Joanne Gula

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Devotion**

**Monday, April 4**

12:00 p.m. – Michael Nardella req. by Deanna Gray

**Tuesday, April 5**

12:00 p.m. – Aniela Michalowska req. by Mary Kulawiec

**Wednesday, April 6**

12:00 p.m. – Nelson Tuason req. by Elmer Maximo

**Thursday, April 7**

12:00 p.m. – Hector Santos req. by Elmer Maximo

**Friday, April 8**

12:00 – Lorraine Lynch req. by Sacred Heart School Faculty & Staff

**Saturday, April 9**

5:00 p.m. – Howard B. Pratt Jr. req. by William Sebelle

**Sunday, April 10**

8:30 a.m. – Lucila V. Cardenas req. by Cristina Gallardo & Jefferson Ong

10:00 a.m. – Joe Bakos req. by Joanne Gula



**Collection for Easter Sunday: \$8425.00**  
**Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 1933.23 (February)**  
**Collection from last year: \$ 7235.00**  
**Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$11,490.05**

**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](http://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,

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force

1<sup>st</sup> 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto:fr.m.jasniewicz@gmail.com).

**For St. Cecilia Cemetery** information, please email Diane Boykow at [StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com](mailto:StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com)

**Rosary Tea:** Save the date: Sunday, May 22, 2016. More details to come.

**Save The Date:** Altar Server bowling party Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm @ Rockaway Lanes. See flyer in the bulletin.

**THANK YOU:** Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say Thank You!!

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY** – St. Cecilia Parish will sponsor 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 planning of the pilgrimage is being done by the Saint Monica Guild and is open to all Sacred Heart & St. Cecilia parishioners. 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 Pat Zayac to make a reservation 973-625-4572.

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
<b>April 9 @ 5:00 pm</b>	Jack Cunic	Marion Cunic Jeff Meudt	Christine Habib Tzion Wong Anthony Gonzalez Sierra Walsh
<b>April 10 @ 8:30 am</b>	Marie Byrne	Mark Howarth Kathy Caldwell	Richie Lazar Alejandro Orellana Gabriel Nelson
<b>April 10@10:00 am</b>	Michele Shaffer	Dennis Corbisiero	Marc Winowski Victoria Ruiz 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,*

*This Sunday is known by a variety of names: the Octave of Easter; Saint Thomas Sunday; and Divine Mercy Sunday. All of these designations are commemorated on this, the Lord's Day! The Resurrection festival we commonly call EASTER is celebrated with an octave, which means the feast day lasts for 8 days rather than 1. The Lord Jesus' triumph over sin and death is the cornerstone of our faith. Such a feast as this cannot be merely celebrated on just one day but rather an octave of days prolongs this day. It also reminds us of eternity as Saint Peter the Apostle wrote: "...that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8)*

*This Second Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Saint Thomas Sunday" because the post Resurrection account of the Risen Lord appearing to the Apostle Thomas on the Sunday after Resurrection, as recorded in the Gospel of John, chapter 20, verses 24-29, has always been proclaimed in the liturgical assemblies of both Eastern and Western Churches. The Easter faith of the Apostles was strengthened as they were once again in the presence of the Risen Christ.*

*Divine Mercy Sunday is the most recent name given to this Sunday which was instituted by Saint John Paul II. Devotion to the Lord Jesus as Divine Mercy was spread through the efforts of a Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska, who in the early twentieth century experienced mystical revelations from the Lord. Jesus' emphasis on mercy as a vast ocean which is available to sinners is a consolation for all of us. During this JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is bringing this to the forefront in a most wonderful fashion. We are being reminded of the mercy which is available to us as well as the mercy we are called upon to show one another.*

*I would like to thank all those who assisted in whatever way to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies solemn and beautiful. Special thanks to the choir, altar servers, lectors, extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and cleaning crew. GOD BLESS YOU! All of us in the rectory would like to also express our sincere thanks to all those who remembered us during these holy days. We appreciate the food and other gifts we received. We assure you of our love and prayers.*

*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.**

**The School's Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket Winners will be posted on the school's website weekly.** [www.sacredheartnj.com](http://www.sacredheartnj.com) - Drawings will be held Wednesday mornings in the school office beginning January 27<sup>th</sup> and end on April 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Calling all teens 8th-12th grade:** Sacred Heart & St. Cecilia's are sponsoring a 3 session "True Love Waits" chastity empowerment program for teens on Sunday April 10th, 17th and 24th from 6-9pm in Hayes Hall in St. Cecilia's. Come hear about the languages of love, consequences of sex outside marriage, strategies for staying pure, attaining life goals, secondary virginity, dangers of pornography, authentic masculinity and femininity and much more! To register please contact Faith at 973-580-0549 or by email: [faithrose717@gmail.com](mailto:faithrose717@gmail.com) NOTE: PARENT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY APRIL 7th AT 7:00 pm in the parish center at St. Cecilia's.

**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](http://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

**Bereavement Support Group Series** St. Cecilia's Bereavement Support Ministry invites those, who have suffered a loss and who are grieving, to a journey towards healing. A series of six weekly sessions will begin on Wednesday evening, April 6th, 2016 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, at the Parish Office, 90 Church Street (the brick building to the left of the Church); Rockaway, NJ 07866. This group is lead by a trained facilitator certified by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. We pray that in this informative environment, you will find understanding suggestions for coping, practical help, people who care, and friendship. Please contact the Parish Office 973-627-0313 x10 for additional information and to register. Advanced registration is required at your earliest convenience, but **no later than April 4th** There is no charge for this series. Confidentially will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

**The Right to Life Ministry of Rockaway** is seeking active members to help in the implementation of the many tasks required to fulfill our Mission Statement to promote a Culture of Life by advocating the Church's teachings on the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. If you feel that you are being called to assist in this very worthwhile endeavor, we ask that you attend our meeting this coming Wednesday evening, April 6th beginning with the Rosary at 7:15 PM in the St. Cecilia Parish Office. We look forward to meeting you.