

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23

5:00 p.m. – Zigmund & Rose Peplowski req. by Father Zig

Sunday, July 24

8:30 a.m. – Patricia Martinelli req. by the Weber family

10:00 a.m. – Protection of Babies in the womb req. by Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry

Monday, July 25

12:00 p.m. – Josephine Trojecki & Jane Gula req. by Monica Profit

Tuesday, July 26

12:00 p.m. – Salvatore Di Lorenzo req. by the Downs family

Wednesday, July 27

12:00 p.m. – Regina Valetta req. by Arlene Pratt & family

Thursday, July 28

12:00 p.m. – Anna M. Marianacci

Friday, July 29

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

Saturday, July 30

5:00 p.m. – Robert Martin req. by Barbara Martin

Sunday, July 31

8:30 a.m. – Salvatore & Constance Di Lorenzo req. by Anne Reilly & Ruth Carberry

10:00 a.m. – Emma M. Andreotta req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta



Cindy Meudt

Collection for July 16&17: \$2958.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2374.87(June)

Collection from last year: \$ 2137.00

Ongoing Renovation: \$21,444.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$1,866.45

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

Captain 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, Robert Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, John Skutka, William

McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Ethel Gorman, Sam Sapio.

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

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 please call 973-627-6003.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: We will pray the Divine Mercy chaplet every Friday during July and August at 3 o’clock in Saint Cecilia Church. **Please join us at the “hour of mercy” each Friday afternoon during the summer.**

ALL MINISTERS: The FINAL AUGUST ministry schedule has been released. Copies are available in the sacristy.....ANY questions/concerns please notify the appropriate group leader.

Lector

Minister of Communion

Altar Servers

July 30 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Bridget Wilson	Ashley Garzon Brandon Garzon Christine Habib Tzion Wong
July 31 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Paul Iapalucci	Gianna Nelson Gabe Nelson Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
July 31@10:00 am	DJ Farrelly	Claire Miller	Inigo Cadag Joaquin Cadag Joseph Sannito Nicholas Sannito

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My Dear Parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day we also commemorate the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the second lection for today's Holy Mass the Apostle Paul reminds us, as he wrote to the Colossians, that through baptism we died with Christ and rose with Him. Through this sacrament we have been united with our Savior. It is He who speaks to us in today's Gospel passage, "*And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.*" The Lord Jesus is telling us that prayer is powerful and that we shouldn't underestimate its ability to do exactly what we ask.

In the Old Testament lection we hear the story of Abraham's ability to have the Lord God do what he humbly asks. The sin of Sodom and Gomorrah is grave but not everyone who lives there are guilty of sin. Abraham barter with God, in good Middle Eastern fashion, because the Lord intends to wipe out all. God is attentive to Abraham. Abraham's requests result in the salvation of the innocent.

These Scriptural texts speak to us of the importance of prayer within the lives of the faithful. Unfortunately when one ceases to pray privately (personally), one ceases to pray publicly at Holy Mass. We all know people who have ceased coming to church and the practice of their faith. This is something we hope to be addressing as early as this fall.

I am in need of about 15 volunteers who will come together with me to look at this issue. I need YOU to represent our parish in a deanery-wide effort entitled, REBOOT! LIVE! Renown Catholic evangelist Christopher Stafanick will be speaking to us at Saint Mary Church in Wharton on April 19th, 2017. Let me direct your attention to a website which will give you more information regarding this event, reallifecatholic.com.

If you love the Lord, love our Church and love the people who have stopped practicing the faith, then join with me and others who are committed to the Gospel. Let me know if you are interested in representing our parish – call me or e mail me! I'm praying and waiting for YOU!

God bless you!

Father Zig

NEXT YEAR: SICILY & THE AMALFI COAST – Father Zig will be leading a trip next spring to Sicily and the beautiful Amalfi Coast, April 20 to May 3, 2017. Enjoy breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop

villages and wonderful cuisine. An information meeting for all interested travelers will take place on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Cecilia Hayes Hall.

WALK WITH US - 4-Day WALKING PILGRIMAGE—St. Peter & Paul Church, 360 US Highway 46, Great Meadows, NJ will host a spiritual 4-day Walking Pilgrimage, Walkers range from infants to people well into their 70's. You may join our spiritual trip any day of the journey and for any many days as you wish. The annual walking pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania will take place August 11-14, 2016. The pilgrimage begins in Great Meadow (Warren County). Music will be led by Luke Spehar. For information and registration please visit: www.walkingpilgrimage.us OR www.franciscanfriars.com. Celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Mary's house! Register by July 31st for a discount.

Be a Voice for the Voiceless! The Human Life Action Center invites you to advocate for good federal laws that defend life and liberty. Human Life Action is a service of NCHLA, which was founded in 1974 by the United States Bishops and works to support the Pro-Life legislative agenda of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Human Life Action tracks federal legislation and then sends out calls to action that go directly to your e-mail inbox. You can be made aware of federal legislative action by going to NCHLA.org and clicking on Sign Up. Human Life Action alerts people, when action is needed, to contact Congress and advocate for Pro-Life policy in federal law. With a quick click you can become informed about an issue and send a message to your elected officials in Washington urging them to support laws that protect life and religious liberty. They make it easy for you, by matching you with your elected officials and preparing email messages that you can personalize and send. It's that easy! The impact of your voice, when joined with so many others from across the nation, will be enormous. Please take a moment to sign up for action alerts. It will not require much time from you. Kindly don't miss another opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless. We never sell or share your contact information. Thank you for considering this very meaningful endeavor. National Committee for a Human Life + PO Box 34116 Washington, D.C. 20043 + 202-393-0703 + nchla.org + Twitter: @nchla

Can you spare 3 hours, once a week, as a Birthright volunteer? The Birthright office, located in Hope House, Dover, is open from 10AM to 1PM Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please call 973 361-6665 to speak with one of our volunteers to learn about how we help our mothers and their babies. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Rosary: Next Sunday, July 31st at 3p.m. please join us here at Sacred Heart Church to pray the Rosary. All are welcome.

Food Certificates: Food certificates will be available after the Masses and in the rectory to purchase. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile program. If you have not, please give it a try!