

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 1

12:00 p.m. – Margaret Torney req. by Anne Marie Hopler & Monica Profit

Tuesday, August 2

12:00 p.m. – Daniel Koettters req. by the Maulbeck family

Wednesday, August 3

12:00 p.m. – Danilo Beltran req. by Carol McMahon

Thursday, August 4

12:00 p.m. – Alice Scutari

Friday, August 5

NO NOON MASS

6:30 p.m. - First Friday and devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, August 6

5:00 p.m. – Rachela & Amato Daniele req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

Sunday, August 7

8:30 a.m. – Protection of Babies in the Womb req. by Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry

10:00 a.m. – Marion Cookowski req. by Dr. & Mrs. Louis Maffei



Edward & Maria Pilat
Requested by: Maulbeck family

Collection for July 23&24: \$2,568.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2374.87(June)

Collection from last year: \$ 2,432.00

Ongoing Renovation: \$21,470.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$1,840.45

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 Marvillia, 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.**

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!

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Minister of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
August 6 @ 5:00 pm	Elmer Maximo	Laura Andreotta	Gianna Nelson Gabe Nelson Tzion Wong Volunteer Needed
August 7 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Mark Howarth	Richie Lazar Marc Winowski Alejandro Orellana Volunteer Needed
August 7@10:00 am	Jack Cunic	Marion Cunic	Inigo Cadag Joaquin Cadag Anthony Yagoda Volunteer Needed

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

My Dear Parishioners,

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time is what we observe as we gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. On this Sunday the Scriptural texts present us with the question, what really matters to me? As we ponder this question I occasionally hear, "all you priests talk about is money!" At one time I was very upset to hear such a comment but today I would say, "That's right, because that what Jesus often spoke about!" In the Gospel for today the Lord Jesus tells the parable about a man who was consumed with possessing "things" and cared little about anything else. All his efforts come to a sad END when his life is unexpectedly concluded and his possessions are unable to save him. Jesus concludes with this warning to us: "THUS WILL IT BE FOR ALL WHO STORE UP TREASURE FOR THEMSELVES BUT ARE NOT RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD." The Old Testament pericope from the Book of Ecclesiastes shares similar sentiments stating, "This also is vanity and a great misfortune."

Yes, the ordained have always spoken on the subject of money to God's people in the same way that the Lord Jesus, the Apostles and the Prophets spoke. Material possessions are the fruits of our labor which the Lord, in His generosity, has allowed us to gather for our benefit and for the benefit of others. God's people have always given back to God a "tithe", 10% of their labor, as a sacrifice to be used for the Lord's work. Unfortunately, some have not agreed with this practice and have grown angry by discussing it. This is the very point which enraged Cain and which brought him to kill his own brother Abel. The Lord is always calling us to share our blessings and not to horde them for ourselves. By sharing with the Lord, we are really assisting in the building up of the Kingdom of God. Our tithes and gifts allow the Church to manage itself in this material world. They support the programs and projects which promote the Gospel, the task Jesus has commanded us to do in His Name. Yes, today we are once again being reminded of how important it is the properly manage the material blessings God has given us as well as being cautioned about the sin of selfishness. Yes, my article is about MONEY! I will be sending out a letter to all parishioners regarding our Sunday offering envelopes and the new company we will be using to allow all parishioners to give their weekly "tithe", offering, to God. I will not get into much detail about this now but will share some things with you in my letter which I ask that you take a few minutes to read when it comes in the mail. I will also share with you some information about PARISH PAY, the automatic offering system which is gaining in popularity.

Your weekly offerings to the Lord are important and they testify to what really matters to you! The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are citizens of this world but not for long. Soon we will journey to our true and eternal homeland. In today's epistle reading he tells us, "...Seek what is above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth...When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory." As we look to what is above, let us give to God what is rightly His. Let us be committed to works of generosity and charity which will win us the esteem of those in Heaven. In our selfish and indifferent culture the Scripture readings for today remind us of how the Lord expects us to conduct ourselves. So again the question is asked, WHAT REALLY MATTERS TO ME?

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!

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY--today (Sunday) July 31st: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a 5th Sunday Rosary We will meet at 3pm, at Sacred Heart church. All are welcome to attend.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK – On Sunday, August 14th we will have a guest priest with us who will speak at the Masses for the annual MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL. We welcome Father Paul Ladda from the Diocese of Shinyanga located in Tanzania (Africa). The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is taken throughout the Diocese of Paterson to assist a variety of religious communities throughout the world who are in great need and living in difficult conditions. Our prayers and financial support assist them in their holy work for Christ's Church program.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Sacred Heart's Parish Goal was \$15,645.00. Cash received as of June 30, 2016 was \$24,612.00. Our parish received 50% over goal: \$4,483.50. March, 2016 Rebate: \$4,086.00. Final June, 2016 Rebate: \$397.50