

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 20

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

Sunday, August 21

8:30 a.m. – Constance & Salvatore Di Lorenzo req. by Pat & Jack Zayac

10:00 a.m. – Gunner Christopher Martin req. by Nicolette Radovcic

Monday, August 22

12:00 p.m. – Ellen Tansey req. by Kathy Clyne

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

12:00 p.m. – Zigmund J. Peplowski req. by Father Zig

Thursday, August 25

12:00 p.m. – Anna Marianacci

Friday, August 26

12:00 p.m. – Kevin McGuire req. by his wife, Kelly & daughters, Caitlin & Tess

Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. – Emila Cichon, 1st Anniversary, req. by Maulbeck family

Sunday, August 28

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

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

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, Edward Frame.

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!



Kevin McGuire

Requested by: wife, Kelly & daughters, Caitlin & Tess

Collection for August 13&14: \$2,864.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2,473.44(July)

Collection from last year: \$ 1,782.00

Missionary Co-op: \$1008.00

Ongoing Renovation: \$22,145.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$1,165.45

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,

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Minister of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
August 27 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Donna Perkalis	Liam Orr Tzion Wong Emma Wahlers Jesse Wahlers
August 28 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Claire Miller	Gianna Nelson Gabe Nelson Richie Lazar Alejandro Orellana
August 28@10:00 am	Michele Shaffer	Anne Marie Hopler	Anthony Yagoda Inigo Cadag Joaquin Cadag 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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time is commemorated as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. The Responsorial Psalm verse we sing today is taken from Psalm 117, "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." This verse sums up what the Old Testament reading and the Gospel reading addresses, the universal invitation made by God so that all may be saved. All peoples, and not just some, are called by the Lord to enter into a covenantal relationship of love and fidelity. These faithful are witnesses to the Lord's glory and who strive daily to live the rigors of holiness as God's sons and daughters. The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews speaks to us of the discipline God's faithful must endure in their lives as they shine forth in a world darkened by sin. Living in this world as God's sons and daughters will guarantee us a place in the Kingdom of God along with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But this will only occur after a faith-filled life and not "lip service" which may be only occasionally offered.

Striving to live as God's faithful sons and daughters is indeed not an easy task. In today's Gospel Jesus says that only the strong will be able to enter through the narrow gate leading to the Kingdom of God. Parents have the special duty to help fortify their sons and daughters in the faith. This is especially facilitated by providing a Catholic education for children. Here in Rockaway we have made a commitment to continue Catholic education for our children from preschool to Grade 8 at the new DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY. Over these many weeks construction has taken place in the former Saint Cecilia School to transform it into our new academy. Classrooms have been enlarged and renovated; the multipurpose room has been changed to accommodate the aftercare program. The sign in front of the building now proudly reads DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY. Painting and cleaning is taking place to ready the building for the dedication ceremony which will take place on Wednesday evening, September 7th at 6:30. The building is showing forth its new "personality" and there is a great deal of excitement building for the opening of the new school on Thursday, September 8th.

*God has provided us with a great deal of strength to make our new Catholic school in Rockaway a reality. What is needed now is the strength of our parents to make the commitment to enroll their children in our academy. Providing our children with a solid Catholic education in their formative years is among the greatest gifts a parent can give to their children. Catholic school students not only excel in academics but they are among the most faithful members of the Church. So as we begin looking at the "Back to School" items, let's look once again at our Catholic school in Rockaway – DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY. The strength of your support helps proclaim the Gospel throughout the world. 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.

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) is honoring two Filipino Saints: St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod, on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at St. Clare R.C. Church located at 69 Allwood Road, Clifton NJ 07014. Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, will be the principal celebrant at the Holy Mass. Please come at 12:30 in the afternoon for the rosary and novena followed by the Mass at 1:00 p.m. Fellowship and a simple program will immediately follow at the Parish Hall. Come and celebrate with us!

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, September 14th, 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 September 8th. There is no charge for this series. Confidentiality will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

Attention all incoming 9th and 10th Grade Students: Confirmation sign-up for classes beginning in the fall are underway. All 9th & 10th 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 on our website www.sacredheartrockaway.org A.S.A.P. and return it to Michele Shaffer or the rectory. Any questions, please contact Michele at 973-625-9274.

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

STRESS-PROOF YOUR FAMILY! Go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! On a Marriage Encounter Weekend, married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at (973) 427-7016 or (609) 335-6880, email njwwme@peoplepc.com, or go to www.njwwme.org. **Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call (973) 427-7016 or (609) 335-6880 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Crafters & Vendors Needed for Saturday, November 5, 2016 9 am - 2 pm Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair in St. Cecilia Church Basement 80 Church Street, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866. For more information please call 973-886-8023.