

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2016**

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

8:30 a.m. – Teresa Wry req. by Dr. & Mrs. Louis Maffei

10:00 a.m. – William Mc Cue req. by Shaffer family

Monday, September 26

12:00 p.m. – Scott Dolby req. by Donna & Mike Lucas

Tuesday, September 27

12:00 p.m. – Catherine Brauer req. by Delle Sering

Wednesday, September 28

12:00 p.m. – Patricia Marie Rose req. by Mark Olivo

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

12:00 p.m. – Alice Scutari

Saturday, October 1

5:00 p.m. – James R. Gorman req. by his wife, Ethel Gorman

Sunday, October 2

8:30 a.m. – Janet Sautter req. by Jon Sautter

10:00 a.m. – Natalie D'Arienzo req. by Monica Profit



Nicolas Prosser

Collection for September 17&18: \$2,374.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2,368.11 (August)

Collection from last year: \$ 2,975.00

Ongoing Renovation: \$22,625.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$685.45

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 Schoudele, 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, 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, Adam Hayward, Ronnie Abrams.

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

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!

FALL BEAUTIFICATION : On Saturday, October 1st at 1pm, we will be meeting outside of the Church to spread mulch and plant flowers for the fall. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer at kolbeskrew@gmail.com. If you cannot assist with the physical labor but would like to donate to the parish for the purchase of flowers, you can send a check to the parish but make sure to put "FALL FLOWERS" in the memo.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1966 or 1991? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the rectory at 973-627-0422. Registrations will be accepted through Monday, October 24, 2016. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

ALL MINISTERS: The FINAL October schedule has been released. Copies are available in the sacristy. ANY question/concern notify the appropriate group leader.

	Lector	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
October 1 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Laura Andreotta Bridget Wilson	Ben Raroque Mateo Raroque Sofia Raroque Jason Emelieze
October 2 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Kathy Caldwell Volunteer Needed	Danielle Berlin Lilian Brennan Ella Di Scala Jake Di Scala
October 2 @ 10:00 am	Elmer Maximo	Claire Miller Volunteer Needed	Inigo Cadag Joaquin Cadag Nicholas Sannito Joseph Sannito

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My dear parishioners,

We mark the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. The Scripture texts for this Sunday once again bring our attention to the poor. This is a common theme for the prophets as well as the Evangelist Luke. In today's Gospel the Lord Jesus tells the parable of the "Rich Man and Poor Lazarus." The nameless rich man is indifferent to the plight of his neighbor. So wrapped up in himself, he does not see the suffering of the one who is just outside his door and is in need of his help. Although the rich man does not see, the Lord sees all and turns the tables so that in eternity Lazarus suffers no more and the rich man is now in torment.

This Sunday's Scriptures have a lot to tell us. We are reminded to be on guard for complacency and indifference. These will lead us to destruction after a life of selfishness. God is calling us to become mindful of the poor and responsive to their needs. Failure to help them will bring us to the place of torment.

Two weeks from today I and my two priests, along with all the priests of the diocese, will deliver the homily in conjunction with THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. The APPEAL is a wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate our faith by supporting the work of Catholic Charities which so many people look to for help. The primary beneficiaries of the Bishop's Annual Appeal are the agencies which assist the poor, the disabled, the elderly and the suffering. That is why we are encouraged to participate in the appeal and not to be indifferent. Every parishioner can give something according to their means, no one should exempt themselves as the rich man did in the parable the Lord Jesus told in today's Gospel.

In the second lection for this Sunday we read a portion of the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy in which he writes, "Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called..." The newly canonized Saint Teresa of Kolkata is among the Saints who were attentive to the plight of the suffering and worked to relieve their distress. By doing so they are now glorified in eternal life because in Jesus' Name they engaged themselves in service to the poor and lowly.

We are encouraged to compete well and to guard against indifference, the great sin which brings destruction and chaos into the world. The BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL is the opportunity you have to join your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson to support the work of the Catholic Church, a work which was begun by the Apostles and supported by the first Christians as documented in "Acts of the Apostles".

May God bless you!

Father Zig

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES TO BEGIN – First Holy Communion classes will begin in October for children of our parish ages 7-8, second grade. Mrs. Lucy Rovegno will serve as the catechist. Classes will meet following the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the rectory basement classroom. Please call the rectory office for registration and other information. The first class will take place on Sunday, October 9th from 11-11:45 am.

20/20 Pro-life Vision Conference: Saturday, October 1, 2016: Please come to the 20/20 Vision Conference on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains, NJ. This historic, non-denominational event is designed to incrementally end abortion by collaborating with churches and educating the public about the humanity of the babies in the womb. World-class pro-life speakers include: Stephanie Gray (Love Unleashes Life), Maureen Condic, PhD (University of Utah), and Tina Whittington (Students for Life). \$50 per person before September 15th, \$65 thereafter. Pre-registration is required. Please call 973-497-4500 or visit BabiesintheWombFeelPain.com for more information. [This initiative has the support of the NJ Catholic Conference of Bishops.]

November 12, 2016—10:00 am Pilgrimage to the Holy Door St. Margaret of Scotland, Morristown Fr. Marcin will be leading a pilgrimage for St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishioners and their friends and family. If you wanted to receive an indulgence for the Year of Mercy, you should join Fr. Marcin at St. Margaret of Scotland. 10:00 am—Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet 11:00 am—Holy Mass. Driving Directions will be available. (Get 3 friends together and carpool!)

KRISTALLNACHT OBSERVANCE – We have received an invitation from Rabbi Charles Popky and the membership of the White Meadow Temple to join them in an interfaith program to be held at the White Meadow Temple (153 White Meadow Road) on Sunday, November 6th at 7 p.m. The program will be in observance of Kristallnacht, an organized Nazi pogrom marking the first deportation of Jews to concentration camps. North Jersey HaZamir, part of an international teen vocal group, will present choral selections appropriate for this occasion, following which we will view a documentary film, “Margarit-NotA23029,” produced by Peppy Margolis, Director of Cultural Outreach T Raritan Valley Community College. There are some disturbing scenes from the Holocaust in the film; therefore, we recommend this program for adults and teens of at least high school age who are informed about its content in advance. Both the producer and Margit Feldman, the main character of this film, will be attending and will participate in the discussion that follows. Ms. Feldman was born on the same day of the same year as Ann Frank and both were sent to the same concentration camp; however, unlike Frank, Ms. Feldman survived. Following the program coffee and dessert will be served. Father Zig will be attending. Please notify the rectory if you will be attending no later than Thursday, October 27th so that we can notify the temple of how many of our parishioners will be in attendance.

Divine Mercy Academy is proud to announce an intergenerational program called Grandfriends in Faith. The goal of this program is promote love, unity, and warm fellowship between youth and senior adults. We would like to extend a warm invitation to all senior citizens to join this wonderful program. Our third grade students and their Grandfriends will meet one Friday per month in our new school, from 12:30 to 1:30. If you are interested in joining Grandfriends in Faith, please contact Ms. Eleanor Borris at 973-361-4799 at your earliest convenience.

Baptism: John Robert Verola and Tyler Large were recently baptized at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. We welcome them into our parish community. Please pray for them and their families.

Bishop Serratelli visits our new school, Divine Mercy Academy, after celebrating Mass on September 20th.

