

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. – Pam Miller req. by family

Sunday, November 27

8:30 a.m. – Dorothy Hado req. by Maulbeck family

10:00 a.m. – Mabel Morgan req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

Monday, November 28

12:00 p.m. – Dr. James Dougherty req. by Michael & Donna Gosden

Tuesday, November 29

12:00 p.m. – Anita & Cesar Varela req. by Del Busto family

Wednesday, November 30

12:00 p.m. – Tom Haynes, one year in heaven, req. by Marie Byrne

Thursday, December 1

12:00p.m. –Loretta Joyce req. by family

Friday, December 2

NO NOON MASS

6:30 p.m. – First Friday Devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. – Emil Fahrman req. by Shaffer family

Sunday, December 4

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

10:00 a.m. – Margaret & Edward Porter req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton



Loretta Joyce
Requested by: family

Collection for November 19&20: TBA
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2,126.52 (October)
Collection from last year: \$ 2,877.00
Ongoing Renovation: \$23,127.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$183.45

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,
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: Irene Schreiber, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, 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, Carol Centonze, James Boyle.

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 Rectory 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

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!

We’ve changed envelope companies: If you haven’t received your most recent set of envelopes, please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422.

Father Jean-Claude St-Martin Foundation Promoting the Formation of Young People and Uplifting of Women – We are pleased to announce that Fr. Jean Claude’s brother, Fr. Jonas St. Martin, will be visiting St. Cecilia’s Parish on the Weekend Masses of November 26 and 27. He will be here to promote a new Foundation to honor the memory and dream of his brother to help young people and women in his native country of Haiti. Fr. Jonas St. Martin is a Holy Cross Father serving at the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal. The Foundation operates as a ministry under the US 501c3 Charity. Haiti Hope and Promise based in Randolph, New Jersey. Checks can be written to Haiti Hope and Promise. Fr. Jonas will speak at the Masses and be available to answer questions in the parish hall afterwards. Parishioners will be able to sponsor education for Haitian children or support women. If you have any questions, Fr. Jonas St. Martin at 514-965-2072 or by email: foundationjcsm@yahoo.com

Date	Lector	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
December 3 @ 5:00 pm	Elmer Maximo	Laura Andreotta Jeff Meudt	Tzion Wong Liam Orr Jason Emerlieze Anthony Gonzalez
December 4 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Mark Howarth Paul Iapalucci	Danielle Berlin Lillian Brennan Ella DiScala Jake DiScala
December 4 @ 10:00 am	Elmer Maximo	Dennis Corbisiero Claire Miller	Joseph Sannito Nicholas Sannito Maggie Farrelly 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,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day we also welcome the new liturgical year of 2017.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new year of grace. With the New Year we also turn to Cycle A of the Lectionary from which we will draw our Scripture readings for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Cycle A focuses upon the Gospel of Saint Matthew and it is from there that we hear the Lord Jesus today speak about being prepared. The season of Advent is one of preparation for the coming of the Lord in His second coming, as well as our preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the feast of His first coming among us.

Beginning something new is always exciting. The beginning of this New Year must also be seen by us as a time to awaken ourselves to the presence of the Lord who comes to save us. In today's second reading from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans we read: "...It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand." Advent is the time to begin anew our efforts to conduct ourselves as disciples of Christ. This year's reading of the Gospel of Matthew, which has been called by scripture scholars the "manual of discipleship," will remind us of our calling and its demands. Renewing our commitment to discipleship in this Advent season can bring excitement and joy to those who look for the coming of the Lord.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel the Lord Jesus describes the criterion for discipleship and salvation, caring for those in need. In this time of Advent we will be asked to participate in the annual ADVENT TREE PROJECT which provides Christmas gifts to the less fortunate in our community. I invite you to show a generous and loving heart by taking a tag from the tree located in the church and purchasing the gift which is requested. Please return the gift by the deadline date so that we might bring the gifts to the agencies which have requested our support for the needy. Your cooperation in the past has been a wonderful sign of charity in the spirit of the Gospel.

Blessed memory, Father Jean Claude St. Martin is remembered by all of us at Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia parishes with love. I welcome to Saint Cecilia Church this weekend his brother, Father Jonas St. Martin, who is visiting us in Rockaway to invite us to participate in the foundation which will honor Father Jean Claude and help those in need living in his native land of Haiti. I know that you will want to support his effort.

I know that you join with me in looking forward to this New Year of Grace, a new start with renewed hope!

God bless you!

Father Zig

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which will take place this weekend in the second collection, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at Home**.

Thank you: On behalf of the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA and his Auxiliary Bishops and staff, a heartfelt thanks to those who participated in the Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA (AMS). Your prayers and generosity will support the unique ministry to men and women who currently protect this great nation of ours and defend the freedoms we hold dear. You have also helped to provide the sacraments and pastoral care for Catholic veterans who serve with distinction and who are cared for in Veterans Administration Medical Centers across the U.S., in Puerto Rico and in Guam.

Save the Date – Diocesan Christmas Concert: All are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and the faithful of the diocese for our annual Christmas Concert, “Christmas Flourish”, an exciting afternoon of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons with our Diocesan Choir, Diocesan Children’s Choir, along with the Gramercy Brass Quintet on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany.

Sacred Heart Church Christmas Pageant: First rehearsal is Thursday, December 1st from 6:15-7:15 pm in Sacred Heart Church. All rehearsals will take place in the Church. The full rehearsal schedule is as follows: December 1 @ 6:15-7:15 pm, December 8 – 6:15-7:15 pm, December 15th @ 6:15-7:15 pm, December 15th @ 6:15-7:15 pm, December 22 @ 6:15-7:15 pm, December 23 @ 6:15-8:00 pm (Dress Rehearsal), December 24th @ 3:15-3:45 pm rehearsal: 4:00-5:15 pm Pageant and Mass. Open to parishioners of both Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia’s, grades 1-8. Participants are expected to attend every rehearsal to be in the pageant. Your child may not be able to participate in the pageant if attendance at rehearsals is an issue. Any questions please call Derek Nelson @ 201-213-3393.