

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2016  
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, December 5**

12:00 p.m. – Deceased members of the Waranda family esp. Blanche req. by Hopley & Profit families

**Tuesday, December 6**

12:00 p.m. – Rose Marie Mitte-Rebels req. by Jacquelyn & Nancy Struble

**Wednesday, December 7**

7:00pm. – Patricia DiGirolamo req. by her husband, Anthony

**Thursday, December 8**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation**

12:00p.m. –Eddie Piaskowski Jr. req. by Kevin Prudente

**Friday, December 9**

12:00 p.m. – John Ryzner

**Saturday, December 10**

5:00 p.m. – Helen & Charles Vasey req. by their daughter, Ethel Gorman

**Sunday, December 11**

8:30 a.m. – William McCue req. by Shaffer family

10:00 a.m. – Rachel D'Anton and William V. D'Anton Sr. & Jr.

**11:30 a.m. Polish Mass**

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](mailto: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.



**Collection for November 19 & 20: \$2,986.00**  
**Collection for November 26 & 27: \$2,864.00**  
**Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2,529.34(November)**  
**Collection from last year: \$ 3,450.00**  
**Thanksgiving Collection: \$423.00**  
**Ongoing Renovation: \$23,127.35 - \$23,210.80 = -\$83.45**

**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](http://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,  
 1<sup>st</sup> 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,

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES:**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

12/7 -7:00 PM

12/8 -12:00 PM

**ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

12/8 - 8:00 AM

12/8 - 7:00 PM

**Banns of Marriage:** Angela Osario & Christopher Hoffman will be married December 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

**FISH & CHIPS DINNER** - The St Cecilia Men's Society is holding a Fish & Chips dinner on December 10 from 5 PM to 7 PM. Eat in or take out. CATERED BY Tastefully British. Adults \$16; Seniors \$15; Children \$8 (fish or chicken fingers). Call Jim Gallagher (973-366-9699) Jack Zayac (973-625-4572 or Jeff Zuber (973-983-1272).

**MSZA PO POLSKU: Polish Mass** will be celebrated at Sacred Heart next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

My dear parishioners,

As we gather on “the first day of the week” to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we mark the Second Sunday of Advent. The Gospel Acclamation which we sing at the liturgy is “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” These words taken from the prophet Isaiah set the theme for the season of Advent as they encourage us to prepare for the two-fold coming of the Lord, at the end of the age and at the Feast of the Nativity. The prophet invites us to ready ourselves to meet the Lord by eliminating all that stands in the way of this encounter. By removing the obstacles which hinder us from meeting the Lord, we will join all the holy ones in rejoicing in the salvation which has been won for us by God’s Only Begotten Son. Advent is the time for us to begin this work of eliminating from our lives all that hinders us from meeting our Lord.

Due to the consumerism and secularization of our society, this time of the year could be very stressful, demanding and chaotic. I invite you to experience some peace by coming to HOLY HOUR on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 o’clock. Coming before Our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Most Blessed Sacrament will allow you to speak with Him, spend time with Him and be strengthened by Him. You need to experience this time of solitude so that the busyness of these days will not overwhelm you. I assure you that this hour can provide you with the peace which is needed to calm our troubled hearts. Please take my invitation seriously and know that I am speaking to YOU! Next Sunday a second collection will be taken to assist our retired religious sisters, brothers and priests. Almost all of our elderly religious staffed our Catholic schools, hospitals and other institutions without receiving any stipend. As they had given their lives in service to the Church it is now our responsibility to take care of them in their old age. With the cost of medical care, prescriptions, and other costs associated with the elderly we now must be generous and not abandon them.

Also next Sunday we will do something which is done yearly at the Vatican. Every year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) the Holy Father blesses statues of the Baby Jesus which will be placed in the Nativity scene at home. The children of Rome especially look forward to this event knowing that their statue of the Baby Jesus is blessed and will be the showpiece of their home Christmas decorations. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BRING THEIR STATUE OF THE BABY JESUS TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY TO BE BLESSED BY THE PRIEST. I hope this Roman custom will become a Rockaway custom which will bring “holiness” into the home for the holydays. God bless you! COME LORD JESUS!

Father Zig

**All Ministers:** The FINAL December ministry schedule has been released. Copies are available on the sacristy. A copy of the December schedule is located on the bulletin board. you will note there are still masses that servers are needed....especially Christmas. If you wish to serve....were you see an X a server is needed. Sign-up if you wish to serve. ALL questions/concerns, notify the appropriate group leader. Thanks, Jack

**Sacred Heart Church Christmas Pageant:** First rehearsal is Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15-7:15 pm, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15-7:15 pm, December 22 @ 6:15-7:15 pm, December 23 @ 6:15-8:00 pm (Dress Rehearsal), December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

**Interfaith Food Pantry thanks** the parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for their recent donations of coats, hats, gloves, & boots during the Women’s Society Coat Drive. Your support truly helps to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

**Thank you** for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the church at home and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Your donation works for aging religious.** "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

**SIMBANG GABI** - The 1st night of the traditional novena of Masses before Christmas (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 in the evening. Rev. Mateusz Jasniewicz will be the main celebrant. Fellowship and refreshment immediately follows Mass. This traditional mass is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson. For more information or if you wish to help, please contact Elmer Maximo at (973)664-1949.

**OPLATEK AVAILABLE** - Oplatek, the traditional bread used for the Christmas Eve Vigil Supper, can be found at the side altar in the church. Your donation may be placed in the basket located next to the oplatek.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** - An advent penance service for both Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia parishioners will take place on Monday, December 19th in Saint Cecilia Church beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening. A number of priests will be available for confession. Adults and children should approach the sacrament of penance prior to the celebration of the feast of Our Lord's Nativity so that we may welcome the Christ Child into our grace-filled hearts.

**" Divine Mercy Academy is hosting an intergenerational program called Grandfriends in Faith.** Divine Mercy Academy third-graders are each assigned a "Grandfriend" from Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia Parishes whom they meet with monthly for faith-filled enrichment activities. The Grandfriends and the third-graders all look forward to their monthly gatherings."

**St. Paul's Abbey Christmas Tree Sale:** St. Paul's Abbey, on Route 206 one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose "n" cut 7 days a week from November 25 to December 23, 9 am to 4 pm. They also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more!

**Divine Mercy Academy's Student Council representatives and officers from grades 6-8 attended the Bishop's closing Mass celebration for the Year of Mercy.**

