

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2017**

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Sunday, January 1

8:30 a.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

10:00 a.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Monday, January 2

12:00 p.m. – Cindy Meudt

Tuesday, January 3

12:00 p.m. – John & Dorothy Ryzner

Wednesday, January 4

12:00 a.m. – Kevin McGuire

Thursday, January 5

12:00p.m. – Pam Miller

Friday, January 6

NO NOON MASS

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

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. – Eddie Piaskowski Jr. req. by Irene Shucavage

Sunday, January 8

8:30 a.m. – Bill Lenahan req. by his wife, Eleanor Lenahan

10:00 a.m. – Mary Polinak req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass



Cindy Meudt

Collection for December 24 & 25: \$3976.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2,529.34(November)
Collection from last year: \$ 2417.00
Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$23,957.80
Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)
Net: \$830.45

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, M.J. Simon, 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, Mike Martinelli.

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

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY – The cemetery gate is open from 8 am to 4 pm during the winter. The cemetery is closed during and immediately following a snowstorm until the roadway is treated.

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.

BISHOP TO MAKE PASTORAL VISIT – His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli will make a pastoral visit to our parish on Saturday, January 7th and celebrate the 5 o’clock vigil Mass. We welcome our Bishop and pray that many blessings will fall upon our parish as a result of his visit.

THANK YOU – Father Marcin, Father Mateusz and Seminarian Matt join with me in thanking all those who remembered us at Christmas. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is so greatly appreciated. We assure you that you will be remembered in our prayers. May God bless you in the New Year!

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
January 7 @ 5:00 pm	Anne Reilly	Jeff Meudt Bridget Wilson	Anthony Gonzalez Christine Habib Tzion Wong Liam Orr
January 8 @ 8:30 am	Marie Byrne	Kathy Caldwell Claire Miller	Danielle Berlin Lilian Brennan Ella Di Scala Jake Di Scala
January 8 @10:00 am	Jack Zayac	Dennis Corbisiero <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Jessica Waskas Danielle Waskas <i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>

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

My dear parishioners,

We gather to celebrate the Lord's Day on this first day of the civil New Year 2017. Today the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As we consider the Blessed Virgin Mary and her YES to God's will we know that so many things were unknown to her. The Lord did not reveal to Mary all that she would experience as a result of her YES. The joys and sorrows were all unknown, mysteries which she would experience in God's own time. The Lord provided her with the strength to accept the plan He established which would win our salvation through her Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The New Year is always a time to reflect on what lies ahead. The days, weeks and months of 2017 are not revealed to us and so we do not know what waits for us. We need to be like the Blessed Virgin Mary by placing our trust in God, putting our lives into His hands knowing that He will be with us no matter what. We are so use to having everything under our control and yet we know that this cannot always be. We need to surrender control to God and like Mary reflect on the presence of God in the happenings of our life.

Change is one of the features which take place in time, whether we like it or not. The New Year will indeed contain changes, some of them beneficial and others somewhat hurtful but none the less they will occur. In pondering time and our life, which is moving so quickly, we must look to the Mother of God and Ever Virgin Mary for strength.

In closing I offer this NEW YEAR'S PRAYER for your reflection:

REMEMBER US, O GOD; FROM AGE TO AGE BE OUR COMFORTER. YOU HAVE GIVEN US THE WONDER OF TIME, BLESSINGS IN DAYS AND NIGHTS, SEASONS AND YEARS. BLESS YOUR CHILDREN AT THE TURNING OF THE YEAR AND FILL THE MONTHS AHEAD WITH THE BRIGHT HOPE THAT IS OURS IN THE COMING OF CHRIST. YOU ARE OUR GOD, LIVING AND REIGNING, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN

My prayers and bests wishes for a happy, healthy and blessed New Year!

Father Zig

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS: The FINAL January 2017 ministry schedule has been released. Copies available in the sacristy. Jack

THANK YOU – Many thanks to all those who assisted in decorating the church for the Christmas celebration and also to those who assisted at the Masses as lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, choir and ushers. May the Lord richly bless you for the service you have offered in His Name.

CHURCH CLEANING CREW – Every week a group of dedicated volunteers clean our church so that the Lord's House may be in shape for Divine worship. I am most grateful to the following parishioners who perform this task: Marilyn Bakos, Muriel Kowalski, Peggy Jankowski, Carol Mc Mahon, Diane Ryder, Lyle Ryder, and John Sautter. Also, I acknowledge their recent donation to the church renovation fund which totaled \$175.00. May the Lord bless them for their generous spirit! - Fr. Zig

Divine Mercy Academy Rudolph's Big Bucks Raffle: Congratulations to our three winners!
\$3775 First Place Prize: Eddie DelValle, **\$2265 Second Place Prize**: Mary Merz, **\$1510 Third Place Prize**: Maria Cortavarria. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!