

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

5:00 p.m. – Paul Bahnatka req. by Donna & Mike Lucas

Sunday, February 19

8:30 a.m. – Adolf Mordini req. by Nelson family

10:00 a.m. – Lolita & Sicundino Collago req. by son & daughter,
Ramone Tony Collago & Olga Daisy Collago

Monday, February 20

12:00 p.m. – Carmelita Medina-Tamundong req. by Elmer
Maximo

Tuesday, February 21

12:00 p.m. – Cliff Hendricks

Wednesday, February 22

12:00 p.m. – Janet Sautter

Thursday, February 23

12:00 p.m. – Rogelio Catchero Cataluna req. by Elmer Maximo

Friday, February 24

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

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. – Letty Jimenez- Magsanoc req. by Raroque family

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. – Martin Matis req. by Maulbeck family

10:00 a.m. – Emil Fahrman req. by Martinelli family

Jessica Gorman, Theodora Maulbeck, Jackie Hendershot, John Krause.

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**

.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!

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish we collected \$674.00 to help **restore the church and future** in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/national/collections, and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

The Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal will be taken in our parish the weekend of February 25 – 26. Most of the money from this collection is used to support the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. A portion also is given to religious congregations in Slovakia represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious. Your support for this collection is greatly appreciated.

Pilgrimage to Baltimore & Seton Shrine

MAY 16 & 17, 2017

Sponsored by: The St. Monica Guild

More Info? Call Pat Zayac 973-625-4572

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Sacred Heart Church 8:00 am ~ 12:00 noon ~ 6:00 pm

St. Cecilia Church 8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm

Please see the enclosed flyer about having Pizza with Bishop Serratelli on March 7th @ Pope John XXIII H.S. from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm!



Fr. Jean-Claude St. Martin

Collection for February 11&12: \$2173.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2677.12 (January)

Collection from last year: \$ 2551.00

Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,456.80

Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)

Net: \$1329.45

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.P. Simon, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Ethel Gorman, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Mike Martinelli,

My Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time as we celebrate the Lord's Day! It is the Lord's Day which beckons us to gather as a community of faith in the tradition of the Apostles and the Christian faithful who have done so throughout the centuries. Observance of the Lord's Day is one of the Commandments which were given by the Lord to His servant Moses. Catholic and Orthodox Christians primarily observe this day by attending the celebration of the Eucharist, the Holy Mass or Divine Liturgy. Sometimes for valid reasons one cannot attend the Eucharistic celebration, such as traitorous weather conditions. Last Sunday was one such example. The freezing rain, sleet and snow which lasted all morning and afternoon made not only driving hazardous but walking as well. Needless to say, attendance at the Sunday masses was not good. Pastors are always concerned about nasty weather weekends because of its effect on church attendance AND the missing offerings which are crucial for a parish's survival. I am most grateful to those who have subscribed to PARISH PAY, which is the automatic and weekly offering which is done electronically. This is a steady income of offerings which the parish can depend upon whether a parishioner/family is present in church or not. Even while on vacation, PARISH PAY parishioners regularly give to the Lord the offering which they have prayerfully considered at the time of their registering for the program. I invite YOU to consider PARISH PAY. Please contact me for more information.

Next month you will be receiving in the mail some information from me regarding an INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM which will begin in our parish and in most of the parishes within the Diocese of Paterson. The purpose is to make all of us more consciously aware of our need to make a prayerful decision as to how much our offertory gift will be and strive to meet this commitment. This method is very popular in the Protestant Churches which have been doing it for many years and is now in use in most Orthodox Churches as well.

The INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM is a product of Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic publishing company which provides the Church with a vast array of resources to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This program will help us to remember the many blessings which the Lord bestows upon us and the importance of our not forgetting to give Him our offerings which build up His Church. In today's Responsorial Psalm we sang, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

I thank God for you all and for the cooperation which is hallmark of our parish.

God bless you!

Father Zig

2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Be Rich in Good Works

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today.

For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2016appeal.org. May God bless you for your support.

BIBLE REFLECTION

Mt 5: 38-48

"...But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

"...So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect..."

Opening prayer:

Holy Virgin Mary, at the message of the Angel Gabriel, You received and brought forth the Word in our word. Be with me now and intercede for me. That I too may hear and ponder the Word of God in my heart. Through your powerful intercession, may Jesus the Word of life, dwell among us. AMEN!!!

Reflection:

- Jesus says we are to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors; just as the sun shines on everyone and the rains falls on everyone God does not limit his love only to those who are good, so it is not up to us to decide who deserves our love and who doesn't. God doesn't do that so why should we.
- In the life of Jesus we see that he did not offer resistance to the evil inflicted on him. As he was being crucified he prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know what they do."
- Mother Teresa wrote: "To be able to love one another, we must pray much, for prayer gives a clean heart and a clean heart can see God in our neighbor. If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another."

Questions:

How do I respond to hurts and offenses?

How specifically do I respond to Jesus' command, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect?"

Closing prayer:

Holy God, you bestow your blessings on all people. Help me to imitate your love: Bless my enemies and those who wish hurt me; convert their hearts and my, so that we might live together in peace. AMEN!

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, March 8th, 2017 from 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, at the Parish Office, 90 Church Street (the brick building to the left of St. Cecilia Church). This group is led 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 at St. Cecilia's @ 973-627-0313 x10 for additional information and to register. Advanced registration is required at your earliest convenience, but no later than March 3rd. There is no charge for this series. Confidentiality will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

Lunch with a Leprechaun: Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #3359 will be hosting a Lunch with a Leprechaun on Saturday, March 4th, at noon until 2:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church Parish Center located at 10 Pocono Road, Mountain Lakes. Corned Beef...Hot dogs...Soda...Coffee...Tea...Cupcakes...Scones...Irish Dancers...Musicians...Bagpiper – Children aged 3 to 12: \$10 / Adults: \$15 – Join the fun!! Photos with the leprechaun will be available – All proceeds used to support our Troops!

"Welcome Home": Welcome Home is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from March 6th to April 3rd, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org