

Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

8:30 a.m. – Thomas A. Morgan & Rachel D'Anton req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

10:00 a.m. – Gabriel Del Busto req. by Onelia & Maria

11:30 a.m. Polish Mass

Monday, March 13

12:00 p.m. – John Ryzner

Tuesday, March 14

12:00 p.m. – Dragica & John Mareljic req. by Lucy Dugonjic

Wednesday, March 15

12:00 p.m. – Jim Butts

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

12:00 p.m. – Kevin McGuire req. by his wife & daughters

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

8:30 a.m. – Patricia Martinelli req. by Maulbeck family

10:00 a.m. – June Accatino req. by Carol Mc Mahon

.For **St. Cecilia Cemetery** information, please email Diane Boykow at StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com

BISHOP COMING TO ROCKAWAY – His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be in Rockaway on Sunday, March 26th to make a pastoral visit to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church where he will celebrate the 10 o'clock morning Mass. The Bishop will come to Saint Cecilia Church on Monday evening, April 3rd to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and celebrate the Holy Mass beginning at 7:30. We welcome and look forward to the Bishop's visit!

OUR CHILDREN – Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the restrooms in the parish hall. We want to make sure that our children return to Mass promptly and safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Hospitality: Please join the Women Society for hospitality after the 10AM mass on Sunday, March 19th.

Food Drive: The weekend of March 18th and 19th is our monthly food drive for the Rockaway Food Pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, etc. Last month we had a wonderful donation to the pantry. Thank you.

Dispensation from Bishop Serratelli: I hereby grant a dispensation from the laws of fast and abstinence to all Roman Catholics living in or visiting this diocese on Friday, March 17, 2017. This dispensation is given with the strong recommendation that the faithful honor both of Saint Patrick and this holy season of Lent by some special work of Charity or exercise of piety in place of abstinence.

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though it's made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.



Helen & Charles Vasey
Requested by: Tom & Nancy Gorman

Collection for March 4 & 5: \$3611.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$1652.69 (February)
Collection from last year: \$ 3809.00
Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,602.80
Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)
Net: \$1475.45

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, Jessica Gorman, Theodora Maulbeck. Jackie Hendershot, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara.

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we commemorate the Second Sunday of Lent as we celebrate the Lord's Day. The Gospel reading for this Sunday is the account of the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus. As He was journeying with His Apostles to Jerusalem to accomplish the events which would bring salvation, Jesus stopped to show Peter, James and John a glimpse of heavenly glory for which they would be called to witness after His Holy Resurrection. The glory of heaven would only come after the suffering and death Jesus would endure to bring "life and immortality to light through the Gospel."

Suffering and death are topics we would rather not deal with and yet they are part of our human condition. But as the Apostle Paul reminds us in today's reading from the Second Letter to Timothy, Jesus brings IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT THROUGH THE GOSPEL. Today we begin the first day of the Novena to Saint Joseph. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph will be observed this year on Monday, March 20th since the 19th falls on a Sunday and every Sunday is a Solemnity of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection. Joseph was a man of suffering who embraced the life God had planned for him. His life was full of uncertainty, questions and the most unusual of circumstances. Joseph did not waver from the task God had for him. He took Mary, pregnant with the Child Jesus, as his wife and raised Jesus as his own son. Joseph's fidelity and strength are the hallmarks of his holy life. He was a loving husband and father who protected the Holy Family from the evil forces which sought to destroy them. He was selfless and generous in his actions. He modeled for Jesus the honor which should characterize every man. Yes, Joseph suffered as he fulfilled the plan of God but he always had near his side the Blessed Virgin Mary and her precious son, Christ our God. No doubt that when Saint Joseph's days were complete that his wife and foster Son were at his side to commend him to God. For this reason Saint Joseph is the patron for a happy death. We should always pray to Saint Joseph that we too may experience a happy passing to heavenly glory.

Tanya Nellen, the parish secretary for Saint Cecilia Church will be relocating to California at the end of this month. I take to opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Tanya for the tremendous help she has been to me and the parish for the past six years. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless her with good health, strength, peace and all the many blessings which come from above. We will miss her and wish her well!!!

God bless you!

Father Zig

BIBLE REFLECTION

2nd Sunday of Lent - MT 17:1-9

PRAYER

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Christ, the Lord, you confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Law and of the prophets and you have admirably pre-announced our definite adoption as your children, may we listen to the Word of your Beloved Son to become coheirs of his immortal life.

“...Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them...”

“...then from the cloud came a voice that said, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

“...“Rise, and do not be afraid...”

REFLECTION

- The transfiguration of the Lord foreshadows what we will experience in the future if we die to ourselves in our daily crosses. God will transfigure our bodies and make them glorious ones. He will turn our sufferings into joy. Our crosses will become glorious and we will bring many people into God's kingdom.

- Before the glorification, Jesus has to go to Jerusalem for the fulfillment of the Pascal mystery, that is: Passion, Death and Resurrection. Those who desire and wish to follow Jesus have to deny themselves and then, also carry their cross to follow the Master. Only in this way we can participate in his glory.

QUESTION

1. What meaning does the proclamation of Jesus as Son of God have in your life?
2. Jesus wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

PRAYER

Let us rejoice, Beloved, and let us go forth to behold ourselves in your beauty to the mountain and to the hill, to where the pure water flows, and further, deep into the thicket. (John of the Cross, *Spiritual Canticle*, 36)

“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

LENTEN LUNCHESES—The Rockaway Ecumenical Clergy Association will once again sponsor a Lenten Luncheon for seniors every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. The Lunch begins at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church located on church Street. Following lunch a brief prayer service and reflection will be given by a designated clergy person from the Catholic and Protestant Congregations serving Rockaway.

ENCOUNTER LENT – We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do you ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit csrricebowl.org

SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA – The annual novena to Saint Joseph will begin on Sunday, March 12th following the 8 o’clock morning Mass in Saint Cecilia Church. The novena will begin at the conclusion of the 8 o’clock Mass each day and will conclude on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph which will be observed this year on Monday, March 20th. A Saint Joseph Table will be blessed in Hayes Hall on Monday following Mass. A brief program will also take place to which all are invited to attend.

You are invited to join the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign from March 1st – April 9th, to peacefully pray for the end of abortion - the leading cause of death in the world - outside the Planned Parenthood in Morristown, a facility that performs over 1,000 abortions each year. Just as Jesus said to his disciples: “Rise, and do not be afraid”, so He calls us to “rise and fear not” in fasting and praying to transform our culture into one that is open to life. Please join us, and those in over 340 cities around the world, to send a powerful message and to pray for the babies and their mothers and fathers, for those who need post-abortive healing, and for those who work at Planned Parenthood. Please register for a time slot at 40DaysforLife.com and select the Morristown vigil.

Join us for DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY’S First Annual Golf Outing: Monday, May 22nd 2017, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club \$110 per Golfer/\$400 per Foursome* Includes greens fees, cart, buffet dinner, beer and soda pitchers. 1:00 PM Check-in. Immediately following golf is a buffet dinner. For more info, call Patrick Rudolph at 973-440-0748, or email prudolph817@gmail.com *If purchased by April 12th. \$120/golfer after.

Our Increased Offertory Program Commitment Sunday is this weekend at all Masses. We encourage all parishioners to complete and turn in your commitment cards to the church. The Commitment Card contains information on how to plan your increased offertory gift to the church, and asks for your commitment over the next year. If you have any questions regarding this program, or how to give electronically, please contact the rectory.

Baptism: Jacob Gabriel Collier and Jonas Romaine were recently baptized at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. We welcome them into our parish community. Please pray for them and their families.