

Fifth Sunday Lent
April 2, 2017
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1 5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri
Sunday, April 2 8:30 a.m. – Mauro Mordini req. by the Nelson family 10:00 a.m. – Venancio Maximo req. by Elmer Maximo
Monday, April 3 12:00 p.m. – Julia Talar req. by Father Zig
Tuesday, April 4 12:00 p.m. – Howard B. Pratt
Wednesday, April 5 12:00 p.m. – Joseph Tironi req. by Jeanne Gallagher
Thursday, April 6 12:00 p.m. – Frank Wasko
Friday, April 7 NO NOON MASS 6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross followed by First Friday Devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 6:30 p.m. – adoration and confession 7:00 p.m. - Mass
Saturday, April 8 5:00 p.m. – Kevin McGuire
Sunday, April 9 8:30 a.m. – Bill Lenahan req. by his wife, Eleanor 10:00 a.m. – Rose Marie Wheelwright req. by family 11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass



Bill Lenahan
 Requested by: his wife, Eleanor

Collection for March 25&26: \$3224.00	
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2161.12 (March)	
Collection from last year: \$ 2830.00	
Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,761.80	
Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)	
Net: \$1634.45	

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.

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

OUR CHILDREN – All 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.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF ELEGIBILITY – All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the offering envelope system or Parish Pay.

Confession - A penance service will take place on Tuesday evening of Holy Week, April 11th, 7:00 pm at St. Cecilia Church. A number of priests will be available for confession. This is the final penance service prior to Easter. All Catholics should come to confession prior to the Easter celebration.

PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARDS Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than April 16 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we observe the Fifth Sunday of Lent as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. The Scripture texts for this Sunday speak of LIFE and the triumph of life over the forces of death. The Apostle Paul reminds us through his Roman correspondence, "If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you." The Holy Spirit, given in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, brings life to us in this present time and empowers us to offer our lives to God so that we may one day share in heavenly glory.

The wonderful story of the Raising of Lazarus from death is the prelude to the Lord Jesus' triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Just outside the city limits in the village of Bethany the Lord comforts the sisters Mary and Martha on the loss of their brother Lazarus. He assures them that their faith will show them that death is defeated when He tells them, "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." This miracle is witnessed by the disciples of Jesus and many more. News of this wonderful event spreads throughout the area which brings great excitement among the people who now welcome the Lord into Jerusalem. Mounting Jesus upon a donkey and throwing their cloaks on the ground in respectful tribute, they cheer him with palms branches and shouts of HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

In the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox, the day before Palm Sunday is known as LAZARUS SATURDAY to commemorate the event which is our Gospel reading for this Sunday. The excitement of life conquering death was present at Bethany nearly two thousand years ago. This same excitement has been felt from that time to the present. As we gather in Rockaway today we can still feel the joy as we recall the words of Jesus, I AM THE RESURRCTION AND THE LIFE.

As you can see the statues and crucifix in the church have been covered with purple cloth as per tradition for hundreds of years in the Catholic Church. This is a sign of the somberness of these final days of Lent. The ordo states: "In the diocese of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." The sorrow of Passiontide is made visible in the purple which shrouds the church's interior.

I am happy to announce the appointment of Elmer Maximo and Anne Marie Hopley as members of the Sacred Heart Parish Finance Council. They are two faithful members of the parish who will bring their love for Christ's Church to this monthly gathering which serves as a consultative body to the pastor.

God bless you!

Father Zig

BIBLE REFLECTION

5th Sunday of Lent - JN 11:1-45

"...When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days..."

"...Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."..."

"...Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die..."

"...Do you believe this?..."

REFLECTION

- This Gospel reading is about resurrection of Lazarus, the Resurrection of Jesus, and our own resurrection.
- If the believer dies, he will live. Death is not the end for one who has faith in Jesus. The believer knows that Jesus declares that He is eternal life of those who believe. Eternal Life is given to those who believe in Jesus. If this is my faith, that Jesus is my life, then I will live forever.

- Lazarus was raised from the dead for a brief time. Jesus was raised forever. Jesus made eternal life possible for all of us through the gift of his life.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you wept at the tomb of your friend Lazarus and called him forth to life. Call us too from the death of sin to live the risen life you offer. AMEN

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

APRIL 7TH 2017

6PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, CONFESSION AND HOLY MASS



Jesus promises you eternal life.

I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

DO NOT MISS IT!!!

“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 Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children-even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God’s kingdom? Visit csrcricebowl.org for more information.

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.

