

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2017

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday, April 15

8:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Easter Sunday, April 16

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

11:30- Polish Mass

Monday, April 17

12:00 p.m. – Anna Kobylar req. by Father Zig

Tuesday, April 18

12:00 p.m. – Robert Lynch req. by the Shaffer family

Wednesday, April 19

12:00 p.m. – Tony Ferrone req. by Donna & Mike Lucas

Thursday, April 20

12:00 p.m. – Ronnie Abrams

Friday, April 21

12:00 p.m. – Cindy Meudt

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri

Easter Sunday, April 23

8:30 a.m. – James R. Gorman req. by his wife, Ethel Gorman

10:00 a.m. – Francis Koripsky req. by the Maulbeck family



Ronnie Abrams

Collection for April 8&9: \$3454.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2161.12 (March)

Collection from last year: \$ 3033.00

Palm Sunday Collection: \$1097.00

Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,897.80

Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)

Net: \$1770.45

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, Dorothy Murray.

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

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**

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Celebration will be held here at Sacred Heart on Sunday April 23rd. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession from 2pm to 3pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3pm. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!!! DO NOT MISS IT.

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis- Where are you going?" Where is the spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 29-29, 2017** at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, NJ. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera & Fr. Luis Hernandez at 973-777-8818 ext.711 or fredgar@patersondiocese.org.

My Dear Parishioners,

CHRIST IS RISEN! Truly He is risen! These were the words which were first spoken by the women disciples who went to the tomb of Jesus early on the first day of the week. Angels had announced this news to them. However, it was to Saint Mary Magdalene that the Risen Christ had first appeared and who told her to announce this news to His Apostles. These myrrh-bearing women brought the good news of Resurrection to Saint Peter and his confreres. The Apostles would bravely proclaim that CHRIST IS RISEN after the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

For the followers of the Risen Christ each Sunday is "Easter all over again." The first day of the week has become the Sabbath observance for us. Sunday is the day for worship and praise. This is the day for Sabbath rest and meditation. Every Sunday for us is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Whenever we deliberately miss Holy Mass on the Lord's Day WE ARE IN SIN. This sin must be forgiven in the sacrament of penance before we can present ourselves for Holy Communion. The breaking of the Third Commandment is a serious offense, as is the non observance of the other nine. Right from the start the followers of the Risen Christ gathered to celebrate the Eucharist as is evident in Acts of the Apostles. I emphasize this because our liturgies this Sunday will be better attended because of the feast. I am so happy to see so many whom I do not normally see on a Sunday. I welcome you with joy! But as your Father, I remind you of your weekly obligation to join with us to celebrate EASTER on the first day of the week. Worshipping God each week by celebrating the Eucharist is also a sign of our affirmation of LIFE. Each Sunday celebrates LIFE as we commemorate the Lord Jesus' Holy Resurrection from the dead. For it was on this day that the promise of ETERNAL LIFE became a reality for you and for all those who believe.

Next Sunday we observe DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, a universal feast which draws our attention to the wonderful gift of mercy our Lord offers to all who come to Him. Through the mystical revelations given to Saint Faustina Kowalska the Lord Jesus exposed His heart overflowing with love and mercy for every sinner. I invite you to join with me for "AN HOUR OF MERCY" which will take place next Sunday beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. During that time a priest will be available for the sacrament of penance. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at 3 o'clock, the Hour of Mercy.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

HAPPY EASTER – CHRIST IS RISEN! – TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Father Zig

What Is Resurrection? An Easter Reflection

The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed, what is immature becoming adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life. But for the Christian the resurrection has a still richer meaning. St. Paul, clearly repeating a catechetical formula that he had learned, says to the Corinthians:

"I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures" (1Corinthians 15:3-4).

Christ is risen, and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence here. In our weakness we will after death be raised in glory. Again there is continuity: it is I (not just my body) that I hope will be raised. As Paul writes: "So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body" (1Corinthians 15:42-44).

Fr. Marcin

ENCOUNTER LENT – We prayed, fasted, and gave alms- and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia, and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to return your CRS Rice Bowl to church.

BANNS OF ORDINATION The seminarian, Joseph Boykow, is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on May 13, 2017. Christ's faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to the Ordinary or to the pastor before ordination according to the norms of cc.1043 and 1051,2 of the Code of Canon Law. If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church, please contact: Fr. Zig at 973-627-0422.

BANNS OF ORDINATION The seminarian, Mateusz Darlak, is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on May 13, 2017. Christ's faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to the Ordinary or to the pastor before ordination according to the norms of cc.1043 and 1051,2 of the Code of Canon Law. If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church, please contact: Fr. Zig at 973-627-0422.

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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.

Congratulations to our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who have been inducted into Divine Mercy Academy's National Junior Honor Society. Eligibility is determined by a student's cumulative GPA which must meet or exceed our chapter's standard for scholarship currently set at 90. In addition to the scholarship standard, membership in NJHS is based on standards of service, leadership, character, and citizenship: **Luke Armonaitis, Danielle Berlin, Marco Inigo Cadag, Austin Chinsky, Morgan Cure, Timothy Downs, Emma Duphiney, Oliver Hinojosa, Elisabeth McMahon, Matthew Medina, Brianna Milovic, Mayson Novillo, Aliyah O'Donnell, Julia Obser, Lauren Oudine, Alexander Patel, Jasmine Patel, Alexander Petrucelli, Katherine Petrucelli, Sophia Pimentel, Victoria Ruiz, Matthew Salazar, Daniel Slockbower, Ciara Taggart, Cristian Vargas, Jessie Wahlers, Benjamin Weber, and Giovanni Zapata.**

1st Annual Beefsteak Dinner

All You Can Eat!

Saturday, April 29th at St. Cecilia Church Rockaway, in Hayes Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45.00 per person or table of 10 \$400

Includes: DJ, Photo Booth,

Good Food catered by Giresi!

If interested or need more information,

Call Ralph @ 856-952-5657 or

DIMARCANTONIO@OPTONLINE.NET

All are welcome!!

Fatima and Southern Spain Pilgrimage Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to Fatima and Southern Spain. The Pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima and then continue on to Spain. The Pilgrimage will be from July 16 to 24. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or email them at greatexinc@verizon.net