

Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 23, 2017
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 22 5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri
Sunday, April 23 8:30 a.m. – James R. Gorman req. by his wife, Ethel Gorman 10:00 a.m. – Frances Koripsky req. by the Maulbeck family
Monday, April 24 12:00 p.m. – Joseph Tironi req. by the Gosden family
Tuesday, April 25 12:00 p.m. – Helen Banta
Wednesday, April 26 12:00 p.m. – Robert Lynch req. by Sally Mc Cusker
Thursday, April 27 12:00 p.m. – Peter Chipko
Friday, April 28 12:00 p.m. – Bob Kamenetz
Saturday, April 29 5:00 p.m. – Harry & Margaret Gorman req. by Ethel Gorman
Sunday, April 30 8:30 a.m. – Hope Hamilton req. by the Maulbeck family 10:00 a.m. – Ruth Rovegno req. by the Nelson family



Collection for Easter, April 15&16:\$7991.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2161.12 (March)
Collection from last year: \$8425.00
Holy Thursday: \$660.00
Good Friday: \$699.00
Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,939.80
Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)
Net: \$1812.45

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. 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.

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.

THANK YOU: Our community changed Lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at church.

PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARDS: Thank you to all parishioners who have completed their pledge commitment card to our church. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card please do so as soon as possible. If you need a pledge commitment card they can be found in the church vestibule. If you have any questions please contact our pastor, Fr. Zig.

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,

On this Octave Day of Easter I greet you with: CHRIST IS RISEN! Yes, this continues to be Easter Day and once again the Gospel reading takes us back to the first Easter Sunday and the Sunday which followed. The Second Sunday of Easter has traditionally been called "Saint Thomas Sunday" as a result of the Apostle Thomas who professed his faith in the Risen Lord on this day. More recently this day is called DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY as promulgated by Saint Pope John Paul II in honor of the Lord Jesus whose heart overflows with mercy and compassion for sinners. The mystical revelations made to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a 20th century Polish nun, testify to God's great love for us shown in His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Saint Faustina introduced the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which is prayed on the Rosary for both and living and the dead. We pray on each bead: FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD. Yes, mercy and compassion are the gifts the Lord freely gives us when we approach Him in repentance. Saint Faustina was asked by the Lord to produce an image of Him as He appeared to her, pointing to His heart from which came two streams of red and white, blood and water. Beneath this holy image are the words: JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.

I am happy to say that devotion to the Divine Mercy is alive and well here in Rockaway. We pray the Chaplet every Monday evening at the conclusion of Holy Hour in Saint Cecilia Church. During the summer months we pray the Chaplet at Sacred Heart Church every Friday afternoon at the "Hour of Mercy", 3 pm. Our new school in Rockaway is named DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY with our students being schooled in the virtues of mercy and compassion. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Divine Mercy Celebration which will begin this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Sacred Heart Church and will conclude with the singing of the Chaplet at 3 o'clock. Great graces are available to all those who honor this day and participate in its celebration according to Saint Faustina. I know you do not want to miss this!!!

Our children from our two parishes and our school will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday and the following. Please remember these young ones in your prayers that they may always honor and yearn for the Eucharist.

Father Marcin, Father Mateusz, Seminarian Matt join with me in thanking all those who remembered us at Easter. We appreciate the gifts of food, drink, monetary gifts and other expressions of your esteem. We are humbled and express our gratitude and love. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

God bless you! Happy Easter! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Father Zig

REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY

When speaking of Divine Mercy we refer to this gift from God as "The Divine Mercy." By pondering "The" Divine Mercy we are more aware of two things: First, The Divine Mercy of God is real, definite and concrete. It is not some abstract concept but it is a reality that we must understand and enter into. Second, there is only One Divine Mercy. It is "The" one and only gift of God. All that God has given us is a gift and for this gift we are to be eternally grateful. The Diary of Saint Faustina calls us to a new form of devotion in various ways. The second way is through the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told Saint Faustina that He desired an annual solemn Feast of Mercy. This Solemnity of Divine Mercy was established as a universal celebration on the Eighth day of the Octave of Easter. On that day the floodgates of Mercy are opened and many souls are made holy.

Saint Faustina was asked by Jesus to have an image of His merciful love painted for all to see. It's an image of Jesus with two rays shining forth from His Heart. The first ray is blue indicating the font of Mercy coming forth through Baptism and the second ray is red indicating the font of Mercy poured forth through the Blood of the Holy Eucharist.

Ponder, today, the image of The Divine Mercy. Ponder, especially, the fact that no image will even come close to expressing the full depth of love pouring forth from the Heart of our Savior. Grow in a desire for that Mercy as you ponder this sacred image

Lord, may I always honor and celebrate the wonderful Feast of Mercy. May my heart, and the hearts of all Your faithful children, be open to all that You wish to bestow upon us through this feast. Jesus, I trust in You.

Fr. Marcin

All Ministers: The FINAL MAY MINISTERS SCHEUDLE has been released.....Copies are available in the sacristy. Any concerns/changes, notify the appropriate group leader.

FIFTH WEEK ROSARY – Please join the Knights of Columbus as they the pray the Rosary next Sunday at 3 o'clock here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. All are welcome!

Second Collection: Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Sacred Heart Women's Society – A meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Society will take place on Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the rectory basement. Our new president, Ann Marie Hopler, extends a cordial invitation to all women of the parish to attend.

Parish Finance Council – A meeting of the parish finance council will take place on Tuesday evening beginning at 7 o'clock in the rectory basement.

First Holy Communion – First Holy Communion will be administered to a group of our children on Sunday, May 7th at the 10 o'clock morning Mass.

Altar Servers Bowling Party – All altar servers are invited to attend a bowling party on Thursday afternoon, May 11th, at the Rockaway Lanes located on Route 46 West beginning at 3 o'clock. This event is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Women's Society in honor of the young people who serve Holy Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Reservations for this event may be made by calling the rectory at 973.627.0422 no later than May 9th.

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