

Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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
Monday, May 1 12:00 p.m. – Shelia Norcross req. by Father Zig
Tuesday, May 2 12:00 p.m. – Joseph Tironi req. by the Shaffer family
Wednesday, May 3 12:00 p.m. – Ronnie Abrams
Thursday, May 4 12:00 p.m. – Joseph Curran Sr.
Friday, May 5 NO NOON MASS 6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession 7:00 p.m. – Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Holy Mass
Saturday, May 6 5:00 p.m. – Margaret Maulbeck req. by the Maulbeck family
Sunday, May 7 8:30 a.m. – Bernadette D'Amato req. by the Collier family 10:00 a.m. – Joseph R. Maulbeck req. by the Maulbeck family



Jack & Isabel Reed
 Requested by: Ethel Gorman

Collection for April 22&23: \$2789.00 Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2161.12 (March) Collection from last year: 3391.00 Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,974.80 Total Cost: (\$23,127.35) Net: \$1847.45
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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, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

6:30 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession
7:00 – Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Mass
DO NOT MISS IT!!! Why? 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.

THANK YOU-Many Thanks to all those who were so helpful to me over the past weeks as we prepared for Holy Week and Easter: Steve Shaffer, Erin Killeen, Carol McMahon, Diane Ryder, Monica Profit, Ann Marie Hopler, Tom Gorman and Joe Maulbeck, May the Lord richly bless them! Father Zig

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.

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,

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter and the Scriptural texts speak of the Risen Christ and His triumph over death. In the Gospel we hear the account of the Risen Christ's walk with two disciples on their way to Emmaus. This event takes place on Easter Sunday afternoon as the despondent disciples flee Jerusalem seeking safety. Jesus, risen from the dead, appears and walks with them although they do not recognize Him. As they share their sorrow and confusion, the Risen Christ proclaims the Scriptures and interprets them. When they reach their destination they recognize the Risen Christ in the "breaking of the bread" and then He vanishes from their sight. As we consider what Jesus had done we see that this was the second time that the Holy Mass was offered. The Lord presides at the Liturgy of the Word; proclaiming the Scriptures and giving the homily. The Liturgy of the Eucharist takes place at the inn at Emmaus where the Lord does what He did at the Last Supper, "He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." These Eucharistic gestures brought about recognition and faith.

Every Sunday of the year is like Easter for us. This is why the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, is the Christian Sabbath. Christ's Holy Resurrection is the cause of our great joy and the cornerstone of our faith. We follow the tradition of the Apostles and gather to celebrate the Eucharist each week, on the first day of the week, to remember and rejoice in the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's suffering, death and Resurrection. Excusing ourselves from such a celebration is a grave offense. It will lead us to become despondent and wander aimlessly into darkness and despair.

The Easter joy of the Lord's Day must never be extinguished from our hearts. We must be vigilant in our secular culture not to compromise the sacredness of the Lord's Day by substituting trivial things in its place. Sometimes our family and friends will even try to have us minimize Sunday to any other day of the week. Be on guard! The Lord's Day is holy and the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is always a must!

We will witness the children of both Saint Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish receiving their First Holy Communion beginning this Sunday and next Sunday. Our children always anticipate this event with great joy and excitement. I am proud of their parents who bring them to this day. However, I am very concerned that parents will model for their children weekly Mass attendance. Dad and Mom must show by example and encourage participation in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Neglecting this duty is an offense against God to whom they will one day be called to give an accounting. Dad and Mom are crucial in fostering faith within the hearts of their children. The love of Dad and Mom should strengthen this faith so that one day they may all be in the joy of eternal life with Christ our Risen Lord. The Lord is counting on Dad and Mom to keep Easter alive each Sunday within the home and the hearts of their children. PRAY FOR OUR PARENTS THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE STRENGTH TO MODEL FAITH FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Father Zig

BIBLE REFLECTION

Luke 24,13-35

-Jesus and his disciples on the road to Emmaus-

Prayer: Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to help us to read the Scriptures with the same mind that you read them to the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

Reflection: It is Easter morning, and Jesus leads the two disciples along the slow, painful journey to wisdom. God is inviting us to remember with gratitude times when he led us along a similar journey to the stage where we understood what was happening in our lives.

- Jesus uses the Bible to enlighten life. Jesus uses the Bible and the history of people to enlighten the problem which made the two disciples suffer, and to clarify the situation which they are living.
- Jesus with the Bible helps them to discover the wisdom which already exists in them, and transform the cross, a sign of death, into a sign of life and of hope.
- When we meet Jesus then we have the strength to face the difficulties of life. We get this strength from Jesus the same way that the two disciples on the road to Emmaus did, by reading the Sacred Scriptures of the Bible and in the breaking of the bread at Mass.
- What a difference it makes to have Jesus in our life! With Jesus we have a positive attitude and enjoy life. How wretched our life would be without Jesus. Without Jesus we would be in a mess.

Questions: 1. Both of them say: "We were hoping, but...!" Have you ever seen a situation of discouragement which has led you to say: "I was hoping, but...!"?

2. How do I see the unity and relationship of the Liturgy of the world and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, be present among us as you were present to your disciples at Emmaus, so that you might open our minds to understand the scriptures and empower us to bear witness to your resurrection. AMEN.

**National Day of Prayer and the 150th Anniversary of the founding of
St. Joseph's Hospital and Healthcare System**

Call for Prayers!

St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson was founded by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth on September 8, 1867 for the purpose of caring for the "sick poor". Over the past 150 years that mission has grown to include the poor, vulnerable and under-served of Northern New Jersey. The Healthcare System's 150th Anniversary theme is: Celebrating our Commitment to a Healthier Community. In keeping with the National Day of Prayer, which is celebrated this year on May 4th, we are asking all people of the Paterson Diocese to join with Bishop Arthur Serratelli in praying the prayer below for the intentions of St. Joseph's Healthcare System. Serving the Paterson Diocese as New Jersey's premier Catholic healthcare provider, St. Joseph's and its family of over 5,000 employees counts on your prayers and the prayers of others.

Good and Gracious God, who called order out of chaos and created our first parents to live in peace and harmony, listen kindly to us gathered together on this National Day of Prayer. Bless our country, shelter us under your protection and help us to share your abundant gifts with all, especially the poor and suffering.

We pray in a special way for the great work of St. Joseph's Healthcare System. Bless our physicians, nurses, staff and all professionals dedicated to the care of patients and their families. Accompany them with your healing power. Give them a steadfast spirit and a generous heart as they cooperate with you in bringing health and wholeness to others. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY: The 5th Sunday Rosary group meets today, **Sunday, April 30th**, in Sacred Heart Church at 3pm to recite the rosary. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the Rosary. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish we raised \$633.00 to support those on the margins living in poverty. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser: May 13th & 14th, 2017, the Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry comprised of several Catholic Churches in the Rockaway, NJ area, in partnership with the youth of Divine Mercy Academy, are sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit several Crisis Pregnancy Centers and the Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry. On Mother's Day Weekend baby bottles will be distributed, which we ask you to FILL WITH YOUR SPARE COINS OR DONATIONS, and return to St. Cecilia's Church or Sacred Heart of Jesus' Church on the weekends of May 20th & 21st, May 27th & 28th, BUT NO LATER THAN the weekend of June 3rd & 4th, 2017. A CRIB WILL BE PLACED IN THE CHURCH FOYERS ON THOSE WEEKENDS, INTO WHICH YOU MAY DEPOSIT THE FILLED BOTTLES. Checks should be made payable to St. Cecilia's Church, NOTING that it is for the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser. Your participation and generosity in this very worthwhile endeavor is greatly appreciated. At all other times you may drop the bottles off at the Parish Offices of your respective Churches. WE ASK THAT YOU RETURN ALL OF THE BOTTLES WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN USED. Thank you.

Healing Mass: For all who are in need of healing, spiritual, physical, mental or emotional, there will be a Healing Mass at St. Cecilia Church on Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 sponsored by the Christian Care Committee. All are invited to attend.

The Living Crown of Mary: One photograph is all that it takes for you to become visible in the Living Crown of Mary. We invite you to join the Pauline Fathers & Brothers from the American Czestochowa located in Doylestown PA, as they resolve to honor Mary in this Jubilee year of the 300th anniversary of the Coronation of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Begin by taking a picture of yourself or someone you love, and then include your intentions, resolutions, and spiritual gifts in order to crown Mary with your heart. Upon receiving all of your images, a grand & marvelous mosaic of our Lady of Czestochowa will be created from all the pictures. You will also receive an image of Our Lady as a sign that you are a precious jewel in the Living Crown of Mary. For more information, log on to www.livingcrownofmary.com