

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 15- Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
5:00 p.m. – Joseph Tironi req. by the Shaffer family

Sunday, July 16- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. – Jim Pepe req. by Jean Latteri
10:00 a.m. – Harvey Nelson req. by the Nelson family

Monday, July 17-Weekday
12:00 p.m. – Margaret Ballard

Tuesday, July 18- Saint Camilus de Lellis, Priest
12:00 p.m. – Maria Pilat, 1st Anniversary, req. by the Maulbeck family

Wednesday, July 19-Weekday
12:00 p.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Donna Lucas

Thursday, July 20- Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
12:00 p.m. – Barbara Thompson

Friday, July 21- Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
12:00 p.m. – Betty Hiler

Saturday, July 22- Saint Mary Magdalene
5:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Josephine Bugan req. by Barbara Martin

Sunday, July 23-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. – Janet Sautter req. by John Sautter
10:00 a.m. – Robert Lynch req. by Sally Mc Cusker



Ethel Gorman
Requested by: Tom & Nancy Gorman

<p>Collection for July 8 & 9: \$2559.00 Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2127.55 (June) Collection from last year: \$2835.00 Catholic Communication Collection: \$660.00 Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$25,340.80</p> <p align="right"> Total Cost: (\$23,127.35) Net: \$2213.45 </p>

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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, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica Gorman, Theodora Maulbeck. John

Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray, Louise Kelly, Tom Gorman, Carlos Carbajal, Gil Shaffer.

.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.



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Dear Parishioners,

Today is the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We assemble together to observe the Lord's Day as we celebrate the Eucharist in which Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection are recalled. The Scriptures for this day speak of the seed which the Lord sows upon the earth. This seed is the word of God. In the Gospel Acclamation we sing, "The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever." The parable of the sower is the centerpiece for today's Scriptures which addresses the receptivity of the seed that is God's word.

The first part of the Holy Mass is called, the Liturgy of the Word. In this part the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed, sung, prayed and explained. In the Liturgy of the Word God speaks to us and invites us into a dialogue with Him through prayer. God's word rouses the heart providing us with encouragement, consolation, motivation, reflection and more.

In addition to the liturgy we are invited to spend some time each day reading and pondering the Scriptures at home. One's spiritual life is strengthened by delving into the Bible daily. Using Bible passages to introduce personal prayer is an ancient practice from which piety flourishes. Reading a short portion of the Bible each night before or following supper helps keep the family focused and firm in faith and love.

Wonderful benefits are to be found when the Sacred Scriptures are studied and prayed in community. Bible studies are opportunities where a group of people are able to share how the Scriptures have impacted their lives. Such gatherings provide just the right direction one should follow as is revealed in the word spoken by God.

The parishioners of both Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and Saint Cecilia Church come together for the various opportunities we have here in Rockaway to share in the study of the Scriptures. Although we do not meet during these summer days, we have a Bible Study group which meets on Monday evenings, another which meets on Tuesday mornings and a Mommy's group which meets on Thursday mornings. The gatherings take place at Saint Cecilia's and will resume following Labor Day. I hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities to join us in receiving God's word and allowing it to grow within.

REMEMBER: There is no vacation from the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist!

God bless you!

Father Zig

Registration for First Holy Communion Classes is now open for children of our parish ages 7 to 8. Mrs. Lucy Rovegno will serve as the catechist. Classes will begin in October. Please call the rectory (973-627-0422) for registration and other information.

ATTENTION ALL INCOMING 9TH AND 10TH GRADE STUDENTS – Confirmation registration is underway for the next school year. Registration forms are available at the rectory, in the back of church, or by contacting Michele Shaffer (973) 625-9274. All candidates who would like to receive the sacrament must be registered by August 1. Second-year candidates must also register. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Shaffer.

Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO DOYLESTOWN – The annual walking pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania will begin on August 11th from Saints Peter and Paul Church in Great Meadows, New Jersey. Pilgrims journey in prayer and song traveling 60 miles in the course of 4 days and 3 nights. For details please visit the website of: Franciscan Friars of the Renewal-Annual Pilgrimage.

BAPTISM CLASS – A class for parents who are preparing for their child's baptism will take place in the Saint Cecilia Parish Office on Monday, July 17th beginning at 7 o'clock. All information and scheduling will take place at this time. Please call Father Zig for additional information.

RENOVATION FUND DOLLARS AT WORK – I am most grateful to all those who regularly make a donation to the parish renovation fund. Your generosity continues to allow us to make the necessary upgrades to our church. We will be addressing the lighting in the church during the coming weeks with the installation of LED lighting to the church nave and sanctuary. In addition, we need to upgrade the emergency lighting system in the church as per the fire inspector. This work will ensure that we are up to code so that in the event of power loss we can safely exit the building. This work is important and is made possible because of your love for our church which is shown in your generosity. PLEASE DEPOSIT YOUR OFFERING FOR THE RENOVATION FUND IN THE PLASTIC JUG LOCATED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH AS WELL AS AT THE KELLER AVENUE ENTRANCE. – Father Zig

Food Drive: Next weekend July 22 & 23 we will be having a food drive for the Rockaway Food Pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, etc. Thank you for your donations during the summer months.

On Thursday, July 20th Saint Simon Church 1010 Green Pond Road, will host a presentation for the community at large entitled **Raising Resilient Children**. The presenter will be Mary Vineis, Director of Community Response and Education, New Bridge Program, County of Morris. The program is open to **adults only** in the Parish Center, which is air-conditioned 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage this October. The trip takes place on October 17, 2017. It will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations. We ask parishioners of Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia to call Pat Zayac @ 973-625-4572 for more information.