

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 11, 2018**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 11– Fourth Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Monica Profit  
8:30 a.m. – Helen Vuksta req. by Ralph J & Laura M.

Andreotta

10:00 a.m. – Thomas A. Morgan req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

**Monday, March 12-Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Cindy Meudt

**Tuesday, March 13-Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – John & Dragica Mareljic req. by Lucy & Mario

**Wednesday, March 14- Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Dorothy Ryzner

**Thursday, March 15- Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Anna Marianacci

**Friday, March 16- Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

**7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

**Sunday, March 18- Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. – Kevin McGuire req. by the McGuire's & O'Neill's

8:30 a.m. –Joyce D'Agostino req. by her sister, Ann Stefanik

10:00 a.m. –Emma M. Andreotta req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

**PARISH POLICY –PLEASE NOTE:** All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration has many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

**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 the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though 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.

**RICE BOWL ALMS PROGRAM:**

Fourth Sunday of Lent For Andrise and her students in Haiti, who we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, that what they learn together may be for the betterment of their community. For those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities. We pray to the Lord.....



*burns in memory of ...* Evelyn & Jim Butts

Collection for March 3&4: \$3893.00  
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2335.10 (February)  
Collection from last year: \$3611.50

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE**

**MILITARY:** Major Mike Cherry, LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, Airman 1st Cl. Andrew Mistkowski, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 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, Miguel Fojas, Mila Sering.

**Divine Mercy Academy** is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year.

87 Halsey Ave. 973-627-6003. We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Before-care/after-care and extracurricular activities available. Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs starting at \$2420 a year. Full Day Kindergarten through 8th grade tuition rates as follows: 1 child: \$5030 2 children: \$8200 and 3 children: \$9960 per year. Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes!

My Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent which is also known as LAETARE SUNDAY. Laetare is Latin for “rejoice” in anticipation of the Easter celebration which draws near. The use of rose colored vestments is an outward sign of this approaching joy in the feast of our Lord’s Holy Resurrection.

The Gospel reading comes from the Apostle and Evangelist John and tells us of the night conversation which the Lord Jesus had with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Council which later condemned Jesus to death. After this conversation with Jesus Nicodemus became a follower but one who remained secret. Along with Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus would defend Jesus before the Sanhedrin, but as the Gospels testify, to no avail. These two men would later join the Mother of God, the Women Disciples led by Mary Magdalene, and the Apostle John at Calvary to take down the precious Body of the Lord Jesus from the Cross. These faithful ones lovingly prepared the Lord’s body for its hasty burial in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had been laid. Saint Joseph of Arimathea is the patron saint of funeral directors and he is joined by Saint Nicodemus.

In John 3:16 we find the words: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. God gave us His Only Begotten Son Jesus and Jesus gave His life for us on the wood of the Cross. He suffered greatly for our sins but His victory from the tomb is the promise of eternal life for all who hope in Him. God loves us so much and proves it to us! What about us? How are we showing our love for God in these Lenten days? Are you fasting, praying, giving alms or just doing what you selfishly want? The suffering that Jesus endured should be moving your heart to repentance and conversion during this holy time AND IF IT IS NOT, SOMETHING IS WRONG! The problem is YOU! All of us are challenged during these Lenten days to enter into the mystery of the Cross and this happens when the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are vibrant in our lives. It’s never too late – start NOW, TODAY – before it is too late and you find yourself standing in judgment before the One who was pierced for our transgressions.

Next Sunday the crosses and statues will be veiled in purple as yet another liturgical sign that the days marking the saving events of our redemption draw near. More on this tradition will appear in my article next Sunday.

Remember: PRAY, FAST GIVE ALMS – it’s what we do, it makes us strong!

Happy Lent!

Father Zig

**WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED:** When a family member is sick and in need of a priest for the sacraments please call the parish office so that a priest will be notified of the request. ON THE WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND EVENINGS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER (862.251.1229) AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER CLEARLY AND A PRIEST WILL RESPOND. The emergency number is given at the beginning of the announcement when calling the parish office after hours.

**BAPTISM CLASS** – A meeting of all those wishing information and scheduling for a baptism will meet on Monday evening, March, 19th in the Saint Cecilia Parish office at 7 o’clock in the evening. Father Pawel will be present to conduct the information session and answer questions regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

**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 draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from February 19th to March 19th, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**ATTENTION MEN** – A new men’s group called FATHERS OF ST. JOSEPH will be meeting every other Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. in the St. Cecilia Office Building. The sole aim and purpose of the group is to labor for the restoration, revitalization and redemption of human fatherhood, in order that it may become what it has been created to be: an efficacious icon that directs the human family to its Father. The Fathers of St. Joseph gatherings are not so much meetings as they are mini retreats, whose aim is to communicate the spirituality of fatherhood in a manner that encourages and inspires fathers to embrace, engage and – by the power of the Holy Spirit – sanctify their vocation. The next gathering is SATURDAY, March 24!

**NEW WOMEN'S GROUP: Women at the Well:** The Women at the Well meet the FIRST SATURDAYS of each month. These evenings are meant to serve as spiritual and social refreshment for women. The evening begins with a potluck dinner, followed the Rosary, quiet prayer and ending with dessert and socializing. Registration is required by emailing Jennifer Nelson & Faith Rose at wellwithmysoul17@gmail.com. with your name, parish and email address. This group is open to those outside the parish as well. Bring your Rosary and a friend!

**PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARD** – I ask for your cooperation in returning the PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARD which was mailed to all parishioners. The commitment card was accompanied by a brochure which contained a message by me, information about our ministries and services, as well as a snapshot of our financial condition. Please complete the commitment card and place it in the offering basket at Sunday Mass or mail it to the parish office. I am always so grateful for your support which is a sign of your faith in Christ our Savior – God bless you ! – Father Zig

**DID YOU TAKE A RICE BOWL?** – There are still plenty of rice bowls located in the baskets at the church entrance. Every household should take a rice bowl and place it on their table as a reminder during Lent of the fasting and abstinence we should be undergoing during this holy season. The money we are saving by denying ourselves of the snacks, etc of what we are giving up should then be placed in the rice bowl. The rice bowls should be brought to church at Easter, not before. Lent concludes at Easter and therefore our alms should be practiced up to the Feast of our Lord's Holy Resurrection! (75% of the alms collected helps feed the poor internationally, 25% of the alms remains in the Diocese of Paterson for food distribution.)

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE** – The final celebration of the sacrament of penance will take place on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, March 28th at 7 o'clock in Saint Cecilia Church. Eight priests will be present to hear confessions for both adults and children. Please mark the date and plan to go to confession before the celebration of Easter.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – One of the features of the Lenten season is the praying of the Stations of the Cross which is done very Friday in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and Saint Cecilia Church. The Stations begin on Friday, February 16th. **Stations at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will take place every Friday evening during Lent at 7 o'clock. On March 2nd, due to First Friday devotions, Stations will begin at 6 o'clock.** Stations at Saint Cecilia Church will also take place every Friday evening during Lent but will begin at 7:30. On February 23 and March 16, due to Generations of Faith Programs, Stations will be cancelled but you are encouraged to go to Sacred Heart on these evenings. The Stations of the Cross are also prayed every Friday following the 8 o'clock morning Mass.

**TAIZE EVENING PRAYER:** Come and gather in candlelight for a peaceful, reflective evening of prayer and song on Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area at St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 154 Mt. Pleasant Avenue Rockaway Township. All are welcome.

**A Musical Afternoon With Our Sisters:** Join us for a very special concert on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson for Our Sisters in Concert. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Men's Society is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Beefsteak Dinner Dance Catered by Gireri's Catering Saturday, April 28th @ 7:00 pm in Hayes Hall More information will be appearing with an insert in a future bulletin. Any questions, please contact Ralph DiMarcantonio @ 856-952-5657. Hope to see you there!

**Morris Catholic St. Patrick's Day 5k Run:** Morris Catholic High School is holding its 7th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. at its Denville, NJ campus. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund \$25 registration fee up to March 9, 2017 and a \$30 registration fee after March 9 and day of race. For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K> or contact [MC5KRace@gmail.com](mailto:MC5KRace@gmail.com).

**Array of Hope "Awakening Hearts"** We are excited to announce the Array of Hope is coming to our deanery! Morris Catholic High School, Friday, April 13th, 2018 7:30pm! Array of Hope is a multimedia concert experience that features multiple musical acts, motivational speakers and thought-provoking film presentations which joyously provide a counterweight to the negative media surrounding today's society. It brings Christ's message of faith, hope and love to its audiences; it celebrates family life and the joy that comes from a relationship with God. Please join us in celebrating an appreciation of family. It will be a wonderful night that you won't want to miss. For tickets are being sold thru Eventbrite, go to <http://goo.gl/nXX25X> on the internet to purchase tickets. For more information contact Sue Drew [sdrew@morriscatholic.org](mailto:sdrew@morriscatholic.org)

**Please be advised that all the "Senior Events"** are open to everyone of every age from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishes!

**Tuesday, March 13**—Mohegan Sun Casino—Price \$25

**Tuesday, March 20**—St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Regular Meeting

11 am set up, 12-1 pm social hour, coffee & cake

1-2 pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

For more info call Lorraine at 973-366-6871

**Wednesday, April 18**—High Point Country Club Trip

Hot Breakfast—Bingo—Hot Lunch

Double Entertainment—Cost to follow

For more info call Carol at 973-537-5529

**St. Cecilia Seniors Adventure of The Seas:** Come join us on May 17, 2019 for an 8 night Bermuda & Bahamas cruise! For reservations and/or pricing on staterooms for 2, 3, or 4+ guests & special promotions call Royal Caribbean International at 1-800-465-3595. Reference Group #9517279. Itinerary: Cape Liberty, NJ. To: Kings Wharf, Bermuda—Nassau, Bahamas—Cococay, Bahamas—Deposit \$500 per stateroom—Final payment due: 2/16/19. We need 8 cabins booked by 3/19/18 or we lose \$50 per stateroom onboard credit. For More Information: Call Alice Koller @ 973-627-8558

**Next Monday Night Bible Study Topic** - The Book of Wisdom Do you want to know what wisdom is and what it isn't? Join the Monday Night Bible Study which will explore the Book of Wisdom. Drawing on the Wisdom Books of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach Ecclesiastes - we will examine Biblical Wisdom as it relates to daily life. Using the Ascension Press series, we will meet from 7:30PM - 9PM in Hayes Hall ( Church basement) from April 9 until June 7. (These dates could change due to study guide delivery) If interested please bring a \$25.00 Check to the Parish Office made out to St. Cecilia by March 29th. This fee is for the Study Guides. Please contact [savondollen@gmail.com](mailto:savondollen@gmail.com) if you have any more questions. Thank you!

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** - The Padre Pio Prayer Group's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 21st beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Parish Office.