

Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20

5:00 p.m. – Howard B. Pratt req. by the Rega & Curtis families

Sunday, February 21

8:30 a.m. – Frances Murphy req. by Sue Ellen Appleby & family

10:00 a.m. – John Gula req. by his daughter, Joanne

Monday, February 22

12:00 p.m. – Lucila V. Cardenas req. by Seven Seven Softwares

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 p.m. – James Skelly req. by Mary Kulawiec

Wednesday, February 24

12:00 p.m. – Kevin McGuire

Thursday, February 25

12:00 p.m. – Alice Scutari

Friday, February 26

8:00 a.m. – Jean Webber req. by Sue Ellen Appleby & family

7:00 p.m. – **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, February 27

5:00 p.m. – Ralph M. Andreotta req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. – Frances Murphy req. by the Maulbeck family

10:00 a.m. – Gabriel Del Busto req. by his wife, Onelia & daughter, Maria



Janet Sautter

Collection for February 13&14: \$2551.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 4975.17(January)
Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$531.00
Collection from last year: \$ 1442.00
Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$10,751.55

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, SSgt. Zhenya Killeen
Airman 1st Cl. Andrew Mistkowski,
1st Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force
1st Lt. Jessica L. Rotile Rudo
Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer,1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: M.J. Simon, Irene Schreiber, Rosemary Woodring, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Enid Osorno Patricia Martinelli, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Eugene Walsh, Arlene Berlin, Emil Fahrman, Jim Goliat, Robert Nielsen, Betty Dixon, Marge Vogel, Dan Koettters, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly,

John Skutka, William McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman.

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 Parish Office at 973-627-0422**

First Friday Communion Calls: A priest will be making "First Friday" visits to those who are homebound. These visits will be made by one of our priests who will distribute Holy Communion. He will also be available for the sacraments of penance and anointing of the sick. Please call the rectory at 972-627-0422 to register your name for this monthly visit by one of our priests.

Want to be more involved?

If you are wondering "how can I become more involved in my church community", we happen to be looking for a few good people!! If you would like more information on how to become a Lector, Minister of Communion or an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 ext: 15 or martmich1983@gmail.com

"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 to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from February 15 to March 14, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!
www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

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 it's 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.

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Minister of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
February 27 @ 5:00 pm	Jack Cunic	Marion Cunic	Liam Orr Anthony Gonzalez Christine Habib
February 28 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Kathy Caldwell	Richie Lazar Gabriel Nelson Lilian Brennan
February 28@10:00 am	Michele Shaffer	Claire Miller	Marc Winowski Victoria Ruiz Anyel Cruz Maggie Farrelly

ALL MINISTERS: Copies of the schedule are available in the sacristy. Any questions/concerns please contact the appropriate group leader.

My dear parishioners,

Today is the Lord's Day and the Second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel reading for this day tells the story of Our Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor before the Apostles Peter, James and John. As Jesus, accompanied by His disciples makes His way to Jerusalem, He is shown in glory with the Law-Giver, Moses and the Prophet Elijah. This theophany is meant to strengthen the faith of the Apostles prior to the upcoming Passion Christ was to endure.

Strength is something we can get by imitating others in adversity or by the encouraging words of others. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians doing both. In this Sunday's second lection we read: "Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us." Saint Paul encourages the Philippians to do what he and those closely associated with him are doing that is, living as "citizens of heaven." Yes, Paul and those who belong to Christ are living their lives in a somewhat of a different fashion than others. Their conduct reflects Christ in both word and deed.

The strength we need to conduct ourselves in a Christian fashion emanates from the Lenten disciplines of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMS-GIVING. We continually hear about these works during Lent because they are able to strengthen our spiritual life as we journey to the approaching days which commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Like Paul, I ENCOURAGE YOU to pray more fervently during these Lenten days. Do so as a family and please come to Stations of the Cross on Friday evening. I ENCOURAGE YOU to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent and abstain from something you can do without to strengthen your will. I ENCOURAGE YOU to take a Rice Bowl from the church and fill it each day with \$1 so that at the end of 40 days these alms can be used to bring relief to the poor and starving around the world through the efforts of Catholic Relief Service. I ENCOURAGE YOU because doing these things in a secular world is not easy and it will take your determination and commitment – BUT YOU CAN DO IT. And when you do it you join yourself to a great company "whose citizenship is in heaven." When things are not easy we all need encouragement via word and example. Parents are very effective in doing so for their children and I am delighted to see it especially in our spiritual life. The sacrament of penance is of great importance to us during Lent as we reflect upon our sins which brought the Lord Jesus to the Cross. Adults and children should go to confession during this sacred time so that our souls may be cleansed and our hearts made new! We do so every Monday evening from 7 to 8:30!!!

Happy Lent!

Father Zig

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY: REGISTRATION OPEN- Registration for Divine Mercy Academy for the 2016-2017 school year is now taking place. Divine Mercy Academy, Rockaway's New Catholic School, will offer an academically excellent, faith-based education to students in pre-k3 through eighth grade. Full -day and half day pre-k3 & 4 will be available as well as full-day kindergarten. We will also offer a before care program and an after school program. For more information or a registration packet, please call the rectory at 973-627-0422 or St. Cecilia Parish Office at 973-627-0313.

ALL MINISTERS: The FINAL March ministers schedule has been released. Copies are available in the sacristy. Please note, there are still servers needed for masses. If interested sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the sacristy. Any questions/concerns, notify the appropriate group leader.

The School's Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket Winners will be posted on the school's website weekly.

www.sacredheartnj.com - Drawings will be held Wednesday mornings in the school office beginning January 27th and end on April 27th!

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal: If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of the church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. May God bless you for your support!

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping **to restore the Church and build the future**. Please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHESES

Each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) a luncheon is held at the First Presbyterian Church beginning at 12 Noon followed by a Lenten reflection offered by one of the clergy of the participating churches. The theme for this year is "God's Name is Mercy."

The following schedule has been set:

- February 26 – Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
- Mar. 4 – Saint Simon the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
- Mar. 11 – Teabo United Methodist Church
- March 18 – Saint Cecilia Roman Catholic Church.

All are welcome to attend,

An offering for the lunch is appreciated.

Join us as we continue with our parish 'CD of the Month' program. For the month of February all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to "Freedom through Forgiveness" by Ken Yasinski. This audio CD is a great talk by a world class speaker. Ken Yasinski does an amazing job of explaining the deepest mysteries of our faith in a way that all people can understand and relate to. This is a simple opportunity to listen, learn, and share our faith together as a community. On Thursday, February 25th, in Hayes Hall, 'Formation Night' will be dedicated to a discussion and sharing on this CD. All people are welcome to attend. CDs are available by contacting the rectory at 973-627-0422. CDs are \$3 each.

Birthright, located in Hope House, Dover, is looking for volunteers. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 973-361-6665 to speak with one of our volunteers. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: THE PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD SUNDAY JUNE 5 AT FIREMAN'S FIELD. Plans include a mass at the field starting around noon. Details will be announced as the date gets closer. If you are interested in helping please call the parish office.

CALLING ALL ADULTS...Come and join us for an evening full of Food, Fellowship and Faith! Sacred Heart's Dogmatic Pot Luck Dinners held in Suchon Hall have been created in response to our inner desire to know, to love and serve the Lord. Each month, we will come together to share our faith and a good meal. Feel free to attend with or without an addition to our "pot-luck" meal and walk away with a full belly and a refreshed mind. Each dinner will be held the Tuesday after Hospitality. The next dinner will be held on February 23rd. We look forward to seeing you there.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT -- HUNGERING TO GIVE BACK: This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit: crsricebowl.org for more.