

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 19, 2017**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 18**

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

**Sunday, March 19**

8:30 a.m. – Patricia Martinelli req. by Maulbeck family

10:00 a.m. – June Accatino req. by Carol Mc Mahon

**Monday, March 20**

12:00 p.m. – Michael McCormick Jr. req. by Annie Stefanik

**Tuesday, March 21**

12:00 p.m. – Lenore Jones

**Wednesday, March 22**

12:00 p.m. – Sharleen Maka

**Thursday, March 23**

12:00 p.m. – Olumbe J. Bryan req. by the Maulbeck family

**Friday, March 24**

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

**7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 25**

5:00 p.m. – John Vincent Maulbeck req. by Maulbeck family

**Sunday, March 26**

8:30 a.m. – Helen & Charles Vasey req. by Ethel Gorman, daughter

10:00 a.m. – Steven Accatino req. by Carol Mc Mahon



Pam Miller  
 Requested by: family

**Collection for March 11&12: \$3261.00**

**Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$1652.69 (February)**

**Collection from last year: \$ 2818.00**

**Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,638.80**

**Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)**

**Net: \$1511.45**

**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](http://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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force, Captain Jessica L. Ratile 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, Jackie Hendershot, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara.

.For **St. Cecilia Cemetery** information, please email Diane Boykow at [StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com](mailto:StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com)

**BISHOP COMING TO ROCKAWAY** – His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be in Rockaway on Sunday, March 26th to make a pastoral visit to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church where he will celebrate the 10 o'clock morning Mass. The Bishop will come to Saint Cecilia Church on Monday evening, April 3rd to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and celebrate the Holy Mass beginning at 7:30. We welcome and look forward to the Bishop's visit!

**OUR CHILDREN** – Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the restrooms in the parish hall. We want to make sure that our children return to Mass promptly and safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Food Drive:** The weekend of March 18th and 19th is our monthly food drive for the Rockaway Food Pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, etc. Last month we had a wonderful donation to the pantry. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE CORRECTION** – A penance service will be held during Holy Week on Tuesday evening, April 11 at 7 o'clock. The service will take place in Saint Cecilia Church and is the final time when the sacrament will be celebrated for parishioners of both Saint Cecilia and Sacred Heart prior to Easter. Please note that the Holy Week schedule which was sent out with the Sunday offering envelopes lists Wednesday as the penance service, which is INCORRECT!

**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 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.

**Save the Date:** Saint Cecilia Men's Society is having a Beefsteak Dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Haynes Hall to benefit the Saint Cecilia's Food Pantry.

My dear parishioners,

Today we mark the Third Sunday of Lent as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. The symbol of water takes a prominent place in the Scriptural texts which are presented to us for our reflection. In the Gospel the Samaritan Woman meets Christ the Savior at the well in Nablus where He offers her "water welling up to eternal life." As their dialogue continues she becomes amazed at what the Lord says and she sets out to share the news of what has been told her. Her testimony inspires others to meet the Lord Jesus and so they go forth to quench their spiritual thirst. In Church Tradition the Samaritan Woman is named PHOTIA, which means light. She is the evangelist who brings others to Christ by the power of her testimony. She had introduced her neighbors to Christ who now tell her, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Witnessing to our faith is a powerful evangelical tool. Speaking about faith to others at home and in the marketplace is what we are called to do. Today's secular culture tells us that this witness is acceptable in the privacy of one's home, but not in the marketplace. Not only is this a human rights violations but above all it is a violation of the Lord's command to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Mat.28:19)

We have a variety of opportunities to be like Saint Photia and lead others to Christ. Our invitation to come along with us to Mass, Bible study, faith formation gatherings and more are the "Wells" where we can meet Christ and come to faith. From these places we go forth witnessing and inviting others to meet Christ the Lord.

Today we are selling tickets to really wonderful Catholic experience called REBOOT. This event will take place on Friday evening, April 21st at Saint Theresa School Auditorium in Succasunna running from 7 to 9:30. You will be inspired by the witness of evangelist Christ Stefanik and entertained by contemporary Christian music. This will be a wonderful evening of inspiration. Definitely this is something you do not want to miss and definitely this is something to which you should invite a friend, especially one who needs faith to be rebooted!

God Bless you!

Father Zig

#### BIBLE REFLECTION

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - JN 4:5-42

-Jesus meets with the Samaritan Woman-

"...“Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?...”

#### REFLECTION

- Living water is not the only image or symbol Jesus uses to reveal who he is and the eternal life he came to bring us; he refers to himself as the bread of life, the light of the world, the good shepherd, the lamb of God, the vine of which we are the branches, the resurrection and the life, just to name a few of the other images Jesus uses. The important message we get from today's Gospel is that the more we engage with Jesus in reflection and prayer, even in spite of distractions, the more he seeks to lead us into a deeper relationship with himself and with the Father.

- Today's Gospel invites us to dream about the possibility of a world where opportunity and hope replace the bondage of fear and despair. God really does not want us to live a life of quiet desperation. Jesus has come to reveal the Father's love and the Spirit is ready to convince us of that fact.

-The Meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman is a Dialogue that brings new life-

#### QUESTION

What am I spiritually thirsting for? Acceptance? Wisdom? Forgiveness? Something else?

#### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you offered the Samaritan woman a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Give to us that same living water so that we might live in God's presence forever. AMEN

**Thank you to all parishioners** who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

**“Welcome Home”:** 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 March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org)

**LENTEN LUNCHESES**—The Rockaway Ecumenical Clergy Association will once again sponsor a Lenten Luncheon for seniors every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. The Lunch begins at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church located on church Street. Following lunch a brief prayer service and reflection will be given by a designated clergy person from the Catholic and Protestant Congregations serving Rockaway.

**ENCOUNTER LENT –** We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**You are invited to join the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign from March 1st – April 9th,** to peacefully pray for the end of abortion - the leading cause of death in the world - outside the Planned Parenthood in Morristown, a facility that performs over 1,000 abortions each year. Just as Jesus said to his disciples: “Rise, and do not be afraid”, so He calls us to “rise and fear not” in fasting and praying to transform our culture into one that is open to life. Please join us, and those in over 340 cities around the world, to send a powerful message and to pray for the babies and their mothers and fathers, for those who need post-abortive healing, and for those who work at Planned Parenthood. Please register for a time slot at [40DaysforLife.com](http://40DaysforLife.com) and select the Morristown vigil.

**Join us for DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY’S First Annual Golf Outing:** Monday, May 22nd 2017, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club \$110 per Golfer/\$400 per Foursome\* Includes greens fees, cart, buffet dinner, beer and soda pitchers. 1:00 PM Check-in. Immediately following golf is a buffet dinner. For more info, call Patrick Rudolph at 973-440-0748, or email [prudolph817@gmail.com](mailto:prudolph817@gmail.com) \*If purchased by April 12th. \$120/golfer after.

**Our 8th graders read to their Pre-K 3 "buddies" in honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America**

