

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25- Second Sunday of Lent

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

8:30 a.m. – William Weber req. by Dr. & Mrs. Maffei

10:00 a.m. – Patricia Campbell req. by Sacred Heart Choir

Monday, February 26-Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Eileen Mc Ginchey Duggan req. by Sacred Heart Women's Society

Tuesday, February 27-Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Mary Stewart

Wednesday, February 28- Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Cindy Meudt

Thursday, March 1- Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Jim Butts

Friday, March 2- Lenten Weekday

No Noon Mass

6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

7:00 p.m. – Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Holy Mass

Sunday, March 3- Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. – Rachel D'Anton req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

8:30 a.m. – Mary Jane Heller req. by Mary Lou Kelly & family

10:00 a.m. – Gabriel Del Busto req. by Onelia & Maria


Mary Stewart

Collection for February 17&18: \$2775.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2456.09 (January)
Collection from last year: \$3430.00

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. Rotide 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.

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

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY – 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 online giving.

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: Second Sunday of Lent

For Cesia, who we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and young people in Nicaragua struggling to find meaningful work, that their God-given gifts be used for the common good. We pray to the Lord..... For those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities. We pray to the Lord.....

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,

As we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day we come to the Second Sunday of Lent. In the Sacred Scriptures which are presented to us for our reflection we find in them the witness of love and its strength. In the Old Testament reading from the Book of Genesis we hear the story of the testing of Abraham and of his willingness to sacrifice his only son Isaac in obedience to God. In the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus we hear the words of God the Father, "This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him." In the epistle reading from the Apostle Paul's correspondence to the Romans we read, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all..." All the Scripture readings for this Sunday make reference to the love between father and son, God the Father and His Son Jesus, Abraham and his son Isaac. This love manifests itself in sacrifice and sacrifice is that which we focus on in a very special way during this season of holy Lent. The "sacrifice of Isaac" in the Book of Genesis is a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Good parents know what it means to sacrifice for their children. It takes selflessness and strength motivated by love to act for the benefit of a child while putting your own desires to the side. Love propels parents to action disregarding their own wants so that their child will be healthy, safe, strong, and live an honorable life. Parents need to be always on top of their children's activities, friends, studies AND religious formation. Parents have to sacrifice much in order to oversee all this and more.

As Father of this parish family I too have responsibilities. One of the responsibilities which Bishop Serratelli recently reminded pastors of is that of accountability for knowing one's faith prior to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. To make this point the Bishop sent to all pastors a number of catechetical questions and answers that all confirmation candidates must know before confirmation. During the second week of March Father Pawel and Father Cerilo will be joining me in meeting individually with each confirmation candidate and their parents for 15 minutes to discuss the faith and their child's readiness to receive this sacrament. It will take some time but we have made a schedule in which we should be able to meet with all 50 candidates within the week. I am looking forward to this opportunity to become better acquainted with our kids and their parents. We will be doing the same at Sacred Heart Church in the fall prior to confirmation there in December.

I am so proud of our parents who model good Christian behavior for their children regarding prayer, conduct in church, keeping our Lenten practices and so much more!

Sacrifice springs from love; parents for their children, priests for their parishioners!

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.

LENTEN RETREAT – A Lenten morning of reflection will take place on Saturday, March 3rd at the Saint Francis Center in Denville. The registration fee is \$25 and reservations can be made by calling the Saint Cecilia Parish office (973.627.0313) no later than March 1st. Arrival is at 8:30 a.m., breakfast at 9 a.m. The event concludes at Noon with the celebration of the Holy Mass. What a wonderful way to begin the holy season of Lent!

SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA – The novena for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph will take place at Saint Cecilia Church following the 8 o'clock Holy Mass beginning on Sunday, March 11th. The novena concludes on Monday, March 19th. Following the 8 o'clock Holy Mass the traditional Saint Joseph Table will be blessed in Hayes Hall. Coffee and St. Joseph pastry will be served.

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!

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.

LENTEN LUNCHESES – The annual Lenten Lunches sponsored by the churches of Rockaway will commence on Friday, February 16. The weekly event takes place at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall and begins promptly at 12 Noon. The program consists of a light lunch (donation is expected) followed by a short prayer service conducted by a different clergyperson each week. You are invited to attend this ecumenical event which has been very successful over the years!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – One of the features of the Lenten season is the praying of the Stations of the Cross which is done every 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.

Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. May 15th & 16th 2018: We will visit Franciscan Monastery, National Geographic Museum, Museum of the Bible, St. John Paul II National Shrine Price: \$300.00(Includes bus, hotel, tours, meals)Deposit: \$100 due by March 1, 2018Checks payable to: St. Monica Guild/St. Cecilia Church(Final payment due April 16th, 2018 For more info: Pat Zayac @ 973-625-4572

St. Cecilia's LIFE Runners Morristown Pro-Life 5K: Sunday March 4, 2018 In Solidarity with A+Cross America Relay for Life this Lent. Run walk or Jog, All Age Groups for the Protection and Sanctity of Human Life from the Moment of Conception until Natural Death. **Where:** Assumption Church 91 Maple Ave. Morristown, NJ. Please register and order your LIFE Runners T-Shirt at www.liferunners.org as part of NJ-St-Cecilia Chapter. 5K is a Fundraiser for The Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry. Contact: (973) 664-9460; jaidanbyrne@optonline.net

THE FINAL MARCH SCHEDULE has been released. Copies are available in the sacristy. There is still servers needed for Easter week masses.....If you wish to serve, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the sacristy. ALSO: I have placed a copy on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church for you to check as you enter for mass. Thanks, Jack

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!