

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 4, 2018**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 4— 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

**Monday, March 5-Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – John Ryzner

**Tuesday, March 6-Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Lucy Terrone req. by Anne Reilly & Kathy Losche

**Wednesday, March 7- Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Timothy Dwyer req. by Cindy Gosden

**Thursday, March 8- Lenten Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Hopler req. by Karen Profit

**Friday, March 9- 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 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 Andreotta  
10:00 a.m. –Thomas A. Morgan req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton  
11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass



Helen & Charles Vasey  
Requested by: Tom & Nancy Gorman

Collection for February 24&25:\$3479.00  
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2456.09 (January)  
Collection from last year: \$2573.00

**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.

**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:** Third Sunday of Lent For Safiata, who we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all farmers near and far, that they find abundant harvests to feed their families, their communities and the world. We pray to the Lord.....

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

**Tuesday, March 6—Regular Meeting**  
11 am set up, 12-1 pm social hour, coffee & cake  
1-2 pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

**Tuesday, March 20—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

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we mark the Third Sunday of Lent as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. The Gospel reading tells us of the Lord Jesus coming into the Temple in Jerusalem. What He finds is disturbing to Him for it is not a place of prayer but rather a place where corruption and sin are found. After turning over the tables of the impious He reminds all that the Temple is a house of prayer dedicated to God.

The House of God is indeed a holy place which can become quickly profaned by the actions of unbelievers. As Catholics we too hold to the belief that the church is the House of God and as such deserves respect and honor. The church is where prayers are offered, the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed, the sacraments celebrated and the Divine Liturgy conducted which unites heaven and earth. It is in this house that the Lord's true presence is to be found in the Eucharist which is reserved in the tabernacle. For this reason we believe that God is present in the church building and because of that we enter into His presence with devotion and respect.

As your pastor I am continually reminding people, primarily non parishioners, of the sanctity of this house. The challenge is especially present when weddings and funerals are conducted which bring some people who have no faith into the Lord's House. Reminding people to refrain from loud talking, playing with cell phones, bringing beverages and snacks and much more becomes an almost daily routine for me. Because of a lack of faith inappropriate conduct is not only a sin against God but a major distraction for people of faith who come to worship in the Lord's House. Our secular culture, which is doing a successful job of removing God from our lives, is the cause for such disrespect.

It's so important for parents to form their children in the reverential ways in which we conduct ourselves in church. The children are our future and it is up to us to pass on to them the ways in which we have been instructed by our parents. I am sure that for many of you your parents were like mine when I was growing up. My parents prayed, sang, responded, knelt, genuflected and were attentive in church. They passed that down to me and my brothers. I am sure it was the same for you.

When we are in church we are in the House of God. Others are around us trying to pray, reflect and recollect themselves before and after the Holy Mass. Helping to maintain the Lord's House as a house of prayer is the task of all of us ("Zeal for your house will consume me."). When people showed disrespect for God's House it drew the ANGER of Jesus. Let's not anger Him but worship Him with prayer and devotion!

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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 every Friday in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and Saint Cecilia Church. The Stations begin on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. **Stations at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will take place every Friday evening during Lent at 7 o'clock. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Sacred Heart Partners in Faith Goal:** \$205,000.00

Received as of December 31, 2017: \$162,380.88

25% received up to parish goal: \$40,595.22

60% over-goal received: -0-

TOTAL parish share amount as of 12/31/2017: \$40,595.22

Less parish share received 12/31/16: \$8,510.22

Less parish share received 12/31/15: \$9,273.00

Less parish share received 12/31/14: \$9,913.50

Less parish share received 12/31/13: \$6,919.75

Balance due & enclosed \$5,978.75

**Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 For more info: Pat Zayac @ 973-625-4572

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Men's Society is sponsoring its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beefsteak Dinner Dance Catered by Gireri's Catering Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 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!

