

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 19-Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 p.m. – June Accatino req. by Carol McMahon

Tuesday, March 20-Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Harry & Cass Buchanan req. by Chop family

Wednesday, March 21- Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Betty Kankowski req. by Donna Lucas

Thursday, March 22- Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Michael McCormick Jr.

Friday, March 23- 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 25- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri

8:30 a.m. –Bill Lenahan req. by his wife, Eleanor

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

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: Fifth Sunday of Lent

For Alefa and her family in Malawi, who we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, that the seeds she plants today may also sprout hope and grow opportunity. 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!



Collection for March 10&11: \$2759.50
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2335.10 (February)
Collection from last year: \$2818.00

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. Rotile Rudo, Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer,1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Irene Schreiber, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudele, 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.

My dear parishioners,

Today we observe the Fifth Sunday of Lent as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. As you notice, the images and crosses in the church are veiled in purple as we enter into the final days of Lent. According to the Third Edition of the Roman Missal we find, "In the dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." This practice may not be done in all Catholic parishes because the practice is optional. The covering of images in the church is centuries old and conveys the sorrow of the Lord's upcoming Passion.

Sorrow for the suffering the Lord experienced is the theme in today's epistle reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. This suffering Jesus endured out of obedience to God the Father. Jesus embraced His suffering knowing that it would bring about redemption and salvation for all who hope in Him. Love gave Him the strength to go through the horror of the cross, a love which is genuine.

As we focus on the Passion of Christ it gives us pause to look within ourselves to see if our love for Christ is genuine and if we are obedient in suffering as was the Lord. So Many times we show that we are unwilling to sacrifice for our faith. We look for the easy way out, avoid any commitment, and remain indifferent to the demands of discipleship. Unlike Christ, obedience is something so many of us lack in our spiritual life. The only thing we want to be obedient to is our own selfishness and our own desires.

The concluding days of this holy season of Lent summon us to reconsider our reluctance for obedience to God. Our obedience is a sign of love. With love comes sacrifice, it's unavoidable but it makes love genuine. Once again, I am inviting **YOU** to join with me in keeping these Lenten days by praying, fasting and giving alms. These acts require obedience, they are done with sacrifice and they are the fruits of genuine love. Next week we commemorate Holy Week, the most solemn week of the year. Our attendance at the liturgies commemorating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be made possible because of love. Your love for Christ will be shown in your presence at church. Will you be obedient to Christ or to the dark forces which exist in the world?

God bless You!

Father Zig

YOU ARE INVITED—Bishop Seratelli invites you to join with him and the priests of the diocese for the annual Chrism Mass on Monday, March 26th @ 7:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Free parking in the indoor garage adjacent to the Cathedral. For more information contact Fr. Zig. We need parishioners from St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart to represent Rockaway at this event.

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.

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.

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 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.

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!

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

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

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

Tuesday, April 3—Regular Meeting

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

1-2 pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

Tuesday, April 10—Sands Casino- Price: \$25

For more info-- Casino trip call Lorraine @ 973-366-6871

Wednesday, April 18– Day Trip to High Point Banquet & Event Center

Day includes hot breakfast, hot lunch, 2 shows, bingo and more—Members: \$60/ Non-Members: \$65

For more info on High Point Trip call Carol 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 if you have any more questions. Thank you!

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Signs, Dreams, and Coping"

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.