

The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 24– The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. – Dorothy Nielsen req. by Pat & Jack Zayac
 8:30 a.m. – Frank Wasko req. by the Maulbeck family
 10:00 a.m. – Theodore Kutasinski, 2nd Anniversary, req. by family

Monday, May 25- Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

10:30 a.m. – In memory of the men in women in military, who served our country

Tuesday, May 26 – Saint Philip Neri, Priest

12:00 p.m. – For the intention of protection for all our essential workers

Wednesday, May 27 – Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

12:00 p.m. – Maria Isabel Macapagal req. by Elmer Maximo

Thursday, May 28- Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Renato Causapin req. by Arnold & Vienne Alday

Friday, May 29–Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Jose Palma Miral req. by Elmer Maximo

Sunday, May 31- Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Josephine Bugar req. by Barbara Martin

8:30 a.m. – James Boyle req. by the Royek family

10:00 a.m. – Tom Gorman req. by his wife, Nancy

Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Robert Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary & Pat Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney Anne Riordan, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica Gorman, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray, Carlos Carbajal, Miguel Fojas, Mary Merz, Joe Maulbeck, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Robyne LaGrotta, MaryAnn Eleuteri, Andrea Najduch,

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

Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. We offer full-day Kindergarten; full & half day Pre-K; before-care & after-care; STEM-based education; School Counselor; foreign language; music & art programs; extracurricular activities; and are Advanced ED accredited. Our mission is to provide an academically excellent Catholic education, and to instill within our students the virtues of mercy and compassion, forming them as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is open.

CHURCH CLOSED – Bishop Serratelli has closed all churches and chapels in the Diocese of Paterson, until further notice, as a result of the spread of COVID- 19.

THANK YOU – My sincere thanks to those who continue to remember the financial needs of our parish. Your regular and generous Sunday offerings are all we have to pay the bills. Your offerings may be mailed to 63 East Main Street, Rockaway NJ 07866 or put them through the mail slot on the rectory door. Fr. Pawel

ELECTRONIC GIVING – During this critical time I ask that you consider making your Sunday offerings electronically. You can go to our parish website and click on to the information regarding this option for your offertory contribution. Should you have any questions please call Janet at 973-627-0313 Monday –Friday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The Rectory: While our parish office is temporarily closed you can still reach us by leaving a message on the answering machine: 973-627-0422 or US mail to: 63 E. Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866 or email:
 Fr. Pawel: frpawelbala@gmail.com
 Lisa (Office): shrectory@gmail.com
 Janet: clergyal@aol.com

Corpus Christi Food Collection for the Poor: Please check our website www.sacredheartrockaway.org for all the information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Nicholas DelCore, Air Force Captain Jessica L. Robile-Rudo,
 Kenneth Rudo: Warrant Officer 1, Justin D. Gosden PVT 2
 Nick Lisa PFC, USMC

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Irene Schreiber,

Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla,



**Our Condolences to the Family of James Cesario
 Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord**



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, the return of Jesus to his Father in heaven. The Ascension is not just about Jesus' physical absence in the world, but about a different kind of presence. Our experience of Jesus today is not like that of the disciples who saw Jesus, touched him and ate with him. Our experience of the Risen Lord is like that of the billions of people since then who have not seen with their eyes but have real contact with Jesus through faith, the sacraments, prayer and the life of the Church. That is why Jesus gives the great commission to spread the Gospel. People will now encounter Jesus through the life of the Church. He will be with us with the same redeeming power and love as he was with the apostles but in a different way.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus refers to the power given to him by his Father and which he now communicates to his disciples of all times which includes us as well. We are to make all people his disciples by means of baptism and instruction in his ways. Now these words of Jesus, because they are his last parting words, are somewhat like his last will and testament. We are to go, whether it is to a next door neighbor or to another country, and make disciples. It is not an option but a command to all who call Jesus their Lord.

Father Pawel

Prayer for the Bishop Elect: Good and gracious God, we stand on the threshold of a new time for our diocese. As we cross that threshold in thankfulness, we ask you to pour out an abundance of grace on our Bishop-elect Kevin Sweeney that he may faithfully assume his ministry among us and that together, with him, we may work for the building up of our local church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Catholic Cemeteries in the Paterson Diocese will be open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Sunday, May 10, and remain open for visitation every Sunday thereafter. Beginning on Monday, May 11th, visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, allowing the public to visit the cemeteries after all interments are completed. This is to allow cemetery staffs the time to handle internments earlier in the day. Those who visit the graves of their loved ones must observe the requirements of social distancing and maintain a group of no more than 10 persons. These changes will remain in effect at each cemetery as long as health and safety regulations are observed."

BEWARE OF SCAMS – Be on the alert of scams which say they are from me. THEY ARE NOT!!! Please call me at the rectory (973-627-0422) if you have doubt about a text, email, etc, which is supposedly from me asking for money, gift cards, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!! – Fr. Pawel

BEWARE OF HACKING: Unfortunately evil is always at work and so I share with you a matter that has recently been brought to the attention of churches live streaming liturgical services. There have been reports of hackers breaking into live streaming services and interrupting with obscene language and images. Please know that we are doing everything possible to maintain the integrity of our parish broadcasts. Parents should stay vigilant. May St. Michael the Archangel protect us from this evil. – Fr. Pawel

Clothing Bins Reopened: The clothing bins in St. Cecilia Church parking lot that support the work of Catholic Charities have been reopened Your support is appreciated!

Need Help with Grocery Shopping? Knights of Columbus offered their help with getting food for our parishioners. People who need help with grocery shopping can contact Dennis Corbisiero at 973-945-9467.