

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 5, 2017**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 4**

5:00 p.m. – Simon Shucavage req. by Irene Shucavage

**Sunday, March 5**

8:30 a.m. – Dorothy Hado req. by Martinelli family

10:00 a.m. – Ralph M. Andreotta req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

**Monday, March 6**

12:00 p.m. – Anthony Peplowski req. by Father Zig

**Tuesday, March 7**

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

**Wednesday, March 8**

12:00 p.m. – Cindy Meudt req. by Jeff, Jeffrey, & Danny

**Thursday, March 9**

12:00 p.m. – John Miller req. by Arlene Pratt

**Friday, March 10**

12:00 p.m. – Michael F. McCormick Jr.

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 11**

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

**Sunday, March 12**

8:30 a.m. – Thomas A. Morgan & Rachel D'Anton req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

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

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass



Michael F. McCormick Jr.

**Collection for February 25 & 26: \$2573.00**

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

**Collection from last year: \$ 2838.00**

**Saints Cyril & Methodius Collection: \$428.00**

**Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$24,527.80**

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

**Net: \$1400.45**

**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, 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 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.

**Partners in Faith:** Sacred Heart Parish Goal: \$205,000.000. TOTAL parish share amount as of December 31, 2016 \$34,616.47. Sacred Heart share amount received \$ 8,510.22.

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

**Pilgrimage to Baltimore & Seton Shrine**

MAY 16 & 17, 2017

Sponsored by: The St. Monica Guild

More Info? Call Pat Zayac 973-625-4572

**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 fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days, so we are called to fast and pray 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.

**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.

**Increased Offertory Program:** This week you will receive a brochure detailing the Increased Offertory Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on our parish offertory. Commitment Sunday for this Program is March 11 and 12. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the parish's needs and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Increased Offertory Program please feel free to contact the parish office.

My dear parishioners,

On this first day of the week, the Lord's Day, we observe the First Sunday of the Holy Season of Lent. We commence our Lenten journey by hearing the Gospel account of the Lord Jesus being tempted by the devil as he fasted and prayed in the desert following His baptism in the Jordan. This was the Lord's retreat which prepared Him to begin His public ministry for the salvation of the world.

This afternoon we will be sending off catechumens to the Rite of Election which will take place at Saint Philip the Apostle Church in Clifton. His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli will enroll their names in the Book of the Elect which will formally accept them for the sacraments of initiation at the Vigil during the Great and Holy Night of Easter, Saturday, April 15th. We have catechumens from both Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and Saint Cecilia Parish which is a great blessing for Rockaway. During the Sundays of Lent we will have the opportunity to join with the catechumens and candidates for the various rites which will be performed over them as they make their way to Easter, the Lord's Passover.

As we journey with our brothers and sisters "for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter," we are reminded of the Lenten call to conversion and renewal. This week you will be receiving in the mail information regarding the INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM which is being launched in our parish and throughout the parishes of the Diocese of Paterson. I ask that you take the time to read the brochure regarding our parish and the important points which are addressed. You will also find a COMMITMENT CARD which I ask that you bring with you to church next Sunday. Please review the card, fill it out, but before you do that, stop and say a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for guidance as to what your offertory gift should be for the glory of God and the support of His Church. I will briefly speak about the commitment card at all Masses next Sunday so that everyone in the parish may be able to participate in this invitation to review our offerings. We do so mindful of the blessings which God has given us and acknowledge that everything belongs to God, for we are only the managers of His blessings.

Your faith and the love which you have for Christ and His Church always inspire me! I know that the renewal of our offertory commitment will assure that our parish will continue to excel in witnessing to the Gospel of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Happy Lent!

Father Zig

### **BIBLE REFLECTION**

Mt 4, 1-11

1st Sunday of Lent

"...One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God..."

"...You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test..."

"...Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve..."

#### **REFLECTION**

- Jesus was tempted. Temptation of the bread, temptation of prestige, temptation of power.

- Temptation never succeeded in deviating Jesus from his mission.

- The tempter or Satan is whatever makes us deviate from God's plan. Peter was Satan for Jesus (Mt 16,23). (Peter tried to take him away from the cross: "Lord, this will never happen!" (Mt 16,22). And he heard the reply, "Get behind me, Satan!" (Mk 8,33).

- Jesus defines his mission with these words, "The Son of man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life for the redemption of many!" (Mt 20,28; Mk 10,45).

**SOME QUESTIONS** – to help us meditate and pray.

1. What does the word temptation suggest to us today? How does it affect me in my daily life?

2. The tempter or Satan is he or she or that which takes me away from or makes me deviate from God's path. It may be that I have already been Satan for someone, just like Peter was for Jesus.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord Jesus in the desert you faced the ancient enemy of the human race and showed your power over him. By your grace, help us to face temptation without giving way to it. AMEN!

**Bereavement Support Group Series:** St. Cecilia's Bereavement Support Ministry invites those, who have suffered a loss and who are grieving, to a journey towards healing. A series of six weekly sessions will begin on Wednesday evening, March 8th, 2017 from 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, at the Parish Office, 90 Church Street (the brick building to the left of St. Cecilia Church). This group is led by a trained facilitator certified by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and the Family Life Office of the

Archdiocese of Newark. We pray that in this informative environment, you will find understanding, suggestions for coping, practical help, people who care, and friendship. Please contact the Parish Office at St. Cecilia's @ 973-627-0313 x10 for additional information and to register. Advanced registration is required at your earliest convenience, but no later than March 3rd. There is no charge for this series. Confidentiality will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

**"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)

**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.

**LENTEN LUNCHES**—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 the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA** – The annual novena to Saint Joseph will begin on Sunday, March 12th following the 8 o'clock morning Mass in Saint Cecilia Church. The novena will begin at the conclusion of the 8 o'clock Mass each day and will conclude on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph which will be observed this year on Monday, March 20th. A Saint Joseph Table will be blessed in Hayes Hall on Monday following Mass. A brief program will also take place to which all are invited to attend.

**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 & 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 4th grade** had a visit from Kristina Espinelli, a Civil Engineer who is working on the NYC subway renovations. She spoke to the students about engineering, and careers in engineering. The students were challenged to design a building out of straws, tape and play dough that would withstand her earthquake shake board!

