

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27

5:00 p.m. – Adam & Carolyn Bugar req. by Barbara Martin

Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m. – Reider Patrick Width req. by the Nelson family

10:00 a.m. – Ronnie Abrams req. by Dave & Claire Miller

Monday, May 29

8:00 a.m. – In memory of the men & women who served our country

Tuesday, May 30

12:00 p.m. – Joseph Bakos

Wednesday, May 31

12:00 p.m. – Howard Pratt

Thursday, June 1

12:00 p.m. – Daniel Koettters, First Anniversary, req. by the Maulbeck family

Friday, June 2

NO NOON MASS

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

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

Saturday, June 3

5:00 p.m. – Walter Zarcufsky req. by Irene Shucavage

Sunday, June 4

8:30 a.m. – Joseph Tironi req. by the Maulbeck family

10:00 a.m. – Michael & Mae D'Anton req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton



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Collection for May 20&21: \$2995.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2185.32 (April)

Collection from last year: \$3096.00

Church Repairs: \$916.00

Ongoing Renovation: Funds Collected \$25,065.80

Total Cost: (\$23,127.35)

Net: \$1938.45

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 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, 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, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray, Louise Kelly.

.For St. Cecilia Cemetery information, please email Diane Boykow at StCeciliaCemetery@gmail.com

PARISH POLICY-PLEASE NOTE: All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration as a parish member has many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. **Please contact the Rectory at 973-627-0422**

CERTIFICATE OF ELEGIBILITY – 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 Parish Pay.

Congratulations to the following children who received their First Holy Communion here at Sacred Heart on May 7, 2017: Jayden Ciullo, Giovanni Ciullo, Kimberly Hurrell, Brady Moore, and Eliana Thompson.

Last week, history came to life in DMA! The third grade students transformed themselves into living wax statues and transformed our All Purpose Room into a museum for their parents, siblings, and Grandfriends. A Wax Museum is a lengthy project process in which the children research and present biographies about a notable person in a fun, rigorous, interactive, and engaging way.

Banns of Marriage: Adam Olivo & Andrea Cordeiro will be married June 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

PARISH PICNIC - The Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia parish picnic will be held June 4 at Firemen's Field on Beach Street starting with Mass at 12:15 PM. There will be food and fun for all including games for kids and 50/50. If you would like to help out please contact Jim Gallagher (973-366-969) or Jack Zayac (973-625-4572) for set up and clean up, kitchen help and other roles. See You There!

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis-Where are you going?" Where is the spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 29-29, 2017** at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, NJ. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera & Fr. Luis Hernandez at 973-777-8818 ext.711 or fredgar@patersondiocese.org.

My dear parishioners,

We assemble to celebrate the Lord's Day on this Seventh Sunday of Easter. With the passing of the 40th day and the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven this past Thursday, we now gather with the members of the Early Church in novena. In today's first lection from the Acts of the Apostles we read that the Apostles and the Disciples are joined by the Mother of God in the Upper Room PRAYING and AWAITING THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. They are obedient to what the Risen Christ instructed them to do. Gathered as a community of faith they fervently offer prayers and supplications so that the Easter promise of Jesus will come down upon them.

Praying and waiting are not always so easy for us. Instant gratification is what we are accustomed to these days. We want it now, no time for waiting and praying. The nine days (novena) from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday are days of intense prayer. We need to follow the example of the Early Church and use these days prior to Pentecost as a time of fervent prayer. We pray that God the Holy Spirit, who was sent to the Church on Pentecost and given to us sacramentally at Confirmation, may once again equip us for the work of the Gospel. We take up the work of the Gospel as Jesus' disciples knowing that He had commissioned us for such ministry prior to His Ascension, "...And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you." Our prayer must be constant so that we may have the strength to work in the world which comes through the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who makes us strong, enthusiastic, courageous and persistent in the work of the Gospel.

By virtue of their ordination, the priests are our servant-leaders who guide us in the works Christ calls all His people to perform. In last Sunday's PASTOR'S ARTICLE, I shared with you the news of the transfer of our two parochial vicars, Father Marcin and Father Mateusz, which are effective June 29, the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Today I would like to announce the assignment of Father Pawel Bala as one of the newly appointed parochial vicars to us here in Rockaway. His assignment also is effective on June 29th. I am also told that we will be receiving one of the newly ordained priests, but his identity has yet been revealed to me. I am told that his assignment will begin on August 1st, which leaves only Father Pawel and me on the job. Our priests are wonderful gifts to us and we pray that the Lord Jesus will continually shower them with His blessings so that they can serve us well.

Let us remember all those who have or will graduate from school in these days. May God the Holy Spirit enlighten and hearts and their minds to do the will of God who calls all of us to holiness.

God bless you!

Father Zig

BIBLE REFLECTION
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JN 17:1-11A

"...I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine..."

- Today's Gospel presents to us the third and last part of the Priestly Prayer, in which Jesus looks toward the future and manifests his great desire for unity among us, his disciples, and that all may remain in the love which unifies, because without love and without unity we do not deserve credibility.

- Jesus prays that the disciples who hear his prayer, and we who will come after, may be one and know that the Father sent him. Jesus is one with the Father. We are to be one with Jesus. Jesus shares the love the Father has for him with us so that when people see us, they see him.

- To be one with another does not mean being a mold or carbon copy of someone. Union invites us to model our lives after another in our own unique way by following their example.

- The unity in love revealed in the Trinity is the model for the communities. For this, through love among persons, the communities reveal to the world the most profound message of Jesus. People said of the first Christians: "Look how they love one another!"

DO YOUR DEEDS MODEL JESUS CHRIST?

PRAYER: Father, fill me with the same Spirit that you and Jesus share so that it is clear to all that he is the model and center of my life.

Summer Bible Camp: We are excited to announce the return of our Summer Bible Camp! Our theme this year is "Miracles of Jesus", and we are looking forward to sharing this great message with the children of our parishes. We hope that you will consider sending your child to this great experience. **Monday, June 26th - Wednesday, June 28th 4:00 - 6:00 pm** at Divine Mercy Academy. Please call the rectory for more information.

Registration for First Holy Communion classes is now open for children of our parish ages 7 to 8. Mrs. Lucy Rovegno will serve as the catechist. Classes will begin in October. Please call the rectory (973-627-0422) for registration and other information.

ATTENTION ALL INCOMING 9TH AND 10TH GRADE STUDENTS – Confirmation registration is underway for the next school year. Registration forms are available at the rectory, in the back of church, or by contacting Michele Shaffer (973) 625-9274. All candidates who would like to receive the sacrament must be registered by August 1. Second-year candidates must also register. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Shaffer.

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage this October. The trip takes place on October 21, 2017. It will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations. We ask parishioners of Sacred Heart & Saint Cecilia to call Pat Zayac @ 973-625-4572 for more information.

FAREWELL RECEPTION – With the announced transfer of both Father Marcin and Father Mateusz, a luncheon reception in their honor will take place on **Sunday, June 25th** in St. Cecilia, Hayes Hall immediately following the 12:15 pm Mass. This will be the final Sunday Mass which both priests will concelebrate in our church. We are asking all those who plan to attend the reception to call the parish office (973.627.0313) for reservations. We are making this request so that we may have an accurate count for food preparation. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND DON'T FORGET TO CALL FOR RESERVATIONS.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Our prayers and best wishes to both Father Marcin and Father Mateusz who are celebrating their anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood today, Sunday, May 28th. May the Lord bless our two priests with all the wonderful gifts which come from above!

SAINT CECILIA CEMETERY – I use this Memorial Day weekend to announce an addition to the Saint Cecilia Cemetery. A COLUMBARIUM is being constructed, off site, and will be delivered to the cemetery sometime in August. A “columbarium” is an above ground structure which houses the ashes of the departed in individual compartments. Our columbarium will have 80 compartments which will be topped by a statue of the Risen Christ. Around the structure will be the words the Lord Jesus spoke to Martha in Bethany at the grave of her brother Lazarus, “I am the Resurrection and the Life, he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.” (John 11:25) For those who choose cremation, the columbarium is the place (along with the ground) which the Catholic Church states is the proper place for the burial of the faithful departed's ashes. The columbarium will be placed on the left side of the cemetery as you enter through the main gate. One may purchase a burial niche as soon as the structure is in place and after it has been blessed. Information regarding the price for the burial spot will be announced in the coming weeks. For further information you may speak to me or the cemetery administrator, Mrs. Diane Boykow, by calling the parish office. – FATHER ZIG

CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be observed on Friday, June 23rd at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. The feast day begins with the celebration of the Holy Mass at 6:30 in the evening, followed by an outdoor procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament, and the singing of the Litany to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Following the church service a reception will take place in Suchon Hall along with a brief program. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND TO JOIN IN CELEBRATING THIS SPECIAL FEAST!

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

“If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.”

