

**First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018**

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 18- First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. – Thomas A. Morgan req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton

8:30 a.m. – Mike Stefanik req. by his wife, Ann

10:00 a.m. – Teofilo Valerio req. by the Ruiz family

Monday, February 19-Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Socoro A. Penosa req. by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishioners

Tuesday, February 20-Lenten Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Sam Niniviggi

Wednesday, February 21- Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

12:00 p.m. – Ronnie Abrams

Thursday, February 22- The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

12:00 p.m. – Helen Banta

Friday, February 23- Saint Polycap, Bishop & Martyr

12:00 p.m. –Joseph Tillyer & Kenneth Hanson req. by Barbara Tillyer

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 25- Second Sunday of Lent

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

8:30 a.m. –William Weber req. by Dr. & Mrs. Maffei

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

baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY – 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 online giving.

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-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

For Majd and his family who we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees fleeing violence and hardship in search of safety and security. We pray to the Lord...

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.

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John Gula: 30th Anniversary
Requested by: daughter, Joanne

Collection for February 10&11: \$2620.50
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2456.09 (January)
Collection from last year: \$2173.00

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 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

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we mark the First Sunday of Lent as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. As per tradition on this first Sunday we hear the Gospel account of the Lord Jesus' 40 days at prayer and fasting in the wilderness where He is confronted by Satan but emerges victorious over his assaults.

We too have begun our 40 days of prayer and fasting. Along with almsgiving we strive to be victorious over the evil forces which will try to entice us to be selfish, faithless and indifferent. We will be tempted throughout this holy season to give up on our Lenten lifestyle and return to former and sinful ways. Our love for the Lord and thanksgiving for salvation won for us by Jesus' suffering will make us rejoice in the words of today's Responsorial Psalm, "Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."

The season of Lent is our time of spiritual training. As with all training, Lent calls for commitment and discipline. We have to be tough and focused on the disciplines of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. Parents need to be good role models for their children in this Lenten lifestyle. Parents must introduce their children to the Church's practices which have come down to us from the Apostles. The encouragement and direction parents provide for their children help to form them into practicing Catholics who live the faith.

During the season of Lent the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is present at the principal (High) Mass each Sunday at Saint Cecilia Church. There are 4 catechumens who will be baptized, confirmed and receive First Holy Communion at the Vigil during the Great and Holy Night of Easter, Saturday, March 31st. These catechumens along with candidates who are already baptized but are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist will be prayed over each Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. This afternoon the 4 catechumens will travel to the Cathedral in Paterson to have their names enrolled in the Book of the Elect and presented to Bishop Serratelli. This is indeed a special Sunday for them.

This Sunday we welcome Seminarian Angel Torres to Rockaway. Angel is from Ecuador and is beginning his formation for the diocesan priesthood. Angel resides at the seminarian residence in Boonton and will come to Rockaway for the weekends. We welcome him to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and Saint Cecilia Parish and we pray that his time with us will be a blessed one for all.

Remember: PRAY, FAST, and GIVE ALMS during these Lenten days!

Father Zig

LENTEN RETREAT – A Lenten morning of reflection will take place on Saturday, March 3rd at the Saint Francis Center in Denville. The registration fee is \$25 and reservations can be made by calling the Saint Cecilia Parish office (973.627.0313) no later than March 1st. Arrival is at 8:30 a.m., breakfast at 9 a.m. The event concludes at Noon with the celebration of the Holy Mass. What a wonderful way to begin the holy season of Lent!

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!

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS 1st Sunday of Lent, Feb. 18th at 12:00 (noon)
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

LENTEN LUNCHESES – The annual Lenten Lunches sponsored by the churches of Rockaway will commence on Friday, February 16. The weekly event takes place at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall and begins promptly at 12 Noon. The program consists of a light lunch (donation is expected) followed by a short prayer service conducted by a different clergyperson each week. You are invited to attend this ecumenical event which has been very successful over the years!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – One of the features of the Lenten season is the praying of the Stations of the Cross which is done very 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.

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

St. Cecilia's LIFE Runners Morristown Pro-Life 5K: Sunday March 4, 2018 In Solidarity with A+Cross America Relay for Life this Lent. Run walk or Jog, All Age Groups for the Protection and Sanctity of Human Life from the Moment of Conception until Natural Death. **Where:** Assumption Church 91 Maple Ave. Morristown, NJ. Please register and order your LIFE Runners T-Shirt at www.liferunners.org as part of NJ-St-Cecilia Chapter. 5K is a Fundraiser for The Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry. Contact: (973) 664-9460; jaidanbyrne@optonline.net

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