

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 20

8:30 a.m. – Marge Clark req. by Eleanor Lenahan

10:00 a.m. – Matthew Bianchi req. by Shaffer family

Monday, November 21

12:00 p.m. – Deceased members of the Swenty family, esp. Andy req. by Hopler & Profit families

Tuesday, November 22

12:00 p.m. – Robert Myka req. by Mike & Donna Lucas

Wednesday, November 23

12:00 p.m. – Kevin McGuire req. by his wife, Kelly & daughters, Caitlin & Tess

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving

8:30 a.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

9:00 a.m. – Mass at St. Cecilia Church

Friday, November 25

12:00 p.m. – Patricia Di Girolamo req. by her husband, Anthony

Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. – Pam Miller req. by family

Sunday, November 27

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

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



Pam Miller
Requested by: family

Collection for November 12&13: \$3,206.00

Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$ 2,126.52(October)

Collection from last year: \$ 2,995.00

Ongoing Renovation: \$23,127.35 - \$23,310.80 = -\$183.45

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, 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, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda

Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Ethel Gorman, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Ronnie Abrams, Carol Centonze, James Boyle.

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**

First Friday Communion Calls: A priest will be making “First Friday” visits to those who are homebound. These visits will be made by one of our priests who will distribute Holy Communion. He will also be available for the sacraments of penance and anointing of the sick. Please call the rectory at 972-627-0422 to register your name for this monthly visit by one of our priests

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

Food Certificates: Food certificates will be available after the Masses and in the rectory to purchase. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile program. If you have not, please give it a try!

We’ve changed envelope companies: If you haven’t received your most recent set of envelopes, please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422.

Father Jean-Claude St-Martin Foundation Promoting the Formation of Young People and Uplifting of

Women – We are pleased to announce that Fr. Jean Claude’s brother, Fr. Jonas St. Martin, will be visiting St. Cecilia’s Parish on the Weekend Masses of November 26 and 27. He will be here to promote a new Foundation to honor the memory and dream of his brother to help young people and women in his native country of Haiti. Fr. Jonas St. Martin is a Holy Cross Father serving at the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal. The Foundation operates as a ministry under the US 501c3 Charity. Haiti Hope and Promise based in Randolph, New Jersey. Checks can be written to Haiti Hope and Promise. Fr. Jonas will speak at the Masses and be available to answer questions in the parish hall afterwards. Parishioners will be able to sponsor education for Haitian children or support women. If you have any questions, Fr. Jonas St. Martin at 514-965-2072 or by email: foundationjcsm@yahoo.com

My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the LORD'S DAY! This Sunday also has additional significance because we are observing the last Sunday of the 2016 liturgical year and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This Sunday has also been designated by our Holy Father Pope Francis as the day of closure for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The Jubilee Year has been a time of grace for the Universal Church when we had been invited by the Holy Father to pass through the HOLY DOOR designated by the Bishop in every diocese throughout the world, so that by following the norms, we would be the recipients of God's wonderful blessings through the gaining of indulgences for the remittance of sins. I recall the opportunities I, along with Father Marcin and Father Mateusz, offered to all parishioners throughout the Jubilee Year to pass through the designated holy doors. Father Marcin and I led the spring pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York and the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts where we passed through the holy door. Father Marcin, and just last week Father Mateusz, led a pilgrimage of parishioners to the holy door located at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Morristown. I am delighted that we provided opportunities to our parishioners throughout this year to experience God's special grace during the Year of Mercy.

In today's Gospel we are reminded of the events of Good Friday and the dialogue which took place between the Lord Jesus and the "Good Thief." This converted criminal is given the name, Saint Dismas. His request for mercy brought him into the joy of paradise with Jesus, the King of Glory. We see that Dismas made the request and he was given his desire. The Lord is waiting for us to make our request. Unfortunately many are too busy, too indifferent or "too whatever" to make time to come into Christ's presence and speak with Him in prayer. What grace we miss!!

I am proud of the parishioners who participated in last week's PARISH MISSION which was offered by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. I know that those who participated in the mission will be reaping the spiritual blessings from it for days to come. We had not had a parish mission for many years so this was an opportunity for us to experience a "retreat" here at home. Those who came will be blessed because their very presence was saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And indeed, He will!!!

We draw the 2016 liturgical Year to a close and the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, As all things come to an end we are reminded that with the Lord is kindness and fullness of redemption.

I pray that we will not miss opportunities given to us to experience God's love, mercy and compassion!

God bless you,

Father Zig

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA: This week we will support our parishioners and their families who serve or have served this nation with distinction as members of the U.S. military. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will provide the Gospel, the sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special triennial collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2012 and last taken in 2013.

Save the Date – Diocesan Christmas Concert: All are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and the faithful of the diocese for our annual Christmas Concert, "Christmas Flourish", an exciting afternoon of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons with our Diocesan Choir, Diocesan Children's Choir, along with the Gramercy Brass Quintet on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany.

Veterans Day Ceremony in Rockaway Borough. Rev. Sigmund Peplowski, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and St. Cecilia Parish starts the ceremony with a prayer. Students from our Divine Mercy Academy in grades 1 through 7 sang “God Bless America” and the “National Anthem”. Photo courtesy of Bill Stahl



Fr. Mateusz leads pilgrims through the Holy Door at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, November 12th.

