

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 24-Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. – James R. Gorman req. by the Gorman family

8:30 a.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Barbara Martin

10:00 a.m. – William McCue req. by the Shaffer family

Monday, September 25 - Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Norma Ortiz

Tuesday, September 26 –Saint Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs

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

Wednesday, September 27- Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

12:00 p.m. – Mary Wahal req. by Jeanne Gallagher

Thursday, September 28- Saint Wenceslaus Martyr; Saint

Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

12:00 p.m. – Mary Jane Heller req. by the Milonas family

Friday, September 29- Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,

Archangels

12:00 p.m. – Alice Scutari

Sunday, October 1- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. – Zigmund J. Peplowski req. by Father Zig

8:30 a.m. – For the good health of Rt. Rev. Thaddeus Peplowski req. by family

10:00 a.m. –Helen Banta req. by Dorothy Connington

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, Gil Shaffer, Danielle Cicchetti.

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.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal: In Giving, We Receive:

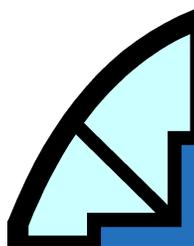
The vital work of our Church supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools. Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

Congratulations: to Ryan McKay and Lisa Reeck who were married at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on September 16, 2017. We pray that they continue to grow in love and faith as they begin their new life together.

Baptism: Joanaleigh Bretzger was baptized at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on September 17, 2017. We welcome her into our parish community. Please pray for her and her family.

ALL MINISTERS: The FINAL OCTOBER schedule has been released. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

Save the Date for DMA's 1st Annual Tricky Tray, on Saturday, November 18th at Morris Catholic High School. More details to follow.



Wine & Bread offered in memory of
Ethel Gorman

Req. by:

Eddie & Theresa Jones

Eileen Jones & Tom Sinagra

And Families

Collection for September 16&17: \$2436.00
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2399.05 (August)
Collection from last year: \$2374.00

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. Rotide 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,

My Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Lord's Day on this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Pauline lection for this Sunday comes from the Apostle Paul's correspondence to the Philippians. In this periscope we find the words, "For to me life is Christ." These words were taken by Bishop Serratelli for his episcopal coat of arms and have had special meaning within the Diocese of Paterson since his appointment as our bishop in 2004. The Latin translation for this is "Vivere Christus Est."

Each year Bishop Serratelli presents the VIVERE CHRISTUS EST AWARD to a deserving parishioner(s) who has shown exemplary service to the local parish. This year's award was presented on September 10th at the cathedral in Paterson with almost all 110 parishes receiving this special recognition by a deserving parishioner. This year's award went to Charles and Erin Killeen in recognition for their generosity to the parish. The recipients of this award receive our gratitude as well as our encouragement to live for Christ. Indeed we encourage one another to live for Christ so that on the Day of Judgment the Lord of Hosts will reward us with the gift of eternal life.

LIFE IS CHRIST and that means living our lives differently from others. Our values and standards are in many times in opposition to the secular culture in which we live. There are to be found contradictions in the way we conduct ourselves as to the manner in which our neighbors and friends may live. In today's Gospel we find the Lord Jesus outlining another way for His disciples to implement the mystery of the kingdom of God which has been rejected by some.

Yes, we are called to live a noble life, a virtuous life. This life is lofty and raises us up into the very presence of God. Therefore, we cannot allow ourselves to be reduced to the standards of this world. We must not permit our families, our children to succumb to the lowly and sinful expectations of this world but must remind one another that LIFE IS CHRIST.

Our CCD classes begin this week. I am so happy that our young people will once again come together to be instructed in the faith. I remind mom and dad, once again, that YOU ARE THE FIRST TEACHERS OF RELIGION TO YOUR CHILDREN. The priests and catechists are here to help you in this important task so please call upon us to assist you in the handing down of the faith which comes to us from the Apostles. I extend an invitation to all adults to participate in the various adult religious education opportunities we have here at Saint Cecilia and Sacred Heart of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER PAWEL. His birthday is Monday, September 25th. STO LAT!!

God bless you!

Father Zig

FATIMA CELEBRATION – This year marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Blessed Virgin Mary to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady appeared every month on the 13th day beginning in May and concluding in October. We will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition on the vigil, Thursday, October 12th. The ceremony will begin at 7 o'clock in the evening in Saint Cecilia Church with the praying of the Rosary and the Rosary Society presentation of roses to the image of the Mother of God followed by an outdoor candle-light procession to the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary located in front of the church. At the conclusion of the service a short program will be presented in Hayes Hall with refreshments being served. All are welcome to join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary Fatima!

LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY RITE – A Pontifical High Mass celebrated in Latin and the Extraordinary Rite by Bishop Serratelli will take place in Saint John the Baptist Cathedral on Saturday morning, October 14 at 9:30. If interested in car-pooling to Paterson, please call the rectory no later than Wednesday, October 11th.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE – The Diocese of Paterson will make a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, October 21st. A bus will take us from Rockaway to Washington, DC for the day filled with prayer and devotions. Please contact Pat Zayac for details by calling 973-625-4572.

Save the Date! The Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry will be hosting a Pro-Life Community Evening on Friday, October 13th in Hayes Hall from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Guest speakers are Christine Flaherty, Executive Director of LIFENET, which promotes Respect for Life and the virtue of chastity; and Christopher Bell, Co-Founder of Good Council Homes, dedicated to the care of single mothers. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4:00pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the rectory 973-627-0422. Registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

TRIP TO IRELAND – You are invited to join Father Zig in traveling to Ireland and Northern Ireland, April 9-21, 2018. A Colette travel brochure with all the information regarding cost, itinerary and much more can be found in the church vestibule or in the rectory.

HURRICANE COLLECTION – A second collection to assist all those affected by the recent hurricanes which have struck our country will take place on the weekend of September 30-October 1. **Please make your check payable to our parish with the memo: Hurricane.** May God bless you for your kindness.

FUND RAISING DINNER FOR SEMINARIANS – A dinner dance to support seminarian education in our diocese will take place on Sunday, November 12th at the Brownstone in Paterson. The event begins at 5:30 and the ticket cost is \$70. A cash bar will be available and wine as well as beer will be served at each table. Music will be provided by a DJ. All profits will benefit the formation of our seminarians. Please contact Janet at the St. Cecilia Parish Office for tickets and information prior to October 27th. YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

NEED INFORMATION ON AN ANNULMENT? – A presentation on the annulment process will be given on Wednesday evening, October 11th at Saint Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. The presentation will run from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. For additional information visit the website: www.insidethewalls.org.

Do 'Something Beautiful for God': From Sept. 27 through Nov. 5, there will be "40 Days for Life" daily prayer vigils around the world outside of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. Please join us as we pray at 196 Speedwell Ave. - Planned Parenthood of Morristown - where every day, three babies die from chemical abortions; i.e. over a thousand each year. Your gift of an hour or more of peaceful witness and prayer any time between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday, will help to save God's children in danger of abortion. Do something beautiful for Him, and sign up for any hour(s) you can give at <https://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns>, or contact the local campaign coordinator, Frances Spilman, at 44lifeus@gmail.com or 973-627-1654 to sign up. Signs will be provided, or you can bring your own; but nothing graphic. Please come pray with us to save a child's life and help his or her parents. We hope you will join us.

Thank you to everyone who donated food items to DMA's September 11th food drive. Our seventh graders helped deliver the donations to the food pantry.

