

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 8, 2018
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 8- Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 p.m. – Mary Wahal req. by Barbara Martin
8:30 a.m. – Patricia Campbell req. by the Nelson family
10:00 a.m. – Robert J. Lynch req. by family
11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

Monday, April 9- The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 p.m. – Janet Sautter req. by John Sautter

Tuesday, April 10- Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Mary Simuradik req. by Helen, Marie, & Betty

Wednesday, April 11- Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

12:00 p.m. – Mary Wahal

Thursday, April 12- Easter Weekday

12:00 p.m. – Ruth Carter req. by her daughter, Wendy

Friday, April 13- Saint Martin I, Pope & Martyr

12:00 p.m. – Thomas C. Morrissey

Sunday, April 15- Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. – Patricia Campbell req. by the Hamman family
8:30 a.m. – Mark Daly req. by JoAnn
10:00 a.m. – Rose Marie Wheelwright, 5th Anniversary, req. by family

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle*

burns in memory of ... Rose Marie Wheelwright

Collection for Easter: \$ 7064.50
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2371.74 (March)
Collection from last year: \$8856.00

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, Karen Profit.

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

Divine Mercy Academy is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. 87 Halsey Ave. 973-627-6003. We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Before-care/after-care and extracurricular activities available. Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs starting at \$2420 a year. Full Day Kindergarten through 8th grade tuition rates as follows: 1 child: \$5030 2 children: \$8200 and 3 children: \$9960 per year. Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes!

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Second Sunday of Easter, April 8th is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, a universal commemoration in the Roman Catholic Church. You are cordially invited to participate in the Divine Mercy service which will begin at 2:00 in Saint Cecilia Church. The service will consist of a musical program of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of Penance. Be with us for this wonderful encounter with the Lord Jesus as we celebrate His great gift of MERCY.

Food Drive: Next weekend, April 14th & 15th is our monthly food drive for the Rockaway Food Pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, etc. Thank you for your support.

All Ministers: The FINAL APRIL SCHEDULE has been released. Copies are available in the sacristy. On the top of the bulletin board outside the sacristy, where you see an X, a volunteer is needed....if interested, please sign-up to serve. Thanks, Jack

My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter which is now known as DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. Today is also the Octave of Easter which, simply put, means that every day this past week has been basically ONE DAY – Easter Sunday!

It was Saint Pope John Paul II who introduced Divine Mercy Sunday to the Universal Church as a perpetual observance on the Second Sunday of Easter. This observance is one which Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish Nun, said the Lord Jesus requested to celebrate the “ocean of mercy” which is available to all who approach Him. Divine Mercy Sunday is the “novena day” which began on Good Friday. Saint Faustina recorded her mystical writings within a diary which has now been published and serves as the inspiration for devotion to Divine Mercy, Jesus Himself. Saint Faustina died at the age of 33 in 1938 and is buried in the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Grace in Krakow, Poland.

An image of Saint Faustina will be blessed at the Divine Mercy celebration which will take place in Saint Cecilia Church this afternoon beginning at 2 o’clock. The image will be placed in the votive room near the image of Divine Mercy.

The Divine Mercy celebration this afternoon will include wonderful music, inspirational reading from the Diary of Saint Faustina within the Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be available for the sacrament of penance. A Plenary indulgence is available on this Sunday for all those who participate in this solemn celebration, a privileged occasion of grace and forgiveness for all people.

Today our brothers and sisters of the Orthodox Churches celebrate Easter Sunday. Tomorrow I leave with a group of fellow parishioners on a tour to Ireland. While I am in the land of Saint Patrick I assure you that I will remember all of you in my prayers. I know that our two priests will take good care of you while I am away and I look forward to returning to you on April 21st.

Father Pawel, Father Cerilo, Deacon Matt and Seminarian Angel join with me in expressing sincere thanks to all those who remembered us at Easter with food and much more. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are signs of the goodness of our Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saint Cecilia Parishes! We pray that the Risen Lord will richly bless you for remembering us!

Christ is Risen!

Father Zig

New Movie You Must See: The nationwide theatrical release of Paul, Apostle of Christ, is March 23, 2018. Produced by Catholic ministry ODB Filmas and starring acclaimed actors Jim Caviezel and James Faulkner, this movie dynamically and truthfully illustrates the beginnings of Christian persecution under the Roman Empire. St. Paul’s story is one of conversion, forgiveness and perseverance in the face of extreme intolerance, not unlike that faced by many Christians today. This dramatic retelling of his life can move the hearts of both believers and nonbelievers. The film, dedicated to the persecuted Christians of today, is an opportunity to spread awareness of their plight among your friends, family and community. Invite them to watch this inspiring film, and help spread awareness for the future of Christianity!

ATTENTION MEN – A new men’s group called FATHERS OF ST. JOSEPH will be meeting every other Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. in the St. Cecilia Office Building. The sole aim and purpose of the group is to labor for the restoration, revitalization and redemption of human fatherhood, in order that it may become what it has been created to be: an efficacious icon that directs the human family to its Father. The Fathers of St. Joseph gatherings are not so much meetings as they are mini retreats, whose aim is to communicate the spirituality of fatherhood in a manner that encourages and inspires fathers to embrace, engage and – by the power of the Holy Spirit – sanctify their vocation. Next meeting is April 14th.

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!

PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARD – I ask for your cooperation in returning the PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARD which was mailed to all parishioners. The commitment card was accompanied by a brochure which contained a message by me, information about our ministries and services, as well as a snapshot of our financial condition. Please complete the commitment card and place it in the offering basket at Sunday Mass or mail it to the parish office. I am always so grateful for your support which is a sign of your faith in Christ our Savior – God bless you ! – Father Zig

A Musical Afternoon With Our Sisters: Join us for a very special concert on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson for Our Sisters in Concert. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

SAVE THE DATE: The Men’s Society is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Beefsteak Dinner Dance Catered by Gireri’s Catering Saturday, April 28th @ 7:00 pm in Hayes Hall. Any questions, please contact Ralph DiMarcantonio @ 856-952-5657. Hope to see you there!

Array of Hope “Awakening Hearts” We are excited to announce the Array of Hope is coming to our deanery! Morris Catholic High School, Friday, April 13th, 2018 7:30pm! Array of Hope is a multimedia concert experience that features multiple musical acts, motivational speakers and thought-provoking film presentations which joyously provide a counterweight to the negative media surrounding today’s society. It brings Christ’s message of faith, hope and love to its audiences; it celebrates family life and the joy that comes from a relationship with God. Please join us in celebrating an appreciation of family. It will be a wonderful night that you won’t want to miss. For tickets are being sold thru Eventbrite, go to <http://goo.gl/nXX25X> on the internet to purchase tickets. For more information contact Sue Drew sdrew@morriscatholic.org

Please be advised that all the “Senior Events” are open to everyone of every age from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishes!

Tuesday, April 10—Sands Casino– Price: \$25

For more info-- Casino trip call Lorraine @ 973-366-6871

Wednesday, April 18– Day Trip to High Point Banquet & Event Center

Day includes hot breakfast, hot lunch, 2 shows, bingo and more—Members: \$60/ Non-Members: \$65

For more info on High Point Trip call Carol 973-537-5529

St. Cecilia Seniors Adventure of The Seas: Come join us on May 17, 2019 for an 8 night Bermuda & Bahamas cruise! For reservations and/or pricing on staterooms for 2,3, or 4+ guests & special promotions call Royal Caribbean International at 1-800-465-3595. Reference Group #9517279. Itinerary: Cape Liberty, NJ. To: Kings Wharf, Bermuda, Nassau Bahamas, Cococay, Bahamas—Deposit \$500 per stateroom refundable up to 2/16/19. We need 8 cabins booked by 4/19/18 or we lose our group pricing. For More Information: Call Alice Koller @ 973-627-8558

Next Monday Night Bible Study Topic - The Book of Wisdom Do you want to know what wisdom is and what it isn't? Join the Monday Night Bible Study which will explore the Book of Wisdom. Drawing on the Wisdom Books of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach Ecclesiastes - we will examine Biblical Wisdom as it relates to daily life. Using the Ascension Press series, we will meet from 7:30PM - 9PM in Hayes Hall (Church basement) from **April 9 until June 7.** (These dates could change due to study guide delivery) If interested please bring a \$25.00 Check to the Parish Office made out to St. Cecilia by March 29th. This fee is for the Study Guides. Please contact savondollen@gmial.com if you have any more questions. Thank you!

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Signs, Dreams, and Coping"

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: - ISRAEL/JORDAN Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus, Moses & Mary. 11 DAYS, NOV 6-16, 2018, \$2790. + \$590 Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge, RT Airfare from Newark Daily Breakfast/Dinner, great Hotels, Tips for Guided Tours, Deluxe Motor Coach Driver & more. Fr. Abe Orapankal Pastor St John Neumann, Spiritual Director/ Tour Chaplain. Please Call Juliet Hobson 732-439-2835 Email: yetjcb@aol.com

Rise UP, an interfaith organization from Rockaway is sponsoring the annual **Sweet Peace Baking Contest** on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Amateur bakers, ages 7 and up are invited for a chance to win ribbons and cash prizes for their best baked treats. Not a baker? Dessert lovers are welcomed to join us for sampling, support, & fellowship. "Rise UP" to the challenge or just bring your taste buds! For entry form, ticket information and details, please email us at: sweetpeacebaking@yahoo.com or visit us at Riseupnj.org

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES: Good Counsel is a private Catholic agency whose primary mission is to help homeless pregnant women by providing a loving family environment in a safe and secure shelter. Begun in 1985 by Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Chris Bell, both leaders in the pro-life movement, Good Counsel has grown to five homes in the New York greater metropolitan area. Working closely with the Sisters of Life through our Lumina outreach we have developed an outstanding program of support and healing for those suffering from abortion related problems. Women receive educational and vocational assistance and professional counseling. Mothers staying with us are able to learn a trade and map out goals to achieve while at Good Counsel and when they move on to new, independent lives. For more information: Good Counsel 411 Clinton Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030 (201)795-0637 www.goodcounselhomes.org Pregnant/Need Help? Call 800-723-8331