

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019**

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 8- Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. – William V. D’Anton Sr. & Jr. req. by Carol & Michael D’Anton

8:30 a.m. – Bill & Eleanor Lenahan

10:00 a.m. – Mary Polinak req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass

Monday, September 9– Saint Peter Claver, Priest

12:00 p.m. – Bill Hagany req. by Jean

Tuesday, September 10- Weekday

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

Wednesday, September 11- Weekday

12:00 p.m. – For the Intention of the families of 9/11

Thursday, September 12- The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:00 p.m. – Tadeusz Debski

Friday, September 13– Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

12:00 p.m. – Agnes Feola

Sunday, September 15- Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

8:30 a.m. – Austin Milton req. by Annie Stefanik

10:00 a.m. – Tom Gorman req. by Karen & Tom Skutka

12:00 p.m. – Latin Mass



Bill & Eleanor Lenahan

Collection for August 31 & Sept. 1:\$3397.80

Collection from last year: \$2717.50

On Line Giving: TBA (August)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Sgt. Aleksandr Killeen, Airman 1st :

Nicholas DelCore, Air Force Captain Jessica L. Rotile-Rudo,

Kenneth Rudo: Warrant Officer 1, Justin D. Gosden PVT 2

Nick Lisa PFC, USMC

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, Jose Prado, Arlene

Berlin, Robert Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda

Villarubia, Mary & Pat Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney,

Anne Riordan, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam

Hayward, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica

Gorman, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy

Murray, Carlos Carbajal, Miguel Fojas, Mary Merz, Joe

Maulbeck, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Robyne LaGrotta, Jackie

Hendershot

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

BISHOP BARRON BOOK - several copies of the recent book by Bishop Robert Barron entitled, "Letter to a Suffering Church," have been placed in the church vestibule for your information. Bishop Barron, highly regarded in his evangelization ministry and Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, wrote this book for all Catholics suffering from the fallout of the clergy abuse scandal. The book is informative, consoling and encouraging. Please take a copy and when you are finished reading it please return it to the vestibule for someone else to read or pass it on to someone else.

The Men’s Society is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Beefsteak Dinner Dance Catered by Giresi’s Catering Saturday, Oct. 19th @ 7:00 pm in Hayes Hall More info to follow in future bulletins. Any questions, call Ralph Di Marcantonio @ 856-952-5657—Hope to see you there!

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY: Pre-K through 8th Grade Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes! 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; strong enrollment in all grades; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Before-care/aftercare/extracurricular activities available. Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs starting at \$2510/ year. Kindergarten through 8th grade tuition rates as follows: 1 child: \$5200- 2 children: \$8500- 3 or more children: \$10,300 per year. Come and see all that DMA has to offer! Currently accepting applications.87 Halsey Ave., Rockaway, NJ www.dmarockaway.org 973-627-6003

CAN YOU HELP A CHILD? - Divine Mercy Academy is our local Catholic school located on the campus of Saint Cecilia Parish. Providing a needy child with a Catholic education is a wonderful work of mercy and compassion. YOU may be able to help such a child by providing tuition assistance OR making a contribution to our Divine Mercy Scholarship Fund. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated. Your generosity promotes the faith values of the Church which are school children are immersed in every school day. Please contact our principal, Mrs. Ann Mitchell at 973.627.6003. May God richly bless you for supporting our young people and Catholic education!

Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway and All Saints Academy in Parsippany are seeking a full time, physical education/health teacher for pre-k through eighth grade for the 2019-2020 school year. This position is a “shared” assignment between our two, nearby diocesan schools. Candidates must have appropriate New Jersey state teacher certification credentials.

Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Annie Mitchell, Divine Mercy Academy Principal at principal@dmarockaway.org For further information, please call the school at 973-627-6003.



The Gospel for today can be a difficult one to understand. Jesus once again was on the road with his disciples and great crowds were following him. At one point, Jesus turned to the crowds and addressed them. He said: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Jesus then adds: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

These are very strong words! Did Jesus truly mean that we are to hate our parents, brothers, sisters, children and friends? Or is Jesus telling us that if we choose to follow him we need to realize that Jesus needs to be first in our lives? Jesus is making a very clear and strong point. Jesus is not saying that we cannot or should not love and care for our families and our friends. He realizes that we have committed ourselves to our families and we need to live out that commitment.

Rather, Jesus is telling his listeners what is essential. First and foremost, Jesus must be first in our lives. However, Jesus also wants us to love and care for our family, our friends and for the world community. Today may we strive to love each person we encounter: the person we pass in the grocery store or co-worker who is struggling. Jesus hopes that we truly will love every person in our world. This may sound impossible. However, with Jesus' grace and love, we have the ability to do this. The question for each of us may be: will we choose to do this?

Fr. Pawel

Registration for First Holy Communion classes is now open for children of our parish ages 7 to 8 entering 2nd grade in September. 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.

Confirmation Mandatory Meeting: For students and their parents this Tuesday September 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the church. If you have any questions please contact Michele Shaffer at 973-625-9274.

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the rectory. The deadline to register is Friday, October 11th, 2019. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

THURSDAY MORNING FOR MOMS: Are you a mom looking to have some fellowship with other moms while your child is watched by loving "grandfriends"? If you answered "yes", this group is for you! Join us Thursday mornings in St. Cecilia Parish office from 9:30—11:00 am. The last Thursday of the month will be devoted to Adoration, (Confession available) and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. For more info contact Jen Nelson at 973.476.2568 or jennels104@gmail.com

A FEW GOOD GRANDFRIENDS NEEDED: Our Thursday Morning for Moms bible study has been blessed with retired persons serving as our grandfriends. They are beloved by moms and children alike. They watch children mostly ages 5 and under for mothers while they have scripture study and prayer in the same building. We are in need of some more grandfriends for the fall. All volunteers must go through Protecting God's Children mandated by the Diocese of Paterson. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Jen Nelson @ 973.476.2568 or jennels104@gmail.com

Please be advised that all the "Senior Events" are open to everyone 55 and over from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart. Regular Meetings: **September 17th & October 1st, 15th. September 10th:Sands Casino—\$30 For more info call Lorraine @ 937.366.6871 **September 26th:** Hotel Antracite, PA Lunch, Show, Train Ride- Cost: \$76.00 **October 8th:** Casino (New York) - \$30 For more info call Carol @ 973.537.5529 **12 Night Southern Caribbean Cruise-**\$1190.86 **Sail Date: 12/07/20**—Pricing refundable up to 90 Days prior to sailing— **Must be booked by 10/1/19** For these prices—for more info call: Alice Koller @ 973-627-8558**