

Second Sunday of Lent

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security, and as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him."

POPE FRANCIS



Giving - Fasting - Praying
Repenting - Forgiving

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Rockaway, New Jersey

Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Carol Ann Boyle, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Dorothy Murray, Carlos Carbajal, Miguel Fojas, Mary Merz, Joe Maulbeck, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Robyne LaGrotta, MaryAnn Eleuteri, Andrea Najduch, Martha Salvesen, Jimmy Buckley, Craig Huffman, Lucy Rovegno, William Doyle, Msgr. George Dudak, Mario Dugonjic, Elmer Maximo, Andrea Jones, Sue Fuco, Bob Nielsen, Bob Wasilewski, John Murphy, Jerry Prashchak.

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

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 to limit yourself 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.

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Society is looking for new members to join in on all the fun and exciting events for the up and coming months. Anyone interested or would like more information, please call the rectory at 973-627-0422!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Join us for the Stations of the Cross:
Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday, March 13– Second Sunday of Lent
 5:00 p.m. – Deceased members of the Profit family req. by family
 8:30 a.m. – Augusto Mercado req. by Violet Estera
 10:00 a.m. –Thomas A. Morgan req. by Carol & Michael D'Anton
 11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass
Monday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday
 12:00 p.m. – For the intention of protection for our healthcare workers
Tuesday, March 15- Lenten Weekday
 12:00 p.m. – Dominic Terrone req. by Anne Reilly
Wednesday, March 16– Lenten Weekday
 12:00 p.m. – Peter Ventola req. by the Hagany family
Thursday, March 17–Lenten Weekday: St. Patrick, Bishop
 12:00 p.m. –Bill Hagany req. by wife, Jean
Friday, March 18– Lenten Weekday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 12:00 p.m. – Mario Zambrano req. by Elmer Maximo
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 20– Third Sunday of Lent
 5:00 p.m. – Emma M. Andreotta req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta
 8:30 a.m. – Augusto Mercado req. by Layne Obero
 10:00 a.m. – Cynthia Connington req. by her family
 12:00 p.m. – Latin Mass

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of ... Mercedes Bauman

Sacred Heart Church	
Collection Goals - 2021/2022	
Week Ending	3/6/2022:
Collection - Cash & Checks:	\$ 8,730.00
WeShare - Electronic Giving:	\$ 645.50
Total Weekly Collection:	\$ 9,384.50
Yearly Collection Goal (Budget):	\$203,500.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 3,676.47
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,708.03
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	(\$30,496.44)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Nicholas DelCore, Air Force Captain Jessica L. Rotile-Rudo,
 Kenneth Rudo: Warrant Officer 1, Justin D. Gosden PFC,



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary & Pat Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney Anne & Richard Riordan, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze,*



Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. Each year the Gospel reading for this Sunday is the account of Our Lord's Transfiguration. This event occurred on Mount Tabor prior to the Lord's arrival in Jerusalem where He would suffer greatly and give His life for our salvation. The Transfiguration becomes a source of hope for the disciples who will witness the Passion and Death of the Lord. During this Lenten season of repentance the discipline of fasting becomes a way to conversion. Fasting has always been part of the Christian experience because it is part of Jewish religious tradition which the first followers of Christ came. Fasting and abstinence are part of the Christian experience for the first day of Lent and on the Fridays of Lent. Through this discipline we deny ourselves the things we do not really need and place ourselves to be reliant upon God from who all good things come.

Lent invites us to a greater intimacy with God that we might recognize more His presence in our lives as we persevere. Lent is a time that tests us. We are asked to put energy into becoming more faithful to all that Jesus asks of us.

Lent is a time of struggle for each of us with whatever pulls us off the path of the Lord. We can bring our struggles to the Lord and set them before Him and bow down in His presence. Through our perseverance and with God, we may one day enjoy His everlasting grace and love.

Father Pawel

Welcome Home to Healing: Every Monday evening during Lent, March 7 to April 4, every parish in the Diocese of Paterson will be open from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for confession. All of us are directed to the sacrament of penance during this holy season as per our venerable tradition prior to the great feast of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection.

Rice Bowl: The Rice Bowl is an almsgiving project of Catholic Relief Services which provides food for countless numbers of people throughout the world as well as in our local community. The rice bowl should be on your kitchen table at home as a daily reminder of our fasting and abstinence during Lent. You should place in the rice bowl the money that you would normally use to buy "the extras" you're giving up during Lent. The rice bowls are returned to the church when Lent is concluded on Easter, April 17th.

Family Faith Formation: Religious Education for grades 1-8th (and parents) will meet the 4th Sunday of each month for the 10am Mass, followed by class from 11-12pm. We will begin in September and end in June. For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at shofjesusfaithformation@gmail.com

Collections for Ukraine – Thus far we have collected **\$590.00** to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who are suffering from the aggression and war which has divested their country. As Bishop Sweeney has indicated, these funds will be sent to Caritas International and the Archeparchy of Philadelphia (Archdiocese) of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Sacred Heart will continue to accept donations for this cause. Please make your check payable to Sacred Heart Church and in the memo: Ukraine. We are also collecting infant supplies, medical supplies, and religious items for the people of Ukraine throughout Lent. A bin for these items is located in the back of church. The list of items needed are in the bulletin and in the church. May God bless you, my good people, for your faith and generosity! – Father Pawel

Food Collection Next Weekend, March 19th & 20th: Please bring canned goods and/or non-perishables items to support the Rockaway Food Pantry. As always, thank you for your generous donations!

Lectors Needed: Are you called to proclaim the Word of God? If you are comfortable speaking in public and want to learn more about the readings we hear during masses, please become a lector! Please contact the rectory office at (973)627-0422 for more information.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

