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### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday .....5:00 pm

Sunday .... 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Monday through Saturday .... 8:30 am

### ***SACRAMENTAL LIFE***

#### **FIRST EUCHARIST AND SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Students receive these sacraments in Second Grade. This is a mandatory two year program.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

This is a mandatory two year program beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, with confirmation administered in the sophomore year.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Celebrated on Saturday afternoons at 4:30pm or by appointment with Father Rich. Parish Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of healing is available at any time to all who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or preparing for surgery, as well as those of advanced age. Please contact the Rectory to arrange for Father to administer the Sacrament.

#### **BAPTISM**

Please contact the Rectory for an appointment.

#### **MARRIAGES**

Arrangements must be made at least one year in Advance. Please call the Rectory for appointment.

### **Parish Staff**

Father Richard A. Bay  
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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

K through 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:15 – 11:15 am  
Grade 9 & 10 Sunday 10:15 – 11:30 am

Parish Registration is requested for individual/families who worship regularly with us on Sundays and who plan to participate in the life of our parish with their time and talents. For more information please call the Rectory. Registration is necessary for celebrating Marriage and Baptism, attending Religious Education, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor Certificates.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS**

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>		<i>Saturday Morning Mass Attendees</i>
	<i>5:00 pm</i>	✠	<i>Joseph Martinez, Roberto Castandeo, Maria Garcia, Jose Martinez</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>		<i>Crystal Brook Residence</i>
	<i>9:00 am</i>	✠	<i>Madalemuth (Mary Mead's Father)</i>
	<i>11:30 am</i>	✠	<i>Irene Austin</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	✠	<i>Buchita Camacho</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	✠	<i>Emil Bay</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	✠	<i>Eugene F. Higgins</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	✠	<i>Andrea Bay</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	✠	<i>Deceased Members of the Carroll Family</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	<i>5:00 pm</i>	✠	<i>Tom Saylor</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>		<i>Crystal Brook Residence</i>
	<i>9:00 am</i>		<i>Sick of the Parish</i>
	<i>11:30 am</i>	✠	<i>Andrea Bay</i>

**Stewardship**

**Offertory Collection**

**\$2,376** needed Weekly

April 15    \$ 1,519    Envelopes  
                   + 530    Online Giving  
**\$ 2,049    Total**

**Diocesan Assessment Collection**

**\$1,504** needed Monthly

                  \$ 536    Envelopes  
                   + 207    Online Giving  
**\$ 743    Total**



You can set up your online giving account at <http://www.stsimonsapostle.org> and follow the instructions. For help in setting up your account, please contact the rectory office at 973-697-4699.

## **Pastor's Column**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day on which we honor bishops, priests and seminarians. We pray for good shepherds to care for our diocese and parishes. Over the years it has also taken on the day that we pray for vocations with the diminishing number of priests and less young men entering the priesthood.

We need to pray for our priests and bishops. It is a challenging lifestyle being celibate and having a job that requires being on call 24/7. It is dedication that brings the word of God to all people and to care for the flock that we are assigned to care for. Priests are there to shepherd their flocks through all of lives challenges and good times. Our flocks become our families and we try to be a presence to them.

So today remember your bishops and priests and seminarians in your prayers that they will be able to serve you with all their energy and help you on your journey to the kingdom.

Also thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness as I am tackling my current health situation of sciatica.

***God Bless,***

***Fr. Rich***

## **Parish News & Events**

**Religious Education Classes Grade K – 8:** There will be class this Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:15-11:15AM. Our next class will be on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 10:30AM. May Crowning will be held on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the 9AM Mass. All students are encouraged to attend mass for the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Religious Education Classes Grade 9 & 10:** There will be **NO** class this Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our next class will be Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Practice will be on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM. Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30AM Mass. May Crowning will be held on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the 9AM Mass. All students are encouraged to attend mass for the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Bible Study:** Will be held on **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles.

**Easter Duty** – The church asks each of us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent which is February 18<sup>th</sup> through Trinity Sunday which is on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Pantry Collection:** Thank you for your generosity for the Rockaway Food Closet and Hope House.

**Easter Collection:** Thank you for your very generous donation for the Easter collection. Our Easter collection total was \$7,928.

**Bulletin Advertisements:** We are in the process of revising our advertising ad page which is located on the last page of the bulletin each week. If anyone is interested in placing an ad in the bulletin, please contact the rectory office for details as soon as possible at 973-697-4699.

**The Saint and the Sultan; A Cinematic Experience:** Felician University and the Order of Malta will present the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pope John Paul II Lecture on Social Justice. There will be a one-hour screening of Unity Production Foundation. Also Felician faculty with United Nations affiliations will offer insight into the Christian-Islamic dialogue on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 7-9PM at Felician University Obal Hall located at 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ. Everyone is welcome. A free will donation will be taken to support the work of the Felician Sisters in their ministry at the Elizabeth Detention Center.

The candle in front of The Blessed Virgin Mary is in memory of Patricia Zuravnsky

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Vacation Bible School:** Will be held on August 20- August 24, 2018. More details to follow.

**Annual Parish 50/50 Raffle:** Will be held on August 26, 2018. More details to follow

**Mass of Anointing:** Will be held on Saturday, August 25th at 11:00am in the Parish Center followed by lunch. Please call or email the rectory if you will be able to attend.

There will be a parish trip to the **Passion Play** in Oberammergau from August 31-September 8, 2020. This Passion Play is offered every 10 years and is internationally known. The trip will be a River Boat Tour stopping in Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Munich, & Passau. There are a limited number of seats available for this trip. For further information please call the rectory at 973-697-4699. Reservations are due ASAP.

### ***Please Pray for Our Sick***

Marjorie Gormley, Frank & Lorraine Nardi, Kelly Finn, Skip DeBlock, Maureen Schley, Dawn Schley, Luke Coluzzi, Sue Censier(Nerger), Kim Stier Careccia, Renata Haila, Eva Brezczinski-Bonanno, Judy Bisconti, Ruth White, Claire Skutka, Joseph Pakula, Al Kucinski, Deacon Enio, John V. McIntyre, Sr., Shannon Koepfel, Cassidy Koepfel, Debbie Little, Gilbert Wright III, Rich Kimble, Kip Flock, Dennis Fry, Annette Martin, Mary Samuel, Bishop Rodimer, Thomas VanHerwarde, Orlando Riccardi Sr., Ethel Graves, Betty Scanga, Hank Behnke, Kathy Pakula, Ann Matson, Gail VanHook, Mary Iannone.

**If there are parishioners that are homebound or in the hospital, please call the Rectory to let us know so Fr. Rich can visit them.** Due to HIPAA regulations, visitation must be requested for hospitalizations & home visits.

### **Catholic Charities Clothing Boxes: Donate Your Old Clothes:**

Now that we are starting to go through our winter clothes and preparing for spring, please consider donating some of your old or used clothing to Catholic Charities. Your donated clothes raise money to fund our Catholic Charities poverty relief services throughout the Diocese. For your convenience there is a clothing drop-off bin located behind the church.

Deacon Enio Simeone now resides in Renaissance Rehab & Nursing Center in Lincoln Park. You can visit or send cards to him at the following address; Lincoln Park Renaissance Rehab & Nursing Center, 521 Pine Brook Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035. Please keep him in your prayers.

#### **The Rosary**

Join us in Praying the Rosary on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
After the 8:30 AM Mass.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass  
until 10:00 am**

Come to pray before the Lord,  
to give thanks and hear his voice in the quiet of your heart.  
Benediction is celebrated at the conclusion of Holy Hour

# Weekend Schedule

APRIL 21 & 22

APRIL 28 & 29

## Lectors

SATURDAY	5:00 pm	M. MUTTER	L. CANGELOSI
SUNDAY	9:00 am	S. GRIDER	C. CATANIA
	11:30 am	D. GOSCICKI	T. ROGERS

## Altar Servers

SATURDAY	5:00 pm	*NEEDED*	*NEEDED*
SUNDAY	9:00 am	S. MCKEEVER	T. O'TOOLE
		R. MCKEEVER	J. O'TOOLE
	11:30 am	*NEEDED*	*NEEDED*

## Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY	5:00 pm	*NEEDED*	*NEEDED*
SUNDAY	9:00 am	K. CHAN, M. SARTI	H. KAFAFIAN, M. MEAD
	11:30 am	V. DEBLOCK	V. DEBLOCK

## Collection Counters

I. WHITE, M. GOSCICKI	MR. & MRS. ESPOSITO
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## Ushers

SATURDAY	5:00 pm	J. BREZINSKI	J. BREZINSKI
SUNDAY	9:00 am	B. KNOTT	B. KNOTT
	11:30 am	R. NERGER	R. NERGER

## **Ethics Point Hotline:**

As part of the ongoing efforts of the Diocese of Paterson to strengthen and support a culture of integrity, mutual accountability and responsibility, an ethics hotline for the use of employees, volunteers, parishioners, vendors and other interested parties is being introduced. This service provides opportunity for confidential, anonymous reporting of suspected misconduct in financial matters and human resource issues. *Ethics Point*, an independent third-party company, has been selected to offer all diocesan parishes, schools, agencies and departments the opportunity to file reports via the web at [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org) or through a call to 1-855-247-3140. For more information, check the *Ethics Point* link on the diocesan website.

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**ALERT!** If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahony, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan web site: [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org).



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