

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 24, 2019

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – February 23

- 8:30 a.m. Rita Murray (Fr. Rick)
5:00 p.m. Michael Kevin McCoy (Terry Wisolmerski)
Carmen Liuzza, Jr. (Kathy Tarr)
Gilda Adams (Anita Kalyan)

Sunday – February 24

- 8:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jagan (Anna Elekes)
Mr. & Mrs. John O'Connell (D. Mathews)
Eileen Durborow (William Durborow)
10:30 a.m. Peter Ventola (Anita Kalyan)
Yvette Smith (Frances, Liza, Mary Jane)
Robert Hardy (M/M C. Barkhausen)

Monday – February 25

- 6:00 p.m. Robert Hardy (Liturgy Committee)

Tuesday – February 26

- 8:30 a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday – February 27

- 8:30 a.m. **No Liturgy**

Thursday – February 28

- 8:30 a.m. Nelly Miyares (Hirma & Irela Ros)

Friday – March 1

- 8:30 a.m. Robert Hardy (Louise Carter)

Saturday - March 2

- 8:30 a.m. Martin Klein (Parish)
5:00 p.m. Daniel Bell
Alice Fahrman (Fahrman/Royek Families)
Joseph Stassi (Johansson Family)

Sunday – March 3

- 8:30 a.m. Joseph Patruno (Anne Armstrong)
Fanny Torres (Torres Family)
10:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jagan (Anna Elekes)
Yvette Smith (Nancy Pellegrini)
Isabella Maggi (Maria, Tina, & Linda)

MASS SERVERS
March 2 & 3

Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. Elle Hebbelinck
Kiara Lorenzo

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Aidan Flores
Celia O'Toole
10:30 a.m. Lucas Pallito
Adam Yeager

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS
February 28 - Team 4

CAPTAIN: Allwyn Pereira
TEAM: Gina Bosco, Cheryl Johansson, Jennifer McDonald, Gary McNeill, Allwyn Pereira, Mark Perry, Mary Swanick, Kathy Tarr, Tara Toohey

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8: 4-5:15pm
(Connery Hall)
Football Clinic: 7:30pm (Gym)

Tuesday

Choir: 7:30pm (Church)
Cub Scouts: 7-8pm (Gym)

Wednesday

Boy Scouts: 7-9:30pm (Rms 2/4 & 6)

Thursday

Bingo: 5:30-10pm (Gym)

Friday

Cub Scouts: 7-8pm (Rooms 1,2,3,4,6)
Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

Saturday Night Positive Step: 8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Religious Education Gr. 1-6: 9am-10:15am
Girl Scout Troop 320 & 4360: 3-4pm & 4-5:30pm
(Rooms 2/4)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING
IN YOUR PRAYERS**
Especially, *Jose Baez, John Bedell, Kevin Bellini, Gary Bomely, Barbara Ciaffone, Maria Cicchino, Marion DiVincent, Fannie Karsai, Anna Kostyk, Susan Lehner, Eric Lemke, Ed Maguire, Beth O'Meara Mckie, Walter Maguire, Eden Malone, Joseph Martino, Dorothy Mathews, Muriel Moore, Daniel Mulhaul, Joseph Nadeau, Kelly Nigro, Kathy Noble, Patricia Pirmor, Joey Porretta, Robert Schaefer, Mary Shea, Jay Silver, Sarah Theil, Barbara Vicital, Michaela Winnans, George Zeman.*

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$4,188.50
The collection for last year at this time was \$3,123.00

"Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up . . . for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive 100 times more now in this present age . . . and eternal life in the age to come."
Mark 10:29,30



The Wine and Hosts for this weekend are in memory of
Carmen Liuzza, Jr.
Donated by the Siubis Family

FATHER RICK'S CORNER

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Stop judging and you will not be judged... for the measure in which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

It seems like an inexorable law of nature to feel offended in the face of what seems to be injustice in our eyes, but Jesus has told us to love our enemies and do good to them.

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, states "Beloved, do not avenge yourselves; leave that to God's wrath, for it is written: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord." But, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; by doing this you will heap burning coals upon his head." "Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good."

When you hold a grudge against someone who has hurt you or harmed you in any way, it is you, yourself, who feels upset and is filled with anxiety and pain. The other person may not know or even care if you are suffering and so it is you who is paying the price, not them. Release yourself from the burden of this pain by asking God to give you the grace, the courage and the strength to forgive that person in your heart and come to know the beauty of God' peace and compassion.

*God Bless,
Father Rick*



MARCH FOOD COLLECTION

March 2 & 3

Thank you so much for your continued support with our monthly food collection. It is easy to lose sight of the massive problems of poverty and lack of food in our world from our vantage point in the U.S., a world economic leader. Here are some eye-opening facts on world hunger:

- An estimated 1.2 billion people struggle to live on less than a dollar a day--one of every six people in the world
- Almost 50% of the world's population lives on less than two dollars a day.
- Each year, over 10 million children in developing countries die before the age of five.
- Someone dies of hunger every 3.6 seconds.

While we may not have the power to eliminate world hunger, we always have the power to alleviate suffering that is closest to us - perhaps by simply filling a grocery bag with food and bringing it to church. *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* -Margaret Mead

Suggested items to donate:

High protein foods such as canned meat, tuna, beef stew, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, beans and lentils.

Staple dry goods such as rice, pastas and dry cereals, potatoes.

Canned goods including fruit, juices, vegetables, soups and spaghetti sauce and Goya products, baby food and personal care items.

Shop-Rite gift cards or monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards are also appreciated. Gift cards enable our families to purchase items like milk, bread, eggs, produce or meat to supplement the non-perishable items they receive. For some families, this is their only source of groceries.

We cannot accept packages that have been opened/partially used or those beyond their expiration dates!

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Irene Byrne

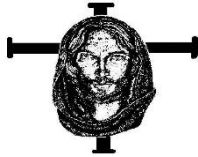
Ash
Wednesday



March 6 is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. A collection will be taken. Envelopes are provided on the table as you enter Church. Distribution of Ashes are:

8:30 a.m. Liturgy (Mass)
12:15 p.m. Prayer Service & Ashes
4:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Ashes
6:00 p.m. Liturgy (Mass)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS A FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAY



Friday, March 15 at 8:00 p.m., the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" in Church.

Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a "play" in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today.

The group is comprised of 15 teens and 9 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 15 minutes early. A free will offering will be taken.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection, which will be taken next weekend, **March 2 & 3** is for generating the needed funds to pay for our Diocesan Assessment. We thank you for your generosity in this second collection.

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENT

If you would like your total contribution statement for the end of the year 2018 for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office, 973-366-7095 and we will send it out.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

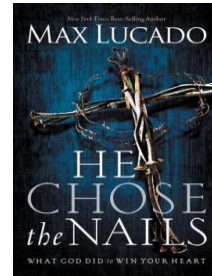


Stations of the Cross will be held on the following Friday evenings during Lent at 7pm:

**March 8, March 22, March 29
and April 19 (Good Friday)**

BIBLE STUDY

Join us Mondays during Lent for a 5-week Bible Study with Max Lucado's Book: "*He Chose the Nails.*" "He Chose the Nails", is a five-week Lenten Reflection that explores the season of Lent as an extension of Christmas – a season of receiving the most precious gifts a person could ever receive – the gifts that God graciously gives us through his Son.



In this study, you will discover the many gifts that Christ provided to us at His Crucifixion.

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

6:00pm – Mass

6:30-7:30pm-Connery Hall: "He Chose the Nails"
Please RSVP Sue Drew drewsusan5@gmail.com

"WELCOME HOME"

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent March 11 through April 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in every parish in the Diocese of Paterson. This is a wonderful opportunity to come to Confession as a family or to invite a friend who you know has not had the opportunity to go to Confession in some time. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.

GOD IS KIND
AND MERCIFUL



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION 2019-2020**

In-Person Registration for the 2019-2020 Religious Education Catechetical year will be held in Connery Hall Gym on **Sunday, March 10th from 9 am-1 pm and on Monday, March 11th from 3:30pm-5:30 pm for all students in Grades 1 – 10.** We currently do not have the ability to register people on-line. This will be the only opportunity to register your child for the upcoming year. **Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 973-366-7547.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**ST. CLEMENT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
INTRODUCES**

**A FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM
"GENERATIONS OF FAITH"**

We are excited to offer total family catechesis. In this program, all members of the family have a chance to learn and grow together. Students in sacramental preparation years for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will still need to be enrolled in the traditional 2-year program. They are still welcome to attend Family Catechesis in addition to their sacramental prep program.

Generations of Faith is a once per month program that will meet on Sunday: 10:30am Mass followed by the family session: 11:30am-1:00pm. Anyone interested in joining the program or facilitating sessions please contact Sue Drew drewsusan5@gmail.com or 973-366-7547

**Check out our website:
www.st.clement-rtwp.org**



SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

Beginning the weekend of March 2nd & 3rd we will be selling Shop Rite cards **monthly.** Thank you for your continued support!



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all visitors to our parish. If you attend Mass on a regular basis and have not registered, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket. We will call to set up an appointment for you to meet with Fr. Rick. If you have a change of address or plan on moving, please complete the form as well.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# (daytime phone #) _____

E-mail _____

Change of Address _____

Moving _____

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.