

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
March 10, 2019

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – March 9

8:30 a.m. Robert Hardy (Bingo Workers)
5:00 p.m. Helen Baltus (M/M P. Waldek)
Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Daniel Bell

Sunday – March 10

8:30 a.m. Joseph Stassi (Johansson Family)
Douglas Mathews (Dorothy Mathews)
Jane Giannuzzi (Valerie Deodino)
10:30 a.m. Carmen Liuzza, Jr. (Erin Nese)
Yvette Smith (Bingo Kitchen)
Peter Ventola (Felicia Biase)

Monday – March 11

6:00 p.m. Robert Hardy (Father Rick)

Tuesday – March 12

8:30 a.m. Martin Klein (Father Rick)

Wednesday – March 13

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

Thursday – March 14

8:30 a.m. Margaret McGovern (M/M B. McGovern)

Friday – March 15

8:30 a.m. Carl Kruszewski (Laura Kruszewski)
& John & Irene Kruszewski
8:00 p.m. Franciscan Mystery Players

Saturday - March 16

8:30 a.m. Robert Hardy (M/M B. Lanno)
5:00 p.m. Daniel Bell
Stephen Figurelli (Gloria Figurelli)
Carmen Liuzza, Jr. (Anita Kalyan)

Sunday – March 17

8:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Robert Hardy (Sister Sylvia)
John O'Connell (Dorothy Mathews)
10:30 a.m. Ana Milcetic (Didi Healy)
Special Intention: Antoni Salabaj
(Salabaj Family)
Joseph Patruno (Luttenberger Family)

MASS SERVERS
March 16 & 17

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Mario DiSanza
Luke Hebbelinck

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Aidan Flores
Kiara Lorenzo
10:30 a.m. Celia O'Toole
Gabiella Sanchez

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS
March 14 - Team 2

CAPTAIN: Donald Hertel
TEAM: Craig Barkhausen, Chris Beling, Bernie McGovern, Karen Grieco, Allwyn Pereira, Kathy Tarr

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8: 4-5:15pm (Connery Hall)
Religious Ed Registration: 3:30-5:30pm (Gym)
Bible Study: 6:30-7:30pm (Rm 6)
Confessions: 7-8:30pm (Church)
Football Clinic: 7:30pm (Gym)

Tuesday

Choir: 7:30pm (Church)
NJ Fly Basketball: 6:30-9:30pm (Gym)

Wednesday

Boy Scouts: 7-9:30pm (Rms 2,4,6)
NJ Fly Basketball: 6:30-9:30pm (Gym)

Thursday

Bingo: 5:30-10pm (Gym)

Friday

Franciscan Mystery Players: 8:00pm (Church)
Cub Scouts: 7-8pm (Rms 1,2,3,4,6)
Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

Religious Ed Retreat: 8am-5pm (Connery Hall)
Saturday Night Positive Step: 8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Religious Education Gr. 1-6: 9am-10:15am
Confirmation Grade 9 Retreat: 10:30am-4:30pm
(Connery Hall)

**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 \$5,421.50
The collection for last year at this time was \$4,763.15

"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

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...*

Jenny & Anthony Torsiello

Donated by Felicia Biase

FATHER RICK'S CORNER

"WHEN YOU PRAY" – LIVING OUR UNION WITH GOD EACH DAY

In our Ash Wednesday Gospel Jesus instructs us about Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, the heart and soul of our Lenten observance. Each week I will reflect on one of these pillars of Lent. We must, of course, begin with Prayer, the first and most important pillar of Lent.

Prayer is simply our loving conversation with God. It is directly experiencing and nourishing our relationship and our union with God in Jesus Christ. When our spirit is intent upon God. We mean here prayer from the heart which we engage in not only at scheduled times but spontaneously during the day and night when thoughts of God and Jesus come into our minds and we just talk to Him and spend time with Him informally and intimately.

We can reach out towards God when we are working, caring for our families or performing acts of kindness. Then whatever we are doing becomes a conscious, direct offering to God. During our whole lives we will enjoy the benefits which come from prayer if we devote as much time as possible to it. Gradually we become more and more attuned to the awesome truth that the God we are reaching out for is already living within us at the time. Our prayer helps us realize that in our daily experience.

Sometimes we feel we don't know how to pray well and wonder if we're doing it right. Our prayer often does seem so inadequate. Don't worry. The Holy Spirit is within each of us and transforms our, sometimes distracted words and thoughts, into a beautiful gift which we offer to God.

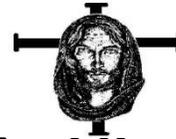
Crown your life each day with prayer. In this way, you are a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. Through His grace you possess God. His image will be enthroned in the temple of your Spirit. Please pray especially by participating in Daily Mass as often as you can, offering your Rosary for peace and coming here on Friday evenings to the Stations of the Cross. Pray with your family and your fellow parishioners and your friends. Talk to God at work, at home, in the car. (Turn off the car radio sometimes and just talk out loud to God.) Place Him at the center of your life all the time.

Please make your personal effort to enrich your prayer life the first and most important part of your Lenten observance. Build up in prayer your personal relationship with our God in Jesus who loves us so much that He can't ever take His eyes away from us.

God Bless,
Fr. Rick



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

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



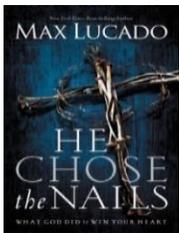
Dear Grade 9 Confirmation Students & Families: As you are already aware, our Confirmation Retreat will be held on **Sunday, March 17th** from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for all students in **Grade 9**. **RETREAT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM.** If for some very important reason you are unable to attend the St. Clement Confirmation Retreat, you must attend a retreat in another parish and obtain a letter from that parish. All students should arrive by 10:15am for 10:30am Mass. We will sit together on the front right side of the church.

"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.

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

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



FOOD COLLECTION - THANK YOU!

Hungry people do not fit any stereotype-they are high school and college graduates, they may live alone or with children, they may be seniors. Many own their own home and have jobs. Some are disabled or homeless, while others just need a little help while they try to make ends meet. Hunger hits every race, religion and education level — anyone can be in need of food.

We would never be able to help our friends in need without the help of many wonderful and generous people of our parish who have made donations and shared their time to make the Caring & Sharing program a success.

Thank you so much for helping those in need in our local community! **Our Easter Food Collection is scheduled for April 6th & 7th**

Irene Byrne

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



ST. CLEMENT PARISH YOUTH GROUP

St. Clement Parish is forming a Youth Group! **Any student grades 6 and up are welcome to join.** Youth Group will meet once a month.

Please contact Sue Drew if you are interested in joining. Volunteers needed to facilitate sessions.
drewsusan5@gmail.com

**GREAT WAY TO START YOUR
ST PATRICKS DAY WEEKEND!!**

On March 16 at 9 AM, Morris Catholic will host its 8th Annual St Patrick's 5K Road Race. In addition to the normal age group prizes, there are special awards for the top male and female alumni. The race starts and ends at Morris Catholic High School. Proceeds from the race benefit the Morris Catholic Scholarship Funds and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. You can register for the Race at RUNSIGNUP.COM (Crusader Challenge), or register on the day of the race at 8 o Clock. For additional information, call Mike O'Brien at 973-625-3198

ST. CECILIA'S SENIORS UPCOMING TRIPS

Thursday, April 25 – day trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse includes a Meal and Show "Take Me Away".

September 3-8 – Motorcoach trip to the beautiful Island of Coudres & Quebec City, Canada. Includes guided tours plus a visit to St. Ann De Beaupre Shrine. All breakfasts and dinners are included. **Call Carol at 973-537-5529 for more info.**

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Our parish will once again be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Please be sure to take one home. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help Catholic Relief Services continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.

Rice Bowls can be found on the table as you enter Church.



CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

St. Cecilia Church Hall
90 Church Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866

**Saturday, March 23, 2019
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

saintceiliarosarysociety@gmail.com
973-886-8023

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:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

God
is my
Light
and my salvation



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.