

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 17, 2019

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – March 16

8:30 a.m. Robert P. 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)

Monday – March 18

6:00 p.m. Anna Armenti (Irene Byrne)

Tuesday – March 19

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Ros & Miyares Families (Hirma & Irela Ros)

Wednesday – March 20

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

Thursday – March 21

8:30 a.m. Mary Ronan (Johansson Family)

Friday – March 22

8:30 a.m. Michael Mundy (M/M G. DaSilva)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 23

8:30 a.m. Don Stewart (Toomb Family)
5:00 p.m. Daniel Bell
Carmen Liuzza, Jr. (Irene Byrne & Debbie Cicchino)
Peter Ventola (M/M P. Waldek)

Sunday – March 24

8:30 a.m. Eileen Durborow (William Durborow)
Sister Mary DeBacco (M/M B. Lanno)
10:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Arthur Ryan-13th Anniv Of Death (Dee Ryan)
Robert Smith

MASS SERVERS
March 23 & 24

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Samantha Carroll
Ray Tomaszewski

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Elle Hebbelinck
James Johnson
10:30 a.m. Evelyn Peters
Adam Yeager

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS
March 21 - Team 3

CAPTAIN: Annette Rossi
TEAM: Paula Bass, Liz Bender, Marcie Bender, Karen Grieco, Dawn Morris, Joe Salmon, Ginny Salmon, Allwyn Pereira

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-6: 4-5:15pm (Connery Hall)
Bible Study: 6:30-7:30pm (Rm 2/4)
Confessions: 7-8:30pm (Church)
Football Clinic: 7:30pm (Gym)

Tuesday

Choir: 7:30pm (Church)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Bingo: 5:30-10pm (Gym)

Friday

Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Church)
Girl Scout Troop 306: 7-8:15pm (Rms 2/4)
Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

FHC Retreat: 9am-12pm (Connery Hall)
Saturday Night Positive Step: 8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Religious Education Gr. 1-8: 9am-12:45pm
Religious Ed. Sunday Make-up Registration: 9-10:30am

**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 \$3,563.00
The collection for last year at this time was \$4,456.00

"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

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

Carmen Liuzza, Jr.

Donated by Joan & Sal Chiaravalloti

FATHER RICK'S CORNER

Jesus Says: "When You Fast" – Our Second Challenge for Lent

The second Lenten challenge Jesus gives us on Ash Wednesday is His call to fast.

Fasting and abstinence from meat have been the tradition and law of the Church through the centuries. Today, the Church has asked us to choose forms of fasting without a very specified law. In a way, that makes fasting harder. It is easier to fast if the Church will only tell us exactly what to do. The Church asks us to take more personal responsibility for our fasting decisions. But still we must fast!

We begin with the present law which calls us to observe Fridays, especially these Fridays of Lent, as days of penance. We should not eat meat on Friday. For Lent, we should not eat between meals and we should take modest meals, especially on Friday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the most sacred of these days. We always add that if personal health makes this impossible, we should do some other acts of charity or penance instead. Here is where personal responsibility comes in. These days when people ask for a Friday dispensation in Lent because they must participate in a festive function, we ask them to do a special act of charity instead, or choose a different form of fasting rather than just ignoring the responsibility to fast.

There are Lenten traditions to give up smoking, alcohol or sweets. These practices combat habits that can damage our health. Doctors tell us this is usually a good idea. Many of us know how hard that is, but we turn that discomfort into prayer by telling Jesus we are doing this for love of Him. When we feel deprived by our fasting, even a little, try to remember people who are deprived not by their own choice, but by difficult circumstances of life. Our fasting frees us, even a little, from pampering ourselves so that we recognize the serious suffering of others. Fasting can help us in our struggle with addictive behaviors in our lives which often weigh us down and imprison our minds and hearts.

Fasting, whether giving up food, walking away from excessive TV or the internet; whether it is controlling our tongues from foul language or gossiping about people; whether it is using money we save by fasting for more almsgiving; or giving this time to God – in whatever form – our fasting has the purpose of turning our bodies and hearts to Jesus, in greater generosity and service, and very importantly, coming to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that He may forgive our sins.

Please embrace fasting for Lent! It will free you up and bring you closer to the Lord. May your Lenten Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting lead you to come to one of our afternoons or evenings of Confession to "Be reconciled to God" 2 Cor. 5:20.

God Bless,
Fr. Rick



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)**

"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.

WASHING OF FEET



Father Rick is looking for **volunteers to take part in the Washing of Feet during the Holy Thursday liturgy on April 18 at 7pm.** If you would like to share in this very special part of the Holy Thursday liturgy, there is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area or call the Parish Office, 973-366-7095.

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.

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



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

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.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

The First Holy Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2019, from 9:00am-11:30am in Connery Hall. This is another necessary step on the journey towards First Eucharist in May.



All are required to attend. We ask that one parent accompany each child to assist them in the various activities. We will also discuss more specific information concerning your child's reception of this most Blessed Sacrament and answer any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 REGISTRATION 2019-2020**

Sunday Make-Up Registration Date for the 2019-2020 Religious Education Catechetical year will be held in Connery Hall Gym **on Sunday, March 24th from 9-10:30am for all students in Grades 1 – 10.** Registration is also available in the office, please call to make an appointment. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 973-366-7547

God
 is my Light
 and my salvation



Dear Grade 10 Confirmation Students & Families:
As you are already aware, our Confirmation Retreat will be held on **Sunday, March 31st, 2019 from 10:30am to 5:00pm** for all students in Grade 10. **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.

BEST LENT EVER

"Best Lent Ever" is a **FREE** email program from Dynamic Catholic designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. This program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness and what to do about it. **Simply sign up at BestLentEver.com** to receive short inspirational videos and practical tips to help your spiritual growth. Participants will discover how to open their hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.

AT ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

- **Being a Man for Others: An Evening of Recollection for Men with Msgr. Geno Sylva**

This lent why not join men from throughout the diocese for food, fellowship and prayer with our dynamic speaker, Monsignor Geno Sylva. Msgr. Sylva, founder of St. Paul Inside the Walls, will inspire participants to grow closer to God and serve others. **Join us Friday, March 22nd from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.**

For information and to register visit insidethewalls.org/man4others

- **Catholicism from Scratch**

Join us for a course in Basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Our next session will be **Saturday, May 4th, from 10am to noon.**

For information and to register visit insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch

- **Set Free: Journey of Recovery through Christian Virtues**

Our addictions do not make us less loved by God. Jesus reminds us that with Him, we are capable of living in freedom. So if God believes in us, why don't we believe in ourselves? **Join us for lecture and group discussions on Tuesday March 19th and May 21st.**

For information visit insidethewalls.org/set-free

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.**

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:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.