

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 24, 2019

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Monday – March 25

6:00 p.m. Harriet Pszeniczny & Mame Wolski
(M/M P. Waldek)

Tuesday – March 26

8:30 a.m. Louis Charles Lesaski (Cathy Ritz)

Wednesday – March 27

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

Thursday – March 28

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

Friday – March 29

8:30 a.m. Bill Curtin (Dorothy Mathews)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 30

8:30 a.m. Parishioners
5:00 p.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Daniel Bell
Anna Armenti (DaSilva Family)

Sunday – March 31

8:30 a.m. Martin J. Manno, Sr. (Cathy Ritz)
Peter Ventola (Bingo Workers)
Marie Pennella (Carmen Pennella)
10:30 a.m. Yvette Smith (Father Rick)
Michael A. Plumeri (Manlangit Family)
Lorraine Bear (Irene Byrne & Debbie
Cicchino)

MASS SERVERS

March 29- -Stations of the Cross
Luke Hebbelinc

March 30 & 31

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Lauren Delle
Mario DiSanza

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Aidan Flores
James Johnson
10:30 a.m. Elizabeth Jones
Gabiella Sanchez

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

March 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)
Bible Study: 6:30-7:30pm (Rm 6)
Confessions: 7-8:30pm (Church)
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)
Lenten Retreat: 7-8:30pm (Church)

Friday

Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Church)
Girl Scout Troop 4360: 7-8pm (Rms 2/4)
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-10:30pm
Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat: 10:30-5:30pm

**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 \$4,807.00
The collection for last year at this time was \$4,684.00

"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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

With joy we welcome the following new parishioners to our Parish Family. In the months and years ahead we look forward to sharing life and worship with them as we continue our journey of faith.

Jessica Sanchez & Family



FATHER RICK'S CORNER

Almsgiving - Our Third Lenten Challenge

Lent is all about sacrifice. It is a time to reflect on our many blessings and to give back to God some of our time, talent and treasures. Jesus gives us our Lenten challenges in the Ash Wednesday Gospel, and in this third challenge He speaks: "When you give alms do not blow a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do." Matthew 6:2

In the Sacred Scriptures God calls upon us to return to him the first fruits, a tithe of our income. We do this first through our parish Church where God enables us, as Jesus' disciples, to personally do His sacred work with the time, talent and treasures He has given us, and I sincerely thank those faithful parishioners who always volunteer their time and energy to many of our parish activities, functions, ministries.

People who faithfully tithe always give witness that their tithing, their giving alms, is first of all about their personal relationship with God and only after that about helping God's Church do His work.

During Lent, please realize that offering our time, talent and income is linked with our Prayer and Fasting. So when you are preparing your Sunday collection envelope please stop every time and tell God you are making a large sacrifice in your gift to Him, even before every other financial obligation, because you are so grateful for everything He does for you every day, and thank God that your generous offering is also helping your parish to do His sacred work.

I hope and pray that you see your generous giving as being all about your response to God's love, putting greater faith and trust in His care for you.

Our parish has the responsibility to do God's sacred work: We worship God here; God's Word is preached and taught to our people here, and people in need receive God's help through our Church. All the people working and volunteering here, this holy ground, these buildings – God uses all of us, and everything here for His sacred purpose.

Thank you for your generosity which I pray is leading you to a stronger faith in God as well as helping our parish. May we continue responding to Jesus with our Lenten Prayer, our Fasting and our Almsgiving.

God Bless,
Fr. Rick



ST. CLEMENT PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
Please join us for a very thoughtful and entertaining one-evening Lenten Retreat:



**Jesus' Prayer: Be Calm,
Be Still,
It's Only Me**

Presented by Father Jude Salus
(former pastor of Notre Dame
Church in Cedar Knolls)

**Thursday, March 28th
From 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

"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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

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

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.

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

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 9am-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.



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.



Easter
 Memorial
 Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Flowers that will be used to decorate the Church during Easter in memory of a deceased relative or loved one or for a special intention, **envelopes will be provided in the Easter letter from Father Rick.** There are also extra envelopes located on the tables as you enter Church. **Please return your envelopes by April 15** either by dropping them in the collection basket on the weekend or at the Parish Office.

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



SPRING GERTRUDE HAWK
CANDY ORDER PICK-UP

The Gertrude Hawk Candy orders will be available for pick-up the weekend of **Sunday, April 7 and Monday, April 8** during **Religious Education Class times.** If you are unable to pick up the candy on either of these two days, please call the Religious Education Office at 973-366-7547 to make other arrangements. Your ongoing support of the program is greatly appreciated!



RIGHT TO LIFE

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. **Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:**

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of our elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. We especially pray for our Senator(s) _____ (and _____). Open his/her/their heart(s) and mind(s) to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

SWEET PEACE BAKING CONTEST

Rise Up, and interfaith organization from Rockaway is sponsoring their annual **Sweet Peace Baking Contest on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 12:30-2:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockaway.** Amateur bakers, ages 7 and up are invited for a chance to win cash prizes for their best baked treats. Not a baker? Dessert lovers are welcomed to join us for sampling, support and fellowship. “RiseUp” to the baking challenge or just bring your sweet tooth! For entry form, ticket information and details, please email us at: sweetpeacebaking@yahoo.com or visit us at Riseupnj.org.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, CHATHAM

Please join us for an amazing and inspirational concert by composer and speaker Eric Genuis on **Sunday, March 31st from 2-3:30pm at St. Patrick Church in Chatham.** Eric is a talented musician who will perform original music with a professional cellist, vocalist, and violinist. His mission is to bring hope to the hopeless in prisons, VA hospitals, inner city schools, and homeless shelters, anywhere where he can uplift the human spirit! Please come and support his mission while enjoying an amazing experience! Join us for a light reception following the concert. For information and to rsvp: maggiehansonmusic@gmail.com

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:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.