

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 31, 2019

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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)

Monday – April 1

6:00 p.m. Robert Hardy (LaForgia Family)

Tuesday – April 2

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday – April 3

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

Thursday – April 4

8:30 a.m. Stanley Paluba (Stella Rychlicki)

Friday – April 5

8:30 a.m. Eileen Durborow (Fr. Rick)

Saturday - April 6

8:30 a.m. Robert Hardy (Anne Armstrong)
5:00 p.m. Daniel Bell
John & Viola Jaskot (Diane Alvarez)
Maryanne & Gabriel Tornillo (Felicia Biase)

Sunday – April 7

8:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Sharon DeMarco (Sousa Family)
Angeles Lujan (MM L. Gonzalez)
10:30 a.m. Isabella Maggi (Maria, Tina & Linda)
Yvette Smith (Kathy Tarr)
Lorraine Bear (St. Clement Music Ministry)

MASS SERVERS

Confirmation 7:30pm - April 5

Aidan Flores Lucas Pallito
Elizabeth Jones Adam Yeager

April 6 & 7

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Samantha Carroll Celia O'Toole

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Lucas Pallito Ray Tomaszeski

10:30 a.m. Kiara Lorenzo Evelyn Peters

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

April 4 - Team 1

CAPTAIN: Kathie Bova
TEAM: Lucia Engle, Pat Giammetta, Kathy Gorman,
Jerry Imperiose, Doris Martin, Georgina Martino,
Allwyn Pereira, Roe Sousa, Mary Jane Veloso

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-6: 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)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Bingo: 5:30-10pm (Gym)

Friday

Confirmation: 7pm (Church)
Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

Food Collection: After Mass
Saturday Night Positive Step: 8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Food Collection: After Mass
Religious Education Gr. 1-8: 9am-12:45pm

**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 \$4,898.50
The collection for last year at this time was \$4,992.63
(This was Palm Sunday)

We Share Collection for March 2019: \$6,029.67

We Share Collection for March 2018: \$6,164.67

"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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection, which will be taken next weekend, **April 6 & 7** is for generating the needed funds to pay for our Diocesan Assessment. We thank you for your generosity in this second collection

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

Helen Mura

Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Felix Costa

FATHER RICK'S CORNER

Please come to Mass every week and invite a friend to come with you!

Hopefully, as we celebrate this Laetare Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are persevering in our Lenten works of Prayer, Fasting and Charity. We are preparing our hearts now to celebrate the great mysteries of our salvation during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. As we move closer to these great feasts, I ask you to be with our parish community for Mass every weekend. Please make your participation at weekend Mass the rock on which you build your relationship with the Lord and with our parish. Everyone who ministers in our parish joins with us to make our weekend Masses the heart and soul of everything we are about here at St. Clement Parish.

We would love to see you here at Mass every weekend because this is what Jesus wants for every parish community. Please receive this message as gentle encouragement, an affirming reminder of just how important and wonderful your personal attendance and active participation in the parish liturgy is every weekend.

When you and I are not at Mass, it is God who misses us! When I am not present as a priest, people easily notice that I am not here. But in God's sight, your presence and your absence is just as special as mine. Remember that one lost sheep in the Gospel. (Luke 15: 1-7) That lost sheep is you and I when we are not here at Mass.

If someone who usually comes to the same Mass isn't in their usual seat because of illness, vacation or some other reason, people do notice and often inquire with me and other parishioners about it. They pray for someone who is sick or away. This is heartwarming because it means we realize that we are a community. We are trying our best to be a family in the Lord and every person's presence and participation is important. We want everyone to join us so that we become a stronger community of disciples, and can offer richer worship and prayers.

With this in mind, I ask you to bring a family member or a friend to Mass next Sunday, and on Palm Sunday, on Easter Sunday and every Sunday, if possible. Bring a friend who doesn't come to Church often or at all. Some parishioners have brought friends and neighbors here and wonderful things begin to happen to people who have been away from Church as they begin finding the Lord in their lives again. All this usually begins with weekend Mass, because of your hospitality and your gentle invitations. Please invite someone to come with you this Lent, and let's pray that our Sunday Mass attendance continues to increase, thus making our parish community grow even stronger.

*God Bless,
Fr. Rick*



PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Stations of the Cross this Friday, April 5th. Instead Bishop Serratelli will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with **54 of our students and their families.** Please keep them in your prayers.



BEWARE

It has come to our attention that some people have received "scam" texts or emails from Father Richard Hardy, Father Lawrence Hardy or Father Rick Hardy.

Please know that these messages requesting favors or gift cards are **fake**. Should you have any questions, please call the parish office at 973-366-7095. **Do not reply to these texts or emails.**

TAIZE PRAYER

Many of us get caught up in our hectic lives. This leaves us longing for inner peace and simplicity. Come and gather in candlelight for an evening of meditative common prayer with singing that will continue in the silence of your heart. **All are invited to attend a peaceful, reflective evening of prayer and song on Friday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area.**

The music of Taize, a small ecumenical community in France, has circled the globe and is noted for its simple repetitive words that make a quiet rhythm in the spirit.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Please consider spending some time with Our Lord. **St. Clement has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am to 1pm on the First Friday of every month.** Please come spend an hour or just come for a short visit. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

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.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday - April 18

7:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper - Adoration in Chapel of Reposition ending with Night Prayer

Good Friday - April 19

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy Passion & Death of Our Lord

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 20

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 21

Liturgies: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.



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.

SHOP RITE CARDS ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND

\$25 and \$100 Shop Rite Gift Cards will be on sale next weekend in the Gathering Area after all masses.



...For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." "...Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:37-46

EASTER FOOD COLLECTION

April 6 & 7

ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

Ham	Black & Green Olives
French Fried Onions	Mushroom Soup
Fruit Cocktail	Salad Dressing
Coffee	Canned Pineapple
Tuna fish	Canned meats
Pasta	Pasta sauce
Rice	Beans
Peanut butter	Jelly
Canned vegetables	Soup
Instant mashed potatoes	Macaroni & cheese
Goya products	Baby food
Cereal	Evaporated milk
	Sugar-free jello & pudding
	Sugar-free powdered drink mixes

Monetary donations and supermarket gift cards are always welcomed and can be dropped in the weekend Collection in an envelope marked "Monthly Food Collection". Our sincere thanks to all who generously donate groceries and gift cards. Thank you and God bless you for your continuous & generous support of this Ministry.

Irene Byrne

A welcoming environment is one of the most special things about St. Clement Church. Our faithful greeters and ushers play a major role in creating that environment.

We strive to make sure that each person attending mass is greeted with a kind word and a warm smile upon arrival. That greeting is extended by the greeters at the door and the support of the ushers as we enter the sanctuary for mass. We would like to say "Thank You" to those who serve in this capacity.

Irene Byrne and Russ Perry

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.



Mr. & Mrs. Eric & Lauren Nellesen & Family

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

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!

“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.

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:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.