

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 19, 2017

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – February 18

- 8:30 a.m. Unborn Children
- 5:00 p.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
 Frank Ferguson (Georgina Martino)
 Katherine Lyons (Terry Wisolmerski)
 Daniel Bell

Sunday – February 19

- 8:30 a.m. Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. Nicola Forte (Maria Cicchino)
 Dolores Seitz (Fr. Rick)
 Paula Liuzza (M/M R. Perry)

Monday – February 20

- 6:00 p.m. **No Liturgy**

Tuesday – February 21

- 8:30 a.m. Glenn F. Sivisky (Madden Family)

Wednesday – February 22

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

Thursday – February 23

- 8:30 a.m. Sean Warren (His Loved Ones)

Friday – February 24

- 8:30 a.m. Unborn Children

Saturday – February 25

- 8:30 a.m. Deceased Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
 Catherine Laverty (Elaine Feller)
 Frank Ferguson (M/M J. Salmon)
 Daniel Bell

Sunday – February 26

- 8:30 a.m. Unborn Children
- 10:30 a.m. Nelly Miyares (Hirma & Irela Ros)
 Paula Liuzza (Madden Family)
 Protection of Babies in the Womb and
 Their Families

MASS SERVERS
February 25 & 26

Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. Kiara Lorenzo
 Gabriella Sanchez

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Aidan Flores
 Ayden Gomez
- 10:30 a.m. Elle Hebbelinck
 Luke Hebbelinck



VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

February 23 – Team #3

- CAPTAIN: Annette Rossi
- TEAM: Liz Bender, Marcie Bender, Joe Salmon, Ginny Salmon, Karen Grieco, Allwyn Pereira

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

- No 6pm Mass
- No Religious Ed. Classes
- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday

- RCIA – 7pm (Meeting Room)
- Choir – 7:30pm (Church)
- CYO Basketball-6:00pm (Gym)

Wednesday

- CYO Basketball Practice – 6:00pm (Gym)
- Boy Scouts – 7:30-9:00pm (Connery Hall, Rm 2/4)

Thursday

- Bingo – 7:30 – 11:00pm (Connery Hall)

Friday

- CYO Basketball-6pm (Gym)
- Girl Scout Troop 4360-4-6pm (Connery Hall, Rm 2/4)
- Friday Night Positive Group –8:15pm (Connery Hall, Rooms 2 & 4)

Saturday

- Confirmation Bake Sale-After Mass (Gathering Area)
- Girl Scout Event-1:30-8:30pm (Connery Hall, Rm 2/4)
- CYO Basketball Practice – Gym
- Saturday Night Positive Step meeting – 8:15pm (Connery Hall, Rooms 2 & 4)

Sunday

- Religious Education Classes Gr 1-8 – 9am-12:45pm
- Confirmation Mass and Class-10:30am-12:45pm (Connery Hall)
- Confirmation Bake Sale- After Mass (Gathering Area)

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$ 2,481.00.
 The collection last week at this time was \$3,137.08

“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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Especially, Jose Baez, John Bedell, Kevin Bellini, Gary Bomely, Barbara Ciaffone, Deborah Radler, Marion DiVincent, Eileen Durborow, Frances Ferrara, Charlie Fleming, Gene Kalyan, Anna Kostyk, Susan Lehner, Eric Lemke, Albert Lusardi, Beth O'Meara Mckie, Walter Maguire, Joseph Martino, Daniel Mulhaul, Kelly Nigro, Kathy Noble, Joe Patruno, Patricia Pirmor, Marie Ritzer, Mary Shea, Jay Silver, Sarah Theil, Michaela Winnans, George Zeman.

7 DAY SANCTUARY LIGHT

The 7 Day Sanctuary Light this week is in loving memory of **Irene Pieretti** on the 10th Anniversary of her Death and was donated by Irene Byrne and Debbie Cicchino.

FR. RICK'S CORNER

TREAT EVERYONE WELL

St. John Chrysostom said that "He who lives only for himself and despises his neighbor is useless, is not a man and does not belong to our lineage."

Our Lord repeatedly called for us to be charitable at all times. Most of the time, this practice of charity consists of little details – something as simple as a smile, a word of encouragement or a kind gesture. All of these are very pleasing to God and draw us closer to Him.

In our prayer today, let's consider areas where we can easily work against charity if we are not careful, such as - rash judgements, negative criticism, or neglect of others.

Furthermore, the Christian way of conduct is not "an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth," but to do good always. Occasionally, such an attitude will not result in any human gain in this world but we will have enriched our hearts and our souls for our life in the hereafter. This way of acting presupposes a life of prayer and sets us clearly apart from those who choose not to live as Christ's disciples. Our Christian faith does not call us to act just with correct human behavior, but to also act with heroic virtues at times even in our ordinary living.

Let us all try harder to treat everyone with the love and respect that Jesus would.

*God Bless,
Father Rick*



PLEASE NOTE

There will be **no 6pm Mass on Monday, February 20 and the Parish Office will be closed** in observance of President's Day.

INCLEMENT WEATHER



In case of inclement weather – snow, ice, wind, etc., we will still have Sunday masses as scheduled.

Please know that I do not want **anyone** to take unnecessary risks getting to our Church. **If you can get here safely, we appreciate your attendance. If you cannot, you are not obliged to attend.**

Father Rick

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

BAKE SALE: BIRTH HAVEN

Our Confirmation students will be sponsoring a Bake Sale next weekend, February 25 & 26 after all the Masses. Your donations will be used to support Birth Haven.

Ash
Wednesday



March 1 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

7:00 p.m. Liturgy (Mass)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Begin your Lenten Journey by attending the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 3rd, at 7pm in the Church. At this time, the Religious Education Students will present prayerful reflections at each Station. Please join us as we meditate on the Passion of the Lord.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday night at 7pm from March 3 through April 14 except March 24 (Franciscan Mystery Players) and April 7 (Taize Prayer).

ST. CLEMENT'S LENTEN RETREAT

Dr. Jayanard is returning to St. Clements for our annual Lenten Retreat conference.

Dr. Jay is a dynamic inspirational speaker who has been preaching to tens of thousands of the faithful throughout the world for more than 35 years. Dr. Jay has conducted missions and retreats in the United States, India, Russia, China, Europe, South America and Canada.

He has worked with Mother Theresa in Calcutta to help the poor and to bring God's message of faith to all the faithful.

The conference is scheduled from March 7 – March 9 in the Church starting at 7:00pm and will run for approximately an hour each night. Coffee and desert will be available every night after the conference for all those attending and Dr. Jay will be available to meet and talk to everyone.

Please be with us for a charismatic, spiritually-uplifting presentation on any night of the conference or for all three.

We feel that you will be personally touched and moved by his words of faith, reassurance and compassion.

The conference is open to the public and there is no charge. A voluntary offering will be taken up each night to cover expenses.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

Instead consider "Best Lent Ever", 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. Beginning Ash Wednesday, participants will discover how to open their hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.



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.

John and Susan Kappock and Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2017-2018

In person registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Catechetical year will be held in the Connery Hall Gym on Sunday, March 12th from 9am-1pm and on Monday, March 13th from 3:45pm-5:30pm for all students in Grades 1 through 8 and Confirmation. **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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT



The First Holy Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 11th, 2017, from 9:00 – 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.

BAPTISM

Our Parish Family welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism **Zosia James Rossi, Zian Ito Lucas and Jaxon Scott VanKampen** to our Parish community. We extend our congratulations to their parents and Godparents, and promise our prayerful support.



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Be Rich in Good Works

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2016appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

WE ARE MANY PARTS

"We are many parts, we are all one body and the gifts we have we are given to share..."

Many of you may recognize these lyrics from a familiar hymn we often sing during masses throughout the year. We are all blessed with various gifts, given by God, to be used for the benefit of others. The Music Ministry is a liturgical ministry. Liturgical ministers are aware that they answer their baptismal call to serve God and others. The word minister is meant to indicate that a person is taking on the role of service to the community. Not showcasing a talent, but rather using gifts in praise and thanksgiving to God and as a contribution to the community's prayer.



Do you enjoy singing? Are you interested in sharing your love for music and the gift of song with our parish family? Do you want an opportunity to grow in faith and in knowledge of the liturgy and music while growing in community with fellow parishioners who share your interests and gifts? Consider becoming a member of our choir. Anyone 18 years and older is invited to join. The ability to read music is not a requirement nor is previous choral experience. You do not have to audition - all are welcome. Current members have been in service ranging from five to forty-seven years and we were pleased to recently welcome two new members...we have a place for you as well. Rehearsals are held in the Church on most Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. **Please speak with or contact Debbie Cicchino, Director of Music, 973-770-2265/dcnotes@hotmail.com.**

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

March 10-11, 2017

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish

Randolph, NJ

"We are all different, but as sisters of Christ, we are all the same."

Come join us for an overnight retreat to reflect, experience a spiritual renewal and grow your faith. We are women like yourself, meeting every-day trials. Our team will share stories of challenges and miracles in a casual environment. We will laugh, cry, share meals and make special new friends. This is our 12th Women's Cornerstone Retreat and we look forward to making you part of the memory.

If you have any questions please contact Pat Manno at vitopatmanno@gmail.com, or call 973-953-0645.

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 READING

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

The city of Zion laments that God has forsaken it. God replies that a mother would not forget her baby. Yet even if she did forget, "I will never forget you."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul describes himself as a servant of Christ. He explains that the opinions of other people are unimportant to him. God is the only one worthy to judge us. When God returns, he will praise those who deserve it.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus warns the people not to waste their time worrying about material things. He says that God provides for the birds in the sky. "Are you not more important than they?" Jesus asked. We should not worry about food and clothes. Instead we should act as God wants us to, then he will help provide for us.