

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 26, 2017

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Monday – February 27

- 6:00 p.m. Paul Liuzza (Fr. Rick)

Tuesday – February 28

- 8:30 a.m. Unborn Children

Wednesday – March 1

- 8:30a.m. Parishioners
12:15p.m. Prayer Service
4:00p.m. Prayer Service
7:00p.m. Paula Liuzza (Ferguson Family)

Thursday – March 2

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

Friday – March 3

- 8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – March 4

- 8:30 a.m. Deceased Parishioners
5:00 p.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Emil Fahrman (M/M G.DaSilva)
Mildred Byrne (M/M C. Merrell)
Joseph Laverty (Elaine)
Daniel Bell

Sunday – March 5

- 8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
10:30 a.m. Dolores Seitz (VonDollen Family)
Paula Liuzza (Irene Byrne & Debbie
Cicchino)

MASS SERVERS

March 1 – Ash Wednesday

- 7 p.m. Nicholas Sullivan & Adam Yeager

March 4 & 5

Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. Mario DiSanza
Gabiella Perna

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Adam Yeager
Ashley Yeager
10:30 a.m. Kiara Lorenzo
Gabiella Sanchez

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 8:30am Mass
this Thursday, March 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

- Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8- 4:00-5:15pm (Hall)
Girl Scout Troop 5128 – 7:00-8:15pm (Room 2/4)

Tuesday

- Cub Scouts – 6:30pm-8:00pm (Gym)
RCIA – 7pm (Meeting Room)

Wednesday

- CYO Basketball- 6:00pm (Gym)

Thursday

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

Friday

- Stations of the Cross – 7pm (Church)
Cub Scouts – 6:30-8:15pm (Rms 1,2,3,4, 6)
Friday Night Positive Group –8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

- Scrip on Sale – After Mass
Saturday Night Positive Step meeting – 8:15pm
(Rooms 2 & 4)

Sunday

- Scrip on Sale – After Mass
Religious Education Classes Gr 1-8 – 9am-2:45pm
(Connery Hall)
Girl Scout Troop 320 – 4-6pm (Rooms 2 & 4)

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$ 4,703.75

The collection last week at this time was \$4,746.00

*“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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Especialy, *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 Patrino, Patricia Pirmor, Marie Ritzer, Mary
Shea, Jay Silver, Sarah Theil, Michaela Winnans,
George Zeman.*

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

March 2–Team #4

CAPTAIN: Craig Barkhausen

TEAM: Gina Bosco, Karen Grieco, Cheryl
Johansson, Peter King, Jennifer McDonald,
Gary McNeill, Allwyn Pereira, Muriel Stites,
Kathy Tarr, Tara Toohey, Tracey Ysordia

FR. RICK'S CORNER

J. Escriva in *The Way* says that "yesterday is over. We do not know whether we will see tomorrow since no one has been given knowledge of the future."

There are no grounds, objectively speaking, for letting worry and concern for tomorrow weigh us down. What matters is today. Today is the day in which we need to love more, grow in holiness and reach out to others in an unselfish act of compassion. Some things will be naturally pleasant, others perhaps less gratifying, but each one can be made to shine for all eternity as we build up good works in Heaven.

Sometimes our imagination can improve upon the reality of past events and enslave us by idealizing a future reassuringly free from effort. It may, on the other hand, show us a dark horizon and give us reason to be apprehensive.

We need to live each day as if it were the only day in our lives. Each day is the one we must fill with love for God, and one in which we must leave filled to the brim with good works. We cannot let a single opportunity of doing some good slip through our hands.

Today does not come around again, ever, and God expects us to fill it with love and little acts of service towards others.

Our guardian angel rejoices when we offer our day to God Our Father and we spend time sharing His love with others.

*God Bless,
Father Rick*

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)

ST. CLEMENT PARISH 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 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.

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).

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.

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.

"WELCOME HOME"

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent March 6 through April 3 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.

MORRIS CATHOLIC ST. PATRICK'S 5K RUN

Morris Catholic High School is holding its 6th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. at its Denville, NJ campus. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. **\$25 registration fee up to March 8, 2017. \$30 registration fee after March 8 and day of race.** For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K> or contact MC5KRace@gmail.com.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.

The next Pizza Night will be Tuesday, March 7 at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta.



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 thru 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.



ATTENTION COLLECTORS



St. Clement's has acquired 3 full sets of collectors plates and will sell them to anyone interested at a reasonable price. There are two sets of Disney plates and one Norman Rockwell set. **If you are interested or want more information, please 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 2016 for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office, 973-366-7095 and we will send it out.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection, which will be taken next weekend, March 4 & 5, is for generating the needed funds to pay for our Diocesan Assessment. We thank you for your generosity in this second collection.

UPDATE

February 2017

LONG-TERM PARISH INDEBTEDNESS

We have some good news to share with you as to the indebtedness of our Church to the Diocese and to our heating and A/C repair/replacement project.

I have enclosed my last memo which showed that our Church owed \$108,509 as of May 31, 2016 with interest, that amount was \$111,446 on 1/31/17.

I met with our Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese to discuss our loan and we now have approval, as follows:

In the 1st Quarter 2017, St. Clement will pay \$36,000 to the Diocese. This money that we will pay to the Diocese is a direct result of a legacy gift received from a deceased parishioner, a large donation from another parishioner, plus money we have been able to save over the past 6 months. This amount will be matched by the Diocese.

The Diocese will subtract from our loan as follows:

\$ 111,446	Amount owed as of 1/31/17 (principal + interest)
- <u>72,000</u>	(\$36,000 from St. Clement
\$ 39,446	\$36,000 matched by Diocese)
- <u>13,513</u>	(2016 Reduction from "Partners-in-Faith")
25,933	
- <u>15,000</u>	Anticipated final Partners-in-Faith Contribution to loan
\$ 10,933	Remaining balance to be paid in 2018

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

Phase I of our heating/AC replacement has been completed. Our boiler has been rebuilt and all obstacles to our air flow have been removed or replaced. The repairs were paid for with funds generated from our 50/50 monthly and bi-yearly Jumbo Raffles and we sincerely thank you for your support.

We have \$18,300 remaining to be used for our A/C repair/replacement in the spring and we will continue with our 50/50 fund raising program until sufficient funds are generated to pay for the entire project.

Once again, this is only possible with your support.

Please note that the legacy gift we received was the key to our \$36,000 payment. It is never too early to remember a gift to your Church in your Will.

UPDATE
PARTNERS-IN-FAITH CONTRIBUITONS
TO OUR LONG TERM DEBT

September, 2016

PARTNERS-IN-FAITH RECAP

Our parish entered into an agreement stating that 50% of all cash received in the Partners in Faith campaign in our parish would be used to reduce our outstanding debt to the diocese. Below is the calculation of this number as of December 31, 2015:

Unrestricted cash as of December 31, 2015:	\$141,071.00
50% of unrestricted cash:	\$ 70,535.50
Amount of cash forwarded to Diocese 12/31/13:	\$ 23,857.50
Amount of cash forwarded to Diocese 12/31/14:	\$ 27,261.00
Amount of cash forwarded to Diocese 12/31/15:	\$ 19,417.00

As you can see, Partners-in-Faith not only helps many diocesan ministries, but also our own parish. I would like to encourage all our parishioners to please continue making payments on their pledges to help both our diocese and our parish.

If we continue to move in a positive direction (and I have complete faith in the fact that we will), the Partners-in-Faith contributions as well as our own contributions plus the matching funds from our Diocese will completely eradicate this debt by 2018. Then we can focus **all** of our attention and resources on replacing the A/C unit in our church.

Thank you for your ongoing 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."