

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2017

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### 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)

#### Monday – March 6

6:00 p.m. Emil Fahrman (Dolores Fahrman)

#### Tuesday – March 7

8:30 a.m. Thomas Scerbo (Louise Carter)

#### Wednesday – March 8

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

#### Thursday – March 9

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

#### Friday – March 10

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday – March 11

8:30 a.m. Deceased Parishioners  
5:00 p.m. Helen Baltes (M/M P. Waldek)  
Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)  
Vito Liuzza (Irene Byrne & Debbie  
Cicchino)  
Daniel Bell

#### Sunday – March 12

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children  
10:30 a.m. Special Intention: Antoni Salabaj  
Dolores Seitz (Irene Byrne & Debbie  
Cicchino)

### MASS SERVERS

**Stations of the Cross March 10 – Aidan Flores**

#### March 11 & 12

#### Saturday

5:00 p.m. Lauren Delle  
Ray Tomaszeski

#### Sunday

8:30 a.m. Celia O'Toole  
Nicholas Sullivan  
10:30 a.m. Elle Hebbelinck  
James Johnson

### VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

#### March 9–Team #1

CAPTAIN: Kathie Bova  
TEAM: Lucia Engle, Pat Giammetta, Doris  
Martin, Georgina Martino, Limo Olaes,  
Allwyn Pereira, Roe Sousa, Mary  
Jane Veloso

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8- 4:00-5:15pm (Hall)  
Confessions – 7:00pm-8:15pm (Church)

#### Tuesday

Lenten Retreat – 7:00pm-8:00pm (Church)  
RCIA – 7pm (Meeting Room)

#### Wednesday

Lenten Retreat – 7:00pm-8:00pm (Church)  
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm-9:00pm (Connery Hall Rm 2/4)

#### Thursday

Lenten Retreat – 7:00pm -8:00pm (Church)  
Bingo – 7:30 – 11:00pm (Connery Hall)

#### Friday

Stations of the Cross – 7pm (Church)  
Girl Scouts – 3:00pm-4:30pm (Connery Hall, Rm 2/4)  
Friday Night Positive Group –8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

#### Saturday

First Holy Communion Retreat-9:00am-11:30am  
Food Collection – After Mass  
Saturday Night Positive Step Mtg-8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

#### Sunday

Food Collection – After Mass  
Girl Scout Sunday – 10:30am Mass  
Religious Education Classes Gr 1-8 – 9am-2:45pm  
Confirmation Mass & Class-10:30am-12:45pm  
(Connery Hall)  
Girl Scout Event – 1:00-6:00pm (Gym)

### PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$4,133.00  
The collection last week at this time was \$5,121.88  
The Parish Pay collection for February 2017 was  
\$5,151.67  
The Parish Pay collection for February 2016 was  
\$5,021.67

*“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

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Especially, *Jose Baez, John Bedell, Kevin Bellini,  
Gary Bomely, Barbara Ciaffone, 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.*

### 7 DAY SANCTUARY LIGHT

The 7 Day Sanctuary Light is donated in loving  
memory of **Alice Fahrman** by her family.

## FR. RICK'S CORNER

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT "The Lenten Fast"

Ash Wednesday began our spiritual journey of Lent and began for all of us a season of repentance, fasting and abstinence.

Ever since the time of the Apostles there has been a practice of fasting in the Church.

Christians throughout history have seen the religious value of imitating Christ's forty-day fast in the desert.

For many centuries, fasting meant only eating one meal a day toward evening. In some countries, people abstained from meat and dairy products during Lent eating their one vegetarian meal in the late afternoon.

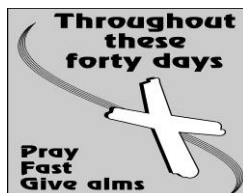
Church leaders continued prudence in fasting. As an example, St. John Chrysostom preached that "If your body is not strong enough to continue fasting all day, no wise man will reprove you. For we serve a gentle and merciful Lord, who expects nothing of us beyond our strength."

Pope St. Leo I taught that fasting is a means and not an end in itself. The major purpose of fasting is the spiritual renewal of the person and the money saved can benefit the hungry.

Let's make a commitment to God this Lent to fast as often as we can and to give the money we save to the "Rice Bowl" or use it to buy Shop Rite gift cards for the poor.

When fasting makes us thoughtful of others, it begins to work its spiritual magic.

*God Bless,  
Father Rick*



## 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



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

### "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](http://www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org).

## 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](http://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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

The First Holy Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm and on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ENCOUNTER LENT – CRS RICE BOWL

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more.



## 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.

## MARCH FOOD COLLECTION

### MARCH 11TH & 12TH

It is easy to lose sight of the massive problems of poverty and lack of food in our world from our vantage point in the U.S., a world economic leader. Here are some eye-opening facts on world hunger:

- An estimated 1.2 billion people struggle to live on less than a dollar a day--one of every six people in the world.
- Almost 50% of the world's population lives on less than two dollars a day.
- Each year, over 10 million children in developing countries die before the age of five.
- Someone dies of hunger every 3.6 seconds.

While we may not have the power to eliminate world hunger, we always have the power to alleviate suffering that is closest to us - perhaps by simply filling a grocery bag with food and bringing it to church. *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* – Margaret Mead

### Suggested items to donate:

- High protein foods such as canned meat, tuna, beef stew, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, beans and lentils
- Staple dry goods such as rice, pastas and dry cereals, potatoes
- Canned goods including fruit, juices, vegetables, soups and spaghetti sauce and Goya products, baby food and personal care items.

Shop-Rite gift cards or monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards are also appreciated. Gift cards enable our families to purchase items like milk, bread, eggs, produce or meat to supplement the non-perishable items they receive. For some families, this is their only source of groceries.

We cannot accept packages that have been opened/partially used or those beyond their expiration dates!



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Irene Byrne

## LENTEN GUIDELINES

During the Lenten Season, Catholics are encouraged to celebrate Eucharist frequently, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participate in Lenten Devotions and the Stations of the Cross, read the Scriptures prayerfully and perform acts of self-denial, charity and works of mercy. The specific discipline of the Church of the United States regarding penitential days is as follows:

**The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

**The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.**

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designed as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial of penance. This may be acts of charity or sharing with others.

**Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast;** by this obligation the individual is permitted only one full meal in the day. From the **age of 14 all are obliged to abstain.** The law of abstinence forbids eating meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind even though made from animal fat.

**The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence “substantially” or as a whole is a serious obligation.** Failure to observe any penitential day in itself is not considered serious. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of such days, which is considered serious.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vitopatmanno@gmail.com), or call 973-953-0645.**

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS A FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAY



**Friday, March 24, at 8:00 p.m., the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of “The Way of the Cross” in Church.**

Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a “play” in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today.

The group is comprised of 15 teens and 9 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 15 minutes early. *A free will offering will be taken.*

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone# (daytime phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Moving \_\_\_\_\_