

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2017

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – March 11

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

Sunday – March 12

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

Monday – March 13

6:00 p.m. Paula Liuzza (Nancy Pellegrini)

Tuesday – March 14

8:30 a.m. Mary Marrero (Marlene Gonzalez)

Wednesday – March 15

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

Thursday – March 16

8:30 a.m. Carl Kruszewski, John & Irene Kruszewski (Laura Kruszewski)

Friday – March 17

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

Saturday – March 18

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Thomas Oppici (LaForgia Family)
George Feller (Elaine Feller)
Daniel Bell

Sunday – March 19

8:30 a.m. Justin Pease (Borkstrom Family)
10:30 a.m. Elizabeth McGuire (Irene Byrne)
Dolores Seitz (Religious Ed)
Paula Liuzza (Anita Kalyan)

MASS SERVERS

Stations of the Cross-March 17 – Luke Hebbelinck

March 18 & 19

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Samantha Carroll
Gabiella Perna

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Andrew Gomez
Ayden Gomez
10:30 a.m. Lauren Delle
Ashley Yeager

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8- 4:00-5:15pm (Hall)
Religious Ed Registration – 9am-1pm
Confessions – 7:00pm-8:15pm (Church)
Girl Scout Troop 5128-7:00-8:15pm (Room 2/4)

Tuesday

Choir – 7:30pm (Church)
RCIA – 7pm (Meeting Room)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Bingo – 7:30 – 11:00pm (Connery Hall)

Friday

Stations of the Cross – 7pm (Church)
Girl Scout Troop 306-7:00-8:15pm (Rm 2/4)
Friday Night Positive Group –8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

Scrip on Sale – After Mass
Saturday Night Positive Step Mtg-8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Scrip on Sale – After Mass
Religious Education Classes Gr 1-8 – 9am-2:45pm

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$4,751.15

The collection last year at this time was \$4,955.40

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

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

March 16–Team #2

CAPTAIN: Donald Hertel

TEAM: Craig Barkhausen, Barbara Broadley,
Maria Erdmann, Sophie Gryszkowicz,
Maria Heveran, Bernie McGovern,
Allwyn Pereira, Mary Ricco, Mary
Swanick, Anne Wiedman

FR. RICK'S CORNER

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Have you ever noticed how many religious experiences in the Bible happened on mountaintops?

Abraham was about to sacrifice his son on Mt. Mariah when God told him to "stay thy hand." Moses first encountered God in the burning bush on Mt. Horeb and then on Mt. Sinai to celebrate the covenant. Jesus gave the sermon of the Beatitudes on Mt. Calvary and today, we see Peter, James and John watch Jesus give them a glimpse of Heaven on the Mount of the Transfiguration (Mount Tabor). So awesome was the scene, they fell to their knees and hid their faces.

The blinding heavenly truth of God is too great for earthly assimilation all at once. Peter, James & John were also with Jesus on another mountain – Gethsemane as Jesus went through the agony in the Garden. There are similarities between both events as in both cases, the covenant of love was the issue.

Tabor announced the beauty of the Kingdom and glory while Gethsemane showed that the price of reaching that kingdom is through suffering, struggle and testing.

The two stories are Easter and Good Friday in reverse. By showing the Apostles His glory at Mt. Tabor, Jesus created the trust factor needed for staying power in the troubling days ahead.

May our Lenten journey be one of rebirth in God's love which we can then share with others.

*God Bless,
Father Rick*

WASHING OF FEET

Father Rick is looking for **volunteers to take part in the Washing of the Feet during the Holy Thursday liturgy.** 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.

"WELCOME HOME"

Confessions are being held Mondays during Lent 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.

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. Participants will discover how to open their hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.

2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Please take a copy of the 2017 Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis which can be found on the table as you enter Church. The pamphlet is produced by the Apostleship of Prayer and contains the monthly intentions of the Pope. Please join with our Holy Father in praying for the needs of the world.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross are being held every Friday night during Lent at 7pm until April 14 except March 24 (Franciscan Mystery Players) and April 7 (Taize Prayer).

SAINT FRANCIS RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ;
Wednesday, March 15, 2017; from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville, the Denville Rotary Club, and New Jersey Blood Services

**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.

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.

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.



Ray and Missy Nulk & Family

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 7 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.



ENCOUNTER LENT - CRS RICE BOWL

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.



EASTER DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS

It is a custom here at St. Clement's to enable parishioners the opportunity to remember deceased relatives and loved ones through a contribution towards the flowers that will be used to decorate our Church during Easter.



Envelopes will be provided in the Easter letter from Father Rick. There are also extra envelopes located on the table as you enter Church.

Please return your envelopes by April 7 either by dropping them in the collection basket on the weekend or at the Parish Office.

**SCRIP GIFT 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.

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.

MORRIS CATHOLIC ST. PATRICK'S 5K RUN

Morris Catholic High School is holding it's **6th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. at it's 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. **\$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

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:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.