

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
April 2, 2017

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – April 1

8:30 a.m. Deceased Parishioners
5:00 p.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Ronnie Abrams (DaSilva Family)
John Bell (Ortega Family)
Daniel Bell

Sunday – April 2

8:30 a.m. Nick Nassan (John Claps)
Eileen Fleming (Rosemary Fleming)
10:30 a.m. Paula Liuzza (M/M P. Waldek)
Leroy Ronan (M/M J. O'Connor)

Monday – April 3

6:00 p.m. Rita Pospisil (M/M P. Waldek)

Tuesday – April 4

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday – April 5

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

Thursday – April 6

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children

Friday – April 7

8:30 a.m. Rita Pospisil (Fr. Rick)
7:30 p.m. Taize Prayer

Saturday – April 8

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m. Paul Waldek (M/M P. Waldek)
Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Maryann & Gabriel Tornillo
(Felicia Biase)
Daniel Bell

Sunday – April 9

8:30 a.m. Nick Nassan (Sophie Gryszkowiec)
Albert Lusardi (Florence Woomer)
10:30 a.m. Vito Luizza (Anita Kalyan)
Dolores Seitz (Hirma & Irela Ros)

MASS SERVERS
April 8 & 9

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Samantha Carroll
Lauren Delle

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Mario DiSanza
Aidan Flores
10:30 a.m. Kiara Lorenzo
Gabiella Perna

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

April 6 – 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

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

Wednesday

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm-9:00pm (Room 2/4)

Thursday

Bingo – 7:30 – 11:00pm (Connery Hall)

Friday

Taize Prayer – 7:30pm (Gathering Area)
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
Food Collection
Saturday Night Positive Step Mtg-8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Scrip on Sale – After Mass
Food Collection
Religious Education Classes Gr 1-8 –9am-12:45pm
Confirmation Gr. 10 Retreat-10:30am-5:30pm

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$4,215.98
(There is no comparison to the same week last
year as it was Easter Sunday)

The Parish Pay collection for March 2017 was
\$5,431.67

The Parish Pay collection for March 2016 was
\$5,146.67

*“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, Gene Kalyan,
Anna Kostyk, Susan Lehner, Eric Lemke, Beth
O'Meara Mckie, Walter Maguire, Joseph Martino,
Daniel Mulhaul, Joseph Nadeau, Kelly Nigro, Kathy
Noble, Joe Patrino, Patricia Pirmor, Marie Ritzer,
Mary Shea, Jay Silver, Sarah Theil, Michaela
Winnans, George Zeman.*

FR. RICK'S CORNER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we hear about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Throughout John's gospel, we are reminded that Jesus was sent from Heaven to us to reveal His Father. Some people who heard the "good news" embraced it and believed in His revelation while others closed their minds to it.

Those who perceived divine reality in the humanity of Jesus were believers and lived in the light of Christ. While those who rejected this truth, continued to live in the darkness.

Also in the gospel today, the disciples of Jesus hesitated to go back to Bethany because they had faced prior hostility and Jesus' life had been threatened. This hesitation allowed Jesus to reiterate about those who dwell in the darkness and his disciples who see the light of the world in Jesus. Jesus, however, had another purpose of going to Bethany, He wanted all of the people to witness His raising of Lazarus from the dead, so that they would all become believers.

How often have you questioned whether Jesus was truly the Son of God or just another prophet? How many times have you questioned the fact that Jesus took on our flesh and became man to live among us and be crucified for our sins?

These are two of the basic tenets of our religion. It is by the world of the gospels and our own God-given faith that we know and believe that Jesus raised people from the dead and performed His many miracles.

It is human to doubt but belief is divine.

*God Bless,
Father Rick*



SEE THE GLORY OF GOD

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.

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.

"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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday - April 13

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

Good Friday - April 14

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 15

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 16

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

CHRISM MASS

Every year, the mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese with their Bishop. Since the Bishop alone may consecrate the Sacred Chrism used in Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and in the consecration of Churches and altars, the Chrism Mass highlights the bond that unites the Bishop's ministry with the ordained and the union of the ordained with their Bishop.

The Bishop invites all the faithful to share in this beautiful liturgy so that our Chrism Mass may more fully express the unity for the entire Church of Paterson. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 797 Valley Road, Clifton. Procession of priests and deacons will begin at 6:45p.m.

(Since Fr. Rick and most of the priests will be attending this Liturgy, there will not be a 6:00 p.m. Mass or Reconciliation that evening.)

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 1

Do you have a child who will be attending **first grade** in September? In order for your child to receive First Eucharist in second grade, the **Diocese requires that he/she attend a two year program for sacramental preparation.** Please register your child for Grade 1 in the St. Clement Religious Education program so that he/she will be prepared to receive the Lord Jesus. If you have any questions, please call 973-366-7547.

Thank you!

"...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 8 & 9

ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

Ham	Black & Green
French Fried Onions	Olives
Fruit Cocktail	Mushroom Soup
Coffee	Salad Dressing
Tuna Fish	Canned Pineapple
Pasta	Canned meats
Pasta Sauce	Rice
Peanut butter	Beans
Jelly	Soup
Canned vegetables	Macaroni & Cheese
Instant mashed potatoes	Baby Food
Goya products	Evaporated Milk
Cereal	Sugar-free
Sugar-free jello & pudding	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

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.

ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE -

CRS RICE BOWL

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her new found entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children - even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.



CRS RICE BOWLS

Please return your Rice Bowls at the Holy Thursday Liturgy. You may drop them in the basket located in the Gathering Area. *If you do not return them by Holy Thursday, we ask that you wait until after Easter.* Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten Season.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT FOR YOUNG MEN 15-25.

“Quo Vadis – Where are you Going?”

Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 27- 29, 2017 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, New Jersey. There is no cost. **For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and Fr. Luis Hernandez in the Vocations Office at (973) 7778818, ext. #711, by email: fredgar@patersondiocese.org.**

For information on Religious Education, mass times, events, ministry info, pictures and lots more...

Check out our website at

www.stclement-rtwp.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:

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"