

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – February 17

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children
5:00 p.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Daniel Bell (M/M K. McAloon)
Special Intention: Anne Robinson

Sunday – February 18

8:30 a.m. Daniel Bell
Dave Woomer (Florence Woomer)
10:30 a.m. Eileen Lawrence & Theresa Armstrong
(M/M P. Waldek)

Monday – February 19

6:00 p.m. Parishioners

Tuesday – February 20

8:30 a.m. Leon Healy (Didi Healy)

Wednesday – February 21

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

Thursday – February 22

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

Friday – February 23

8:30 a.m. Denis Hayes Rodimer (St. Clement
Parish)
8:00 p.m. Franciscan Mystery Players

Saturday – February 24

8:30 a.m. Henry Rychlicki (Stella)
5:00 p.m. Marie Coppola (LaForgia Family)

Sunday – February 25

8:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Rita Klein (Ruth Borkstrom)
10:30 a.m. Daniel Bell
Lillian Maggiola (McGuire Family)

MASS SERVERS

February 24 & 25

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Gabriella Sanchez
Adam Yeager

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Aidan Flores
Kiara Lorenzo
10:30 a.m. Mario DiSanza
Lucas Pallito

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

February 22 – Team 1

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

No Religious Ed Classes
Parish Office Closed
NJ Fly Basketball Sign-ups: 6:30-9pm (Gym)
Confessions: 7-8:30pm (Church)

Tuesday

Choir: 7:30pm (Church)
RCIA: 7pm (Library)
CYO Basketball: 6:30-9:00pm (Gym)

Wednesday

Boy Scouts: 7-9:15pm (Rooms 2,4,6)

Thursday

Unico meeting: 7pm (Rooms 2/4)
Bingo: 5:30pm-10:00pm (Connery Hall)

Friday

Franciscan Mystery Players – 8pm (Church)
Girl Scout Troop 306: 7-8:15pm (Room 6)
Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

CYO Basketball: Gym
Saturday Night Positive Step: 8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8: 9am-12:45pm
Confirmation Mass & Class & Bake Sale
Girl Scout Troop 4360: 3-5pm (Rooms 2/4)
CYO Basketball: 2pm (Gym)

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$4,143.00

The collection last year at this time was \$2,481.00
(Last year the 10:30am mass was cancelled due to
inclement weather)

*“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, Maria Cicchino,
Marion DiVincent, Eileen Durborow, Gene Kalyan,
Anna Kostyk, Susan Lehner, Eric Lemke, Carmen
Liuzza, Jr., Beth O'Meara Mckie, Walter Maguire,
Joseph Martino, Dorothy Mathews, Daniel Mulhaul,
Joseph Nadeau, Kelly Nigro, Kathy Noble, Joe
Patrino, Patricia Pirmor, Marie Ritzer, Robert
Schaefer, Mary Shea, Jay Silver, Sarah Theil,
Michaela Winnans, George Zeman.*

7 DAY SANCTUARY LIGHT

The 7 Day Sanctuary Light this week is donated in
loving memory of **Irene Pieretti** by Irene Byrne and
Debbie Cicchino.

FATHER RICK'S CORNER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent commemorates the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in preparation for His years of preaching which culminated in his death on the cross and in the triumph of Easter. At the end of those days of prayer and penance, we learn about the temptation of Satan.

This whole episode, which Mark in today's Gospel touches on briefly, is a mystery in which we have a difficult time understanding. God is here submitting to temptation, apparently letting the evil one have his way.

It is the first time the devil intervened in Jesus' life and he did so openly. He puts our Lord to the test and Jesus allowed this intervention to give us an example of humility and to teach us how to overcome the temptations that we're going to have in our lives.

By allowing these distractions, Jesus proves His love for all of humankind because if we were not prepared to meet the temptations in life, we would open the door to great enemies—consisting of discouragement, guilt and gloominess.

"Blessed is the man who endures trial," says the apostle James, "for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him."

We need to keep up a constant watch, an unremitting struggle, because we will still have the tendency to seek human glory in spite of our having told our Lord on many occasions that we want only His glory.

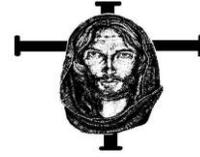
*God Bless,
Father Rick*



PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19. There **will be 6pm Mass and Confessions from 7-8:30pm.**

THE WAY OF THE CROSS A FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAY



Friday, February 23, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday night during Lent at 7pm through March 30 except February 23 (Franciscan Mystery Players) and March 23 (Taize Prayer).

"WELCOME HOME"

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent February 19 through March 19 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2018-2019

In-person registration for the 2018-2019 Religious Education Catechetical year will be held in Connery Hall Gym on Sunday, March 11th from 9am-1pm and on Monday, March 12th from 3:30pm-5:30pm for all students in Grades 1-8 and Confirmation. We currently do not have the ability to register people on-line, via the Website. 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

BAKE SALE

The Confirmation students are hosting a bake sale during all Masses the weekend of February 24 & 25. All donations will help support our local community outreach projects. Thank you in advance for your support!



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.**



ST. CLEMENT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRINGTIME FUNDRAISER

The St. Clement Religious Education program is sponsoring its annual **Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser**. All orders need to be turned in to the Religious Education Office by Monday, February 26. Candy Orders will be ready for pick up before Easter. Catalogs are available in the Gathering Area or contact the Religious Education Office.

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.

A REFLECTION ON LENT THROUGH ART & PRAYER BY FATHER PETER CLARKE

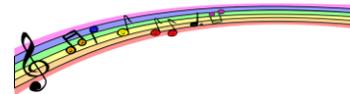


Please join us Tuesday, March 13 6:00-8:30pm in Connery Hall for a lighthearted and enjoyable evening. Fr. Peter will take us on a journey of the Stations of the Cross through various genres of art and prayer. Fellowship will be provided. Please RSVP drewsusan5@gmail.com or return the form to the baskets in the gathering space.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Presented by Carl Merrell. Experience the "Why" behind our Lenten Traditions with opportunity for personal reflection. **March 8 from 7-8pm in the Chapel.**

MUSIC NOTES



It is with much gratitude that we recognize the following music ministers, celebrating anniversaries for their current years of service:

30 Years

Sandy McGroarty

20 Years

Karen Knorr

10 Years

Debbie Meola

5 Years

Antoinette Aslanian, Rob Aslanian and Rudy Sabatino

"Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"

Psalms 95:1

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

You can now find St. Clement Pope & Martyr Church on Facebook! Visit our website at www.stclement-rtwp.org and click on the Facebook link at the top of the home page. "Like us" to receive updates on events, changes in the mass schedule, weather related information, Religious Education information and much more.



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS' GALA RAISES SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDS FOR CATHOLIC SISTERS

Making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible, **Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ will hold The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018.** The gala raises scholarship funds for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. Upon completion of their degrees, the Sisters return to their communities equipped with the professional skills for ministry.

The College is proud to present the Family Life Award to Kevin and Therese Coughlin of Basking Ridge, NJ, The Servant Leader Award to Msgr. George Hundt, pastor of St. Vincent Martyr, Madison, NJ, and the Spirit of the Heart Award to the Duphiney Family of Denville, NJ.

Please consider attending the gala, held at the Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ or placing a congratulatory message in the journal for the honorees and the Sisters! Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of Catholic Sisters. *Teach a Sister...touch the world!*

For more information: [973.597.0188](tel:973.597.0188) x101; email gala@acs350.org or visit www.acs350.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ are looking for qualified candidates for the positions of CNA's and HHA's for the care of Sisters in their new Motherhouse. All shifts available; for more information please contact Lori Vernachio, administrator at 973-543-6528 ext. 268 or email administrator@scceast.org. Thank you!

AN EVENING WITH SISTERS

Save the Date for "An Evening with Sisters" - **Friday, February 23rd from 7 - 8:30 PM at Morris Catholic High School** (200 Morris Avenue, Denville). This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! **To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th: sbernadette@scceast.org**

MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Auction at Hanover Marriott. March 24 - Doors open 5:30 pm. Live, silent, basket auctions. Cost: \$85 includes sheet of basket tickets and sit-down dinner. Contact ftuite@morriscatholic.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:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.