

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2018

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – March 3

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children

5:00 p.m. Daniel Bell

In Thanksgiving: M/M Anthony LaForgia

Sunday – March 4

8:30 a.m. Protection of Babies in the Womb and
Their Families (Carmen Liuzza)

10:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Nora Malanga-25th Anniv. Of Death
(Siubis Family)

Monday – March 5

6:00 p.m. Parishioners

Tuesday – March 6

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday – March 7

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

Thursday – March 8

8:30 a.m. Nicholas Nassan-1st Anniv of Death
(Gayle Nassan)

Friday – March 9

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – March 10

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

5:00 p.m. Helen Baltas (M/M P. Waldek)
Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Danny Lamego (M/M A. LaForgia)

Sunday – March 11

8:30 a.m. Daniel Bell

10:30 a.m. Rita McKoy (Anne Robinson)
Santo Ninivaggi (M/M B. Toohey)

MASS SERVERS

March 10 & 11

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Lauren Delle
Gabriella Sanchez

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Samantha Carroll
Luke Hebbelinck

10:30 a.m. Ray Tomaszeski
Adam Yeager

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

March 8 – Team 3

CAPTAIN: Annette Rossi

TEAM: Liz Bender, Marcie Bender, Karen
Grieco, Joe Salmon, Ginny Salmon,
Allwyn Pereira

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8: 4-5:15pm (Connery Hall)
Confessions: 7-8:30pm (Church)

Tuesday

Confirmation Retreat (make-up): 4-9pm (Connery Hall)
RCIA: 7pm (Library)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Bingo: 5:30pm-10:00pm (Connery Hall)
Journey Through Lent: 7-8pm (Chapel)

Friday

Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Church)
NJ Fly Basketball: 7pm (Gym)
Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

Food Collection: After Mass
Boy Scout Blue & Gold Dinner: (Gym)
Girl Scouts: 2-5:30pm (Rooms 2/4)
Saturday Night Positive Step: 8:15pm (Rm 2/4)

Sunday

Food Collection: After Mass
Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8: 9am-12:45pm
Confirmation Mass & Class: 10:30am-12:45pm
Religious Ed Registration: 9am-1pm (Connery Hall)
Girl Scout Event: 3-6pm (Connery Hall)

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$4,826.00

The collection last year at this time was \$4,133.00

The We Share Collection for February 2018 was
\$5,509.67

The Parish Pay Collection for February 2017 was
\$5,431.67

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

FATHER RICK'S CORNER

THE MEANING OF MORTIFICATION

If each of Christ's actions in His earthly life have remedptive value, the salvation of humanity culminates in the cross.

It is this climactic point that all of Christ's life on Earth is directed. He revealed to His apostles His overwhelming desire to give up His life for us and gave us an example of His love for the will of His Father by His crucifixion. It is on the cross that the soul finds its full identification with Christ.

It is not possible to follow our Lord without the cross. To take up the cross is to accept the sorrow and the contradictions associated with it. God permits this voluntary Christian mortification for our purification and as an indispensable condition for following our Savior.

In mortification, there is a paradox, a mystery, which can only be understood when love is present. Jesus tells us that behind death is life and those who try to save his or her life lose it, but those who lose their life for His sake will find it.

To bear fruit, sacrifice is necessary. We must love God and help others in every way that we can. There can be no harvest without a sowing season; "Unless a grain of wheat falls onto the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:21-25)

We should lose our fear of sacrifice, of voluntary mortification, for it is our loving Father who knows what is best for us.

*God Bless,
Father Rick*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

"WELCOME HOME"

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent 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

EASTER DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Flowers that will be used to decorate the Church during Easter in memory of a deceased relative or loved one or for a special intention, **envelopes will be provided in the Easter letter from Father Rick.** There are also extra envelopes located on the tables as you enter Church. **Please return your envelopes by March 23** either by dropping them in the collection basket on the weekend or at the Parish Office.



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.

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

First Holy Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 24th, 2018, from 9:00am- 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.



St Clement will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th at 12:00p.m. The hunt will be held rain or shine (it will be moved into Connery Hall if outdoor weather does not cooperate.) Registration forms are located in the Gathering Area, as well as in Connery Hall.

Please fill out the bottom portion of the Registration form and return to the basket in the Gathering Area or in Connery Hall no later than March 18th so that we may plan accordingly.

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.



The Grade 9 Confirmation Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **THIS RETREAT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM.** If for some very important reason you are unable to attend the St. Clement Confirmation Retreat, you must attend a retreat in another parish and obtain a letter from that parish. All students should arrive by 10:15am for 10:30am Mass. We will sit together on the front right side of the church.

...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

March 10 & 11



Items Needed Are:

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| Ham | Black & Green Olives |
| French Fried Onions | Mushroom Soup |
| Fruit Cocktail | Salad Dressing |
| Coffee | Canned Pineapple |
| Tuna fish | Canned meats |
| Pasta | Pasta sauce |
| Rice | Beans |
| Peanut butter | Jelly |
| Canned vegetables | Soup |
| Instant mashed potatoes | Goya Products |
| Macaroni & cheese | Baby food |
| Cereal | Evaporated milk |
| | Sugar-free jello & pudding |
| | Sugar-free 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

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.

DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Diocesan Charismatic Prayer Meeting – **St. Paul Inside the Walls**, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, **Monday March 12 7:30-9:00p.m.** Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Please join Girl Scouts for Mass at St. Clement on Girl Scout Sunday next **Sunday March 11, 2018 at the 10:30 am Mass.** "Coffee and" will be provided by the Girl Scouts following Mass.

Patches will be available for purchase after Mass at the cost of \$2 per patch. Please pre-order your patch by emailing marybethramsay@yahoo.com before 3/9.

Questions? Contact Mary Beth Ramsay at marybethramsay@yahoo.com

DIOCESE OF PATERSON CONCERT

As part of the Diocese of Paterson's 80th anniversary and in celebration of the reopening of St. John's Cathedral, **internationally acclaimed recitalist Stephen Tharp will give a solo organ recital at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM.**

This event has no admission, but a free-will offering will be accepted at the end of the event. Seating is first-come, first-serve, and free parking will be available in the parking garage across from the Cathedral. For more information, please contact the event organizer, Mr. John Peragallo at john@peragallo.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:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.