

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 11, 2018

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – March 10

8:30 a.m. Parishioners
5:00 p.m. Helen Baltés (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)

Monday – March 12

6:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday – March 13

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children

Wednesday – March 14

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

Thursday – March 15

8:30 a.m. Mary Marrero (M/M L. Gonzalez)

Friday – March 16

8:30 a.m. Carl Kruszewski, Florence & Dominic
Racis (Laura Kruszewski)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – March 17

8:30 a.m. Lena Elder (Fr. Rick)
5:00 p.m. Barbara & Terry Cardinali (M/M A.
Jacko)
Stephen Figurelli (Gloria Figurelli)

Sunday – March 18

8:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (Anna Elekes)
Lena Elder (M/M F. Czipo)
10:30 a.m. Robert A. Galdon, Sr. – 30th Anniv of
Death (Pat & Bob)
Daniel Bell
Special Intention: Antoni Salabaj

MASS SERVERS

Stations of the Cross 7pm – March 16
Aidan Flores

March 17 & 18

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Mario DiSanza
Adam Yeager

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Aidan Flores
James Johnson
10:30 a.m. Gabriella Perna
Lucas Pallito

VOLUNTEER BINGO WORKERS

March 15 – Team 4

CAPTAIN: Craig Barkhausen
TEAM: Gina Bosco, Cheryl Johansson, Peter
King, Jennifer McDonald, Gary
McNeill, Allwyn Pereira, Mark Perry,
Mary Swanick, Kathy Tarr, Tara
Toohey, Tracey Ysordia

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8: 4-5:15pm (Connery Hall)
Religious Ed Registration: 3:30pm-5:30pm
NJ Fly Basketball: 7pm (Gym)
Confessions: 7-8:30pm (Church)

Tuesday

RCIA: 7pm (Library)
Choir: 7:30pm (Church)
A Reflection on Lent: 6:00-8:30pm (Rooms 2/4)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Bingo: 5:30pm-10:00pm (Connery Hall)

Friday

Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Church)
NJ Fly Basketball: 7pm (Gym)
Girl Scout Troop 306: 7-8:15pm (Room 6)
Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

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

Sunday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-8: 9am-12:45pm
Girl Scout Troop 4360: 4-6pm (Rooms 2/4)

PARISH FINANCES

The collection for last week was \$4,763.15

The collection last year at this time was \$4,751.15

*"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.*

7 DAY SANCTUARY LIGHT

The 7 Day Sanctuary this week is donated in
loving memory of **The Biase Family** by Felicia
Biase.

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.

FATHER RICK'S CORNER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joy is essentially a Christian characteristic and in this liturgical season the Church does not fail to remind us that it should be present at every moment of our lives.

There is a joy proper to the hope of Advent, then the joy of Christmas itself and as the year advances there is the joy of increasing closeness to the risen Christ.

As we approach the end of Lent, we should meditate on the joy of the cross. It is the one and same joy as that of being united to Christ; only in Him can each of us say truthfully with St. Paul that "He loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Gal 2:20) This should be the source of our greatest happiness as well as the source of our strength and support.

St. John Paul II in an address in 1980 said that, "Should we have the misfortune to encounter sorrow, undergo suffering, experience misunderstanding or even to fall into sin, how quickly will our thoughts turn to the one who always loves us and who, even His infinite love overcomes in every trial, fills our emptiness, forgives all our sins and eagerly impels us towards a new path that is safe and joyful.

The Church wishes to remind us on this day that joy is perfectly compatible with mortification and pain. It is sadness and not penance that is opposed to happiness. Taking part to the utmost in this liturgical season, which reaches its climax in the Passion and hence in suffering, we should realize that approaching the cross also means that the moment of our redemption is coming ever closer. In this way, the church and all of her faithful should be filled with joy.

Make this "Laetare Sunday" be a Sunday that speaks to us in words of joy.

*God Bless,
Father Rick*



ARRAY OF HOPE

We are excited to announce that Array of Hope is coming to our Deanery! Morris Catholic High School will host this event on Friday, April 13th, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Array of Hope is a multimedia concert experience that features multiple musical acts, motivational speakers and thought-provoking film presentations which joyously provide a counterweight to the negative media surrounding today's society. It brings Christ's message of faith, hope and love to its audiences; it celebrates family life and the joy that comes from a relationship with God.



Please join us in celebrating an appreciation of family. Array of Hope has been featured on EWTN, Catholic Television Network, and Shalom World. Array of Hope has been labeled by Relevant Radio as "an event you can't miss...the Gospel in Technicolor." It will be a wonderful night that you won't want to miss.

Tickets are being sold thru Eventbrite - go to <http://goo.gl/nXX25X> to purchase tickets.

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).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday - March 29

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

Good Friday - March 30

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - March 31

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil


Easter Sunday - April 1

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

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

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 March 23 either by dropping them in the collection basket on the weekend or at the Parish Office.

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, March 23 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.



Confirmation Retreat

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

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.



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.

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.

SHOP RITE 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.



"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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ; Wednesday, March 21, 2018 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

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH OUR SISTERS

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson for Our Sisters in Concert.** Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

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:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Fathers will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.