

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
March 1, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK



Saturday – February 29

8:30 a.m. Unborn Children
 5:00 p.m. Daniel Bell

Nanette Courtine (E. Theis)
 Irene Martin (M/M P. Waldek)

Sunday – March 1

8:30 a.m. Eileen Durborow (W. Durborow)
 Mary "Sis" Mager (M/M R. Jones)
 10:30 a.m. Catherine A. Jugan (A. Elekes)
 Maria Cicchino ((M/M G. Feyl)
 Thomas Maloney (O'Donnell Family)

Monday – March 2

6:00 p.m. Anna & Bob Craig (R. Jacoby)
 Ellen Visioli (E. Theis)

Tuesday – March 3

8:30a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday – March 4

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

Thursday – March 5

8:30a.m. Anthony Armenti (E. Theis)

Friday – March 6

8:30 a.m. Roy Poltersordorf (D. Mathews)

Saturday – March 7

8:30 a.m. Parishioners
 5:00 p.m. Helen Baltas (M/M P. Waldek)
 Catherine A. Jugan (A. Elekes)
 Menio Family (F. Biase)
 Robert West (His Family)

Sunday – March 8

8:30 a.m. Daniel Bell
 Nicholas Nassan (G. Nassan)
 Shakeem Ricks (Jones Family)
 10:30 a.m. Eileen Durborow (W. Durborow)
 Donna Verhoest (Liturgy Committee)
 Nancy Patterson (K. Waldek)

Monday

Confessions: 7-8:30pm (Church)
 Rosary: 7:30pm (Chapel)
 Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-6: 4-5:15pm

Tuesday

Choir: 7:30pm (Church)

Wednesday

Scouts BSA: 7-9:30pm (Rms 2/4 & 6)

Thursday

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

Friday

Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-1pm (Chapel)
 Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Church)
 Cub Scouts: 7pm (Rms 2/4 & Gym)
 Friday Night Positive Group: 8:15pm (Rms 2/4)

Saturday

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

Sunday

Religious Ed Classes Gr 1-6: 9-10:15am
 Confirmation Mass & Class: 10:30am-12:45pm
 Religious Education Registration: 9am-1pm (Gym)

PRAYER LIST

Especially, *Jose Baez, John Bedell, Kevin Bellini, Gary Bomely, Barbara Ciaffone, Marion DiVincent, Bob Farrell, Bobby Farrell, Jack Ferguson, Martha Gannon, Sandy Hernandez, Fannie Karsai, Eric Lemke, Ed Maguire, Beth O'Meara Mckie, Joseph Martino, Dorothy Mathews, Muriel Moore, Daniel Mulhaul, Erin Nese, Kelly Nigro, Kathy Noble, Anthony Perfetto, Carol Pisano, Joey Porretta, Robert Schaefer, Mary Shea, Jay Silver, Sarah Theil, Barbara Vicital, Michaela Winnans, Erika Verola, George Zeman.*



Stations of the Cross – March 6

7:00 p.m. Samantha Carroll

March 7 & 8

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Kiara Lorenzo - Matt Vega

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Aidan Flores - James Johnson

10:30 a.m. Maggio Leo - Lucas Pallito

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week was \$4,689.15
 The collection for last year at this time was \$3,757.00

We Share Collection for February 2020 was \$5,583.34
 We Share Collection for February 2019 was \$5,509.67

"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

BINGO
VOLUNTEERS
March 5 - Team4

Captain: Allwyn Pereira

Team: Gina Bosco, Cheryl Johansson, Jennifer McDonald, Gary McNeil, Allwyn Pereira, Mark Perry, Mary Swanick, Kathy Tarr, Tara Toohey



FATHER GIO'S CORNER

President Abraham Lincoln once said, "Be sure to put your feet in the right place and then stand firm." I would like to invite you to reflect on the relationship between Jesus Christ and the faith of Saint Peter. Peter teaches us where we should be standing.

Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" The disciples answer and, for the most part, they make safe responses – they don't take a chance: "Some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." Peter, however, is never shy about taking a risk. Peter is either the star pupil of the class – or he is in detention! There is no middle ground for Peter. Peter is never lukewarm in faith or in love.

Wanting a direct, from the heart answer, Jesus asks a more pointed question: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter supplies the answer that only the heart can give: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is the response that Jesus had been looking for. In the answer of Peter and in the response of Jesus we learn that our faith can change our hearts.

The gospels give us several examples of Peter getting things wrong. Peter is very human. Peter is impulsive and emotional. But Peter is always sure of where he needs to be standing. Peter knows that being close to Jesus is the only place to be.

Jesus makes Peter the rock of faith not because he is perfect. But because Peter is humble. Peter recognizes his failures. Peter asks for forgiveness. Peter understands that the foundation of his life is the person of the Son of God.

Jesus gives Peter a remarkable mission: "You are Peter and upon this rock, I will build my church." But this perfect moment would not last. Peter would make mistakes again; most memorably when he tries to argue with Jesus about his Passion and death and Jesus then calls him, "Satan," and then when he denies Jesus. Peter makes mistakes but he believes and he loves. He continues to risk and take chances with the hope that his faith will sustain him. Eventually he will give his life for Jesus.

All of us have the responsibility to build up the communion of the Church and to foster unity. How do we do that?

We are called to take risks to stand strong in faith by seeking to stand close to the Lord, as Peter did. We are not perfect and so we rely upon God's mercy. Imperfect as we are, we choose to take the chance of putting our faith into action knowing that the Lord's grace takes even our failures and turns them to blessings.

We don't always make the right decisions but we do know where we want to be standing. Sometimes we will become a little bit unsure of ourselves and uncertain of our strength to keep strong in faith. Peter had the same experience. But we are committed to learning the humility that made Peter so strong in his faith. And we pray for the grace always to stand with the Lord and his Church.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on the following Friday evenings at 7pm during Lent:

**3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
& 4/10 (Good Friday)**

COME PRAY THE ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the Rosary **every Monday evening during Lent beginning March 2 here at St. Clement at 7:30pm in the Chapel.**

The peaceful meditation of the Rosary is a wonderful way to enter into the silence of your heart where Christ's spirit dwells.



This group will continue to meet on the **first Monday of every month after Easter.**

"WELCOME HOME"

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent March 2 through March 30 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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 9am to 1pm on the First Friday of every month at St. Clement. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord this Lent.

MUSIC NOTES



It is with much gratitude that we recognize the following music minister, celebrating an anniversary for his current years of service to our parish community:

20 Years
Carl Merrell

"Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"
Pslam 95:1

BAKED GOOD NEEDED



Baked goods are needed to sell at Bingo on Thursday evenings. **They can be homemade or store bought.** If you can help, please call Mary Ann Waldek 973-328-1788. Thank you!

AT LOYOLA JESUIT CENTER-MORRISTOWN DAY OF PRAYER – Ignatian Discernment

Sunday, March 15, 2020

9:30am – 5:00pm

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ

Cost: \$40 Includes breakfast, lunch and Mass

Led by: Marie Santana, Spiritual Director

Register at www.loyola.org

DAY OF PRAYER – Hope

Friday, March 20, 2020

9:00am – 3:00pm

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ

Cost: \$40 Includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation, Mass and distribution of ashes

Led by: Judy Schiavo, Spiritual Director

Register at www.loyola.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Registration 2020-2021

In-Person Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Catechetical year will be held in Connery Hall Gym on Sunday, **March 8th from 9am-1pm and on Monday, March 9th from 3:30pm-5:30pm for all students in Grades 1 – 8.** 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.

Volunteers Needed

Religious Education is in need of substitute catechists on the following days: **Sundays 9:00 - 10:15am & 11:30-12:45am & Mondays 4:00 - 5:15pm.** Please contact Sue Drew if you are available. drestclement@gmail.com

Check out our website:

www.stclement-rtwp.org



END OF THE YEAR STATEMENT

If you would like your total contribution statement for the end of the year 2019 for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office, 973-366-7095 and we will send it out.

GIFT CARD SCAM

A number of priests throughout the country have found that their parishioners are receiving emails or text messages claiming to be from their pastor, and asking parishioners to purchase gift cards to help the poor. **This is a fraud. Please do not respond to any appeal you receive which asks you to purchase gift cards to help the poor and uses the name of St. Clement, Father Giovanni Rodriguez or the Diocese of Paterson. Delete the email immediately.**

MORRIS CATHOLIC SPRING GALA

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Hanover Marriott

Doors open 5:30 pm.

Tickets \$90 includes sit down dinner, wine service,
silent, live and basket auction,
50/50 raffle.

ftuit@morriscatholic.org

CARING BASKET GALA

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their Nineteenth **Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 26, 2020**, honoring Brother Paul, Diveny, OSB, Louis and Julianne Modugno, and Thomas Anselmi. The event will be held at the Hanover Marriot from 6:30-10:00 PM.

Featured during the event are a 50/50 cash raffle and basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. **All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending the college where we say, "Teach a Sister...Touch the World".**

For more information and for the invitation, visit [www. acs350.org/events-2/](http://www.acs350.org/events-2/)

ST. CECILIA'S SENIORS CLUB UPCOMING TRIPS

Tuesday, March 10th

Day trip to Resorts Catskills Casino - \$30.00
Slot Play \$25.00, Food Coupon \$15.00
Call Carol at 201-919-4125

Tuesday, March 17th

Day trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a Meal and Irish Cabaret Show. For more info call Carol at 201-919-4125.

Tuesday, April 14th

Day trip to Wind Creek Casino - \$30.00
\$25.00 in slot play
Call Carol at 201-919-4125

Wednesday, April 29th

Day trip to Pines Dinner Theater
Meal and Play "Nunsensations"
Call Carol for more info at 201-919-4125

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 with you to register with our Parish. 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

Called...



First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."