

# Mass Intentions for the Week



*Called...*



**Saturday, Mar 11th**

5:30 PM †Raffie Pascrell

**Sunday, Mar 12th**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

11:00AM †Henry Rohs

†Josefina Abilo

12:30 PM †Hubert Lopez Guerrero

†Roberto Rodríguez

\*Cristian Vidal (50 años cumpleaños)

**Monday, Mar 13th**

7:30 AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Tuesday, Mar 14th**

7:30 AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Wednesday, Mar 15th**

7:30AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Friday, Mar 17th**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Saturday, Mar 18th**

5:30 PM †Marge Pichnarcik

†Louis Roback

**Sunday, Mar 19th**

7:30AM † Sophie Kudlacik

9:00 AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

11:00AM †Henry Rohs

†Martin Verostek

†Dinis Fernández

†Nascienza & Guistino Di Doménico

†Josefina Abilo

12:30 PM †Maura Tumajlla De Becerra

**Eucharistic Adoration**



Important Notice: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, at 7:30 a.m. after mass.

**Mass intentions:**



Mass Intentions must be requested and paid only in the Parish Office. All intentions must be requested by Wednesday before 12PM. Please **“Do Not”** deposit into the collection baskets. Thank you!

**Intenciones de La Misa:**



Las intenciones de la Misa deben de ser solicitada y pagada solamente en la oficina parroquial. Todas las intenciones deben ser solicitadas antes de las 12PM. del miércoles precedente. Favor de **“NO”** depositarlos en las canastas de colecta. ¡Gracias!

**Mass Celebrants - Weekend of Mar 18th – Mar 19th**

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Junior**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

9:00 am **Fr. Jhon**

11:00 am **Fr. Michael**

12:30 pm **Fr. Junior**

**Weekend Collection Mar 4th – Mar 5th**

<i>Ash Wednesday March 1st</i>	\$ 1,470.00
<i>Ash Wednesday- Miscellaneous</i>	\$ 168.00
5:30PM	\$ 886.30
7:30AM	\$ 437.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,334.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,220.00
12:30PM	\$ 1,073.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,588.30</b>

*Thank you for your Generosity*

**Message from our Pastor** 

My dear friends, please read this article from **Al Cariño, OMI**.

All four gospels tell us that Jesus, in obedience to His Father, "set His face" towards Jerusalem where He must suffer greatly, be killed and on the third day be raised (Mt. 16:21). This revelation did not go well with Peter. Thus, He vehemently told Jesus, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

This might be Peter's way of showing his love and concern for Jesus. But unknown to him, with those words he was reiterating Satan's objective when he tempted Jesus three times — to deviate from His mission. Moreover, this revelation of Jesus was probably the final nail that sealed Peter's doubt about Jesus. For was it not a fact that until only recently vast throngs of people followed Jesus wherever He went? Now, even some of His disciples had abandoned Him and the religious leaders of the Jews had united against Him. So, was Jesus for real or was He just one of those false prophets who appeared now and then in Israel?

Jesus knew what was bothering Peter. Thus, after six days, He invited him along with the brothers John and James to go up with him on the mountain (Mt. 17:1–9). There He was transfigured before them: "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Not only that, Moses and Elijah appeared conversing with Jesus. Finally, a voice was heard from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Moses represents the Law while Elijah stands for the Prophets. In the Old Testament God promised to raise someone like Moses and Elijah in the "last days". Thus, their appearance with Jesus at the Transfiguration signified that the "last days" had come. This meant that there and then, God spoke no longer through the likes of Moses and Elijah but through Jesus. Thus, it was imperative that the three apostles and everyone else must "listen to Him" so that they may be able to live their lives in accordance with His words. This is what to be a disciple, a Christian, means.

But at that time, all this was way beyond Peter. After such an unheard-of experience of seeing Jesus in His glory, and with his doubts about Jesus

all gone, Peter proposed to build three shelters — one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Then all of them could stay there in bliss for good.

But Jesus ignored Peter's proposal. Instead He asked them to go down the mountain so that He could go on with His journey to Jerusalem to fulfill what His Father willed. He also admonished them to tell no one about what they had seen and heard, until He had been raised from the dead.

Being transfigured before them — seeing Jesus in the glory that would be His after his passion and death — was Jesus' way of preparing them for the trying days ahead. Meanwhile, as the Father told them, they had to "listen to Him."

Peter was with Jesus throughout His entire public ministry. He not only heard all His words but also received private instructions from Him together with the other apostles. Yet, after Jesus was arrested and scourged, and fearing the same for himself, Peter denied Jesus thrice! Why? Because he failed to "listen to Him." Instead, he listened to his fears. But later, on hearing the cock crow, Peter remembered Jesus' words and repented. And from then on, he continued to "listen to Him."

We are like Peter in many ways. We all have our own problems and preoccupations. We are so anxious over many things that we often forget to "listen to Him."

The Transfiguration-event shows us the value of "withdrawing" now and then from our daily routine and "going up to the mountain" to "listen to Him," that is, to pray. As we all know, when we pray, our problems and preoccupations do not necessarily go away. But after prayer, we return to the same world with a difference — with our heart and outlook transformed.

Thus, at prayer — constant and persevering prayer — we discover that what matters is to do God's will not ours. At prayer, we may be told not just to honestly earn as much as we can for our family but also to devote more time and attention to our growing children so that they will be brought up properly. At prayer, we may be told to talk about the positive qualities of others instead of spreading gossips about them thus bringing about peace within ourselves and with one another. At prayer, we may be told that what we own are not just for our exclusive use but are to be shared with others in need, etc.

As Christians, we will have our own Transfiguration in the end-time. The pre-condition for this is to "listen to Him," that is, to engage in persevering and transforming prayer so that we may already be transformed here and now. Let this be our "special project" during this season of Lent.

**Fr. Junior Flores**  
**Pastor**

*Fuente: Catholic.net*

Jesús yace en el sepulcro. Sus discípulos, las mujeres que le seguían y María, su madre, hoy se unen en oración. Recuerdan su muerte, experimentan el vacío de su ausencia y a la vez el consuelo de la esperanza. Un día de dolor y de esperanza.

En la Vigilia Pascual celebramos la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte, sobre el pecado. Celebramos que Cristo vive y nos invita, como dice el Papa Francisco a volver a Galilea, al encuentro personal con Él.

La vigilia Pascual

“Después de la muerte del *Maestro*, los discípulos se habían dispersado; su fe se deshizo, todo parecía que había terminado, derrumbadas las certezas, muertas las esperanzas. Pero entonces, aquel anuncio de las mujeres, aunque increíble, se presentó como un rayo de luz en la oscuridad. La noticia se difundió: Jesús ha *resucitado*, como había dicho... Y también el mandato de ir a Galilea; las mujeres lo habían oído por dos veces, primero del ángel, después de Jesús mismo: «Que vayan a Galilea; allí me verán». «No temáis» y «vayan a Galilea».

## Our 12 Apostles for Holy Thursday 2017.

Manny Fernandes  
Dean Buttafuoco  
Jimmy Carrazza  
Tony Granata  
Antonio Damata  
Bill Champignon  
Alternate: Jose Rolon

Roberto Jimenez  
Francisco Cruz  
Raul Gonzales  
Steve Ransome  
Oscar Morales  
Bob Wiltshire



Please contact Alba at the Parish Office for more information about Jonah Special Viewing Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. (973) 772- 1115.



**Straight & Narrow Collection**  
( Sat, Mar 25th – Mar 26th)

We want to thank you for your continual support in donating items to the men and women of Straight & Narrow, plus a special thank you to the money donated to this Diocesan agency.

*Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*



*From the Pastor's desk...*

I want to update you about our parish's goal for the 2016 Bishop Annual Appeal. To date \$11,269.00 has been pledged on our \$18,700.00 goal. I believe that our goal is attainable and so I am asking for your help. If you not yet done so, please make a pledge so we can reach our goal and helps thousand of people in need throughout our Diocese. Not one person can do everything, but I am confident that everyone can do something. Whatever you are able to do to help is a great blessing. Please know, too, that 50% of all cash received over our parish goal is returned to us for our own parish needs.

Plaease return your Appeal pledge card in the mail today or mail your gift directly to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, 777 Valley Road, Clifton NJ 07013. You can also make an on-line gift by going to [www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org). Thank you in advance for helping our parish reach its goal!

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING  
Sacrament of Reconciliation



Catholics in the Diocese of Paterson, especially those who have been away from the Church, are invited to experience God's healing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Catholic churches in Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties will be open for Confession every Monday, March 6, 2017 to April 3, 2017 from 7:00 PM-8:30 PM.



Los Católicos de la Diócesis de Paterson, especialmente quienes han estado alejados de la Iglesia, están invitados a experimentar el amor sanador de Dios y su perdón en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante la Cuaresma. Habrá confesiones en las iglesias católicas de los condados de Morris, Sussex y Passaic, todos los lunes, desde el 6 de marzo hasta el 3 de abril de 2017, de 7:00pm a 8:30pm de la noche.



Especially for: Christopher Bergen Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Mary Ann DiPietro, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias, Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman, Trudy Lucas, Lee LeBron, Kimberly Halupka, Mel nick Hank, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Richard Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Joan Marie Miller, Marianne Messino, Kathy Mc Dermott, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Louis Morgan, Keith Oakley, Helen Ortiz, Andy Ponce, Lidia Ramos, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stclair, Carl Stramiello, Barbara Urgovitch, Josefina VanDerbeck, Judid Vivar, Phillip W. Wood, Nancy "Gisella" Zegarra.

*We also remember those who have died.*



Our Increased Offertory Program Commitment Sunday is this weekend at all Masses. We encourage all parishioners to complete and turn in your commitment cards to the church. The Commitment Card contains information on how to plan your increased offertory gift to the church, and asks for your commitment over the next year. If you have any questions regarding this program, or how to give electronically, please contact the parish office.

**UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017**

**Friday, April 7, 2017 Decorating the church for Easter.**

**9:00-10:00 am**

**Sunday April 9 – Palm Sunday**

**7:30 am (English)**

**9:00 am (English)**

**11:00 am (English)**

**12:30 pm (English)**

**Thursday, April 13, 2017- Holy Thursday**

**7:00 pm- Bilingual**

**Friday, April 14, 2017- Good Friday**

**9:00 am Passion of the Christ**

**12:00 pm Living Stations Cross**

**3:00 pm Good Friday Service**

**Saturday, April 15, 2017- Holy Saturday**

**9:00 am - Preparation of the Church for the Vigil**

**12:00 pm- Blessing of the food**

**8:00 pm- Virgil Mass**

**Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday**

**7:30 am (English)**

**9:00 am (English)**

**11:00 am(English)**

**12:30 pm(Spanish)**

**Saturday, May 6, 2017- First Communion (CCD students)**

**5:30 pm**

**Sunday May 7, 2017- First Communion- (St. Brendan students)**

**11:00 am**

**Saturday May 13, 2017- Our Lady of Fatima**

**5:30 pm**