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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday: The Lord's Day, Vigil Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday, 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Confessions every Saturday, 4:00-4:30 PM and also
at parishioners' convenience by appointment.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are usually made one year in advance
to properly prepare for marriage. Contact the Parish
Office for an appointment.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact Parish Office for pastoral visits in the hospital
or at home. Eucharist ministers are able to visit the
sick upon request. The Sacrament of the Sick can be
celebrated anytime there is a need.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration Forms are located in back of the church
or at the Parish Office. Please register so that we may
serve you better.

PARISH TRUSTEES

Cecile Cole
Raymond Dean

March 18, 2018 • Fifth Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 Olga Grivalsky

10:30 Michael Salagaj

Monday, March 19, 2018

St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Felizado Lim Sr.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

8:30 Intentions of Rev. Ken Hewitt

Thursday, March 22, 2018

8:30 Deceased members of the Parish

Friday, March 23, 2018

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:30 People of the Parish

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 Intentions of Rev. Michael Burke

5:00 Lucy Russo

Sunday March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

9:00 Jennie Olenowski

10:30 Patricia Margaret Rocks

The inner word What's in your heart?

God has written God's law on our hearts. In a way, this message brings great comfort: The ways of God already dwell within. In the comfort and confidence this awareness gives you, consider the following:

- The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as our high priest. How do I see my life through Baptism—in relation to Jesus? How can I lead others to embrace their baptismal priesthood?

- The gospel today presents a “negative way” of discipleship—“hating” life to gain it, dying to live. When do I love my life too much? Do I ever try too hard to preserve it? To what must I die in order to bear fruit? Where do I follow and serve Jesus?
- Christ learned obedience through suffering. In what ways do I do the same? What “obedience” do I learn?

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*March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether it's those first four notes of Beethoven's fifth symphony or the theme song of our favorite TV show, music speaks to us. Perhaps we stop speaking for a few moments. We drop whatever else we're doing and listen.

Today's combined Readings from Scripture are like a symphony on a familiar theme. First comes Jeremiah and the great words: “I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.” Then the overlay of “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit.” Love mingles with death. Death undergone out of love.

These concepts are well-known and accepted by believers as part of their heritage. The Letter to the Hebrews explains that Jesus is the Son of God who learned obedience through suffering. During Lent especially those quotes remind us that suffering in our own lives comes with our decision to walk with Jesus. Another way to think about discipleship is that the straight and narrow path is not an easy one to walk. From time to time we wonder why bad things happen to good people. People like us.

No explanation of that truth is ever fully satisfying. “Why oh why this death of my spouse, why this cancer, or why this layoff from work?” In the end, we are as grains of wheat that have to fall to the ground to discover our better angels.

There is a story from the Middle Ages about a young woman who was expelled from heaven. As she left, she was told that if she would bring back the gift that is most valued by God, she would be welcomed back. She brought back drops of blood from a dying patriot - no entry. She brought back some coins that a destitute widow had given to the poor - no entry. She brought back a remnant of a Bible that had been used for years by an eminent preacher - still no entry. She brought back many similar things but was turned back repeatedly. One day she saw a small boy playing by a fountain. A man rode up on horseback and dismounted to take a drink. The man saw the child and suddenly remembered his boyhood innocence. Then, looking in the fountain and seeing the reflection of his hardened face, he realized what he had done with his life, and tears of repentance welled up in his eyes and began to trickle down his cheeks. The young woman took one of these tears back to heaven and was received immediately with joy and love.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

This passage has been called by scholars "one of the most moving passages in the entire bible." The new covenant will not be written on stone but "upon hearts." Yahweh speaks of universal love and forgiveness.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Jesus our High Priest was able to sympathize with us sinners because He experienced temptation and trials like we do. His obedience to the Father enabled Him to be our Savior.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

The "grain of wheat" proverb refers to the fact that Jesus' death makes our salvation possible. His "lifting up" on the cross will therefore be His moment of glorification.



As a community of believers, who trust in God's mercy, healing and strength, it is our duty to pray for those who are ill and infirm. The following parishioners or family members of our parishioners are in need of our prayers. We ask God to grant health and peace to:

Lois Bateson, Jean Birrell, the Budwick family, Vincent DePalma, Barbara Dietrick, Linda Doshier, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, James Matar, Cora Oakley, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Angela Rios, Andy Secallus, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.

First Friday Adoration

Everyone is invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration each First Friday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule for each hour. Please join us on Friday, April 6th for this special prayer and devotion.

TAIZE PRAYER

All are invited to gather in candlelight for a time of meditative common prayer with singing that will continue in the silence of your heart. We all need to take a break from the stress of busy and hectic lives to experience a time of inner peace and reflective prayer. Join with parishioners of St. Clement Parish for an hour of prayer and song on Friday, March 23rd 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 quiet rhythm in the spirit.

Lent 2018

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday afternoon during Lent, beginning at 3:00 P.M. in the church. This traditional Catholic devotion is a meaningful way to grow closer to the Lord in His passion and death for our salvation. Please consider making this prayer a part of your spiritual journey during these forty days of renewal.

Chrism Mass

This year's celebration of the Chrism Mass will take place on Monday night of Holy Week, March 26, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Serratelli extends an invitation to all people of the diocese to participate in this Eucharist. During the Mass our bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick and consecrate the Sacred Chrism for use in the sacramental life of the Church throughout the diocese.

Lenten Penance Service

Our communal Reconciliation Service for Lent will take place at 7:00 P.M. this Monday, March 19th. This Sacrament, which is a celebration of the tender mercy of God in Jesus Christ, will be held at Saint Mary's in Dover. A number of priests, including Fr. Derek Anderson, Pastor at St. Mary's, Fr. Patrick, Parochial Vicar and myself, will be available for individual confessions after our common prayer. Families are encouraged to make time to be together for this experience of worship and forgiveness. Celebrating and accepting God's pardon motivates us to reach out to others with a sincere offer of mercy and healing, mending broken relationships and welcoming those who have hurt or wronged us back into our lives. Acknowledging that we are all sinners, we rejoice in God's abundant compassion and His longing to welcome us home to the embrace of His peace. Recalling the message of last year's Jubilee of Mercy, may our hunger for oneness with our loving and forgiving God send us "running," with joy, into the arms of Jesus' unconditional and total love, ever grateful for the absolution we receive in this Sacrament of Penance. Mark your calendars now.

Please be aware that there will not be individual confessions on Monday night here at St. Bernard's, as part of the "Welcome Home to Healing" initiative.

Morris Catholic High School Spring Auction

On March 24, Morris Catholic High School will hold its Spring Auction at Hanover Marriot. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Live, silent, basket auctions. \$85 includes sheet of basket tickets and a sit-down dinner. Contact ftuite@morriscatholic.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2018

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 25

**Regular Mass schedule for the weekend
Solemn Entrance at the Saturday 5:00 PM
We will gather at the front doors of the church
Solemn Procession at the Sunday 10:30 AM
We will gather at the grotto (weather permitting)
EASTER TRIDUUM**

Holy Thursday, March 29

**Mass of the Lord's Supper,
with the ritual washing of feet at 7:00 PM
Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until
Midnight**

Good Friday, March 30

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and
Death at 3:00 PM**

Holy Saturday, March 31

**Easter Vigil at St. Mary's, Dover begins at 8:00 PM
*THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS***

Easter Sunday, April 1

**Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and
10:30 AM
The blessing of Easter food will take place at the
Easter Sunday Liturgies**

LENTE RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

**Parish Reconciliation Service with St. Mary's,
The Service will be held at SAINT MARY'S
Monday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Confessions are heard every Saturday
afternoon: 4-4:30 PM
(except Holy Saturday)**

**If these times are not convenient, you can call
the rectory (973-627-0066) and make an
appointment with Fr. Al**

WASHING OF FEET

Volunteers are needed to have their feet washed during our celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Women, men, girls and boys are invited to participate. A sign-up sheet can be found in the vestibule. We can best appreciate the meaning of this symbol, that expresses humility and service, by being part of the experience. The mandate from Jesus, the Master, given to His disciples when He washed their feet, is our way of living out the meaning of the Eucharist we share.

Easter Duty

The time for fulfilling the Easter Duty extends from the first Sunday of Lent through the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity on May 27th. The Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Communion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season, which lasts through Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible. "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church.

Array of Hope "Awakening Hearts"

We are excited to announce the Array of Hope is coming to our deanery! Morris Catholic High School, Friday, April 13th, 2018 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. It will be a wonderful night that you won't want to miss.

For tickets are being sold thru Eventbrite, go to <http://goo.gl/nXX25X> on the internet to purchase tickets. For more information contact Sue Drew sdrew@morriscatholic.org

Easter Flowers for the Altar

Once again, we will be memorializing Easter flowers to be used in Church. If you wish to remember loved ones with flowers, please fill out the form below, **PLEASE PRINT** all names. Please have it reach us by tomorrow, March 19, 2018. The names of those being remembered and donor's name will appear in the Easter Bulletin.

Easter Flowers

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