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973-366-8435

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973-537-1930

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.

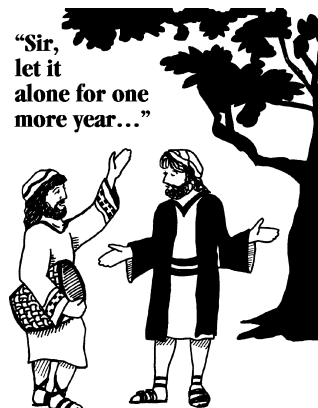
PARISH REGISTRATION

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

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March 7, 2010 • 3rd Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 Mary Kuchar

10:30 August Bencivengo

Monday, March 8, 2010

St. John of God

8:30 Josephine Sabatino

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

St. Frances of Rome

8:30 Deceased Members of the Parish

Wednesday March 10, 2010

8:30 Tom Halpin

Thursday, March 11, 2010

8:30 People of the Parish

Friday, March 12, 2010

8:30 Special Intention

Saturday March 13, 2010

8:30 Sick Members of the Parish

5:00 Anthony Comunale

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 Brendan McCluskey

10:30 Richard Bienick

Scripture Reflection

God's promise to Moses in this week's first reading from the Book of Exodus was that He would free the people of Israel from slavery in the land of Egypt. Now that we've been thoroughly into Lent for a while, we have each probably discovered what sins we are slaves to. It is not slavery in the land of Egypt from which we seek liberation. Rather, it is the sin to which we are beholden day after day that needs to be broken by the power of God.

While fasting from food or drink is often in vogue during Lent, it might also be time to fast a bit from some of the noise of our world so that we can have some quiet time for self-reflection. This may be the week to turn off the cell phone or television for a brief period of time and listen to God speak to our hearts.

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Third Sunday of Lent

Burning with Sacred Fire

Don't some of those religious email "chain letters" drive you crazy? You know — "Say the prayer below. If you are not ashamed to show your love for Jesus, send this to 20 friends and a miracle will happen." Then the axe falls: If you send this to 20 friends, God will bless you greatly. To 10, God will bless you somewhat. To 5, God isn't sure you are a friend. And if you delete this message, Jesus will know you are ashamed of Him and He'll delete you from God's list of special friends in heaven.

God does NOT need to use guilt to get people to pray! When the worship of false gods was a temptation for the Jewish people, God came to Moses in the burning bush to make it clear that the Jews knew it was THAT God, the One True God, who was going to free them from slavery.

When God says, "I AM THE ONE WHO IS," it means that God is the God of every cell, and every sub-particle. God grounds everything that has being or "is-ness." God is our Matrix, our "Womb" and our source. Because God IS, we are. God saved the Chosen People, but they fell to

whining and grouching, and began to “desire evil things,” so many died in the desert. As sufferings increased, they wasted their freedom in cursing God. Instead of repenting, they forgot that they needed God.

Jesus says we must all repent from living wasted, ungrateful lives. We don’t need guilt-inducing email — we need a change of consciousness to realize that everything is sacred: all places, all of creation, all of the times in our lives are sacred. Not pain-free, perhaps, but sacred.

Surely it is a basic act of repentance if, this Lent, we learn to see everything as sacred, maybe for the first time. We are on holy ground, because “where God is, is holy.

First Friday Adoration

All are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration each First Friday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 7:00pm. There is a sign up sheet in the church vestibule for each hour. Please join us on Friday May 7th for this special prayer and devotion.

There will be no First Friday adoration in April because it is Good Friday

Religious Education Calendar

March 8 7:00pm Grades 1-4 S

Grades 5-6 BH

Mtg. for First Eucharist Parents S

Confirmation Schedule

March 10 7:00 pm Rehearsal for Living Stations C

Sophomore Class

March 13 4:00pm Set up for Breakfast w/Easter Bunny Service Hours

March 14 8:00-100pm Serve Breakfast Service Hours

Prayers for the Sick

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: **Joan Baumgartner, Chip Casternova, Joanne D’Angelo, Donna DePolo, Olga Giordano, Carmen Inga, Mary Beth Modafferi, Sal and Lina Scardino, Janice Smith, and Mary Stec.**

LENT 2010

“Welcome Home to Healing”

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent, February 22nd to March 22nd, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(Please note change in time)

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

Prayer Intention - Third Sunday in Lent

For young people in Afghanistan and around the world who lack education opportunities. May our generosity and prayers this Lent support communities in their efforts to establish quality schools for their children. We pray to the Lord.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our communal Reconciliation Service for Lent will take place on Tuesday evening, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. This sacrament of God's tender mercy will be held at Saint Mary's in Dover. Six confessors should be available for individual confessions after our common prayer together. Families are encouraged to make time to be together for this experience of prayer and forgiveness. Accepting the Lord's pardon and peace motivates us to mend any broken relationships in our lives, bringing about the healing that unites us as one people in Christ. Mark your calendars now!

Blood Drive Success

Finally, after two cancellations, we had a successful blood drive and brunch last Sunday. Over twenty-five people donated blood, and

many came to enjoy the delicious food prepared by Chef Gordon LaFlesh. We wish to thank Joanne O'Connell, Mary Mackey and Sister Thomasine for all their effort and work in coordinating this blood drive. Special thanks to Gordon for donating his time and talent to provide the food for the brunch. Compliments were heard throughout the hall raving about the meal, especially the Quiche. We are especially grateful to those who donated blood so urgently needed.

SAINT MARY'S SEDER CELEBRATION AND POT LUCK SUPPER

Saint Bernard's parishioners are invited to be part of the Seder meal to be held at Saint Mary's on Friday, March 19th at 7:00 P.M. in Bermingham Hall. Please contact Anne Harnett at 973-584-6012 if you are bringing a dish.

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers

"Yesterday's Bread: An Immersion in a Eucharistic Spirituality for the Life of the World" is the title of a retreat day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to be held at the College of Saint Elizabeth on March 20, 2010. Fliers with all the information and a registration form are available in the sacristy for those who might be interested in attending. If you plan to go, please fill out the form and drop it off at the rectory by Sunday, March 8. The parish will cover the cost for the day.

LENTEN PROGRAM AT SAINT MARY'S

Sister Anita Constance will offer reflections on the Stations of the Cross as seen from Mary's perspective. These sessions will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 P.M. from February 25th through March 25th in the church.

Each presentation will be followed by soup and fellowship in Bermingham Hall. All are invited.

Come March With Us!

Join Morris County Right to Life in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Morristown, at noon Saturday, March 13. Assemble in the Morristown Municipal Building parking lot at 200 South Street. Wear green & festive St. Patrick attire. We will carry our MCRTL banner, pro-life flags and balloons with a simple, positive pro-life message. Come and bring family & friends for a real pro-life witness! For info: 973-538-9140 or e-mail mcrtl@optonline.net.

Earthquake Relief in Haiti Update

It is now one month since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti. The Haitian Government reports over 200,000 people were killed, 300,000 were treated for injuries and 250,000 were houses destroyed. In Port-au-Prince, up to 20 million cubic yards of rubble needs to be removed. Seven organized settlements have been established for 42,000 homeless people; some 460,000 people remain in 315 makeshift camps. Despite this, the resilience of the Haitian people is heard in a popular saying on the streets and in the camps, □Nou bite men nou pap tonbe: We may stumble but we will not fall. □ CRS, working with Caritas Haiti, the local Church's charitable agency, has focused on the distribution of food and emergency shelter kits, and coordination with partners on water, sanitation, health and security issues. To date, CRS has provided food to 533,422 people at Petionville Golf Club camp, downtown Port- au-Prince and outside areas.

Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of prayers and support for the Haitian people. The Catholic community in the U.S. has deep connections to Haiti. For more information on CRS □ relief efforts in Haiti as well as prayer resources, educational resources, and information on how you can help with the long-term rebuilding process, please go to www.crs.org or call 877-Help-CRS (877-435-7277).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, 2010

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 28

**Regular Mass schedule for the weekend
Solemn Entrance at the Saturday 5PM:
We will gather at the front doors of the church**

**Solemn Procession at the 10:30AM:
We will gather at the grotto (weather permitting)**

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 1

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

Good Friday, April 2

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

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3

**Easter Vigil begins at 8:30PM
We will gather at the grotto (weather permitting)**

THERE IS NO 5:00P.M. MASS

Easter Sunday, April 4

**Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00AM and
10:30 AM**

**Any Easter food to be blessed should be
brought to the Easter Sunday Liturgies**

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

**The Sacrament of Penance will be available
every Monday evening from February 22
through March 22 from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30
P.M.**

Tuesday, March 23

**Parish Reconciliation Service with St. Mary's,
Wharton at 7:00PM:**

**To be held at SAINT MARY'S
Confessions are heard every Saturday
afternoon: 4-4:30PM
(except Holy Saturday)**

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31

**Individual Confessions: 4-4:30PM and 7-
7:30PM**

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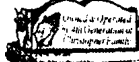
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