

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*



SATURDAY, MARCH 10

5:00 PM Joseph McLaughlin

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM Lottie Beverly
10:30 AM Maryanne DiPietro
12:00 PM Fred Mosca
Stanley Pavlak

**7:30 AM LENTEN MORNING MASS added
MONDAY - THURSDAY** *(Chapel - thru 3/28)*

DAILY MASS MARCH 12-16 at 9:00 AM

MONDAY Frank Doyle
TUESDAY Intention of Fred Finnan
WEDNESDAY Agnes E. Shelton
THURSDAY Ann Brady
FRIDAY Deceased members of
Mikolajczyk Family

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** *Fridays of Lent*
March 16 • 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

5:00 PM Michael Carbonella

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM Edward Mach
Florence Moebus
10:30 AM Robert Zabita
12:00 PM Dora Dicarolo

BAPTISM

The community of Good Shepherd joyfully welcomes our newly baptized Christian:

† **Gavin Benedetto Rosa**
son of **Paula and Christopher**

Rejoice, for now you are truly a child of God.

Due to last weekend's snowstorm and the power outage at the Church throughout the week, the parish offices have been closed and there are no Collection amounts to report.

Our thanks to all of our parishioners who respond each week to the needs of our parish. May God Bless You.

Also, as the bulletin has an early print deadline, any information that may change from what is posted will be announced or updated next week.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

Perhaps a great difficulty for us, is to appreciate the need we had for Jesus' saving work. Because we have been redeemed by Him, and experience His presence and love, we forget the great need which existed for all time for a Savior.

Our Lenten practices call us to acknowledge our need today and through prayer, good works, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, we are to move ourselves closer to the Lord. Remember, it is God's gift to us and we open our hearts today to receive it. As we begin this fourth week of Lent, may we seek forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, getting to confession before Easter.

(Source: "His Word Today", Bon Venture Services)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

meets every Tuesday with Fr. Tim • 9:30 - 11:00 AM (Chapel)

Read the upcoming Sunday Scriptures • Reflect • Discuss

- 1) In this story, God sends messengers to the people. Who are people in our lives who bring God's message to us?
- 2) The author speaks of God's mercy, love and kindness. Can these characteristics challenge some of your ideas of God? How?
- 3) How do you think Nicodemus might have felt when Jesus said that some people prefer darkness?

PRIESTS MASS SCHEDULE - MARCH

	<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>12:00 PM</u>
4th Sunday of Lent				
10-11	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Ed
5th Sunday of Lent				
17-18	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord				
24-25	Fr. Tim	Fr. Ed	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal



**FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT**

† PRAY
† FAST
† GIVE

Many Christians combine **almsgiving** with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

† "Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is **almsgiving** accompanied by righteousness . . . It is better to give **alms** than to store up gold; for **almsgiving** saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give **alms** shall enjoy a full life".

Why is **almsgiving** better than prayer and fasting? Because it is prayer, and it involves fasting. **Almsgiving** is a form of prayer because it is "giving to God" - and not mere philanthropy. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving - not just giving something, but giving up something, giving till it hurts. (Catholic Education Resource Center)

Many Catholics extend the concept of **almsgiving** beyond money to include time and talent, donating a portion of these to worthy causes.

Last weekend and this past week has been particularly hard for our entire parish community due to the snowstorm and loss of power at the Church and surrounding communities. We continue to pray for all those affected.

We remind you that for changes in events or cancellations, to please visit our website's home page where updated information is always posted. Also in some cases, an email may be sent to a specific group, so please check your email as well. We pray to return to some sense of normalcy soon.

BOOK CLUB MEETING
Thursday, March 15 • 9:30 AM *(All Saints Room)*

• YOUR HELP IS NEEDED •

The Committee planning Fr. Martin's 50th Anniversary celebration needs your help!

The committee is looking for 1 or 2 photos at most of **Fr. Martin** with you and your family at a baptism, wedding, anniversary or other celebratory event.

Please email photos to: frmartin50@goodshepherdrc.org
(please include your name and a brief photo caption)

Our gratitude and appreciation to the growing list of "Online Giving Donors" here at **Good Shepherd** - to those that renewed their donations from last year, and also the new parishioners that have selected this convenient method of providing financial support to our parish.

We would also like to urge more of our parish community to consider **Online Giving** as a means of providing financial support that reinforces our spiritual and financial commitment to **Good Shepherd**.

Whenever we experience bad weather, travel, or other situations that keep us away from weekly Mass, we can be comforted in the fact that our financial support remains uninterrupted.

Please take a moment to consider OLG as a convenient alternative.

To register for Online Giving, go to the parish website:

www.goodshepherdrc.org and click on the Online Giving Portal.

Once there, click again on the OSV Online Giving Portal to begin.

As always, we thank you for your generous and continued support of our parish. May God continue to Bless our parish family.

MARTHA † MARY † LAZARUS
Bereavement Ministry

"Seasons of Hope" † Sundays, 1:00-2:30 PM
(Chapel)

March 11

† Infinite Thirst/Hurtful Words/Patience

"Weeping is perhaps the most human and universal of relief measures."

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM:

April 14 / May 12 / June 9 / July 14

For more information, contact the parish office.

DIOCESEAN EVENTS

• SAVE THE DATES •

A Musical Afternoon With Our Sisters

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8 at 3:00 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral**, Main & Grand St., 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. Free parking available.

Solo Organ Recital by Stephen Tharp

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 on **Sunday, April 15 at 4:00 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral**, Main & Grand St., Paterson. 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, John Peragallo at john@peragallo.com.

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

Three acts are required from the penitent (penitent: a person who repents their sins or wrongdoings and seeks forgiveness from God) for forgiveness through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

Contrition - a sincere sorrow for having offended God and a firm resolve to not repeat our sin.

Confession - confronting our sins in a profound way before God by acknowledging them aloud to a priest.

Satisfaction - the “penance” or atonement the priest imposes on the penitent to make amends for sin, and given absolution, an important part of our healing.

Experience the gracious mercy of God’s love through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

Welcome Home to Healing throughout Lent.
Mondays • 7:00 - 8:30 PM

The
Season
of
Lent



To show our reverence to the Lord during this Lenten Season, we kindly remind parishioners to refrain from any applause unless invited to do so by the presider.

We can always show our appreciation with a joyful heart.

† LENTEN PRAYER †

GOD OF THE JOURNEY,

Whenever we stumble on life’s roads, you are with us. Your love enables us to get back up and start again.

May our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving be an encounter with your mercy. May our experience of your selfless love inspire us to “go and do likewise,” becoming companions for our neighbors most in need, and for every member of our human family. **AMEN** *(Source: CRS Rice Bowl)*

PRAY to encounter Christ in your life and in every member of our human family.

FAST to encounter the obstacles that keep you from serving God and your neighbor.

GIVE to encounter God’s love, and share it with our brothers and sisters in need.

† LENTEN SCHEDULE †

† 7:30 AM Lenten Morning Mass added

Monday - Thursday (*Chapel*) (through March 28)
(9:00 AM Morning Mass celebrated Monday - Friday)
please arrive early - observe silence before/after Mass

† Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions “Welcome Home to Healing”

Mondays • 7:00 - 8:30 PM (through March 19)
• **individual confessions on a walk-in basis** •
(Confessions also on Saturdays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM)

† Abstinence from meat on all Fridays by Catholics 14 years and older



† Stations of the Cross

Fridays • 7:00 PM (through March 23)
(each week the Stations will be led by a different person or group, using varied devotional guides)

† LENTEN BIBLE STUDY †

The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus from the four Gospels

Presider: Deacon Keith

Afternoon Session: Tuesdays • 1:00-2:30 PM

Evening Session: Thursdays • 7:30-9:00 PM
(*St. Joseph's Room*)

Lesson 3: Tues., 3/13 or Thurs., 3/15

The Passion according to Luke: Luke 22-23

Lesson 4: Tues., 3/20 or Thurs., 3/22

The Passion according to John: John 18-19

and

Lesson 5: Tues., 3/20 or Thurs., 3/22

The Resurrection according to Mark and Matthew:

Mark 16, Matthew 28

Lesson 6: Tues., 3/27 (*both afternoon & evening*)

The Resurrection according to Luke and John:

Luke 24, John 20-21

Enrich your Lenten experience with a Bible Study on "The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus".

All are welcome to join in at any time.

LENT



SERVING OUR PARISH:

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Parish Cemetery Office Hours

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Organist: Ms. Grace Schmiedhauser

Organist/Cantor: Ms. Judy Consentino

Cantor: Ms. Kathy Gratacos

CHARITABLE OUTREACH

As part of our Universal Call to Holiness, God asks us to remember those who are in need. Our parish community has several opportunities for you to get involved and help serve the Church via:

• OUTREACH FUND •

donations accepted anytime to help parish families - label offering Outreach

• MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION/PANTRY •

1st Sunday of every month, food is collected to feed the hungry in our area

• MANNA HOUSE •

serving and feeding the hungry in Sussex County

• CATHOLIC CHARITIES BIN •

located in the back parking lot, accepting clothes, shoes and small appliances

• KNIGHTS EYE GLASS COLLECTION BOX •

drop off unwanted eye glasses in the plastic box in the atrium

Visit www.goodshepherdrc.org/charitable-outreach to learn more!

MASS CARDS

For the deceased or for the intention of the living, **Mass Cards** can be obtained at the parish office during normal office hours.

OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

If you would like to participate in the **Offertory of the Mass** and bring the **gifts to the altar**, please arrive early and notify one of our ushers.

SICK OR HOMEBOUND HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or a loved one are sick or homebound and for any reason are not able to attend Mass, or are in the Hospital, please call the parish office, **973-786-6631** and we will arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to you.

We would love to serve you.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS (RCIA)

At the Easter Vigil, our RCIA candidates, Taylor, Audra, Walter and Erin will be welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church when they receive the Sacraments. *May we keep them in our prayers.*

What is RCIA? RCIA has as its aim to welcome others to join our Roman Catholic faith community in full initiation.

If you or someone you know is an adult who:

- † has never been baptized and seeks Baptism
- † is baptized in another Christian tradition and seeks membership in the Roman Catholic Church
- † is a baptized Roman Catholic adult who has not yet received First Eucharist or Confirmation

RCIA
A journey in faith

... then we invite you or ask you to encourage someone you know to be a part of the RCIA journey. The next RCIA program will begin in September. RCIA candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Roman Catholic beliefs and practices in a seven-month commitment that culminates at the Easter Vigil.

If you are interested or if you know someone who would like to learn more, please call the parish office, **973-786-6631** for details.

An Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.