

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**MARCH 4 – MARCH 12, 2017**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**  
**VIGIL OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:30 +Josephine Szczomak  
+Dolores Halat

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30 +Charles & Kay Tedeschi  
+Mario, Susan & Myrtle Nocera  
+Pauline & Charles Giamonco  
+Riccardo Gigli  
9:30 +Guarino & Zampella Family  
+Ray Beesley  
+Joyce Barbary-Post  
+Gino Chiappetta  
11:30 For the Parishioners  
5:30 +Manuela Rios  
+Jacinto & Hilda Santa Cruz

**MONDAY, MARCH 6**

11:30 Franciscan Mass League

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

11:30 +George & Marie Healy  
+Anthony Tudda, Jr.  
7 PM +Frances C. Burns  
+Vincent Bustard  
+Mary Nugent

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

11:30 +Fr. Arnold Walter, O.F.M.  
Nineteenth Pastor of St. Bonaventure  
Anniversary +1992

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

11:30 +Fr. Angelo Gambatese, O.F.M.  
+Beatrice Brophy  
+Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

11:30 +Fr. Alvin Faddish, O.F.M.  
+Myrtle Evans  
+Rosemarie Baumann

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

11:30 +Mary Nugent  
+Diane Hilton

**VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:30 +Andy Leishman  
+John Perricone  
+Eleanor Chidiac & Mary Iozzio  
+Lillian Soter

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30 +George & Marie Healy  
+Jerry Giamonco  
+Joyce Barbary-Post  
+Fr. Alban Sambrook, O.F.M.  
Fourteenth Pastor of St. Bonaventure  
Anniversary +1943  
9:30 +Joseph Trawinski  
+Ray Beesley  
+Joyce Barbary-Post  
+Angolina Tollis  
11:30 +Carol Ann Bushey Lucas  
+Tadeusz Milewicz  
+Gamil & Mary Nacheff  
+Maureen Wright  
+Joseph Giarrusso  
5:30 For the Parishioners

***FLOWER DONATIONS***

If you are interested in making a donation of a floral arrangement for the Church in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Office. We will discuss with you what would be a suitable occasion and then we will make the arrangements. We will also put a notice in the bulletin acknowledging your donation if you would like.



*EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS of  
Bread & Wine are offered this  
week in Memory of / Los dones  
Eucarísticos se ofrecerán  
en memoria de  
Agnes & Leonard Kientz*



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this  
week in Memory of / La Vela del  
Santuario permanecerá  
encendida en memoria de  
Fr. John Piccione, O.F.M.*

✠ pray for the deceased ✠

*DECEASED FRANCISCAN FRIARS*



**Oremos por los enfermos,  
especialmente**  
**Pray For  
The Sick**

Teresa Apolei, Juan Arias, John Barcewski, Robert Barone,  
Laurie Barone, Michele Bender, Jean Berdan,  
Sr. Anne Elizabeth Bolte, Tom Brown, Garret Buys,  
Phillipe Carino, Debbie Caruso, Anthony Cinderella,  
Maria Colatarci, Jean Colletti, Vincent Colucci,  
Josephine Constantinople, Genevieve DeChellis,  
Susanna DeNude, Richard DiMauro, Susie & Frank DeVito,  
Angela Di Pasquale, Steven Domalewski, Ann Dorning,  
Cesarina Earl, Eileen Egan, Wendy Estrada,  
Vincent William Gaffney, Joseph Gilmore, Adele Ginnotti,  
Antonio Giudice, Salvatore Giudice, John Grectin, Ray Gulbin,  
Steve Hermann, Maryann Hughes, Jay Intili, Alke M. Laffey,  
Irene Lester, Dean Patrick Lewis, Addison Mary Lewis,  
Mary MacDonald, Caden Many, Ed Marrone, Sandra Mas,  
Andrew Maye, Patricia McGovern, Kenneth McGraw,  
Rosemary McGraw, Mario Menjincello, Stan Michunovich,  
Cindy Orchowski, Lois Orlando, Gemma Nacleria,  
Eileen Primavera, Clara Ramia, Luisa Rendenna,  
Eliane Rocca, Diana Romeo, John Ruff, John Saputo,  
Gloria Russo, Shirley G. Salavarría, Debbie Sherwood,  
Jean Smith, Annette Streicher, Philip Treanor, Joan Trecartin,  
John Trommelen, Patricia Tucher, Barbara Urogovitch,  
Jayne Vandorsten, Ray Veltri and Philip Zipoy

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**BULLETIN DEADLINES**  
**Articles for the March 12<sup>th</sup> bulletin**  
**should be in the Parish Office no later than**  
**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**COLLECTION**

**February 26.....\$3,558.00**

Thank you for your continued support.

**ENCOUNTER LENT**

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit [csrcricebowl.org](http://csrcricebowl.org) for more.

**Scripture Readings for This Week**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday** Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11  
**Monday** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

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**REGULATION FOR THE LENTEN SEASON**

Fasting is required for those 18-59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and *abstinence from meat* on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent for those 14 years and older.

*Fasting means* eating only one full meatless meal and two light meatless meals during the day. Fasting also includes no eating at all in between meals, although liquids are permitted. *Abstinence means* not eating meat at all that day.



**"THE WEARING OF THE GREEN"**

As we have been advertising, our Seniors' Group are invited to a St. Patrick's Day at Camp Hope in West Milford on **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**. **PLEASE** notify the Parish Office if you plan to attend. The cost for the day is \$12.00. If you are paying by check, make the check out to St. Bonaventure Church. According to Passaic County Policy, accepting offers of tips for services rendered is strictly prohibited.

**Religious Formation Classes Begin**

March 5 - 10:30 AM All Grades  
 March 12 - 10:30 AM All Grades  
 March 19 - 10:30 AM All Grades  
 March 26 - 10:30 AM All Grades

## WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confession available every Monday evening from **March 6 to April 3**, from **7 PM – 8:30 PM**. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!  
[www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org](http://www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org).

Also, please note that because the **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on **Monday, April 10, 2017 at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Clifton**. Procession begins at 6:45 PM; Mass will begin at 7:00 PM.

The last Monday confessions are **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Also, once the Sacred Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, priests are not supposed to hear confessions except in situations of impending death. Thus, there will be no confessions on Holy Saturday. Saturday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>** from 1 -2 PM is the last regularly scheduled confessions before Easter. There are forty days of Lent, the season of reconciliation. Please do not wait until the last minute to avail yourself of this wonderful sacrament.

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**St. Bonaventure's Bishop Manning Hall  
7 PM – doors open at 6:30 PM**

Tickets purchased **before March 13<sup>th</sup>** will cost \$18.00 and tickets purchased **after March 13<sup>th</sup>** will cost **\$24.00**.

### **Ticket includes:**

dinner, beer, wine, soda, tea and dessert.

You may purchase tickets in the Parish Office or call:

Peter – 862.249.5076

Jim Cullen – 201.852.3186

Jim A. – 973.890.0363



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7 PM

One of the penitential practices that the Church encourages to adopt during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. This year, we are introducing a new booklet entitled **"The Mystery of the Cross, praying the Stations with Pope Francis"** that we plan to use each Friday during Lent. We hope many of you will make the Stations with us as we journey through the holy season.

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## Faithful Stewardship Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than March 26 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Novena in Preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua begins Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**



**Lenten Fish n' Chips Dinner  
Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**



*Congratulations & Best Wishes to  
Manuel Minaya  
&  
Caysí Perez*

*February 26, 2017*

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**BENEFIT BEEFSTEAK DINNER  
FOR THE FAMILY OF  
RAYMOND BEESLEY**

**Friday, May 12, 2017 – 7 PM**  
**Russian Hall, 4 Woodhull Avenue, Little Falls**  
**Live music, food, beer and soda included.**  
**Tricky Tray & 50/50 raffles. Donation \$55.00.**  
**To purchase tickets, contact Patty at**  
**973.223.7999.**

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**“MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD”**

On Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM Mass, the **MEN AND WOMEN FROM STRAIGHT & NARROW** will join us to celebrate this Liturgy. Straight & Narrow is a human service agency of the Diocese of Paterson Catholic Charities. Thanks to the treatment and facilities offered by Straight & Narrow, these men and women, whose lives were once broken by addiction, are now on their way to living wholesome and productive lives as enthusiastic contributors to society. You’ll hear that optimism, determination and gratitude in the way they give Praise to the Lord. Come! You’ll never forget this experience!

**“Don't walk behind me; I may not lead.  
Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow.  
Just walk beside me and be my friend.”  
Albert Camus**

**WE NEED YOU TO SERVE YOUR PARISH**

Are you a baptized and confirmed Catholic who loves your Church? Are you interested in serving the Church and contributing to our worship of God? You could be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. We are looking for volunteers to enhance our worship by proclaiming the Word of God and helping us share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office or email Fr. Stephen at [sdewittofm@stbonspaterson.org](mailto:sdewittofm@stbonspaterson.org).

**FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY**

Our St. Bonaventure community generously supported the food collection for the Father English Center, on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Contributions included:

30 frozen dinners	14 cartons of canned goods
4 bags of groceries	125 lbs. of rice
\$150 in donations	8 bags of used clothing

These totals include a \$150 donation to the NJ Food Bank for the account of the Fr. English Food Pantry made by our Knights of Columbus Council #240, as well as 9 frozen dinners provided by a parishioner with the help of neighbors and friends.

In the words of Fr. Rolheiser, in last weeks Beacon, “ God not only makes a preferential option for the poor, but God is in the poor. How we treat the poor is how we treat God. Jesus tells us, that we will be judged seemingly solely, on the basis of how we have treated the most vulnerable among us.”

Please, as we go about our lives in this season of Lent, continue to remember the most vulnerable in our midst and prepare for our next collection of groceries and frozen dinners on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Schedule for March is as follows:**

**FROZEN DINNER PANS**

**Saturday & Sunday, March 11/12**  
Available after all Masses in rear of church

**FROZEN DINNER PICKUP**

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 to 9:30 AM**  
In front of Bishop Manning Hall

**NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES**

May be dropped off at the same time or anytime before March 18<sup>th</sup> in rear of church or Parish Office.

