

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17

5:00 p.m. +**Charles Kelton**
By Brian and Lexi McKevitt and Son

Sunday, March 18

8:00 a.m. +**Rose Kane**
By Susan Reynolds
10:30 a.m. **In Honor of the Madonna of Health**
By Angela Gross

Monday, March 19

8:45 a.m. **Birthdays Blessings for Robert Ryan**
By Mom and Dad

Tuesday, March 20

8:45 a.m. +**Robert Gross and Charles Folk**
By Angela Gross

Wednesday, March 21

8:45 a.m. +**Thomas and Beatrice Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Thursday, March 22 **NO MASS**

Friday, March 23

8:45 a.m.

Saturday, March 24

5:00 p.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Sunday, March 25

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**
10:30 a.m. +**John and Rose McLaughlin**
By The Shipley Family

Saturday, March 17

4 pm – Confession
5 pm Mass & Conference for Parishioners

Sunday, March 18

7:30 am & 10 am – Confessions
8 am & 10:30 am: Mass & Conference for Parishioners

Monday, March 19

8:15 am – Confession
8:45 am & 7:00 pm – Mass & Conference for Parishioners

Tuesday, March 20

8:15 am & 6:30 pm – Confession
8:45 am & 7:00 pm - Mass & Conference for Parishioners

Wednesday, March 21

8:15 am, 6:30 pm & 7:30-8:30 pm: Confession
8:45 am & 7:00 pm - Mass & Conference for Parishioners

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Metuchen currently has 30 retired diocesan priests. Just imagine how many people have heard them preach and teach over the years, and how many more have been the recipients of their sacramental and pastoral care. In their combined years of service, these men have ministered to literally hundreds of thousands of people.

For the majority of diocesan priests, retirement usually at 75, may end administrative responsibilities, but obviously not their priestly ministry. In a number of parishes, our retired priests celebrate Mass and assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They bring Christ's love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, and teachers, giving freely of their time to assist our active priests. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, also continue to support the people of God and their brother priests through their prayers and example.

Next weekend, March 24-25, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the *Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests*.



Lenten Retreat

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 17 – 21, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Our church will be holding a *Parish Lenten Retreat* from March 18 through March 22,

conducted by the Superior of the Salvatorians in Florida, Father Christopher Bugno. Father Bugno is the Pastor of St. Theresa Church in Titusville, Florida. I encourage you to join us in this spiritual journey during the solemn season of Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

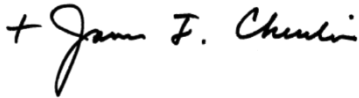
Father Damian

The Schedule is as follows:

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service and helps to provide for their sustenance. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



Saint Theodore Church Fundraisers

- **Vacation Raffle (April 8):** Offering a choice of one destination from five distinct packages from which to choose. Options include: air or driving travel, with or without children accompanying you. Price per ticket: \$20. Parishioners will be receiving tickets in the mail. Additional tickets will be sold by the Altar Rosary Society before and after all the weekend Masses or Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm in the Parish Office.
- **50/50 Raffle: (May 27):** Parishioners will be receiving in the mail soon a book of tickets for our annual 50/50 Raffle. As in the past, the books are \$100-\$10 per ticket. These chances will be sold before and after the weekend Masses in the Parish Center.



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara,

Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018

To date, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has received from parishioners: \$3,110 Pledges; \$2,765 in Payments from 28 parishioners. This represents 44.4% of our goal of \$7,000.

Our Weekly Offering

Sunday collection needed to meet weekly expenses: \$3,637.

March 11: \$2,309.

March 4: \$2,199.25

February deficit: \$4,582

Bible Study Every Tuesday @ 6:30 pm:

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent: 7pm

March Calendar

March 17 & 18, 5pm; 8 & 10:30 am: Lenten Retreat begins

March 18, 10:30 am: 2nd Grade First Confession

March 19, 20, 21, 7 pm: Lenten Retreat

March 21, 7:30 pm: Easter Confessions

March 24, 10 am: Easter Egg stuffing

March 24, 10 am: Grounds Cleaning

March 24 & 25: Altar Rosary Bake Sale

March 28, 6pm to 9 pm: 8th Grade Retreat

Holy Week Services



Penance Service, March 29: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 29:

Confessions, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.; Visit to the Repository until 10 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30: Confessions 4p.m. to 5 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., **7 p.m.: Liturgy of the**

Passion, Holy Communion, Stations of the Cross, Day 1 of Divine Mercy Novena

Holy Saturday, March 31: Confessions 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Day 2 of Novena, Easter blessing of Food; 8 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1, 7:30 a.m.: Day 3 of Novena, Procession and Mass;

10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Divine Mercy Chaplet Day 9: April 2, 8 a.m.