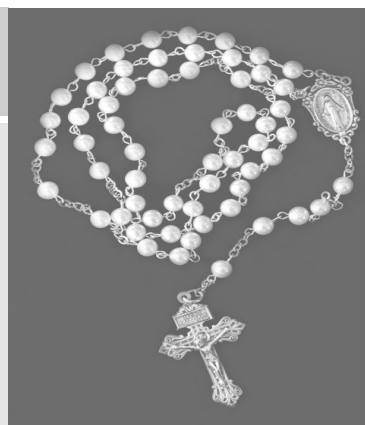




March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Church of the Holy Rosary

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PARISH OFFICE AND CHAPEL

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In loving honor & memory: Michael A. Lydon

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Parish Secretary: Barbara L. Brady

Mass Times

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday): 8:00AM
Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM & 11:00AM (in English);
12:00PM (in Spanish)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church at 365 Undercliff Avenue. The Exposition begins at 12:00PM and ends at 3:00PM, followed by the Divine Mercy. All are welcome to attend.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00-5:00PM (Church)
Baptism: Baptisms have resumed. Please be advised you must be a member of Holy Rosary Parish in order to receive a sponsor certification for Baptism.

Holy Rosary Parish is a proud Co-Sponsor of **Christ the Teacher Interparochial School**, 359 Whiteman St., Fort Lee, NJ 07024 (201-944-0421)

Assistance attending Mass

If you are a senior or disabled, and you would like shuttle transportation to and from the 11:00AM Mass on Sundays, call the Parish Center for information. **(Temporarily suspended)**

Religious Education

For information on our CCD program, please see the "CCD Corner" section of this bulletin.

For the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), please call the Parish Office.

Choir Rehearsal


Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
in the Church

Minister of Music:
Bill Jones



Catholic Community Services—Social Services Helpline
1-800-CCS-7413

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Let us receive everything from God's hands and do everything out of pure love.

Bl. Giacomo Cusmano
19th-century Italian priest who founded a religious order focused on evangelizing and caring for the poor.

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are attending Mass at Holy Rosary and consider Yourself a parishioner, but haven't registered, we invite you to do so. Knowing who our parishioners are helps us adapt our parish programs to your needs. It is also important to be registered for Baptisms, Marriage, to be a Sponsor/Godparent, etc.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

New Registration

Request Envelopes

Address Change

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 13
5:30 PM *Michael & Joan Lydon (Neil & Francisca Fitzpatrick)*

Sunday, March 14
8:00AM *Jose Renato Abalon (Neil & Francisca Fitzpatrick)*
11:00 AM *Jose Renato Abalon (Paul & Alexandria Ramsahai)*
12:00 PM *Fernando Napoleon Alvarado & Salvatore Juarec (Rina & Alvaro Norena)*

Monday, March 15
8:00 AM *Celestina Milani (Silvana Maric)*

Tuesday, March 16
8:00 AM *Nellie DaBuet (Alex DaBuet & Family)*

Wednesday, March 17
8:00 AM *Mazy Osbourane (Eltima Maharaj & Family)*

Thursday, March 18
8:00 AM *Jose Ignacio Celis (The Chan Family)*

Friday, March 19
8:00 AM *Donald Kopczynski (Patty & Joe Criscuolo & Family)*

Saturday, March 20
5:30 PM *James & Marguerite Schiller (Their Loving Family)*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those suffering in any way from the CoVid-19 pandemic.

Also James Allocco, Phillip Armstrong, Edward Baldino, Cheryl Bostyan, Jean Braden, Rick Brouillette, Louise Bruce, Chase, Pat Caruso, Sharbel Chaoul, Anna Corrado, Danny Coyle, Gary Devila, Marie Ferrie, Ginny Frasco, Kenneth Galfo, Joelle & Juliana Gedeon, Annmarie Gilmartin, Madeline Goodwin, Joe Heatter, Agnes Hoffmann, Bobby Jordan, Rosemary Kaminski, Eileen Kopczynski, Diana Lucio, Isaiah McLean, Heidi Monico, Humberto Norena, Conception Ortiz, Rebecca Papadopoulos, Phyllis & Joseph Palermo, Rich Richinski, Rebecca Rigolosi, Antoinette Ring, Boris Reznik, Frank Romero, Desi Santos, Anthony Saporito, Jack Sweeney, Jenna Szandrocha, Phillip Tarabola, Ruth Weis, Krista Wilkinson, Kyle Wilson, Mark Winnie.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOSE

Moving closer to the Celebration of Easter, this week we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent as "*Laetere Sunday.*" A joyful Sunday of anticipation of the Easter mystery, for in this mystery God pardons and raises up those who had been unfaithful, by sending His Son to deliver the world from exile. The readings are anticipation of the Resurrection which we will celebrate in Easter. That is why you will notice that in the masses of this week, based on the tradition of the Church, the priest will wear rose colored vestment as a reminder that our salvation is closer at hand than we begin the Season of Lent. Still we are invited to practice Lenten Observances. Do not forget to go and receive the Sacrament of Confession as a vehicle for a spiritual and corporeal preparation for Easter.

Have a nice weekend as I always pray for everyone.

~~ God Bless! Father Jose

ALTAR APPOINTMENTS

A special way to remember a loved one is to donate the monthly Altar Bread and/or Wine in honor of their memory. You may also choose to remember a loved one by donating a weekly Sanctuary Lamp in either the Church or the Chapel. Sanctuary Lamps burn day and night to illuminate the Blessed Sacrament, serve as an emblem of Christ's abiding love, and as a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return.

- * The **Altar Bread** for **March** is donated in loving memory of **the deceased members of our parish.**
- * The **Altar Wine** for **March** is donated in loving memory of **the deceased members of our parish.**
- * The **Sanctuary Lamp** in the Church this week is in memory of **the deceased members of our Parish.**

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
 — John 3:17

Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él.
 — Juan 3:17

THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: St. Patrick

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

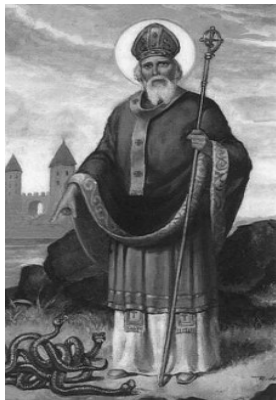
Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence

Saturday: Spring begins

SAINT PATRICK (c. 385-461)

March 17

Patrick was born in Scotland, the son of a Roman soldier. At fourteen he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved for six years, forced to herd and tend sheep. After several attempts he was able to escape and returned to his homeland. Later he was ordained to the priesthood, and at the age of forty-six he returned to Ireland from the north as a bishop and missionary. Using the knowledge of the language and culture that he gained during his captivity, Patrick dedicated himself to evangelizing the leaders of the tribes, starting with the most influential and powerful. Despite threats against his life, he continued to preach the Gospel, founding convents, monasteries, and parishes. He strove to Christianize the pagan rites such as the Druid spring fires, which he transformed into the Easter Vigil's "new fire," openly defying the customs imposed by the priests of the Celtic religion. This almost cost him his life, but his victory was also one for Christianity. The patron saint of Ireland is also known for using the shamrock to teach the Holy Trinity, and he recast a Celtic "talisman" into the still-popular "Saint Patrick's Breastplate" (Christ Before Me).



GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

WORKS OF CHARITY

TIME & TALENT

FOOD PANTRY:

Parish members assist in supplying approximately 45 families with food every month. Thank you to all who donated and helped in any way! The **Food Pantry** is open the last MONDAY of each month from 11:00AM-12:00PM.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS:

Normally, Holy Rosary Parish members feed the homeless on the second Monday of every month. This has been temporarily suspended due to current CoVid-19 pandemic. We will resume as soon circumstances allow.

TREASURES

YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS: The work of Christ at Holy Rosary is supported by parishioners who have embraced the biblical ideals of Stewardship Tithing.

Current Holy Rosary Fundraiser Proceeds: The current proceeds from our ongoing fundraising efforts for a church cooling system are as follows: A/C Fundraising (ongoing): \$26,127.50; Four bake sales: \$989; Tricky Tray (12/8/19): \$1,470.

FEAST OF FAITH

Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during
Lent in the Church at
5:00pm.

All are welcome!

Take the Love of God with You as You Go.....

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

> Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

> On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

> The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Pascal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

**Canon 920,§1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

A Prayer for Lent

Loving Creator of mine,
I feel the pace quicken, the time
draw near.
I am filled with joy as I move to-
ward Easter
and the promised reconciliation
with You.
Teach me to follow the example of
Your Son,
to be worthy of being called one of
His people: a Christian.
Help me to live each day as He did
turning hatred to love and conflict
to peace.
I await the new life with eagerness,
faith
and a deep gratitude.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please regularly refer to holyroaryedgewater.org for the most up-to-date information about our Parish. To get in touch with Parish staff, please do so only by sending an email to holyrosary@aol.com. Thank you.

Christ the Teacher School: The school is registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. They can be reached by phone at 201-944-0421 or by email at info@christtheteacherschool.org. Tours are by appointment only.

THE CCD CORNER

A Student Prayer



Thank you, God, for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love.

Help me to stay focused on my studies, and encourage me when learning is difficult that I may grasp the truth that is held out before me.

Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use in building the kingdom of God on earth that I may find the courage to follow Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

CCD Registration for children and young adults between grades one through eight is open. Classes began October 18, and are being held remotely by Zoom this year. To register you can download registration forms from our website or pick up blank forms at the back of the church. There is no registration fee this year; only a suggested voluntary donation.

ABOUT CCD AT HOLY ROSARY

Religious education classes begin in First Grade and conclude after the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Ninth Grade. **Enrollment for all parish children within this age group is strongly encouraged.**

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The Holy Rosary Parish website provides information, as well as spiritual reflections, that exceed the space limitation of this bulletin. Visit our website www.holyrosaryedgewater.org

