

MASS INTENTIONS
March 29 -April 6, 2025

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak
Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, March 30th

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am †Pat & Art Stanton
9:30 am †George Petersen (5th Anniversary)
†Jack Pricken (4th Anniversary)
11:30 am †Sr. Ann Elizabeth Bolte, SMIC
5:30 pm Misa en español

Monday, March 31st

11:30 am Angelo Torres (healing)

Tuesday, April 1st

11:30 am †Raffaella Porporino
†Catherine Beagin

Wednesday, April 2nd

11:30 am †Dorothy Salomone



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn
this week in Memory of
Andrew "Scottie" Leishman
(19th Anniversary)*



Pray for: Sr. Jean Amore, S.M.I.C., Choi,
Rosemary Cinderella, Pat Connelly, Joanne D'Antonio,
Marc D'Argenzio, James Dean, Luca Favia, Kelly Fleming,
Sasha Gibbons, Gregory Hodkinson,
Lisa Guarente-Hogan, Mohammad Muslih, Grace Olivo,
Joseph Pezzano, Ronald & Nana Piazza,
Richard Prospero, Nelly & Luis Rodríguez,
Richard Ruggiero, Alyssa Stepneski, John Szczomak,
Angelo Torres, Jean Trommelen, & Bonnie Windley

**If you would like to add a name of a sick person to
this prayer list, please call the Parish Office.**



Thursday, April 3rd

11:30 am †Ralph Hardy

Friday, April 4th

11:30 am †Harry Romeo

Saturday, April 5th

11:30 am †Frances Flynn (2nd Anniversary)

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent

4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Jerry Giamonco

Sunday, April 6th

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am †Gloria & Lisa Ferrara Nash
†Jack Pricken (4th Anniversary)
11:30 am †Lorraine O'Connell
†Kathleen Payne
5:30 pm Misa en español



*EUCHARISTIC GIFTS
of Bread & Wine are offered
this week in Memory of
Joan Healy*

WEAR VIOLET OR PURPLE
DURING LENT

As a sign of penance, sacrifice, and preparation as we
anticipate the coming joy of Easter.

VESTIR VIOLETA O PÚRPURA
DURANTE LA CUARESMA

Como signo de penitencia, sacrificio y preparación y
anticipamos la alegría venidera de la Pascua.

Religious Formation Schedule

Classes Begin with 9:30 am Mass followed by instruction in Bishop Manning Hall. All students are required to sign in before Mass.

March 30 th	10:30 am – 11:30 am
April 6 th	10:30 am – 11:30 am (ALL students) First Reconciliation 4 pm in Church for students who are receiving First Communion
April 13 th	No Class- Palm Sunday Attend Mass with your family
April 20 th	No Class – Easter Sunday Attend Mass with your family
April 27 th	10:30 am – 11:30 am



Tredicina (Thirteen Tuesdays)
in Preparation for the
Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
Week 3: Tuesday, April 1st

✙ pray for the deceased ✙

DOROTHY C. SALOMONE 1930-2025

Dorothy was born and lived in West Paterson. She attended St Bonaventure's Grammar & High School and was a member of the church. She worked for her family business, Salomone Brothers in Wayne until she retired in 1987. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul. She is survived by her two children, Joseph and Paul, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

May she rest peacefully in the Lord

COLLECTION

Sunday, March 23rd \$2,722.00

Thank you for your continued support

HOLY WEEK AT ST. BONAVENTURE



PALM SUNDAY April 12 & 13

Palms are blessed and distributed at all Masses.

CHRISM MASS April 15 7:00 PM
Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY April 17
Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY April 18
The Lord's Passion (Bilingual) 3:00 PM
El Vía Crucis (en español) 5:00 PM
Stations of the Cross (English) 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY April 19
Blessing of Easter Food 1:00 PM
(In the Shrine)

EASTER VIGIL (Bilingual) April 19 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY April 20
Misa en español 6:00 AM
Mass in English 9:30 AM
Mass in English 11:30 AM

Christ is risen from the dead!
In death He Trampled death
And to those in the tombs
He gives life!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS

Fridays during Lent
Viernes durante cuaresma

7:00 PM - Bilingual in church

One of the penitential practices that the Church encourages to adopt during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. We hope many of you will make the Stations with us as we journey through the holy season.

Todos los viernes durante la cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Todos estéis invitados a participar en observar la vía crucis en parte de la observación de la cuaresma en preparación de la pascua de resurrección.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturday, April 4th
after the 11:30 AM Mass



COFFEE and.....

Sunday, April 6th
**after all the masses in
the church basement**

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 between meals, although liquids are permitted. *Abstinence means* not eating meat at all that day.

NORMAS DE CUARESMA

Las normas para el ayuno y abstinencia son obligatorias para los de 18 a 59 años miércoles de ceniza y viernes santo. Los viernes durante la cuaresma son días obligatorias de abstinencia desde la edad de 14 años.

Las normas del ayuno permiten comer sólo una comida completa y dos comidas más pequeñas que equivaldrían a una sola comida normal. Durante abstinencia no se puede consumir carne.

Welcome Home to Healing

Monday evenings in Lent:

March 10 – April 14

7pm – 8:30pm

You are invited to celebrate the gift of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Throughout the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, every Church will make available the opportunity for Confession.

For more information, visit
www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.

Bienvenido a Casa

Los lunes de cuaresma:

marzo 10 – abril 14

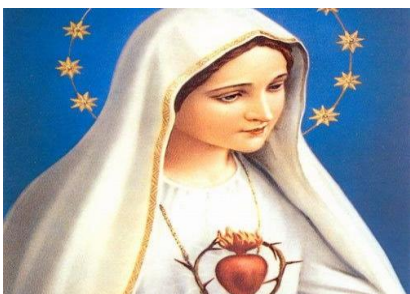
7pm – 8:30pm

Los invitamos a celebrar el don del perdón en el sacramento de la reconciliación (la confesión)

Por más información, visita:
www.bienvenidoacasaalasanacion.org.

**Articles for the April 6th bulletin are
due in the parish office by
Monday, March 30th**

**Marian Priestly Movement – The Cenacle of N.J.
Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano - El Cenáculo
de N.J.**



Todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM se celebrará el Cenáculo.
Unid a este movimiento sacerdotal Mariano. Será
transmitido en vivo desde la Parroquia de
San Buenaventura.

ST. BONAVENTURE PRAYER GROUP

St. Bon's Prayer Group has been meeting since 1992. Many parishioners have joined us through the years, and some have steadfastly stayed since the beginning. We meet each Tuesday morning in the Tailor Shop.

We start at 10:00 AM and end with Mass at 11:30 AM. Each week we will do morning prayer, read the Gospel for the up-coming Sunday, and discuss how it can relate to our everyday lives.

This is an invitation to please consider joining us. There is no obligation to attend every week – you can join us whenever it is convenient.

Please let us know if you are interested or have any questions. We hope to see you there.

Marge and Joe Balough – 973-278-6152 or
mjbalough921@gmail.com



La Virgen Peregrina

La Virgen Maria está visitando vuestra casa. Después de la misa del domingo, habrá un horario en la parte de atrás. Escribe vuestra dirección y teléfono en el día que deseáis llevarla por una semana.

From the Desk of Father Alex.....

Lent is a season of penance and sacrifice, but Laetare Sunday reminds us that even in the desert, God gives us moments of joy. Just as the Israelites received manna in the wilderness, and just as the Prodigal Son's return was met with a feast, we are reminded that God does not call us to endless struggle. He provides glimpses of resurrection even before Easter morning. The liturgical color shifts from violet to rose, a visual sign of the light breaking into the darkness, a pause to remind us that our journey leads to joy. And before anyone asks—yes, it's **rose**, not pink, because, as I like to joke, *Jesus didn't pink from the dead; He rose from the dead!*

We all know what it means to feel exhausted—whether in our personal lives, in our faith, or in the work of the parish. But God never abandons us. He gives us small graces, unexpected joys, and moments of peace to sustain us. Here at St. Bonaventure's, I find great joy in greeting students as they cut through the property to save a few extra steps. There's something about their quick "Hey, Father!" that reminds me that the Church is still present in the everyday lives of people. And beyond our parish walls, I have been blessed to witness joy in the most unexpected places. I remember my time serving in Greece during the Syrian refugee crisis, where children who had lost nearly everything still found joy in playing games, despite our inability to

share a common language. Or being invited to celebrate Eid by families who had fled persecution, who had only the clothes on their backs, yet still welcomed me with open arms. Joy, even in the desert.

Lent can feel like a long and difficult road, but Laetare Sunday reminds us that God is with us, sustaining us along the way. Sometimes we get so focused on the sacrifices that we forget to notice the ways God is already pouring His grace into our lives. Where have you experienced moments of joy this Lent? Maybe it's in the smile of a friend, a moment of unexpected kindness, or even in the simple peace that comes from prayer. Whatever it is, hold onto those moments. They are God's reminders that He is always near, even in the desert.

There's another piece of joy that often comes from evangelization. We sometimes think of it as a duty, but it is also a source of renewal. When we share the faith with others, we are reminded of its beauty. When we invite someone to Mass, when we pray with them, when we walk with them through their struggles, it deepens our own faith in the process. Who can you share this joy with? Who in your life is struggling and could use a moment of hope? The joy of the Gospel is not meant to be kept to ourselves—it is meant to be shared.



La Cuaresma es un tiempo de penitencia y sacrificio, pero el Domingo de Laetare nos recuerda que, incluso en el desierto, Dios nos da momentos de alegría. Así como los israelitas recibieron el maná en el desierto y como el regreso del hijo pródigo fue recibido con un banquete, Dios nos muestra que nuestro camino no es solo sufrimiento. Él nos da destellos de resurrección incluso antes de la mañana de Pascua. El color litúrgico cambia de violeta a rosa, un signo visual de que la luz comienza a brillar en la oscuridad, una pausa para recordarnos que nuestro camino nos lleva a la alegría. Y antes de que alguien pregunte: sí, es **rosa**,

no fucsia, porque, como me gusta bromear, *no estamos de fiesta en primavera, estamos celebrando la alegría que viene con la Pascua.*

Todos sabemos lo que es sentirse agotados, ya sea en nuestra vida personal, en nuestra fe o en el trabajo dentro de la parroquia. Pero Dios nunca nos abandona. Él nos da pequeñas gracias, alegrías inesperadas y momentos de paz que nos sostienen. Aquí, en San Buenaventura, encuentro una gran alegría al saludar a los estudiantes que cruzan la propiedad para ahorrar unos pasos. Hay algo en sus rápidos "¡Hola, Padre!" que me recuerda que la Iglesia sigue presente en la vida diaria de las personas. Y más allá de nuestra parroquia, he sido testigo de la alegría en los lugares más inesperados. Recuerdo mi tiempo sirviendo en Grecia durante la crisis de refugiados sirios, donde los niños que lo habían perdido todo todavía encontraban alegría en los juegos, a pesar de que no hablábamos el mismo idioma. O cuando fui invitado a celebrar Eid con familias que habían huido de la persecución, que solo tenían la ropa que llevaban puesta, y aun así, me acogieron con los brazos abiertos y compartieron lo poco que tenían.

La Cuaresma puede parecer un camino largo y difícil, pero el Domingo de Laetare nos recuerda que Dios está con nosotros, sosteniéndonos en el camino. A veces nos enfocamos tanto en los sacrificios que olvidamos notar las maneras en que Dios ya está derramando su gracia en nuestras vidas. ¿Dónde has experimentado momentos de alegría esta Cuaresma? Tal vez en la sonrisa de un amigo, en un acto de amabilidad inesperado o incluso en la simple paz que viene con la oración. Cualquiera que sea, aférrate a esos momentos. Son recordatorios de Dios de que siempre está cerca, incluso en el desierto.

Hay otra fuente de alegría que a menudo viene con la evangelización. A veces la vemos como un deber, pero también es una fuente de renovación. Cuando compartimos la fe con los demás, nos recordamos a nosotros mismos su belleza. Cuando invitamos a alguien a Misa, cuando oramos con ellos, cuando caminamos con ellos en sus dificultades, profundizamos nuestra propia fe en el proceso. ¿Con quién podéis compartir esta alegría? ¿Quién en vuestra vida está luchando y podría necesitar un momento de esperanza? La alegría del Evangelio no

está destinada a guardarse para nosotros mismos,
sino a compartirse.