

## MASS INTENTIONS April 5-13, 2025

### 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30 am †Lorraine O'Connell  
†Kathleen Payne  
5:30 pm Misa en español

### Monday, April 7th

11:30 am †Jean Donofrio

### Tuesday, April 8th

11:30 am †Raffaella Porporino  
†Gloria Nash (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Wednesday, April 9th

11:30 am †Yolanda Kustan Grigassy



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn  
this week in Memory of  
Maria Jurusz (19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)*



### Thursday, April 10th

11:30 am †Joan Ferrary  
†Anna & Giuseppe Occhiuzzi

### Friday, April 11th

11:30 am †Nicola Domenico Colangelo

### Saturday, April 12th

11:30 am †Deceased Franciscan Friars

### Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak  
†Bette Beagin

### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

7:30 am †Eugenio Geracitano  
†M. Vittoria, Bruno, Andy  
& Perry Stillo  
9:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners  
†Joseph & Joanne Emmolo  
11:30 am †Rick Gigli  
†William & Mary Hannigan  
5:30 pm †Gisela Pérez Genuino



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, Marge Hasko, 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.*



*EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS  
of Bread & Wine are offered  
this week in Memory of  
Rick Gigli*



**COFFEE and.....  
JOIN US TODAY!!!!  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
after all the masses in  
the church basement**

✠ pray for the deceased ✠

*May they rest peacefully in the Lord*

Articles for the April 20th bulletin are  
due in the parish office by  
Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**COLLECTION**

Sunday, March 29th ..... \$3,146.00

*Thank you for your continued support*

**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.***

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

**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.

*Next Sunday..... Please .....  
El próximo domingo no olvidéis de  
entregar vuestro tazón de arroz*



**WHAT IS THE CHRISM MASS?**

**THE CHRISM MASS** focuses on the consecration of the holy oils to be used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick. They are blessed during the Chrism Mass. First comes the **OIL OF THE SICK** blessed in a prayer that shows its purpose is the healing "of body and soul," a "medicine" to dispel every kind of sickness and suffering. Next is the **OIL OF CATECHUMENS** for the anointing of candidates before Baptism. Then the **SACRED CHRISM** is consecrated. It is oil mixed with a fragrant substance called balsam. It is a symbol of the richness of grace given by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. Only a bishop consecrates these holy oils which provide a link between him and parishes of the diocese.

**The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of  
St. John the Baptist at 7:00 PM.**



**Tredicina (Thirteen Tuesdays)  
in Preparation for the  
Feast of St. Anthony of Padua  
Week 4: Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**



## 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 est is invitados a participar en observar la v a crucis en parte de la observaci n de la cuaresma en preparaci n de la pascua de resurrecci n.



Once again, our St. Bonaventure's community generously supported the food collection for the Father English Center, on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Our Schedule for April is as follows:

### FROZEN DINNER PANS –

Saturday & Sunday, April 12/13  
Available after all Masses in the rear of the church

### FROZEN DINNER PICKUP –

Saturday, April 19th –  
8:15 to 9:45 AM In front of Bishop Manning Hall

### NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES –

May be dropped off at the same time or any time before April 19th in the rear of the church or the Parish Office.

## 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 V a Crucis (en espa ol) 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 espa ol 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!

### 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 obligatorios 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](http://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](http://www.bienvenidoacasaalasanacion.org).



### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now 2% of the population. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

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El Papa Francisco ha pedido a nuestra parroquia que apoye la Colecta Pontificia del viernes santo, que ayuda a los cristianos de tierra santa, donde actualmente representan el 2% de la población. Vuestro apoyo ayuda al ministerio eclesiástico en las parroquias, a proveer escuelas católicas y a ofrecer educación religiosa. La Colecta Pontificia del viernes santo también ayuda a preservar los santuarios sagrados.

La pandemia afectó especialmente a los cristianos de tierra santa. La mayoría de ellos dependen de las peregrinaciones para trabajar. En estos tiempos de crisis, la Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo también es necesaria para cubrir las necesidades básicas del Pueblo de Dios que aún vive en esta tierra donde nació la Iglesia.

Al contribuir a la Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo, se convierte en un instrumento de paz y se une a los católicos de todo el mundo en solidaridad con la Iglesia en Tierra Santa.  
¡SEAÍS GENEROSOS!

## *Sister Jean Amore, SMIC*

*60 Years*



Sister Jean was born in Illinois and is the eldest of eight children. She went to Catholic school in Spring Grove where her teachers were of the congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (SMIC). She entered the congregation in West Paterson on September 10, 1961, with her investiture on August 11, 1962.

Much of Sr. Jean's ministry years were in West Texas, where there were few priests and sisters to serve in dioceses that covered large territories. She obtained her master's degree in religious education and continued to work in Texas.

She later was assistant principal and director of religious education in Big Spring, Texas. She was director of volunteers and coordinator of the overseas mission program at Franciscan Mission Service in Washington DC. She had a passion to end state killing of death row inmates and accompanied several people to their executions.

Sr. Jean was treasurer of Endeavor Death Row Projects in Houston from 1986-1992. From 2007 to 2012 she worked in hospital chaplaincy at Valley Hospital and Passaic Valley Hospice. Her last assignment was pastoral ministry at St. Bonaventure. She retired in 2014 and resides at McAuley Hall Health Center in Watchung.

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La Hermana Jean nació en Illinois y es la mayor de ocho hermanos. Asistió a una escuela católica en Spring Grove, donde sus maestros pertenecían a la congregación de las Hermanas Misioneras de la Inmaculada Concepción (SMIC). Ingresó a la congregación en West Paterson el 10 de septiembre de 1961, y su investidura tuvo lugar el 11 de agosto de 1962.

Gran parte de su ministerio la Hermana Jean transcurrió en el oeste de Texas, donde había pocos

sacerdotes y hermanas para servir en diócesis que abarcaban grandes territorios. Obtuvo su maestría en educación religiosa y continuó trabajando en Texas.

Posteriormente, fue subdirectora y directora de educación religiosa en Big Spring, Texas. Fue directora de voluntarios y coordinadora del programa de misiones en el extranjero del Servicio de Misión Franciscana en Washington D. C. Su pasión era poner fin a los asesinatos de presos condenados a muerte por parte del estado y acompañó a varias personas a sus ejecuciones.

La Hermana Jean fue tesorera de Endeavor Death Row Projects en Houston de 1986 a 1992. De 2007 a 2012, trabajó como capellanía hospitalaria en el Hospital Valley y el Hospicio Passaic Valley. Su último cargo fue el ministerio pastoral en San Buenaventura. Se jubiló en 2014 y reside en el Centro de Salud McAuley Hall en Watchung.

### ***From the Desk of Father Alex.....***

As we draw nearer to Holy Week, we are invited to reflect on our need for God's mercy. The Sacrament of Confession is not a burden but a gift—an opportunity to be renewed, to let go of our sins, and to experience the joy of God's forgiveness. Confession has always been powerful for me. The symbol of Confession—the crossed keys—is even part of my coat of arms. I recall visiting Aparecida in Brazil and seeing hundreds of confessionals, with people waiting in long lines for the chance to reconcile with God. Or in Medjugorje, being stopped unexpectedly and asked to hear someone's confession, witnessing firsthand the tears of relief, the freedom, the grace of finally letting go. It's a gift too often left unopened.

Confession is not just about seeking forgiveness—it's about restoration. It's about allowing God to lift the burdens we have carried for too long. Sometimes, the hardest part is not confessing our sins, but believing that God's mercy is truly for us. If you have been holding back, uncertain if you are worthy of forgiveness, remember this: **there is no sin greater than God's love.** He is waiting for you, ready to embrace you with open arms.

Another powerful way to prepare our hearts is by praying the Stations of the Cross. Walking with Jesus in His Passion helps us to enter more fully into the mystery



of His love. Even if you cannot join the community for the Stations, take a moment to pray them on your own. The Stations of the Cross have always been deeply moving to me. When I reach the 12th station, I often find myself overwhelmed with emotion. Part of me wishes I could take Jesus down from the cross, to rescue Him because I see how much He loves me. And yet, I know He must go through it—for me, for you, for all of us. Even in our darkest moments, Christ is walking with us, bearing the weight of our burdens so we don't have to do it alone.

This Lent, let us not be passive observers of Christ's journey to Calvary. Let us actively walk with Him, receive His mercy, and open our hearts to the transformation He offers. If you have not yet made time for Confession, I invite you to do so. The burden you carry does not have to be yours alone—Christ is waiting to set you free.

Consider also who in your life needs to hear about God's mercy. Evangelization is not just about introducing people to the Church; it is about introducing them to the healing love of Christ. Maybe you know someone who has been away from the Church for a long time and is afraid to return. Maybe someone you love feels unworthy of God's forgiveness. A simple invitation—to come to Confession, to walk the Stations, to sit in prayer—might be the very thing that helps them take their first step back toward God.

Holy Week is coming, and we are preparing for the greatest moment in history—the moment when death itself is defeated. Let us approach it with hearts renewed by mercy and grace. Let us make time for Confession, for prayer, and for inviting others into the hope that we have been given.

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A medida que nos acercamos a la Semana Santa, se nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra necesidad de la misericordia de Dios. El Sacramento de la Confesión no es una carga, sino un regalo: una oportunidad de ser renovados, de soltar nuestros pecados y experimentar la alegría del perdón de Dios. La Confesión siempre ha sido algo muy significativo para mí. El símbolo de la Confesión, las llaves cruzadas, incluso forman parte de mi escudo de armas. Recuerdo visitar Aparecida en Brasil y ver cientos de confesionarios, con largas filas de personas esperando reconciliarse con Dios. O en Medjugorje, cuando alguien me detuvo inesperadamente para pedirme confesión, y vi en sus ojos la liberación, la libertad, la gracia de finalmente soltar lo que parecía insostenible. Es un regalo que demasiadas veces dejamos sin abrir.

La Confesión no se trata solo de buscar el perdón, sino de permitir que Dios nos restaure. Se trata de dejar que Él levante las cargas que hemos llevado durante demasiado tiempo. A veces, la parte más difícil no es confesar nuestros pecados, sino creer que la misericordia de Dios realmente es para nosotros. Si has estado resistiéndote, dudando si eres digno del perdón, recuerda esto: **no hay pecado más grande que el amor de Dios.** Él te está esperando, listo para abrazarte con los brazos abiertos.

Otra forma poderosa de preparar nuestro corazón es orar las Estaciones de la Cruz. Caminar con Jesús en su Pasión nos ayuda a entrar más profundamente en el misterio de su amor. Incluso si no puedes unirme a la comunidad para el Vía Crucis, tómate un momento para rezarlas por tu cuenta. Las Estaciones de la Cruz siempre me han conmovido profundamente. Cuando llego a la duodécima estación, a menudo me siento abrumado por la emoción. Parte de mí desearía poder bajar a Jesús de la cruz, rescatarlo porque veo cuánto me ama. Y, sin embargo, sé que Él debe pasar por esto, por mí, por ti, por todos nosotros. Incluso en nuestros momentos más oscuros, Cristo camina con nosotros, llevando el peso de nuestras cargas para que no tengamos que hacerlo solos.

Esta Cuaresma, no seamos solo observadores de la Pasión de Cristo. Caminemos activamente con Él, recibamos su misericordia y abramos nuestros corazones a la transformación que nos ofrece. Si aún no has hecho tiempo para la Confesión, te invito a hacerlo. La carga que llevas no tiene que ser solo tuya: Cristo está esperando para liberarte.

Piensa también en quién en tu vida necesita escuchar sobre la misericordia de Dios. La evangelización no se trata solo de invitar a la gente a la Iglesia; se trata de presentarles el amor sanador de Cristo. Tal vez conoces a alguien que ha estado alejado de la Iglesia durante mucho tiempo y teme regresar. Tal vez alguien que amas se siente indigno del perdón de Dios. Una simple invitación —a la Confesión, a caminar el Vía Crucis, a sentarse en oración— podría ser exactamente lo que necesitan para dar su primer paso de regreso a Dios.

