

# Mass Intentions for the Week

February 25th – March 5th

## Saturday, Feb 25th

5:30 PM †Mario Di Leo  
 †Gilbert Ramos  
 †Claire Latorgia  
 †Peter Rabcow

## Sunday, Feb 26th

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
 9:00 AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
 11:00AM †Henry Rohs  
 †Agnes Nappi  
 12:30 PM †Cesar Chacaltana  
 †Ida Chacaltana  
 †Andres Alavaca  
 \*San Miguel para la salud de Jaison González  
 †Marisela Bullaro

## Monday, Feb 27th

7:30 AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
 7:00 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Tuesday, Feb 28th

7:30 AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
 7:00 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Wednesday, Mar 1st

7:30AM\*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
 7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Friday, Mar 3rd

7:30AM †Scelfo Giuseppe

## Saturday, Mar 4th

5:30 PM †Luis Felipe Fonque

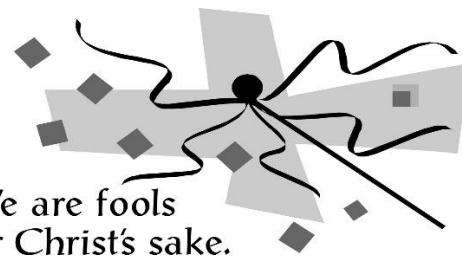
## Sunday, Mar 5th

7:30AM †Leonardo Scelfo  
 9:00 AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
 11:00AM †Henry Rohs  
 †Luis Felipe Fonque  
 12:30 PM † Marisel Bullaro  
 †Luis Felipe Fonque

## Eucharistic Adoration



Important Notice: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, at 7:30 a.m. after mass.



We are fools for Christ's sake.

### Mass intentions:



Mass Intentions must be requested and paid only in the Parish Office. All intentions must be requested by Wednesday before 12PM. Please “Do Not” deposit into the collection baskets. Thank you!

### Intenciones de La Misa:



Las intenciones de la Misa deben de ser solicitada y pagada solamente en la oficina parroquial. Todas las intenciones deben ser solicitadas antes de las 12PM. del miércoles precedente. Favor de “NO” depositarlos en las canastas de colecta. ¡Gracias!

### **Mass Celebrants - Ash Wednesday- March 1, 2017**

7:30am **Fr. Michael**

9:30 am **Fr. Jhon**  
 12:00 pm **Fr. Michael**  
 5:00 pm **Fr. Junior**  
 7:00 pm **Fr. Junior**

### **Mass Celebrants - Weekend of Mar 4th – Mar 5th**

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Junior**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**  
 9:00 am **Fr. Michael**  
 11:00 am **Fr. Jhon**  
 12:30 pm **Fr. Junior**

### **Weekend Collection Feb 18th – Feb 19th**

5:30PM	\$ 785.00
7:30AM	\$ 703.00
9:00AM	\$ 972.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,612.00
12:30PM	\$ 1,242.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,314.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

**Message from our Pastor** 

Dear friends, Ash Wednesday is upon us. If we have not observed the time of Lent before, don't you think it's time we should? Let's make this Lenten season an exceptional one. Please read this excellent article written by **Al Cariño**.

With the imposition of ashes on our foreheads today, Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent. Lent is a season of approximately 40 days when we prepare ourselves for the proper observance of the Lord's Paschal Mystery, namely, His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. It ends six weeks later -- at the start of the Evening Mass of Holy Thursday.

Christian life is always a life towards Easter. With the season of Lent, we are given the opportunity for a "forty-day retreat" to direct our lives anew toward the Paschal Mystery.

When the priest imposes ashes on our foreheads, he says: "Turn away from sin and receive the gospel." This prayer is about what we Christians should do. Because we have not been faithful to the demands of our baptism, we receive the ashes as a sign of our repentance and resolve to live according to the teachings of the gospel. Thus, Lent is the season for more intense prayer, penance for our sins and the performance of good deeds.

In the gospel reading (Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18), Jesus gives us pointers on how to conduct ourselves when we do "acts of righteousness" namely, giving to the needy, fasting and praying. For example, in giving to the needy, Jesus said: "When you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men.... But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret." Jesus says the same of fasting and prayer.

It should be noted that these acts must spring from the heart and go hand in hand. Giving to the needy without prayer and fasting lacks a spiritual dimension. Prayer without fasting and giving to the needy is an exercise in self-expression and wishful thinking. Fasting without charity and prayer becomes self-centered physical conditioning. When we do these acts, Jesus is asking us to do them without fanfare. He places

the emphasis on our motivation: "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." Rather, God "who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." The readings for Ash Wednesday set the theme for Lent - a call to interior conversion.

As we have said, at Lent, we are asked to do, among others, acts of penance. The minimum requirements for these are the Church's law on fasting and abstinence:

- Days of Fasting and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is no eating of meat and only one full meal is allowed during the day. Who are covered by the law? Those who are from 21-59 years old and in good health.
- Days of Abstinence: the Fridays of Lent. Who are covered by the law? Those who are 14 years old and up and in good health.

But these are the bare minimum. Because more is expected of us, let us come up with our own program of action for prayer, penance, and charitable acts. A practical guide will be to do something that hurts, i.e., to do in less frequency the things that we enjoy doing, e.g., eat less, take less soft drinks, food, attending parties, watching TV, etc. and to do the things we do not like to do, like sharing a part of our allowance to someone in need, studying or working harder and longer, participating at Mass even outside of the days of obligation, etc.

From the very start, let us be clear on our motive, namely, not to be seen and admired by others but to come with purified souls to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Moreover, abstaining from little things will help us discipline ourselves in our efforts towards the purification of self. For if we cannot be faithful in doing small things how do we expect to be faithful in big things?

When will we do this planning? Now! Recall what St. Paul said in the second reading: "Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation." Now is therefore the time to make our personal Lenten program to "Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God" (Joel 2:13).

**Fr. Junior Flores**  
Pastor

**Fuente: Catholic.net**

**¡La poesía en labios de Cristo no lo apartaba de la realidad!**

Aún no hemos dejado atrás el mensaje de Jesús en la montaña, las Bienaventuranzas, pues Jesús va explicitando su mensaje, sobre todo la primera: “Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos”. Hay que decir de principio que los oyentes de Cristo en esta ocasión eran los pobres, gentes desocupadas o a quienes se les negaba una buena retribución a pesar de su duro trabajo, la agricultura, la pesca o trabajos artesanales en los que Cristo invirtió gran parte de su vida. Son ellos mismos los que ahora con sorpresa oyen de labios de Cristo aquello de: “Nadie puede servir a dos amos, porque odiará a uno y amará al otro, o bien obedecerá al primero y no le hará caso al segundo. En resumen, no pueden ustedes servir a Dios y al dinero”. ¿Cómo se sentirían aquellas gentes que apenas tenían lo necesario para vivir y mal comer? ¿Y qué quiso decirnos a nosotros hombres del siglo XXI?

¿Será que Cristo quiere que los bienes y las riquezas vayan a dar al fondo del mar? ¿Cristo desearía que los suyos sean unos desarrapados e inadaptados, renunciando a su capacidad de progreso, renunciando a los avances de la ciencia y a los descubrimientos científicos que están haciendo más llevadera la existencia humana? ¿No será más bien que Cristo quiere que la riqueza sea repartida entre todos los hombres y que todos lleguen a ser hermanos, hijos de un solo Padre, el Buen Padre Dios?

*Thank You!*

A very special Thank You to Mr. & Mrs. Champion on their wonderful donation to our church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**WELCOME HOME TO HEALING**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**



Catholics in the Diocese of Paterson, especially those who have been away from the Church, are invited to experience God's healing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Catholic churches in Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties will be open for Confession every Monday, March 6, 2017 to April 3, 2017 from 7:00 PM-8:30 PM.



Los Católicos de la Diócesis de Paterson, especialmente quienes han estado alejados de la Iglesia, están invitados a experimentar el amor sanador de Dios y su perdón en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante la Cuaresma. Habrá confesiones en las iglesias católicas de los condados de Morris, Sussex y Passaic, todos los lunes, desde el 6 de marzo hasta el 3 de abril de 2017, de 7:00pm a 8:30pm de la noche.

Consider the lilies...



Come and join St. Brendan and St. George family field Trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for a special viewing of "Jonah". The trip is scheduled for May 20, 2017. Tickets are \$135 for adults and \$95 for children under 12. Please purchase tickets in Parish office or mail your request with a check to St. Brendan and St. George parish. Please contact Alba at the Parish Office for more information (973) 772- 1115.

### Tax News

Your Contribution Statement Request for 2016 is below. You may request your 2016 Contribution report by completing the slip below and dropping it in the collection basket or at the Church office. We will mail them out to all who make this request.

## Contribution Statement Request for 2016

Name:

Address:

City: State:

Zip Code:

Envelope #:

Phone #:

St. Brendan:



Especially for: Christopher Bergen Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Mary Ann DiPietro, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias, Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman, Trudy Lucas, Lee LeBron, Kimberly Halupka, Mel nick Hank, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Richard Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Joan Marie Miller, Marianne Messino, Kathy Mc Dermott, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Louis Morgan, Keith Oakley, Helen Ortiz, Andy Ponce, Lidia Ramos, Thelma Reck, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stolair, Carl Stramiello, Barbara Urgovitch, Josefine VanDerbeck, Judid Vivar, Phillip W. Wood, Nancy "Gisella" Zegarra.

*We also remember those who have died.*



### UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

Wednesday, March 1, 2017- Ash Wednesday

7:30 am (Silent)

9:30 am (School Mass)

12:00pm (English)

5:00 pm (English)

7:00 pm (Spanish)

Saturday, March 11, 2017- Penance  
(CCD & SBS students)

11:00 am

Saturday March 18, 2017- Confirmation Mass

11:00 am

Friday, April 7, 2017 Decorating the church  
for Easter.

9:00-10:00 am

Sunday April 9 – Palm Sunday

7:30 am (English)

9:00 am (English)

11:00 am (English)

12:30 pm (English)

Thursday, April 13, 2017- Holy Thursday

7:00 pm- Bilingual

Friday, April 14, 2017- Good Friday

9:00 am Passion of the Christ

12:00 pm Living Stations Cross

3:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 15, 2017- Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Preparation of the  
Church for the Vigil

12:00 pm- Blessing of the food

8:00 pm- Virgil Mass

Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

7:30 am (English)

9:00 am (English)

11:00 am(English)

12:30 pm(Spanish)

Saturday, May 6, 2017- First Communion  
(CCD students)

5:30 pm

Sunday May 7, 2017- First Communion- (St.  
Brendan students)

11:00 am

Saturday May 13, 2017- Our Lady of Fatima

5:30 pm