

Mass Intentions for the Week



March 25th – April 2nd

Saturday, Mar 25th

5:30 PM † Gilbert Ramos

Sunday, Mar 26th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM † Hugh & Eleanor De Ghetto

† Gladly Perez

11:00AM † Henry Rohs

† Josefina Abilo

12:30 PM † Matthew Santiago

† Adolfo Gómez

† Saily Irizarry

† Jonathan Ramirez

† Maria De Rosario Villa

* Alvaro Camargo (Feliz Cumpleanos)

Monday, Mar 27th

7:30 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Tuesday, Mar 28th

7:30 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00 PM † Rafael Darío Estrella

† Adolfo Gómez

† Maria Iren Molina

Wednesday, Mar 29th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Friday, Mar 31st

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Saturday, Apr 1st

5:30 PM † Margaret Messina

† Thelma Reck

Sunday, Apr 2nd

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

11:00AM † Henry Rohs

12:30 PM † Adolfo Gómez

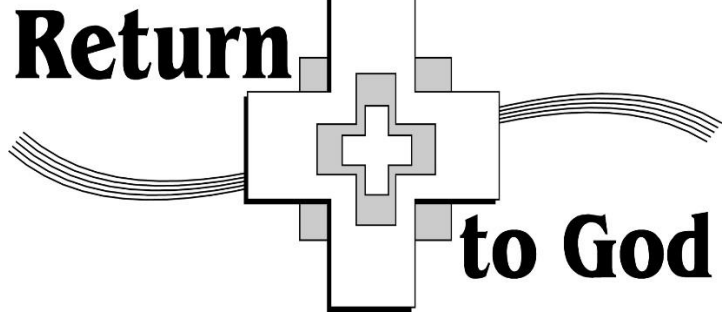
† Pedro García

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Return to God



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 - Weekend of Apr 1st – Apr 2nd

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Junior**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

9:00 am **Fr. Michael**

11:00 am **Fr. Junior**

12:30 pm **Fr. Jhon**

Weekend Collection Mar 18th – Mar 19th

Confirmation Mass	\$ 159.00
5:30PM	\$ 1,006.00
7:30AM	\$ 534.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,473.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,440.00
12:30PM	\$ 1,210.00
Total:	\$ 5,822.00

Thank you for your Generosity

Message from our Pastor 

My dear friends, please read this reflection from **Al Cariño**.

In the story of the man born blind cured by Jesus (Jo. 9: 1,6-9,13-17,34-38), we see an example of John the Evangelist's style of making the subject tell his story of conversion. Of course, it was initiated by Jesus: "He saw a man blind from birth." To "see" for Jesus means seeing the possibilities for faith.

From this story, we see the sharp contrast between the blind man and three groups of people.

First, the neighbors. Some of them asked if the man was the same beggar they knew. Others said he was just a look alike. Despite his assertion that he was the man, they remained indifferent to God's wonderful work wrought in their midst.

Second, the Pharisees. Having been brought by the neighbors to the Pharisees, they interrogated the man. They asked how he was cured. He told them.

But knowing that he was cured by Jesus on a Sabbath which must be kept holy by abstaining from everything except what the Pharisees prescribed (healing was not one of them), they concluded that he was not blind and therefore no cure had occurred. They reasoned, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" But the beggar responded that if Jesus "were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." When finally asked what, he could say about "the man" who cured him, he answered, "He is a prophet." Their response was a personal attack, "You were born totally in sin, and here you are you trying to teach us?" Then in anger they expelled him from the synagogue, that is, from the social and political life of Israel.

The tragedy of the Pharisees is that they just could not see beyond the law. Thus, they concluded that because Jesus did not keep the Sabbath, He was not of God. More, He was a sinner. Truly, the Pharisees had "eyes yet they cannot see." Sad to say, the Pharisees were not alone in this sad predicament. At Jesus' crucifixion, while the Jews jeered at Him, the Roman centurion proclaimed that He was truly the Son of God.

Third, the blind man's parents. The Pharisees sent for them to verify his identity and to tell them how he was cured. The parents confirmed that he was

born blind. But how he was cured, they did not know. They then added, "Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." They made this stand because they were afraid to be expelled from the synagogue for acknowledging "the man" as the Messiah.

Let us now see the gradual progress in faith of the blind man. Before his neighbors, he affirmed that He was cured by a "man who is called Jesus" - everything he knew about Jesus then. When asked by the Pharisees what he thought of "the man", he answered, "He is a prophet." When they called Jesus a sinner and therefore could not do "such signs," he courageously asserted, "If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." In the end, the Pharisees expelled him from the synagogue.

Recall that after the cure, Jesus disappeared among the crowd. But after the healed man's expulsion from the synagogue, Jesus "found" and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man asked, "Who is he, sir? Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus answered, "You have now seen him; he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

A second miracle had happened! His bodily eyes were not only opened but also his eyes of faith. Thus, he could now say in the full sense of the word: "I was born blind and now I see!"

But this was only known between him and Jesus. Poor beggar. Twice cured but still an outcast!

I wonder if there are no traces in us of the negative traits of the three groups of people mentioned above: the Pharisees for being unable to see beyond their prejudices and prejudgments, the neighbors for their indifference at the marvels Jesus performed and, the parents for failing to give glory to God for their son's cure out of fear of the Pharisees.

Often, we fail to see the hand of God in the many "miracles" performed in our midst. For example, after the conversion of a great sinner known to us, some of us may say, "Watch, in no time at all he will go back to his old ways." Perhaps. But if he continues to cooperate with God's grace -- which God always makes available to us -- then he may persevere in his conversion and prove his critics wrong.

There is no better time to re-examine our lives and discover our many kinds of spiritual blindness for which we must ask for healing than during this season of Lent. Remember, the blind man in the gospel story has no name. He can be anyone of us. For this to happen, may we be delivered from the neighbor's indifference, the Pharisees' prejudices and prejudgments, and the parents' fears, so that our eyes of faith will be opened, too.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net

Irrumpe en el Evangelio de hoy otra figura clave del Adviento: SAN JOSÉ Se nos explica hoy cómo este varón insigne asumió el papel de padre con respecto a Jesús. El evangelista aclara - sin entrar en detalles que Jesús fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo, cubriendo con un manto de respeto y veneración el misterio grande sucedido en María Santísima. Y para mostrar qué San José no tuvo nada que ver con esta concepción, se nos dice que sucedió antes de que comenzaran a convivir como esposos. Ya estaban comprometidos, pero no convivían. Para entender esto, recordamos que el ritual del matrimonio judío tenía dos partes bien diferenciadas:

La primera parte, referida a todos los aspectos legales (el contrato matrimonial). Legalmente, los contrayentes ya eran esposos, pero aún no comenzaban a convivir. María estaba comprometida con José.

La segunda parte, más festiva y familiar: el esposo iba acompañado de sus amigos a la casa de la esposa y la traía en alegre cortejo a su propia casa. Y entonces sí comenzaban a convivir.

Jesus

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.



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, 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.

Our 12 Apostles for Holy Thursday 2017

Manny Fernández	Roberto Jiménez
Deán Buttafuoco	Francisco Cruz
Jimmy Carrazza	Raúl Gonzales
Tony Granata	Steve Ransome
Antonio Damata	Oscar Morales
Bill Champignon	Bob Wiltshire
Alternate: Jose Rolon	



Congratulation to our Confirmation candidates on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

Alicia Cobian-Soto	Angel Mora
Crystal Fletcher	Christian Oriwa
Lizbeth Gonzalez	Victor Quijano
Aimee Hirst	Tatiana Redmond
Nicholas Iannacone	Melanie Sanchez
Weronika Lesniowska	Gail Tajanlangit
Ashley Llenas	



Please contact Alba at the Parish Office for more information about Jonah Special Viewing Saturday May 20th 2017. (973) 772- 1115.



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. **Please make sure you put your contact information including an email address in order to participate in our Parish initiative to transition online giving.** If you have any questions or have not received your commitment card by mail, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

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 (Spanish)

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- Vigil 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