



March 22, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Church of the Holy Rosary

365 Undercliff Avenue, Edgewater, NJ 07020



PARISH OFFICE AND CHAPEL

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PASTOR

REV. JOSE AMANTE ABALON

PERMANENT DEACONS: Michael A. Lydon and Robert E. Thomson

TRUSTEES: Joan Maniego and Joseph Venturino

Do you need 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.

Religious Education

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

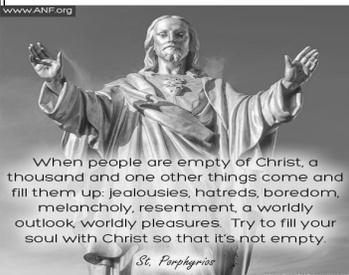
For the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), please call the Parish Office.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
in the Church

Minister of Music:

Bill Jones



When people are empty of Christ, a thousand and one other things come and fill them up: jealousies, hatreds, boredom, melancholy, resentment, a worldly outlook, worldly pleasures. Try to fill your soul with Christ so that it's not empty.
St. Porphyria

Catholic Community Services—Social Services Helpline

1-800-CCS-7413

Mass Times

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday): 8:00AM (Chapel)

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30PM (Church)

Sunday Masses: 8:00AM and 11:00AM (Church)

First Friday

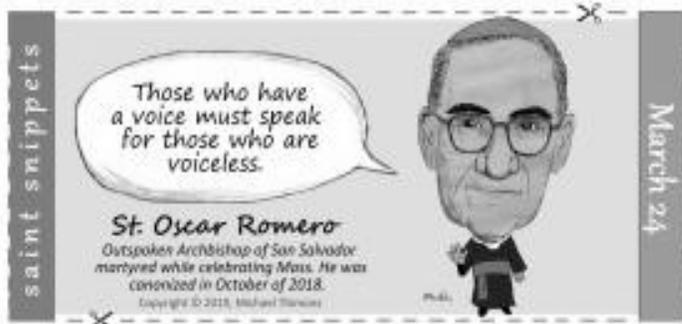
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction is held on the First Friday of every month in the Church at 365 Undercliff Avenue. Adoration begins shortly after the conclusion of the 8:00AM Mass and concludes with the recitation of the Divine Mercy at 3:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30-5:00PM (Church)

Baptism: Sunday, April 26, 2020 at the 11:00AM Mass. 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)



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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOSE

I do hope that you already know that we are cancelling the Beefsteak Luncheon previously scheduled for March 29. Please call the Parish Center or refer to our website for updates on this event. Also, this week is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and traditionally is known as "Gaudete Sunday," which is an invitation to rejoice in anticipation of the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ that we will celebrate on April 12. Above all, keep in mind to pray for all the needs of our parish so that our parish may be a place to discover the eternal love and mercy of God. God bless you! ~- Father Jose

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 21
5:30 PM *Marquerite & James Schiller (Their Loving Family)*

Sunday, March 22
8:00 AM *Jeffrey Mathieu (Joe & Patty Criscuolo)*
11:00 AM *Rusty Stewart (The Stewart & Henwood Families)*

Monday, March 23
8:00 AM *Gabriel Yanguas (Francesca & Neil Fitzpatrick)*

Tuesday, March 24
8:00 AM *Jeffrey Mathieu (Sandy, Mark, Max & Jakob Klein)*

Wednesday, March 25
8:00 AM *Jeffrey Mathieu (Wendy Rubinstein-Quiroga, husband Nahuel, and Sons Stone & Xandar)*

Thursday, March 26
8:00 AM *James Alfred Monahan (Michael Henwood)*

Friday, March 27
8:00 AM *Dorothy Menist (Michael Henwood & Family)*

Saturday, March 28
5:30 PM *Dr. Dave Jordan (The Edgewater Mayor & Council)*

Sunday, March 29
8:00 AM *Dorothea E. Brady (Barbara Brady)*
11:00 AM *Michael Virgona (Olive Peterson)*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration. — Christina Rossetti

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 *Dorothea E. Brady (Her Loving Daughter)*
- * The **Altar Wine** for **March** is donated in loving memory of *Kim N. Dunn (Patrick Dunn)*
- * The **Sanctuary Lamp** in the Church this week is donated for *Dorothea E. Brady (Her Loving Daughter)*
- * The **Sanctuary Lamp** in the Chapel this week is donated for *Dorothea E. Brady (Her Loving Daughter)*

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606) March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mogrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayer books in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. — *Psalms 23:1*

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta. — *Salmo 23 (22):1*

THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday: World Day for Truth: Human Rights Violations
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

Today, Jesus reminds us that He is the world's Light that produces goodness, justice and truth. We are urged to live in His Light. St. Francis de Sales notes:

The human mind finds its entire satisfaction in discovering and knowing the truth of things. The greater the truth, the greater the delight. Yet, our human condition makes us skillful in the pursuit of honors, riches and power. Experience teaches us daily that these useless loves make us prone to turn from the truth, rather than consider the truth of God's love. God's love has us think on the truth of a Paradise filled with eternal happiness.

Our hearts are refreshed and energized with holy love as we accept in faith the truth of the teachings of Jesus. It is a sign of interior conversion when God's goodness gives us light to see our blindness. We come to know ourselves as children of the Light. When we remove the obstacles that stop us from loving God, we become capable of loving one another, as God desires us to love each other. A human flaw discovered is half healed, for we have received an insight that frees us of our blindness. Nonetheless, we must be patient at the sight of our faults. We must learn to acknowledge them calmly and without fuss. Nothing is more favorable to the growth of those "weeds" than our anxiety to get rid of them. Stay always on the road to holiness and these imperfections will grow weak.

Our Savior held us in his hand and guided our life when we did not want to be completely His. Since we now desire ardently only to do God's will, don't you think He desires to protect His little lambs that strayed from the gentle Shepherd? Faithfully focus, then, on nourishing God's gift of conversion with awe and confidence. Let us make God's grace effective in our lives by persevering in our holy resolutions and good desires. We then will live in the Light of Christ, producing truth, justice and goodness. (Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)
<https://www.oblates.org/salesian-sunday-reflection-feed/fourth-sunday-of-lent-march-22-2020>

WORKS OF CHARITY

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

TREASURES: YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

The work of Christ at Holy Rosary is supported by parishioners who have embraced the biblical ideals of Stewardship Tithing. **Collections: 3/15/20: No collection.**

TIME & TALENT: FEEDING THE HOMELESS / 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** will be open Tuesday, **March 31** from 11:00AM-12:00PM. Please consider donating non-perishable items, such as coffee, dried milk, soup, canned tuna, cereal, peanut butter & **jelly**, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta & sauce, macaroni & cheese.

Holy Rosary Parish members feed the homeless on the second Monday of every month. **All help is needed!** If you would like to help but don't have the time, a monetary donation would be appreciated. We can also use cooked roast beef. If you wish to donate, please drop donations off at the church hall on or before Monday, **April 13** by 10:00AM, or call the parish office.

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): \$18,781; Four bake sales: \$989; Tricky Tray (12/8/19): \$1,470.

LIGHT

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday: *Loving Creator of mine, I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near. I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter and the promised reconciliation with you. Teach me to follow the example of your Son, to be worthy of being called one 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. Amen.*

Monday: *God who created me, You offer me new life through your Son and through the gift of your sacraments. While I see new life all around me, I don't always recognize the new life you offer me. Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness of the gifts you place in my life and in a greater appreciation for your care. Give me the courage to ask for help. Amen.*

Tuesday: *Joyful praise in Lent? I'm not sure I always feel that. I ask you to help me prepare to understand and embrace the paschal mystery in my life. I don't always see the beauty and mystery of this season and often I run from the pain. Help me to see how your saving grace and your loving touch in my life can fill me with joyful praise of the salvation you have sent to me. Amen.*

Wednesday: *Loving and merciful God, I am so aware of my sins and weaknesses. But as painfully aware of my faults as I am, Let me also remember your tender love, your gentle and limitless forgiveness. I come before you filled with pain and guilt but look into your eyes and see the forgiving love I so long for in my life. Help me to forgive the same way. Teach me to love as you love. Amen.*

Thursday: *Merciful Father/ Loving Mother, I know that the tiny sacrifices I make this Lent can never serve as a real penance in my life. But help me to make my whole life one of following your Son. I am filled with your love. Let your love shine out from within me and guide my life in this sacred journey toward the Easter joy you offer me. Amen.*

Friday: *Loving God of forgiveness, I come before you humbled and sad in the face of my own repeated failings. I hold out my hands as a petitioner would, asking for mercy. It is then that I feel you reach out and take my hand in your loving grasp. Thank you for the love you pour out on me so lavishly. Help me to follow more closely in the path you have set for me, the path of your Son. Amen.*

Saturday: *Lord, what you ask of my life seems so right. It is how I want to live, following your Son, Jesus, so closely. And yet I fail so often to stay on that path. I cannot do it alone, loving Lord. I need your help and guidance. I need to remember your love for me and I want to remember how very much I need you in my life. Amen.*

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Daily-prayers-04.html>

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire. — St. Vincent Ferrer

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 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Collection: Next weekend, there will be a second collection to support the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Blue Army Shrine Bus Trip: Join your Parish family on Saturday, **June 6, 2020**, to worship at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ. The bus leaves Holy Rosary at 8:00AM, and begins its return journey at 5:00PM. The cost is \$35 per person. Seats are limited. Reserve now by calling the Parish Center.



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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22: CCD classes are suspended until further notice.

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.** Classes are held in the Parish Center, Sept.-May, from 9:30-10:45AM. Students and parents are encouraged to attend the

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

