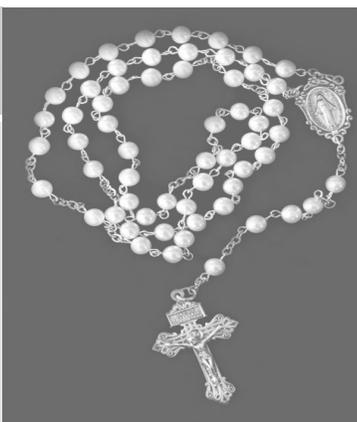




February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent



Church of the Holy Rosary

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PARISH OFFICE AND CHAPEL

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In loving honor & memory: Michael A. Lydon

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Parish Secretary: Barbara L. Brady

Mass Times

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday): 8:00AM
Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM & 11:00AM (in English);
12:00PM (in Spanish)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church at 365 Undercliff Avenue. The Exposition begins at 12:00PM and ends at 3:00PM, followed by the Divine Mercy. All are welcome to attend.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00-5:00PM (Church)
Baptism: Baptisms have resumed. 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)

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. **(Temporally suspended)**

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



Catholic Community Services—Social Services Helpline
1-800-CCS-7413

saint snippets

February 23

For 86 years, I have served Jesus Christ, and he has never abandoned me.

St. Polycarp
A disciple of St. John the Evangelist, Bishop of Smyrna, and martyr for the faith

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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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 20
5:30 PM *Peter Fiorella (Mario Novello)*

Sunday, February 21
8:00AM *John P. Madden (Barbara Brady)*
11:00 AM *Angelina LaRaia (Paul & Alexandria Ramsahai)*
12:00 PM *Those Effected by CoVid-19*

Monday, February 22
8:00 AM *Dr. Rogelio Borja (Drs. Jose Castro & Vilma Fule-Castro)*

Tuesday, February 23
8:00 AM *Those Effected by CoVid-19*

Wednesday, February 24
8:00 AM *Those Effected by CoVid-19*

Thursday, February 25
8:00 AM *Lilim Cabrera, Jr. (Drs. Jose Castro & Vilma Fule-Castro)*

Friday, February 26
8:00 AM *Those Effected by CoVid-19*

Saturday, February 27
5:30 PM *In Thanksgiving (Brian Jahn)*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those suffering in any way from the CoVid-19 pandemic.

Also James Allocco, Phillip Armstrong, Edward Baldino, Cheryl Bostyan, Jean Braden, Rick Brouillette, Louise Bruce, Chase, Pat Caruso, Sharbel Chaoul, Anna Corrado, Danny Coyle, 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 Kopczynski, Diana Lucio, Isaiah McLean, Heidi Monico, Humberto Norena, Conception Ortiz, Rebecca Papadopoulos, Phyllis & Joseph Palermo, Rich Richinski, Rebecca Rigolosi, Antoinette Ring, Boris Reznik, Frank Romero, Desi Santos, Anthony Saporito, Jack Sweeney, Jenna Szandrocha, Phillip Tarabola, Ruth Weis, Krista Wilkinson, Kyle Wilson, Mark Winnie.

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOSE

Lent is always a favorable time of grace allowing God to gaze upon us His Divine Love in order to change our lives. This Divine Love is an avenue for all humanities to be reminded of the unconditional covenant of God. Let us take advantage of these 40 days of Lent by using our time, talent and treasure to establish a deep and productive relationship with God. Our church has offered many simple opportunities to make this invitation part of our Lenten journey. Praying, confession, partaking in our Lenten Friday's Stations of the Cross, partaking in the 2021 Annual Appeal and your weekly contributions are ways of nourishing this Divine Love.

May our prayer be always a reminder and guide of God's presence in all the events we face everyday.

~~God Bless....Fr Jose

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 **February** is donated in loving memory of *Jose Ignacio Celis (The Chan Family)*
- * The **Altar Wine** for **February** is donated in loving memory of *Jose Ignacio Celis (The Chan Family)*
- * The **Sanctuary Lamp** in the Church this week is in memory of **the deceased members of our Parish.**

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

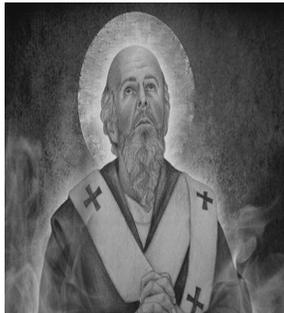
Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates To Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday: Washington's Birthday; Lent begins
Tuesday: St. Polycarp
Thursday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek

SAINT POLYCARP (died 155): February 23

"Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?" Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today's "Senior Citizen Saint," demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through life-long fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of



Smyrna in modern day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus' gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp's final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sound like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: "Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen."

*God of all creation, You gave Your bishop Polycarp the privilege of being counted among the saints who gave their lives in faithful witness to the gospel. May his prayers give us the courage to share with him the cup of suffering and to rise to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

WORKS OF CHARITY

TIME & TALENT

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** is open the last MONDAY of each month from 11:00AM-12:00PM.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS:

Normally, Holy Rosary Parish members feed the homeless on the second Monday of every month. This has been temporarily suspended due to current CoVid-19 pandemic. We will resume as soon circumstances allow.

TREASURES

YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS: The work of Christ at Holy Rosary is supported by parishioners who have embraced the biblical ideals of Stewardship Tithing.

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): \$26,127.50; Four bake sales: \$989; Tricky Tray (12/8/19): \$1,470.

FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

Your ways, O LORD, make
known to me;
teach me your paths.
— Psalm 25:4

Descúbrenos, Señor, tus
caminos,
guíanos con la verdad de
tu doctrina.
— Salmo 25 (24):4

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

> Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

> On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

> The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Pascal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

**Canon 920,§1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

A Prayer for Lent

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please regularly refer to holynosaryedgewater.org for the most up-to-date information about our Parish. To get in touch with Parish staff, please do so only by sending an email to holyrosary@aol.com. Thank you.

Christ the Teacher School: The school — located at 359 Whiteman Street in Fort Lee — is currently registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. They can be reached by phone at 201-944-0421 or by email at info@christtheteacherschool.org. Tours are by appointment only.

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 Registration for children and young adults between grades one through eight is open. Classes began October 18, and are being held remotely by Zoom this year. To register you can download registration forms from our website or pick up blank forms at the back of the church. There is no registration fee this year; only a suggested voluntary donation.

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.**

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

