

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
26 MARCH 2017**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8:00 AM	March 26
	10:30 AM	
Monday	8:00 AM	March 27
Tuesday	8:00 AM	March 28
Wednesday	7:30 PM	March 29
Thursday	8:00 AM	March 30
Friday	8:00 AM	March 31
Saturday	8:00 AM	April 1
	5:00 PM	

Confessions

15 minutes before Daily Masses
30 minutes before Sunday Masses
Tuesday Evening, 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM



*....And Jesus took the loaves,
and when He had given thanks,
He distributed to them
that were set down....*



LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday	March 26	I Class
	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Laetare Sunday	
	<i>Readings: Galatians 4, 22-31 & John 6, 1-15</i>	
	8:00 AM Low Mass	
	10:00 AM Office of Terce	
	10:30 AM High Mass	
Monday	March 27	III Class
	Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
	<i>Comm. Saint Joh Damascene, Confessor & Doctor</i>	
	<i>Readings: 3 Kings 3, 16-28 & John 2, 13-25</i>	
Tuesday	March 28	III Class
	Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
	<i>Comm. Saint John Capistran, Confessor</i>	
	<i>Readings: Exodus 32, 7-14 & John 7, 14-31</i>	
Wednesday	March 29	III Class
	Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
	<i>Readings: Ezekiel 36, 23-28 & John 9, 1-38</i>	
Thursday	March 30	III Class
	Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
	<i>Readings: 4 Kings 4, 25-38 & Luke 7, 11-16</i>	
Friday	March 31	III Class
	Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
	<i>Readings: 3 Kings 17, 17-24 & John 11, 1-45</i>	
	7:00 PM - Stations Of The Cross & Benediction	
Saturday	April 1	III Class
	Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent	
	<i>Readings: Isaias 49, 8-15 & John 8, 12-20</i>	



Lessons of Sundays of Lent



SUNDAYS	BREVARY LESSONS	MOTIVE OF MASS
***** First Sunday of Lent *****	***** (The thought of Isaac is superseded by that of Lent) *****	***** Christ in the desert *****
Second Sunday of Lent *****	History of Jacob *****	Christ the True Jacob *****
Third Sunday of Lent *****	History of Joseph *****	Christ the True Joseph *****
Fourth Sunday of Lent	History of Moses	Christ the True Moses





**Stations of the Cross and Benediction
7 PM Friday Evenings during Lent**



PLEASE remember to return your Easter Flower Donation Envelope before Palm Sunday so that your intention can be placed in the Bulletin for Easter Sunday. Your generous donations help to defray the cost of decorating the Church for Easter.



*Operation Rice Bowl
During Lent*

Catholic Relief Services

Once again this year, the Diocesan Rice Bowl Collection will take place after the conclusion of Lent. Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten Program of Catholic Relief Services. For over 40 years, Operation Rice Bowl has called participants to pray with their families; fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn about the challenges of poverty overseas, and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. Everyone is encouraged to put aside a sacrificial donation each week during Lent, and to bring that donation in at the conclusion of the season.

**Learn Your Faith ** Live Your Faith ** Defend Your Faith
Monthly Adult Catechism Classes**

Same Dates and Time as K-4 Grade CCD
In the Rectory Dining Room

Featuring the Teachings of Traditional Catholic Priests from the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter via MP3 and Video Catechism Lessons Featured on EWTN

For the 2016-2017 CCD year the topics will cover the Ten Commandments and the Creed.

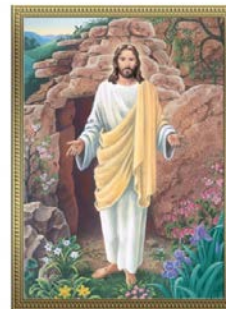
With Group Prayer, Discussion, and Practical Suggestions for Living Your Life for Christ

Contact: Bob Kozikowski at
kozikowskifamily1@gmail.com or
732-255-9179 for more information

CHRISM MASS 2017

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion on which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.



*Easter Spiritual Bouquet
Mass Cards*

If you would like to include your living or deceased loved ones in our Easter Mass Intentions, Easter Spiritual Bouquet Mass Cards are available in the Narthex.

A free will donation is accepted.



Join us after both Masses for our next Breakfast!!

**Sunday, April 2
Pancake Breakfast
on CCD Sunday**

Enjoy a great meal with friends! Serving pancakes, farm-fresh eggs, fresh oven-roasted potatoes, sausage, pastries, toast & more!

Beverages include coffee, tea and juice.

Tickets available at the door:

Adults: \$7. Children to age 12: \$4. Families: \$28.

All proceeds benefit Mater Ecclesiae.



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

HOUSE OF CHARITY PLEDGES

102% OF GOAL

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Our goal here at Mater Ecclesiae Parish is \$45,463—
but we have surpassed it by raising \$45,550!

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to help us to reach our goal!

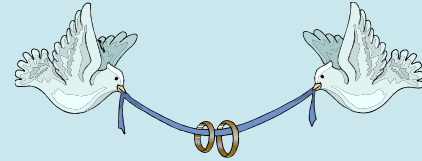


Laetare Sunday - Rejoice!

On this special Sunday which falls in the middle of Lent, a small respite is permitted in the somber penitential season in order to encourage the faithful with the promise of the joy of the resurrection. Rose colored vestments are worn, flowers may adorn the altar and music is permitted. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as “**Laetare Sunday**” from the opening prayers of the Introit of the Mass,

“Laetare Jerusalem”:
“Rejoice, O Jerusalem”.

It is sometimes called “Dominica de Rosa” (Rose Sunday) because of the color of the vestments and the tradition dating from the ancient Church in which the popes carried and blessed a golden rose on this day. The Golden Rose symbolizes Christ the King of all creation in resplendent glory. The blessed rose was sent to a special church, shrine, or individual favored by the pope. On Laetare Sunday, like Gaudete Sunday in Advent, we can rejoice in the proximity of the fulfillment of the Lord’s promise.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2017, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more, Please join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan on

Sunday, June 18, 2017

(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

500 Greentree Road

Glassboro, NJ 08028

Registration forms are available through your local parish.

Deadline is May 26, 2017.

For more information please contact your parish office.

LENTEN SOUP SALE

*Help to support our young ladies
in the Blessed Imelda Society.*

**The Blessed Imelda Society
will be having a
Lenten Soup Sale
on Sunday, April 2nd
after both Masses in the Hall.**

Thank you for your generous support!

Online Giving

Online giving is available at Mater Ecclesiae.

1. Visit our parish website today:
www.materecclesiae.org and click on the online giving link.
2. Create a secure account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Easy. Convenient. Secure.



Events at Mater Ecclesiae

Liturgical Calendar

- Sunday, March 26 – 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
 - 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday Evening
 - 8:00 AM Low Mass
 - 10:00 AM Terce
 - 10:30 AM High Mass
 - Confessions 30 minutes before Masses
- Tuesday, March 28 – Confessions 8:00 PM - 9:00PM
- Friday, March 31 – Stations of the Cross and Benediction
- Saturday, April 1 – First Saturday
 - 7:45 AM Confessions
 - 8:00 AM Mass
- Sunday, April 2 – Passion Sunday
 - 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday Evening
 - 8:00 AM Low Mass
 - 10:00 AM Terce
 - 10:30 AM High Mass
 - Confessions 30 minutes before Masses
- Tuesday, April 4 – Confessions 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Friday, April 7 – First Friday
 - 6:45 PM – Confessions
 - 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 - 7:30 PM Mass
- Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday
 - 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday Evening
 - 8:00 AM Low Mass
 - 10:00 AM Terce
 - 10:30 AM High Mass
 - Confessions 30 minutes before Masses

Parish Calendar

- Sunday, April 2 – CCD Sunday
 - Grades K-4, 9:15 – 10:15 AM
 - Pancake Breakfast after Both Masses
- Sunday, April 23 – CCD Sunday
 - Grades 5-12, 9:15 – 10:15 AM
- Sunday, May 7 – CCD Sunday
 - Grades K-4, 9:15 – 10:15 AM
 - Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
- Sunday, May 21 – CCD Sunday
 - Grades 5-12, 9:15 – 10:15 AM



BALTIMORE CATECHISM

LESSON TWENTY-FIFTH:

On Extreme Unction and Holy Orders

Q. 978. What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders?

A. Holy Orders is a Sacrament by which bishops, priests, and other ministers of the Church are ordained and receive the power and grace to perform their sacred duties.

Q. 979. Besides bishops and priests, who are the other ministers of the Church?

A. Besides bishops and priests, the other ministers of the Church are deacons and subdeacons, who, while preparing for the priesthood, have received some of the Holy Orders, but who have not been ordained to the full powers of the priest.

Q. 980. Why is this Sacrament called Holy Orders?

A. This Sacrament is called Holy Orders because it is conferred by seven different grades or steps following one another in fixed order by which the sacred powers of the priesthood are gradually given to the one admitted to that holy state.

Q. 981. What are the grades by which one ascends to the priesthood?

A. The grades by which one ascends to the priesthood are:

- 1. Tonsure, or the clipping of the hair by the bishop, by which the candidate for priesthood dedicates himself to the service of the altar;*
- 2. The four minor orders, Porter, Reader, Exorcist, and Acolyte, by which he is permitted to perform certain duties that laymen should not perform;*
- 3. Sub-deaconship, by which he takes upon himself the obligation of leading a life of perpetual chastity and of saying daily the divine office;*
- 4. Deaconship, by which he receives power to preach, baptize, and give Holy Communion.*

The next step, priesthood, gives him power to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and forgive sins. These orders are not all given at once, but at times fixed by the laws of the Church.



Discipline of 1962 for Fast during Lent

1. Every Day of Lent (except each Sunday and First Class Feast) is a day of fast.
2. **Complete Abstinence and Fast** are observed on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Holy Saturday morning – Complete abstinence means no meat or soup or gravy made from meat. Fast means one full meal and two small meals. The two small meals added together should not equal the amount of the main meal. Fast also includes no eating between meals, but liquids, including milk and juice are allowed.
3. **Partial Abstinence and Fast** are observed on all other days not mentioned above – Partial Abstinence means that you can eat meat at the principal meal only. The two small meals are meatless. Fast is the same as above including not eating between meals.
4. Beer and wine are allowed, but no hard alcohol.
5. Days of fast apply to those over 21 and under 59.
6. Laws of fasting and abstinence are not binding on those with medical conditions or those whose ability to work would be impaired.
7. Fasting and abstinence are not observed on Sundays and First Class Feasts. The Class I feasts in Lent 2017 are Saint Joseph day, March 20 and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 25.
8. These rules no longer bind under pain of sin, unless one, after deep reflection, binds oneself in a promise to God. This should not be taken lightly.

Modern Discipline – Code of Canon Law 1983

Fasting and complete abstinence are limited to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Complete abstinence (no meat, or soup or gravy made from meat) is obligatory for all Fridays of Lent. All over 14 must abstain. Fasting is obligatory between the ages of 18 and 59. These bare minimum rules are binding under pain of sin.

Lenten Corporal or External Practices

- Take less of what you like and more of what you dislike at meals today.
- Take nothing to drink between meals.
- Do not use seasoning on your food today.
- Do not use any sweeteners with your food or drinks today.
- Avoid listening to the radio or iPod at all today.
- Take nothing to eat between meals today.
- Avoid any TV or videos; instead read the Passion of Christ in your Bible
- Take only one helping of each item at meals today.

Spiritual or Internal Fast Practices

- Don't do any unnecessary talking; instead, say little aspirations throughout the day.
- Exercise your patience today in all things.
- Don't make any complaints today.
- Restrain any anger, and go out of your way to be kind to the person who caused your anger.
- Don't be distracted with someone else's business.
- Avoid any gossip today. Instead say an extra Rosary to overcome this great fault.
- When asked to do something extra do so with a joyful and pleasant attitude today.
- Speak in a pleasant tone to everyone today.
- Avoid using the phone today.
- Avoid all emails and favorite Blogs on the computer for a day.
- Tell the truth in all your dealings today.
- Avoid any vanity or self-seeking today.

Spiritual Practices: Virtues & Good Works

- Attend Daily Mass / or at least read your Missal every day and make a spiritual Communion
- Attend Stations of the Cross/ Retreat days/ Parish Mission/ Eucharistic Adoration
- Say Vespers every Sunday at home
- Practice humility today in all your actions.
- Be generous today; help someone in need.
- Look for ways to be helpful throughout the day.
- Do a job that needs to be done without being asked.
- Be courageous; walk away from any impure situations today.
- Don't be at all idle today. Always be doing something for others or for your spiritual growth.
- Go out of your way today to help or talk to someone who is usually difficult.
- Volunteer for an extra job today.
- Say an extra Rosary today for the conversion of a sinner.
- Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.
- Visit someone who is sick or lonesome today. Offer to say the Rosary with them.
- Make a pledge to the House of Charity and follow through with it.

CCD NEWS

CCD CALENDAR Spring 2017

MONTH	GRADES K-4	GRADES 5-12
April 2017	April 2	April 23
May 2017	May 7	May 21

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 6, 10:30 AM
May Crowning, Sunday, May 7, 10:30 AM Mass

Classes meet 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM.

PRAYER CHAIN FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS & INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Mater Ecclesiae parishioners who have a need for intercessory prayers or who wish to commit to participate in our Prayer Chain should contact Lou DiLoreto at 609-304-4911 or sifulou@comcast.net.

MEN'S SCHOLA

The Schola Divinum Officium is open to men and boys (ages 14 and up) of the parish. No previous musical experience necessary. This second schola provides basic lessons in singing Gregorian chant and leads the singing at selected sung Masses during the year, the Office of Terce each Sunday, and other Divine Office services. New members are encouraged to join.

Please contact John Rotondi at 856-669-7783 or at jrk122703@verizon.net for more information

TIMBER WOLVES

The Federation of North American Explorers, a Catholic faith based movement for boys and girls, ages 6-18, meets on Thursdays in Bishop DiMarzio Hall from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information see: www.northstarexplorers.org or contact akela@northstarexplorers.org.

One Choral Mass Still Available

The Choral Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be celebrated on June 23. To sponsor this Mass, please place the donation in an envelope, with intention / dedication, name of the sponsor, and return the envelope to the Rectory Office.

**Feast of the Sacred Heart
Friday, June 23, 7:30 PM
Stipend: \$400.00**



MATER ECCLESIAE COUNCIL #12833

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 PM in the Knights Room. The Scriptural Rosary and Prayer for Vocations are said at 7:30 PM in the Church. New members are welcome. The Scriptural Rosary can be found on their website: www.KofC12833.org.



TUESDAY NIGHT CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Penance is available every Tuesday evening from 8 PM to 9 PM.

PRO-LIFE APOSTOLATE

Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 7:30-9:00 PM. The Pro-Life Newsletter is published each month and is available in the Narthex and online at our Website www.materecclesiae.org.

VOCATIONS:

Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. If you are currently a junior or senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 years old), and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood. All meetings are on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 P.M.

The final meeting is on April 2.

For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at 856-583-2858 or email: michael.romano@camdendiocese.org.

DISCALCED CARMELITE SOCIETY OF MATER ECCLESIAE

The Discalced Carmelite Society of Mater Ecclesiae is a Contemplative Third Order of the Discalced Carmelites. Our vocation is not a social one, but one of prayer. Our duty is to be Obedient to the Church and our Superiors. Meetings are open to Parishioners only who are 24 years of age and older or admitted by our Spiritual Director, Rev. Robert C. Pasley, KCHS.

We meet the First Saturdays of the month and special Feast days. Formation is a journey lasting about 6 years. If you are interested in discerning your vocation to the Discalced Carmelites and would like additional information, or if you are in need of prayers, please contact one of the council members below.

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