

First Sunday Of Lent
5 March 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8:00 AM	March 5
	10:30 AM	
Monday	8:00 AM	March 6
Tuesday	8:00 AM	March 7
Wednesday	7:30 PM	March 8
Thursday	8:00 AM	March 9
Friday	8:00 AM	March 10
Saturday	8:00 AM	March 11
	5:00 PM	

Confessions

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



For I was hungry,
and you gave
Me to eat;
I was thirsty,
and you gave
Me to drink;
I was a stranger,
and you
took Me in;
naked, and you
covered Me;
sick, and you
visited Me:

I was in prison, and you came to Me.

Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these, My least brethren, you did it to Me.

Matthew XXV, 35-36, 40
Gospel, Monday of the First Week of Lent

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & READINGS

Sunday	March 5	I Class
	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 6, 1-10 & Matthew 4, 1-11</i>	
Monday	March 6	III Class
	Monday of the First Week of Lent	
	<i>Comm. Saints Perpetua & Felicitas, Martyrs</i>	
	<i>Readings: Ezekiel 34, 11-16 & Matthew 25, 31-46</i>	
Tuesday	March 7	III Class
	Tuesday of the First Week of Lent	
	<i>Comm. Saint Thomas Aquinas, Confessor & Doctor</i>	
	<i>Readings: Isaiah 55, 6-11 & Matthew 21, 10-17</i>	
	Confessions 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	

Wednesday	March 8	II Class
	<u>EMBER WEDNESDAY</u>	
	<u>DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE</u>	
	<i>Comm. Saint John of God, Confessor</i>	
	<i>Readings: Exodus 24, 12-18; 3 Kings 19, 3-8 & Matthew 12, 38-50</i>	

Thursday	March 9	III Class
	Thursday of the First Week of Lent	
	<i>Comm. Saint Frances of Rome, Widow</i>	
	<i>Readings: Ezekiel 18, 1-9 & Mathew 15, 21-28</i>	

Friday	March 10	II Class
	<u>EMBER FRIDAY</u>	
	<u>DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE</u>	
	<i>Comm. Forty Holy Martyrs</i>	
	<i>Readings: Ezekiel 18, 20-28 & John 5, 1-15</i>	
	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction	

Saturday	March 11	II Class
	<u>EMBER SATURDAY</u>	
	<u>DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE</u>	
	<i>Readings: Deuteronomy 26, 12-19, 1 Thessalonians 5, 14-23 & Matthew 17, 1-9</i>	

EMBER DAYS

Ember Days are on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following the First Sunday in Lent and Pentecost Sunday, during the third full week of September, and after the Third Sunday of Advent. They are days of fasting for the special sanctification of the four seasons and for obtaining God's blessing on the clergy, for whose ordination the Ember Saturdays are specially set apart. The Propers of the Masses reflect the Season in which they occur and include additional Lessons said before the Gospel.

St. Patrick Day Society

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
All Proceeds Benefit Mater Ecclesiae

Saturday, March 11

6:30 PM

Traditional Irish Buffet Dinner



Tickets Available in the
Padre Pio Gift Shop



Join us after both Masses for our next Breakfast!!

Sunday, March 5
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.

SAVE THE DATE:



St. Patrick Social

Saturday, March 11, 2017

6:30 PM

Join Us for an Evening of Irish Food,
 Music and Entertainment



Irish Music

Dancing

Irish Food



**TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR
 THE ST. PATRICK SOCIAL**

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW!

In the Padre Pio Gift Shop.

If you would like to reserve a table at the Saint Patrick Social, please send an email to Sandy at

sdp759@aol.com

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



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
 Office of Child and Youth Protection

CAP SESSIONS

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **March 2017**:

CAP Phase 1

- Tuesday, March 14, 7PM, Holy Spirit: 17 Earlington Ave. Mullica Hill

CAP Phase 2

- Monday, March 13, 7PM, Holy Cross: 46 Central Ave. Bridgeton, (St Teresa rectory)
- Monday, March 13, **español**, 7PM, Holy Cross: 46 Central Ave. Bridgeton, (St Teresa rectory)

CAP Phase 3

- Tuesday, March 7, 7PM, Guardian Angels: 717 Beacon Ave. Paulsboro

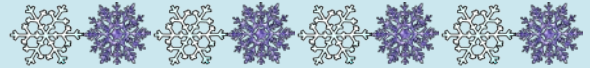
To attend call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** with the Office of Child and Youth Protection at [\(856\)583-6165](tel:8565836165).



St. Joseph Novena

March 12 Through March 20

The Saint Joseph Novena begins on Sunday, March 12 and continues through the Feast of Saint Joseph on Monday, March 20.



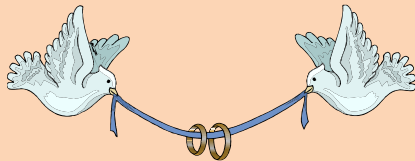
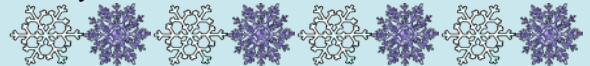
Bishop Dennis Sullivan Grants Dispensation from the Obligation to Abstain from Meat on March 17 in the Diocese of Camden

In accord with the Code of Canon Law, Bishop Dennis Sullivan has granted a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Diocese of Camden from the obligation to abstain from meat on March 17, 2017, the Feast Day of Saint Patrick.

However, in order to maintain the solemn spirit of the Holy Season of Lent, Bishop Sullivan asks Catholics within the Diocese of Camden, who choose to utilize this dispensation from meat abstinence, to instead either make another appropriate sacrifice on the day itself or to abstain from meat on another weekday during the Second Week of Lent.

During Lent, Catholics are expected to "observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence" which among other things, serve to "prepare us for the liturgical feasts" and "help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2043).

The Roman Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law allows Diocesan Bishops to grant dispensations on a penitential day such as a Friday in Lent when it coincides with a customary occasion of celebration like Saint Patrick's Day.



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.



Online Giving

Online Giving is now available at Mater Ecclesiae. This option makes use of current technology and security standards, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

Start giving online today!

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

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office.



Events at Mater Ecclesiae

Liturgical Calendar

- Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday of Lent
 - 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 7 – Confessions 8:00 PM - 9:00PM
- Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent
 - 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 14 – Confessions 8:00 PM - 9:00PM
- Sunday, March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent
 - 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
- Monday, March 20 – Feast of Saint Joseph
 - 7:30 PM Choral Mass
- Tuesday, March 21 – Confessions 8:00 PM - 9:00PM
- Sunday, March 26 – Fourth 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

Parish Calendar

- Sunday, March 5 – CCD Sunday
 - Grades K-4, 9:15 – 10:15 AM
 - Pancake Breakfast After Both Masses
- Saturday, March 11 – ST. PATRICK SOCIAL
 - 6:30 PM
- Sunday, March 19 – CCD Sunday
 - Grades 5-12, 9:15 – 10:15 AM



BALTIMORE CATECHISM

LESSON TWENTY-FIFTH:

On Extreme Unction and Holy Orders

Q. 965. What seems most proper with regard to the things necessary for the last Sacraments?

A. It seems most proper that the things necessary for the last Sacraments should be carefully kept in every Catholic family, and should never, if possible, be used for any other purpose.

Q. 966. What else is to be observed about the preparation for the administration of the last Sacraments?

A. The further preparation for the administration of the last Sacraments requires that out of respect for the Sacraments, and in particular for the presence of Our Lord, everything about the sick-room, the sick person and even the attendants, should be made as neat and clean as possible. Especially should the face, hands and feet of the one to be anointed be thoroughly clean.

Q. 967. Should we wait until we are in extreme danger before we receive Extreme Unction?

A. We should not wait until we are in extreme danger before we receive Extreme Unction, but if possible we should receive it whilst we have the use of our senses.

Q. 968. What should we do in case of serious illness if the sick person will not consent or is afraid to receive the Sacraments, or, at least, wishes to put off their reception?

A. In case of serious illness, if the sick person will not consent, or is afraid to receive the Sacraments, or, at least, wishes to put off their reception, we should send for the priest at once and let him do what he thinks best in the case, and thus we will free ourselves from the responsibility of letting a Catholic die without the last Sacraments.





HOUSE OF CHARITY BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

HOUSE OF CHARITY PLEDGES

89.5% OF GOAL

Our goal here at Mater Ecclesiae Parish is \$45,463--
-but we have already raised an incredible \$40,680!
Now we invite all parishioners to participate in this
important effort to be an instrument of God's Love
and Mercy. Please make your sacrificial gift to help
continue the mission of our Church here in the
Diocese of Camden



OPERATION RICE BOWL DURING LENT



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. Perhaps you can give up a cup of coffee, soda, or
a snack and place the money you would have spent in an
envelope to be given for the Rice Bowl Collection. Each
sacrifice is an act of Charity that will benefit those who have
so little and know real, physical hunger. Please be generous.



**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.



Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. and the Diocese of Camden



Proudly announce the
Inaugural Diocesan Celebration
of the Filipino Saints



Pedro Calungsod



Lorenzo Ruiz

Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 2:00 PM

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

642 Market Street - Camden, NJ



Parish Registration and Change of Address



Parish Membership

New Parishioners are requested to register at the Rectory Office as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Padre Pio Shop and from the Rectory Office. Please notify the office of address or phone number changes so that our records are updated. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check one:

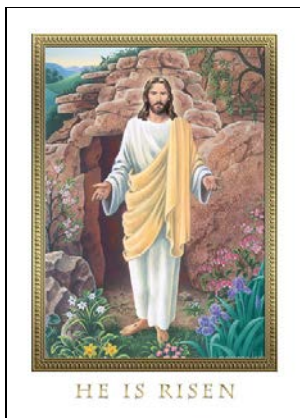
- New Registration: *(Please mail a Registration Form)*
- Change of Address
- New Phone Number
- I Want Envelopes

Please cut out and place in Collection Basket or mail to the Rectory Office.



Lessons of Sundays of Lent

SUNDAYS *****	BREVIAKY 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



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.



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 AM!

(Be sure to set your clocks before you go to sleep on Saturday night!)



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

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.

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
March 2017	March 5	March 19
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 jrkc122703@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.

Upcoming Choral Masses

The following Choral Masses will be sung this spring. To sponsor a Mass, please place the donation in an envelope, with intention / dedication, name of the sponsor, the Choral Mass requested, and return the envelope to the Rectory Office.

Monday, March 20	7:30 PM	Feast of St. Joseph	\$400.00
Saturday, April 15	8:30 PM	Easter Vigil	\$800.00
Friday, June 23	7:30 PM	Feast of the Sacred Heart	\$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 schedule is as follows:

2017

March 12

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.

- Colleen DeLuca OCD, Professed: 937-554-5129 or deluca.colleen@yahoo.com
- Nancy Hilbert OCD, Novice: 609-505-7102 or nanhil@verizon.com
- Monica Lenthe OCD, Novice: 856-383-0326 or Monica430@comcast.net